

1. The arrangement of the War Diary is as follows:-

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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.



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SITUATION REPORT

Precautions
against invasion

3 cruisers of 18th C.S. and 3 destroyers of 8th Flotilla have been placed under the orders of C. in C., Nore for immediate counter-attack in the event of attempted enemy landing.

Evacuation of
B.E.F. from
Dunkirk

shortened and this morning their left flank reached the sea half way between

It was decided that beach work is too costly, in view of mines, shells and bombs, and embarkation today was confined to Dunkirk and the beach immediately to the eastward. At 0600 only some 10,000 British and French remained. The perimeter held by the Allies has been Bray and La Panne. Lord Gort arrived at Dover 0500/1.

Bombing began at 0350, and our fighters were in contact at 1630. Over 1000 Bombers were over the Dunkirk area between 0530 and 1754, causing many casualties. At 2329 V.A. Dover reported all three channels to Dunkirk under heavy barrage fire from coastal batteries. He considered any continued daylight evacuation unwise, and requested permission to withdraw all forces during daylight; but orders were given to continue evacuation till 0700/2 using Destroyers only.

No ships entered Dunkirk between 2230/31 and 0420/1, when the Beaches were reported heavily shelled and an improvised Pier smashed.

At Noon today 221,407 troops, including 12,033 wounded and 34,431 Allies had landed in England; and by midnight the total had increased to 256,038, including 12,642 wounded and 52,931 Allies.

During the night 31 May/1 June 3 M.T.Bs. patrolled off Nieuport and 2 corvettes and 6 trawlers along a line between South Falls and Hinder Banks. 6 aircraft of F.A.A. patrolled during the night with bombs and parachute flares against M.T.Bs. and other surface craft likely to attack our forces off Dunkirk; one of 3 enemy M.T.Bs. was sunk by direct hit at midnight, E. of Zeebrugge, by F.A.A. aircraft.

F.A.A. Skuas attacked concrete moles and catamarans at Nieuport. One M.E. was shot down. 2 Skuas were shot down and one disabled on landing. F.A.A. Albacores successfully attacked enemy troops concentrations and transport E. of Nieuport.

The special Newhaven to Cromer anti-invasion patrol was flown at dawn 1/6.



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Casualties.
(Evacuation of
B.E.F.)

The destroyers BASILISK, HAVANT, and KEITH were sunk and IVANHOE, VIVACIOUS, VENEMOUS, WORCESTER EXPRESS and VIMY were damaged; and of other vessels two minesweepers, one corvette, three trawlers, two transports, and the yacht AMULREE were sunk.

British Air
Activity

An attack was made on shipping and oil tanks at Bergen by 6 Hudsons, and an attack on shipping in Willemsund dockyard (Holland).

Norway

VINDICTIVE arrived at Scapa from Narvik during the night 31/5-1/6 with 1000 troops.

Owing to the destruction at ~~Scapa~~^{Narvik} of all quays and electric power, damage to railway and obstructions in harbours, it is estimated that export of ore in appreciable quantities cannot take place for twelve months.

French troops have taken Stromsnes, 6 miles E. of Narvik and the Germans have fallen back on Syd vik, 10 miles E. of Narvik. Polish troops are advancing on this position from the S.E.

Bodo which had been severely damaged by enemy aircraft was successfully evacuated by our troops on the night of 31st. May.

Hungarian
mobilisation

Further mobilisation of Hungarian forces is in progress, thought to be at request of Italy to safeguard against possible action by Yugoslavia should Italy enter the war. Hungarian Army now about two thirds mobilised.



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Precautions

- Thurso Requesting arms and ammunition for use in emergency (A.C.O.S., 1159/1).
- Trawlers For C. in C., Rosyth. (Hd. of M., to C. in C., Rosyth, 1235/1).
- Batteries for Army R.N. and R.M. 12 pdr., 3 pdr., and 4 in. batteries to be under operational control and administration of the Army (D.T.S.D, 1209/1).
- Civil Powers Advising Members of H.M. Forces of the additional powers they have when acting in the course of their duty. (D. of L.D., 1037/1).
- Waterborne L.D.V. H.Q., Eastern Command arranging for waterborne Local Defence Volunteers for inland waters in the command. Consideration being given to the general extension of L.D.V. for water-borne service in estuaries and inland waters. (Hd. of M., 1107/1, to C. in C., Nore).
- Invasion Suggested method of countering Motor boats or flat bottomed troop carriers. (C.N.S., Ottawa, 1206/31).
- Leith, Rosyth, Inchkeith defences D. of L.D. 1721/1.
- Humber defence F.O. Humber 2020/30/5, Adty. 0001/22/5. His powers (B.C.N.S.(H) 1245/1, F.O. Humber, 2340/1).
- (Ireland)
- C. in C., W.A. in charge Request you will assume responsibility for operations to secure the Irish coasts (D.O.D(H) to C. in C., W.A. 0026/1).
- R.M. Striking Force Re early arrangements to be made for provision of Royal Marine Striking Force (A.C.W.A. to Adty. 2354/1).
- Belgian Trawlers Refusal to serve. Recommend all crews and Skippers be investigated and kept on board until then (C. in C., W.A. 1314/1).



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Operation G.B.

A.M.Cs.

Cruise by A.M.Cs. to report and if possible intercept German and suspicious vessels leaving Vigo or approaching South and West coast of Ireland. Areas established. Execution, ships:- CORFU, MONTCLARE, MALOJA, CHESHIRE. To be known as operation G.B. (C. in C., W.A. 1824/1).

DERBYSHIRE

Orders for, report and intercept German and suspicious vessels leaving Vigo or making for South and west coast of Ireland (A.C.W.A. 2029/1).

18th C.S.

Employment of
18th C.S.

Adty. 2226/31 and C. in C. H.F. 2013/31. In view of great importance of immediate counter attack with sufficient force C.S. 18 and destroyers with him should be under orders of C. in C., Nore during first stages of invasion. If landing occur North and South of Humber, I would aim to move C.S. 18 north rather than south. Clearly most desirable that C.S. 18 should join C. in C. Home Fleet before he makes contact with enemy's main fleet. I should therefore endeavour to release C.S. 18 as soon as possible and would rely on Adty. to inform me immediately they thought it desirable to do so. (C. in C., Nore, 1004/1).

Humber base

Ships in Humber very exposed to attack by E. boats Boom defence required if base is to be used for any length of time. (F.O.C. 18th C.S. 1224/1).

Degree of
readiness

Cruisers of 18th C.S. and 3 destroyers of 8th D.F. to be at 2.1/2' hours notice during daylight hours - and at 1/2 hour's notice after dark till further orders. (C. in C., Nore 1303/1).

Arrangements
for warning.

Reference C.S. 18's 1224, can you arrange patrols to give warning of M.T.B's submarine or other form of attack. (C. in C., Nore, 1926/1 to F.O. Humber).

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DUCHESS OF YORK sailed 1830/1.
(F.O.I.C, Liverpool 1830/1) Route as in my
1335/30, modified. (C. in C., Rosyth, 1225/1).

Evacuation of B.E.F. from DunkirkWest Beach
used

All M/S not now full are to fill at Western
Beach now (F.O.I.C. Dover 0455/1 to M/S on
Beaches).

More Boats needed

Absolutely essential provide many more boats
with M/B's to tow if grave losses to be avoided
and remainder B.E.F. cleared (Whitaker to Gen.
Dill by SPEEDWELL 0430/1).

M/Bs to be sent

All M/Bs from Burnham at Harwich and any others
available to be sent at once to Ramsgate for
operation ~~DYNAMO~~^{DYNAMO} (D.S.V.P. to F.O. Harwich
0947/1).

HALCYON
SKIPJACK
SPEEDWELL
SHARPSHOOTER

Troops from La Panne now marching towards Dunkirk.
Act accordingly. (N.O.I.C. Dover, 0306/1).

3 Tugs 30 Power Boats and 40 Life Boats to be
sailed immediately East of Dunkirk as soon as
possible. Naval crews with Life Boats and you
to provide extra Towage. (V.A. Dover to N.O.I.C.
Ramsgate 0452/1).

Fighters needed

Fighter Patrol W. of La Panne very necessary
(M.S. 5 to Dover 0455/1).

No ships entered between 2230 and 0420.
Unsuccessful dive bombing attack just finished,
British Fighters arrived. Smoke covers pier
and embarkation recommenced. Reported Beaches
heavily shelled and improvised Pier smashed.
(S.N.O. Dunkirk to V.A. Dover, 0555/1).

Eastern Beaches untenable. Military evacuating
to Dunkirk. Am loading all ships at Dunkirk
and directing all small craft near there. More
ships required. Heavy bombing on Dunkirk and
Fighter attacks on ships. (R.A. Dover to N.O.I.C.
Dover 0625/1).



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Operations

Evacuation of B.E.F. (Contd.)

Paddle Mine-sweepers

All available are required to take part in final evacuation tonight. Instructions (F.O.I.C. Dover 0847/1).

Cover

→ CALCUTTA return to Sheerness. Similar cover will be required tonight. (V.A. Dover 0900/1).

In view of rapidly increasing destroyer casualties, I submit advisable for Adty. to make signal that destroyers are to be used in connection with the evacuation only in positions where they can manoeuvre at high speed and avoid serious damage. Inshore work to be done exclusively by vessels of smaller fighting value than destroyers. (C. in C. Nore, 1316/1).

Send Fighter aircraft Dunkirk Channel (SALTASH 1248/1).

Interception of M.T.Bs.

M/L 100 and 2 M A/S Bs. to patrol during dark from inshore to 5 miles off coast on line app. 348° from Nieuport, returning Harwich at daybreak (C. in C. Nore to F.O.I.C. Harwich 1520/1)

Hold on as long as possible to enable maximum French and British evacuation - Act on your own judgment in close co-operation with Admiral Abrial. (CIGS to Gen. Alexander by WINCHELSEA 1729/1).

EPERVIER and LEOPARD to be at 115° North Goodwin L.V. 7 and 14 miles respectively → by 0430/2 and CALCUTTA 115° North Goodwin L.V. 23 miles to provide protection (V.A. Dover, 1309/1).

Bombardment

By day bombardment only to be attempted in self defence. Ships to keep well clear except when required to close for evacuation. (V.A. Dover to S.A. Nore & Dover 1328/1).



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Evacuation of B.E.F. (Continued).

- M/S Flotillas All available ships of M/S Flotillas under N.O.I.C. Dover required to assist evacuation tonight. All ships with D.G. equipment to arrive off beach between Dunkirk and 1½ miles East at 2200/1. Ships to report forthwith whether can comply. (N.O.I.C. Dover to C. in C., Nore, etc. 1510/1).
- Destroyers All destroyers are to return to harbour forthwith (V.A. Dover, 1345/1).

Reported number of towing and small craft returning empty. Essential to arrest this. Keep look out and force them back (N.O.I.C. Dover to Force K. & M/S 2201/1).
- Shelling, causing casualties Casualties to shipping by heavy artillery. All shipping has been ordered to withdraw before daylight to-morrow (V.A. Dover to Gen. Alexander (S.N.O. Dunkirk, 2214/1).

Disposition of ships and small craft on completion of Operation Dynamo. (D.O.D.H. to V.A. Dover, 2321/1).
- Cherbourg No air raids, port open, wharves rail and quays intact. 5000 British Troops embarking and 1300 awaiting passage. (B.N.L.O. Marceau to Adty. 1035/1).
- Repatriation of French Troops Adty. 1623/31 (return of French Troops to France) Para 3. For Brest read Cherbourg. (D.O.D.H. to C. in C., W.A. 1139/1).

Adty. 1613/31. Additional arrangements. Up to 5 Army cross Channel steamers, total capacity 5000, to cross Southampton or Weymouth to Cherbourg every night; and three French Transports with Dutch KONIGIN EMMA and PRINSESSE BEATRIX, total capacity 10,000 to cross Plymouth to Brest. Hoped maintain 24 hour turn round and cross outward by night. (D.O.D.H. 1535/1).
- MONA'S ISLE Shelled off No. 5 Buoy, Dunkirk channel. (N. Foreland Radio 1455/1).
- LOCUST Begin your retirement at 0230/2 and not 0330/2 (N.O.I.C. Dover to LOCUST 2215/1).

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If channel still available during daylight it is intended evacuation proceed continuously from 2130/1 till 0700/2 and, if necessary from 1730/2 till dark. If impossible use any of three channels from Dunkirk owing to shell fire from Coast Batteries, inform Adty. at once. (1 S.L. to R.A. Dover 2021/1).

Owing to severe conditions and enormous wastage on Dunkirk coast small boat flotillas vital for Beach work can no longer be relied on even in fair weather. At least two such flotillas have turned back tonight. (V.A. Dover to Adty. 2328/1).

Reported that number of towing and small boats are returning empty. Essential to arrest this. Keep a good look out and force them back. (N.O.I.C. Dover 2201/1 to Force K and Minesweepers)

SALTASH

2 funnel transport bombed. Am going to her assistance, another smaller one sinking (SALTASH 1210/1).
Your 1235. Proceed to Sheerness. (C. in C., Nore, 1507/1). Require assistance (SALTASH 1205/1).

WORCESTER

Return to Dover at once. (F.O., Dover, 1703/1).

Operation Orders

Embarkation of troops from Dunkirk Harbour is to proceed continuously from 2130 today until 0700 tomorrow Sunday. Strong and continuous fighter protection will be provided from 0430 until 0830 tomorrow. Protection by Coastal Command will be provided from 0830 until 1100. It is hoped that the evacuation may be completed tonight but should this not be possible you should be prepared for further evacuation tomorrow Sunday night. It may be necessary to carry out evacuation from 1730 tomorrow in addition to the night evacuation. Should it be decided that the conditions are such that evacuation cannot be carried out between 0300 tomorrow and 0700 tomorrow, Sunday, you will be informed. (1st S.L., 2025/1 to V.A. Dover).

SECRET IN

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From: V.A.Dover.

Date: 1.6.40.

Recd: 1924.

.....P/L by T/P.....Correction.....

Add: General Alexander, S.N.O. Dunkirk, C. in C. Northern Naval Forces, repeated Admiralty.

622. Evacuation will take place tonight Saturday from (a) beach between Dunkirk and one and a half miles to the Eastward between 2100/1 and 0300/2 for 9000 men, (b) East Pier between 2100/1 and 0330/2 for 7000 men. (c) East side inside harbour between 2200/1 and 0300/2 for 1000 men.

All naval personnel are to be withdrawn this Saturday night.

Show dim navigational lights on harbour obstacles. Reference (b) TIME OF TERMINATION of this evacuation may be extended and will be signalled.

1609/1.

Advance copy Ops -U.W.R.

- 1st Lord
- 1st S.L.
- V.C.N.S.
- A.C.N.S. (T)
- A.C.N.S. (H)
- C.S.O. to 1st S.L.
- Ops. (4)
- O.D.8
- O.D. (3)
- M. (26)
- O.I.C. (2)
- D.S.D.9
- D.N.I. (3)
- I.S.P.S.
- I.P. (3)
- D.M.S.
- D.M.S. Basement
- D.D.T.M.
- Admiral Bellairs.

Corrected message, not seen by W.D. at the time, but now inserted All 24/7/47.



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5th Column

False information and orders to return being given our inshore units by Fifth Column Skoots or other vessels. Endeavour keep our small vessels to their duty on the coast. (V.A. Dover to Force X and M/S 2335/1).

Endeavour embark Rear Guard from Beach remaining after 0300 if necessary (Dover to Force K M/S and LOCUST. 0225/2).

WORCESTER

Am being shelled Le Panne Beach (WORCESTER to F.O. Dover 0028/1).

Braye Beach

Beach Braye being very heavily shelled (D.I. to F.O. Dover Straits 0111/1).

MALCOLM)
HARVESTER)
BASILISK)

Cancel my 0045. Proceed into Dunkirk. (N.O.I.C. Dover 0150/1).

Dunkirk

Evacuation takes place tonight on E. Beach between 2100/1 and 0330/2 for 9000 men, from E. pier between 2100/1 and 0330/2 for 7000 men, and from E. side harbour between 2200/1 and 0300/2 for 1000 men. All naval personnel to be withdrawn Saturday night and evacuation by British ships will not continue during 2nd. (V.A. Dover, 1609/1).

Note. A correction to VA Dover 1609/1 was received, but was not seen by W.D. a copy is inserted now. (page 9A)

On the originator's copy of this message it is not clear whether the time 0330/2 (stamped) should read 0330/2 or 0300/2. The copy was (rather exceptionally) typewritten, and a correction was made on the machine, but it is not clear whether the

Over 100 bombers on ships near here since 0530 and many casualties. Have diverted no ships sail during daylight, so evacuation ceases at 0300. If perimeter holds will complete evacuation Sunday night including most French. (Received from Dunkirk, V.A. Dover to Adty. 1754/1).

Destroyers to proceed in pairs at hourly intervals to East Pier Dunkirk Harbour, returning Dover when loaded. If no vacant berth assist at Beach instead. Leave Dunkirk vicinity not later than 0300/2. (N.O.I.C. Dover to Force K. 1801/1).

Air Protection

correction was from 0200/2 to 0330/2 or from 0330/2 to 0300/2, though it appears that the former. (M/24/7/47).

Strong continuous patrols to be carried out over Dunkirk and beaches from 0430/2 to 0830/2 and, if evacuation continues, from 1700/2 to 2100/2. Night Fighter Patrols in same area and between N. Foreland and Dunkirk during night 1/2 June. (Air Min. to Fighter Command 1930/1).

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Following destroyers required for duty tonight, ESK, CODRINGTON, ICARUS, WINDSOR, VENOMOUS, WINCHELSEA, WHITSHED, SABRE, SHIKARI. will be addressed as Force K. (V.A. Dover, 1711/1, 1745/1)

Daylight
evacuation unwise

New shore battery in action this evening and all channels to Dunkirk now under enemy fire maintaining heavy barrage which has sunk Transports MONA'S ISLE, and BRIGHTON QUEEN and one Trawler near No. 5 Buoy. Eight Transports now lost and eight disabled and crews of others difficult to keep on service. Am suspending traffic on only remaining daylight route and consider any continued daylight evacuation unwise. Request permission withdraw all forces at 0300/2 till following night. (V.A. Dover to Adty. 2329/1).

Revised to
MONA'S QUEEN.
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Operations-Norway

Group 2 Convoy

Route and escort (C. in C., Rosyth 1225/1)

TRUANT

Submarine TRUANT patrol report 20/5 to 27/5 between Nordkap and 29° E with object of preventing German landing. (V.A.S. 1806/1)

- REDCAR
- EMIL JAVARY
- VULCAIN
- COMMINSTER
- ROYAL SCOTSMAN
- WHIRLWIND

Re sailing (F.O. Narvik 1938/1)

* Bodo

Evacuation was successfully accomplished last night without loss (F.O. Narvik 2324/1)

Operations-Iceland

Convoy A.E. 2.

To return when unloaded (D.O.D. (H) 2141/1)

Re Transport of troops to Iceland only Canadian ship capable is LADY DRAKE, she needs 2 voyages. Re first completing Jamaica movements. (N.S.H.A. Ottawa. 1706/1)

Allied Naval Units

M.T.B's

Propose forming ex-Norwegian and Greek Vosper-built M.T.B's as 11th M.T.B. Flotilla. (HORNET, 1158/1) Approved. (D.O.D.(H), 1830/1)

Dutch Signals

Dutch recognition signals. (D.S.D., 1610/1)

Norwegian M.T.B's

Two now ready. Recommend sailing them for Norway as soon as possible. (C.in C., Portsmouth, 1053/1)

Submarines

Positions

0600/2 (RAS 1751/1)

- ORZEL
- TRIAD
- TRIDENT

Orders for patrol (Capt. (S) 2 1506/1)

HOME COMMANDSAIRBritish Air Activity.2546/31

Estimated direct hit on one of three enemy M.T.B's at 51.28'N 03.03'E.

Can possibility be considered of fitting swordfish aircraft with what is know as a Cannon for destroying enemy M.T.B's (C. in C., H.F. to Adty. 1023/1)

Enemy Air Activity

D.19 bombed, bridge hit. (ALBURY, 0758/1)

Marseilles Bombed

German aircraft bombed Marseilles to-day. SS ORFORD reported hit. (Air Ministry, no T.C.C., Recd. 1920/1) ORFORD sank later.

SS PRAGUE

Bx. (4220 tons) Bombed & damaged by hit in stem at V & W bays.
Bombs were dropped in Norfolk.
Casualties and damage slight.

Attacks on fishing trawlers. SLASHER sunk.

GREY NIGHT sunk
KATREEN damaged
0400/1 while fishing
in 54°30'N 10°40'E, on
Dogger Bank.

Enemy aircraft attacked a group of fishing trawlers late in the afternoon 1/6 80 miles E. of Humber. Some 29 bombs were reported to have been dropped. Trawler SLASHER was sunk and other vessels in company suffered slight damage.

Another trawler was attacked the same evening 26 miles N.N.E. of Flamborough Head. (I.C. 0470/40)

Attacks on Dunkirk and ships

0057/1 HARVESTER machine gunned 51.14'N 1.4'E.

0446 Signals from WORCESTER, D 19,
to ALBURY, ROSS, CODRINGTON, VIVACIOUS.
0542

0756 Destroyer hit (R.A. ^{Dover} ~~WER~~ 0756/1)

0738 Signals from KEITH, HALCYON, LEDA,
to CODRINGTON, ICARUS, IVANHOE,
0800 HARVESTER, SPEEDWELL.

1010 Signals from SALTASH, SPEEDWELL.
to
1035

1404 Signals from MONAS ISLE, WORCESTER.
to
1619

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- BOMBAY Steam trawler, Grimsby. Bombed and machine gunned from 0930 to noon, North Sea fishing grounds, 89 miles E. $\frac{1}{2}$ S. No casualties. Lewis and Ross Rifle gun defence. (I.D.A.A. Form).
- SLASHER Steam trawler, Grimsby. Sunk 54:35 N., 1:16 E., at 2130/1, after attack at 2000/1 by delay action bomb, near miss, and gunfire. Deck hand killed. 3 (including Captain) slightly wounded. (I.D. Form A.A.).
- SCOUTER Steam trawler, Grimsby. Bombed and machine gunned 2005/1, 54:35 N., 1:16 E., after attack on SLASHER. Damaged, no casualties. Embarked survivors from SLASHER. No guns carried. (I.D. Form A.A.)
- MEDIAN Steam trawler, Grimsby. Bombed and machine gunned 53° N.E. $\frac{1}{2}$ N. at 1820/1. No casualties. (I.D. Form A.A.)
- NATAL II Steam trawler, Grimsby. Badly damaged by bombs and machine guns 83 miles E. $\frac{1}{2}$ S. from Humber. 0930 to noon. No casualties. (I.D. Form A.A.)
- IRANIAN Steam trawler, Grimsby. Bombed and machine gunned 55' N.E. $\frac{1}{2}$ N. from 61 B. Buoy, 1820/1 no casualties (I.D. Form A.A.)
- ROYALTY Barge, 101 tons. Bombed and abandoned off Dunkirk (D.S. 284)
- SCOTIA sunk British 3454 tons. Bombed and ~~was~~^{sunk} off Dunkirk 33 saved, 31 missing. (War Cabinet, Chiefs of Staff Committee. Weekly Resume. No.40).
- NATAL II Trawler. 0925/1 53:40 N. 2:35 E. 2 aircraft sighted. Dropped 2 aerial torpedoes. Then bombed and machine gunned. No casualties or damage. BOMBAY (Trawler) fired and hit one aircraft. (Master of NATAL II, Shipping Casualties Section, Trade Division).
- KEITH Flotilla Leader. Bombed sunk. Account of the sinking by Midshipman H.B. Poustie R.N.R. (M.011199/40)



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Air

Enemy Air Activity (Contd.)

- CASTOR British S.S. 189 tons bombed at 54:33 N. 1:16 $\frac{1}{2}$ E.
at 1935/1. No damage. (I.D. Form A.A.)

- SCOOPER British Trawler bombed and machine-gunned at
0730 at 54:40 N. 1:30 E. Slight damage. (I.D.
Form A.A.)

- CLACTON British Trawler 250 tons bombed at 1830/1 at
54:30 N., 1:30 E. Damaged. (I.D. Form A.A.)

- ROYALTY ~~British barge 101 tons. Bombed and abandoned
off Dunkirk. See previous page.~~

HOME COMMANDS

Mining

Magnetic Mining

Dunkirk Roads have been heavily magnetic mined to-night, probably in channels near light buoys. (Capt. D.19. to Dover Force 0100/1)

Two magnetic mines destroyed 51.55'20"N 01.19'48"E and 51.55'27"N. 01.19'44"E. (F.O. Harwich to Adty. 1720/1)

Magnetic mines 4 cables S.E. from 12 buoy (F.O.I.C. Dover 003"1)

Roads and focal points on the evacuation routes were heavily mined in the night 31 May/1/June. (N.I.D.O. 1507/39)

Shipping

Belgian Trawlers

Important in view of recent large withdrawals of British trawlers from fishing that Belgian trawlers should provide fish. (A.C.N.S., 1731/1)

Fishing Area

Admty. 1902/30, new eastern limit for fishing area. Concur with C. in C., Rosyth's 1121/31, that margin is inadequate. (C. in C., H.F., 2211/1)

Italian Ships

Positions in home waters, additions. (D.D.I.C., 1813/1)

Belgian Vessels

Request confirmation of instructions that Belgian vessels are to be treated as Allied Ships (N.C.S.O. London, 1229/1)

Miscellaneous

M/L VERNON

Brilliant flash and German speaking on R/T 0220/1 (N.O.I.C. Milford Haven/1345/1)

WEATHER

<u>0500</u>	<u>WIND</u>	<u>VISIBILITY</u>	<u>OUTLOOK</u>
North Sea	Light, variable	Moderate	Moderate W.wind Visibility moderate. Fog patches.
Channel	N.W.Light	Good	Similar
W.Approaches	Light, variable	Good	Similar, Fog patches.
Horns Reef	N.W.Moderate	Moderate	Moderate W.wind Fog patches
W. Coast Norway	Light, variable	Moderate Fog patches	Similar
Dutch Coast	W.Light	Moderate to Good	Similar

HOME COMMANDS

Enemy Intelligence

I.M.V.

Distant 1 mile, course 150° 15 knots
My position 50.25'N 3.52'W (Dutch
submarine O 10, 0340/1)

M.T.B's.

5 W Buoy Dunkirk (LEDA 0847/1)

M.V. hit

3 vessels at Ameland bombed, direct hit
started fire in one small coasting
vessel. (Donibristle Recd. 0318/1, 2359/1)

Disguised M.T.B.

On night 31 May 1 June, one enemy M.T.B.
was sighted disguised as a sailing boat
(R.A. (S) 1634/1)

1 M.V. (3000 tons)

2 M.B's

1400/1 proceeding up Froisjoen Fiord
61.43'N 4.59'E. Bombed. No hits. (aircraft
report)

4 M.T.B's

2210/1, 59.56'N 2.23'E (25 miles S. of
Bergen) (Aircraft report)

2 M.V's (4000-
5000 tons)

Bombed in Bergen harbour 2228/1, Near
misses (aircraft report)

M.V's

2229/1 4 M.V's bombed in Bergen outer
harbour. Near misses (Aircraft report)

2234/1 Several M.V's close together in
Bergen outer harbour, bombed, result
unknown.

1 M/V (7000 tons) Bombed 60.28'N 5.15'E
by fiord 4 miles N. of Bergen, result
unknown. 1 Trawler machine gunned 60.27'N
5.18'E alongside fuel tanks 3 miles N. of
Bergen (Aircraft report)



CASUALTIES AND DEFECTS.

HAVANT Badly damaged by bomb. Abandoned and sunk in position 126 position W. Fimles. (SALTASH 1235/1, 0950/1, 0905/1, 1034/1, V.A. Dover, 0022/2).

IVANHOE In tow of tug PERSIA. Damaged by bomb Dunkirk Roads. Proceeding towards Sheerness (V.A., Dover 1146/1, IVANHOE 0915/1, 0815/1, 1055/1, SALAMANDER 0948/12).

SCIMITAR Collision damage forward (V.A. Dover, 1146/1).

SALAMANDER Bombed. Engines disabled (V.A. Dover, 1146/1).

VIMY In collision with H.M. Yacht AMULREE off Goodwin's buoy (VIMY, 0200/1). Collision damage forward (V.A. Dover, 1146/1).

AMULREE H.M. yacht sunk see VIMY.

BASILISK Sunk (by air attack) West Deep. Am picking up survivors (WHITEHALL 1258/1).

SKIPJACK sunk. One minesweeper sunk by direct hit, thought to be HALCYON (SALAMANDER 0931/1).

KEITH Disabled and abandoned was bombed while attempting to rescue survivors. Request KEITH be destroyed. (SALAMANDER 0915/1). KEITH is not to be destroyed (V.A., Dover, 1141/1 to all ships) Sunk. (V.A. Dover 2022/2).

MASHOBRA Important she be salved or if not as much MNBDO equipment as possible (V.C.N.S.1509/31 to F.O. Narvik).

STELLA DORADO)
ARGYLLSHIRE.) A/S trawlers sunk by enemy M.T.B. near T. buoy about 0100. (V.A., Dover, 1326/1). Only additional concrete evidence is that an A/C was present when both ships were sunk and that flare was used. (V.A., Dover, 1805/1).

VIVACIOUS Damaged by bomb 1/6 during evacuation (V.A., DOVER 0022/2).

ALBURY do.
HEBE do.
SALTASH do.
WESTWARD HO do.
SANDOWN Damaged by shell fire 1/6 during evacuation. (V.A. Dover 2022/2).

CASUALTIES AND DEFECTS.

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WHITEHALL) Damaged in collision or on wreckage 1/6
 VENOMOUS) during evacuation (V.A., Dover, 2022/2,
 WORCESTER) 0455/2).
 MALCOLM)
 EXPRESS)
 SHARP-)
 SHOOTER)

BRIGHTON BELLE Sunk in air attack 1/6 during evacuation
 (V.A., Dover 0455/2).

MOSQUITO Gunboat, sunk, air attack, during evacuation
 (V.A., Dover 0022/2).

GRIVE *yacht* Sunk probably mined 1/6 during evacuation
 (V.A., Dover 0455/2).

BRIGHTON QUEEN Paddle M/S sunk by shore battery (D.C.N.S.,
 272).

1 Trawler. do.

ST. FAGEN ^A Tender ~~Towed~~ to EXCELLENT sunk off Dunkirk (do).

Foreign Stations.

BRITISH INVENTOR Due Capetown 29/5 not arrived (S.O.(I)
 Capetown 1108/1).

CASUALTIES AND DEFECTS.

S.S.ASTRONOMER
Sunk. With boom defence gear for Scapa sank
 about 0420/2 in 57°55'N, 1°50'W., following
 3 explosions at 2153/1 GMT. Not degaussed.
 No indication of S/M except contact obtained
 by A/S trawler STOKE CITY after ship sank
 about 0420. (C-in-C., Rosyth 2000/2, Wick
 Radio 2224/1). *See also p. 23, 24.*

S.S. RABAU British. Due Capetown 1/6. Not arrived.
 (S.O.(I) ~~EXCELLENT~~ Capetown 1048Z/2).

FOREIGN STATIONS

General

Berthing Allied and
Neutral M.V.'S

Not to be placed near any points of vital importance when this can be avoided. Italian ships may attempt to block ports by scuttling themselves and should be regarded with particular suspicion. Suggest methods of dealing with threat. (A.C.N.S. (F) 2225/1)

North Atlantic

REKUM
RUDOLF ALBRECHT

German tankers REKUM and RUDOLF ALBRECHT are at Tenerife and sailing may be imminent. PATROCLUS to patrol and intercept. French sloops BOUGAINVILLE and D'IBERVILLE are now near Canary Islands. (F.O.C.N.A. to PATROCLUS 2334/1)

A.M.C's

Admty. 2301/31 Remain on Patrol A.F. unless or until you receive other orders from C. in C., Western Approaches. ASTURIAS sails for U.K. at 2000/1. CARINTHIA sails for U.K. at 2030/1 (F.O.C.N.A. 1702/1 to CHESHIRE)

French Positions

1200/1 (D.C. 0003/1)

Cables

No evidence of deliberate cutting in cables so far reported by MIRROR. Waiting until present U-Boat activity subsides before continuing repairs. (F.O.I/C Gib. 1712/31)

South Atlantic

MIRAGLIA

Please confirm She landed 44 aircraft at Benghasi (D.N.1. 1747/1 to Consul, Benghasi)

Convoy C.M

R.V. (C. in C., S.A. 0944/1)

Italian Preparations

Italian ships now in harbour are bunkering much larger quantities of coal and oil than normally. (N.A. Buenos Aires 1230/1)

FOREIGN STATIONS

Mediterranean

EGITTO

3220 G.T. reported left Brindisi 29th May with Troops, Airmen and Lorries. Destination unknown. (I.C. 0468/40)

AMBOREA

4959 G.T. reported left Syracuse 29th May for Libya with 1000 or possibly 2000 Militia Shock Troops. (I.C. 0468/40)

Marseilles

German aircraft bombed Marseilles today. s.s. ORFORD reported hit. (D of I *South, p. 25* Air Ministry to Adty. No T.O.O./1)

Aircraft

Your 1851/29 and 1231/30. It is not possible to provide more aircraft. Air Ministry are arranging for spare engines. Situation at home precludes sending you more fast sweepers at present. Two LL Trawlers are being sent out at once. Admt. 1029/1 to C.in C., Med.)

M/Sweepers

Shipping to Sail

All British and Norwegian Ships in Suez Canal Area bound for destinations through the Red Sea and now ready to sail are to do so forthwith. (Admt. 1932/1 to C. in C. Med)

Italy

Appreciation of situation 7 or 8 troopships available 42 cargo vessels over 2000 tons in Genoa. Report D 3 of intention to lay mines between Elba and Sardinia (N.A. Rome, 2300/1)

East Indies

Submarines off Ras Hafun

C. in C. East Indies reports 3 s/ms were recently reported off Ras Hafun showing numbers 15 G One, and 18 G One. Can you identify. Ends. Submarines are not German, Dutch or French. Have you any confirmation that they may be Italian. (D.O.I.C. 1922/1 to C.O.S. NILE)



FOREIGN STATIONS

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America & West Indies

H X 47

Sailing delayed 24 hours in view of reports of submarines off Halifax. (C. in C., A.W.I. 1152/1)

DUNEDIN

Programme (C. in C., A.W.I. 1031/1)

Precautions when intercepting

In view of renewal of enemy raider activity. H.M. Ships must take every precaution when intercepting merchant ships however innocent their outward appearance, and always bear in mind possibility of torpedo attack. (C. in C. A.W.I. 1042/1)

Whale Catchers

Norwegian whale catchers refuse to proceed to U.K. unless armed or in convoy. Guns not available locally. (Cdr. D'Kyd Halifax. 1230/1)

China

Ships suitable for Naval use.

For bargaining with Japan (Adty 0017/23/5) List. (C. in C., 0517Z/1)

Italian Preparations

Various indications, not necessarily significant (C.O.I.S. Singapore 1601Z/31)

Hainan

Re rumours of Japanese concentration. French aircraft saw no signs of activity. Trend of transports and warships during past fortnight has been northerly from Hainan. (C. in C., China 0348Z/1)

GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPS

At Bergen

Aircraft observed about fifty M/V's moored very closely together, some tied to quay; average tonnage 3/4000 (Doni-bristle to Adty. 1130/1)

REKUM
RUDOLPH ALBRECHT

German Tankers are at Tenerife loaded with fuel. Considered sailing may be imminent. Orders to PATROCLUS. French authorities asked to keep close watch on Tenerife. (F.O.C.N.A. to PATROCLUS 2334/1)

METBOR

Norwegian 3718 G.T. Reported requisitioned as German Hospital Ship. (I.C. 0469/40)

TANNENFELS)
UCKENHAYK)

Observed still at Kismayøe on 1st June.

WAR DIARYU-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MINING.1.6.40.
Saturday.Ships attackedSTANHALL sunk.

By torpedo 60 m. S. Lizard RESTIGOUCHE and ST. LAURENT obtained contact 7 m. S.W. 31/5. At 1840 report hunt completed, success doubtful. ARABIS and FERNIE ordered to take over contact, A/S Trawler LORD HAILSHAM to stand by. (U-boat incidents report 270 No. 1071.)

TEMPLEMOAT

Reached harbour and reported that she was not as previously stated attacked by a U-boat. (U-boat Incidents Report 270 1073.)

ASTRONOMER

Report of Court of Enquiry as to sabotage and now established that she was torpedoed (N.L. 6513/40.) Sunk in 56 2' N, 2 12' W. 109 survivors. (T.S.D. 4163/40).

S/ms. Reported.

By Dutch S/m. O.13 position 056° C. Barfleur 24 m. Course 300° 8 knots. (U-boat incidents Report 270 1074.)
→ At 1046/1 ARABIS and FERNIE ordered to search 193° Start Point 66 m. U-boat reported at 0100. (U-boat incidents Report 270 1072).

RENOWN*(fishing vessel)*

Motorboat, mined and sunk off Dunkirk 0230/1 while assisting evacuation. 4 lives lost (Board of Trade).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MINING

Ships Attacked

SHEARMEAD
Sunk (?date)
(X27/5)
See 6/6/40

British 5008 tons, sunk by enemy submarine 5 survivors landed by Greek FRANGOULA 3. GOULANDRIS. The survivors on a raft, got alongside the submarine but were beaten off. The rest of the crew of 36 is thought to have been drowned. (Lloyds)

ASTRONOMER

Torpedoed at 2253/1 at 230° Kinnaird Head 22' and sunk. (I.C.O. 469/40) 8401 tons. Was taking boom defence gear to Scapa.

WIDGEON

Fired at by torpedo 51° 19'N 1° 53'E (WIDGEON 0044/1)

Submarines Reported

0100

Patrol report, Netherland S/M O. 13, submarine reported in O 13's 0100/1, believed to be a U boat, fired a recognition signal resembling 2 white very lights. O.13 dived as U-boat was in a favourable position for attack. U-boat apparently dived also as hydrophone effect disappeared. Probable that U-boat mistook O13 for another U boat owing to similarity in appearance. O.13 surfaced ten minutes later and made enemy report. Capt. S.5. 1558/1 (C. in C., Portsmouth, 0237/2)

Position 056° Cape Banfleur 24 miles B 3 (I.C. 0468/40) (S/M O.13. 0100/1)

Submarines Reported

0044/1

WIDGEON fired at by one Torpedo 51° 19'N 01° 53'E (WIDGEON to C. in C. More)

1136/1

North of Sogne Fjord. Position indefinite (I.C.0469/40)

0100/1

At 048° Ushant 48' Position indefinite. A.1. (I.C. 0469/40) 49° 4' 10'W French report (Scapa W/T 0100/1)

Estimated Dispositions D.D.I.C. 1140/1

It is now thought that no U-Boats have been working off the Belgian Coast during the past week (N.I.D. 01507/39)

Submarines Attacked

2210

A/S Trawlers STOKE CITY, LEICESTER CITY Established contact and dropped 3 D/C's at 057. 56½'N 1.56'W (S.O. 30 Aux. A/S Vessels to F.O.C.O.S. 2210/1)



SITUATION REPORT

Destroyers Off
Skegness

At 0455 it was learnt at the Admiralty that bomber aircraft had sighted at 0250 3 destroyers steering east at high speed, 25 miles E. of Skegness. Three quarters of a mile from these destroyers were 3 larger vessels also steering E, and at 2359/1 4 large vessels type unidentified, steering S.E. showing considerable wash were sighted 10 miles N. of Terschelling. A squadron of torpedo bombers was sent to locate the ships off Skegness.

Mining

One magnetic mine has been exploded at Havre and one off Dover, and mines have been dropped in Weymouth Bay and round the Isle of Wight. It is estimated that over 60 aircraft were involved (Air Min. D.S. 320) Portland, Weymouth, Portsmouth, Cherbourg, and the Western entrance of Dover Harbour are closed.

Two magnetic and two contact mines have been exploded in the Narvik area; and moored mines are reported off Kinnaird Head.

Miscellaneous

Three Dutch cross channel steamers have been commissioned as Naval Transports with Dutch officers and men and are operating under C. in C., Western Approaches.

SS ORFORD (20,043 tons) which was bombed in Marseilles harbour yesterday has sunk.

SITUATION REPORTIreland

An aircraft reconnaissance of the Irish Coast was carried out from Queenstown, west-about, to Sligo; and three A.M.C.'s are patrolling off the N.W. coast.

Evacuation of B.E.F.

** but for
Rearguard
Evacuation*

see 3/6, p. 38.

and 4/6, p. 52.

The evacuation of the B.E.F. was completed* at 2300/2 its last stages having been carried out during darkness; and at 0600/3 a total of 292,380 Troops had been landed in England, including 69,812 Allies, while 4500 Troops are on passage to U.K. from Cherbourg in four ships. There remain however 47,000 French Troops in the Dunkirk Area of which 25,000 are holding the defences; and at 1517/2 Admiral Nord requested that ships and air protection should be provided on nights of 2/3 and 3/4 June to enable all these to be evacuated. Two blockships have been sunk in Dunkirk harbour but the Channel is not completely blocked. During the final stages of the operation two trawlers and one Mine Recovery Drifter were sunk and two Hospital carriers and two A/S Trawlers were damaged. A total of eight Transports have now been lost and eight more disabled.

Norway

Enemy aircraft bombed Narvik, but were heavily attacked by our Fighters who suffered no losses and shot down six certain and probably seven more machines. The Germans are reported to be preparing an aerodrome at Nordjordeide at the head of Nordfjord 120 miles S.W. of Trondheim.

E Boats

Seven were attacked by our aircraft off the mouth of the Ems at about Noon; and between 2100 and 2200 one was attacked by aircraft off the Texel, one off the Hook, and three north of Zeebrugge, none of these attacks was successful.

Photographic air reconnaissance at 1900 showed there were possibly five E Boats at Ymuiden.

? German Aircraft Carrier.

Beauforts of No 22 Squadron sighted a submarine of unknown nationality at 2700 Terschelling 50 miles which submerged; and later sighted off Texel Island what appeared to be a very large vessel with no funnel and a flight deck escorted by 5 or 6 smaller vessels. Bergen was heavily bombed by our Coastal Command aircraft.

HOME COMMANDS

Precautions

Invasion Re Sub-
marines reporting

Enemy may use shallow draft Lighters and M/Bs in addition to Transports and Warships for possible Invasion of England. If submarines encounter what may be enemy forces proceeding towards U.K. they must report first and then attack. If not proceeding towards U.K. attack first and then report. Term U.K. here includes Straits of Dover. (R.A.S. to S/M's on patrol 1817/2)

Invasion Re Bombers
Reporting

As Germany may use both aircraft and surface vessels to invade England it is most importance that British bombers over North Sea should report all ships sighted at earliest moment possible without prejudicing bombers' primary task. (Air Ministry to Bomber Commands 1530/2)

Training Aircraft to
be organised

Am preparing organisation to enable Training aircraft to form Operating Squadrons in event of grave emergency, when should propose place them under operational control of Coastal Command. (R.A.N.A.S. to Adty 1746/2)

Southampton Water

(nd - ~~to be done~~)
sup. 67

Propose sink three 300' ships now in Southampton Water leaving deep water channel clear. (C. in C. Portsmouth to Admt. 1417/2)

Operations

Evacuation of B.E.F. From Dunkirk

Destroyers only to
be used

In accordance with Adty. 2021/1 Evacuation up to 0700/2 is to be carried out using Destroyers only. Destroyers to be ready to open fire on any Batteries; and if channels found to be prohibitively dangerous by gunfire evacuation by day to cease and Adty. to be informed. (1 S.L. to V.A. Dover 0115/2)

Maximum number of Trans-
ports asked for

S.H.O. Dunkirk requests again maximum number transports for British and French at 2130/2) It is intended that all British shall be evacuated by midnight. (V.A. Dover 0402/2 to Admt)

Evacuation to Continue
3/4 June

It is confirmed that ships will be provided and air protection continued for evacuation on night 3/4 June if necessary. (V.C.N.S. to B.N.L.O. 2312/2)

HOLE COMMANDS

Operations

Evacuation of B.E.F. from Dunkirk, Contd.

Protection Patrol

Four large M.T.B's to patrol tonight during darkness off Nieuport Harbour for E-Boats. (C.in C., More to F.O.I.C. Harwich 1616/2)

Rear-Guard

Endeavour embark Rear-Guard from Beach remaining after 0300 if necessary (V.A. Dover to Force K. (M/S) LOCUST 0338/2)

One Transport left Dunkirk at about 0245 nothing waiting outside when I left at 0306. (WINCHELSEA 0340/2)

Evacuated two miles Colne Canal from frontier yesterday at midnight. French holding remainder to Bergues and beyond (N.O. Dunkirk to N.O.I.C. Dover 0420/2)

About 5000 British. Bofors ammunition short. Sporting chance of embarking tonight. Maximum number of fast M/B's at inner end of long pier would assist. (S.N.O. Dunkirk to V.A. Dover 0830/2)

Final Evacuation Arrangements

Maximum number Transports, Destroyers, and M/S will evacuate from Pier and Harbour first ships arriving at 2100 remainder following at close intervals. French making own arrangements for embarking from Beach and West Pier in New Harbour. (V.A. Dover to S.N.O. Dunkirk 1251/2)

French still maintain front line except just East of Bergues where Germans have penetrated 2 miles on a 2 mile front. Counter attack being made at 1500. Port quiet. Situation hopeful. (S.N.O. Dunkirk to V.A. Dover 1545/2)

Fighters to be ready

Fighter patrols should be held available today to answer calls for help over Dunkirk on request of V.A. Dover (Air Min. 1200/2)

47,000 troops remaining. Rearguard to be taken off if possible.

French Adty. requested urgently by Admiral Nord that evacuation shall continue up to and including night 3/4 June. There remains 47,000 troops to evacuate, of which 25,000 are holding the defences whilst remainder await evacuation tonight.

All British troops will have been taken off by a.m./3. If British are prepared to continue the air protection and despatch of ships on nights 2/3, 3/4 the remaining 25,000 troops who by their defence of Dunkirk have made possible the evacuation of B.E.F. may then be taken off themselves. (S.N.O. Marceau 1517/2)



HOME COMMANDS

Operations

Evacuation of B.E.F. from Dunkirk, Contd.

Rearguard

Admiral Nord reports that if during night 2/3 June 30,000 men can be evacuated he hopes during night 3/4 June to withdraw the 35,000 men holding the bridge head, whose evacuation would require the berthing of numerous vessels as well as Boats for the 6000 men on shore between Malo-les-Bains and Malo-Terminus. British Officers are leaving Dunkirk tonight 2/3 June, but will be required there during night 3/4 June. If this schedule carried out the blocking will take place at end of night 3/4 June. I will keep you informed of decisions and must ask for help of British L.T.B.'s as all French L.T.B.'s are damaged. (Adty to V.A. Dover 1610/2, reported 0118/3)

Counter Attack
Postponed

French counter-attack postponed till 2000 hours. Remainder front quiet. (S.H.O. Dunkirk to V.A.Dover 1915/2)

Dunkirk approach Chammel under fire from guns (VENAIOUS to N.O.I.C. Dover 2110/2).

B.E.F. Evacuated

B.E.F. evacuated. Returning now. (S.H.O. Dunkirk to V.A.Dover 2330/2)

Operation C.K. (Blocking of Dunkirk)

Admiral Nord requests Block Ships arrive at entrance 0300 tomorrow night. He will signal if placing postponed. (V.A. Dover to Adty. 0604/2) Propose Block Ships be sent to outer Dunkirk 0300/3 as requested (V.A.Dover to Adty. 1255/2)

My 1600/31 Operation to be carried out forces sailing Downs about 1900/2 and expected arrive Dunkirk 0200/3. Owing to tide Block Ships cannot enter Dunkirk Harbour after 0330 on night 2/3 June. Final order to block to be given by Capt. Dangerfield who will enter Dunkirk ahead of forces and consult with Admiral Nord. (D.O.D.H. to V.A. Dover 1300/2)



HOME COMMANDS

Operation C.K. (Blocking of Dunkirk) Contd.

Admiral Nord states evacuation will not be completed during night 2/3. Blocking of Dunkirk must not take place for the moment. Ends. We hope, however, to complete evacuation tonight and blockships are being sent. Capt. Dangerfield has orders to arrange actual time with Admiral Nord (V.C.N.S. 1552/2 to S.N.O. Dunkirk)

Norway

Operation OA

Operation OA postponed 24 hours (F.O. Narvik, 1124/2)

Dummy Aerodromes

Dummy aerodromes with dummy aircraft have been erected in Stavanger and Oslo areas. (Air Ministry to H.Q. Commands 1700/2)

Alphabet

Alphabet postponed 24 hours (F.O. Narvik 1210/2 to C.inC., H.F., R.A.A.)

Bodo Evacuation

Bodo evacuation completed 0115/1 with success with Naval and air co operation in face of continuous German pressure by land and air attack. (F.O. Narvik 1500/2, 1502/2, 1504/2)

Submarines

Positions

0600/3 (V.A. (S) 1825/2)

War Diary2.6.40.
Sunday.HOME COMMANDSAir.British Air Activity

At 0915 aircraft bombed M/V 4000 tons name unknown at 58:10 N. 06:00 E. No damage observed. (Donibristle 1235/2).

Damage at Bremerhaven & Hamburg

The Master of a neutral ship says that the damage caused at Bremerhaven by our recent raids has badly damaged the shore loading cranes and caused a violent petrol explosion and set warehouses on fire, while the damage done to Hamburg is said to be even greater. (Daily Air Summary 319).

Enemy Air Activity

ALDERPOOL

Being attacked by enemy aircraft 50:00 N. 00:40 W. (C. in C., Portsmouth to Adty. 0013/3).

WORTHING
PARIS
(Hospital Carriers)Hospital carriers have been bombed and severely damaged, ^{off Dunkirk} today by Germans in circumstances precluding mistake of their identity. (V.A. Dover to Adty. 2016/2).
PARIS sinking, 2 miles W. of Ruytingen Buoy (SABRE 2034/2). *Sunk.*CALCUTTA
SHEARWATER

Bombing 1035/2 to 1051/2 and 51° N. 1° E. Bombing at 51:13 N. 02:00 E. (CALCUTTA 1156/2).

SPURS

A/S Trawler damaged by bomb. (VANQUISHER to F.O. Dover 1535/2).

MAX)
VULCAIN)
ELBE)
THAMES)Belgian Tugs MAX 177 tons and VULCAIN 200 tons set on fire by aircraft and sunk; and two others ELBE 150 tons and THAMES 144 tons were holed by bombs and abandoned off Dunkirk (Daily Summary 272). *B.R. 1337 states sunk on 4/6. P. 133.*GREYNIGHT
KATREENSeven more British Fishing Trawlers attacked by aircraft between 0400/1 and 1200/2 in North Sea. Of these GREYNIGHT sunk, skipper killed and ^{four} ~~three~~ wounded, and KATREEN leaking badly. (F.O. Humber to Adty. 1238/3).

LIBERIA

M/S Trawler hit by bomb which failed to explode (I.C. 0471/40).

War Diary2.6.40.
Sunday.HOME COMMANDSAir.Enemy Air Activity (Contd.)

MONA'S QUEEN My 2329/1 For MONA'S ISLE read MONA'S QUEEN.
(V.A. Dover, 0605/2).

SLASHER Six fishing Trawlers attacked by aircraft
about 75 to 80 miles E $\frac{1}{2}$ N. from Humber L/V
between 1830 and 1930 1st June.
S/T SLASHER sunk, others damaged by bullets
not seriously. (F.O. Humber, 1818/2).

One fishing trawler attacked 1930/1 at 54:30 N.
0:16:30 E. No casualties reported.
(F.O. Humber 1818/2).

Mining

Line of mines sighted 329° from position
163° JSBP 15 (ATHERSTONE to F.O.C.O.S. 1801/2)

One Blue Mine exploded 153° Knuckle I.
(V.A. Dover, to Adty. 2002/2).

One German "Y" type Mine swept at 51:24:40 N.
01:46:30 E. (C. in C. Nore to Adty. 2351/2).

Floating Mine reported 51:09 N., 02:07 E.
(SALTASH to V.A. Dover 0400/2).

Enemy IntelligenceE. Boats

One large vessel and large number E. Boats
bearing 091 distance 12 miles course 120
position 091 Bircham Newton 130 (aircraft
No. 206 Sqdn. to V.A.S. 0900/2). Cancel
(C. in C., Nore 1250/2).

3 destroyers
3 large ships
4 do.

Aircraft report at 0250 three destroyers and
three large unidentified ships 25' E. of
Skegness steering E. high speed; also at
2359 four large vessels 10' W. of Terschelling
steering 240. (D.C. to Area A. 0530/2).

War Diary2.6.40.
Sunday.HOME COMMANDSEnemy Intelligence (Contd.)3 large ships

At 0000/2 3 large ships steering E. were reported 10 miles N. of Terschelling. (I.C. 0469).

1 E. boat

1 E.boat at 52:01 N., 04:00 E. course 340° speed 28 knots at 2030/2. (A/C 220 Sqdn. to Chatham 2030/2).

3 E.boats

3 E.boats course 215 bearing 045 distance 2 miles from 51:40 N. 03:22 E. (A/C 220 Sqdn. to Chatham 2125/2).

Miscellaneous

Enemy War Motor Boats are always to be described officially as "E" boats. (Adty. Message 1936/2).

Weather

	<u>Wind</u>	<u>Weather</u>	<u>Visibility</u>
North Sea	W. light to moderate fresh locally in N.	Occasional rain with some patches of mist or fog.	Moderate to good.
Horns Reef	W. light to moderate.	Cloudy with some patches of fog.	Generally good except in fog.
Channel	N. light.	Fair to cloudy some fog in extreme W.	Generally good except in fog.
Western Approaches	Light and variable.	Fair to cloudy some fog.	Generally good except in fog.
Norwegian Coast	W. or S.W. moderate	Occasional rain.	Moderate to good.



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War Diary2.6.40.
Sunday.CASUALTIES & DEFECTSS.S. WINGA and
JERNLANDWINGA sunk in collision with JERNLAND
half mile N.E. of 20 Buoy. Latter picked up
survivors. (LONDONDERRY to C. in C., Rosyth
0149/2).PARIS
(Hospital
carrier)Taking to boats position W. Buoy 1818 G.M.T.
(North Foreland Radio to Admiral Chatham 2/6).
Badly damaged, engines useless (N. Foreland
Radio 1810).S.S. ORFORD
sunk20,043 tons bombed and sunk in Marseilles
Harbour 1/6 (D.C.N.S. 273).

LORD CAVAN

H.M. Drifter, lost. All crew saved and
being sent Lowestoft (N.O. Ramsgate to Adty.
1410/2).

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Sunday.FOREIGN STATIONSNorth Atlantic

French Positions convoys, Patrols, and Passage at 1300/2. (Adty. to C. in C., W.A. 0026/2).

Sal

St. Vincent reports Portuguese Govt. has ordered warships to Sal and has stopped supplies of building materials and petrol to the island. (S.O.I. Freetown to D.N.I. 1915/2).

Portuguese destroyer TEJO expected sail 2/6. Destination believed St. Vincent. (N.C.S.O. Lisbon to Adty. 1245/2).

U-Boats

Estimated dispositions. (Adty. to Areas A & B 1216/2).

MediterraneanAttack on
Ireland

Information received that German soldiers in civilian clothes are embarking at Naples for Spain whence they will be sent from Cadiz for attack on Ireland. (N.A. Rome to D.N.I. 1224/2) See Comment in I.C. 0471/40.

S.S. ORFORD
sunk

British S.S. ORFORD 20,043 tons was bombed and sunk in Marseilles Harbour this a.m. (D.C.N.S. 273) (Note date of attack was 1/6, possibly sank 2/6).

Greek Warships

4 destroyers of HYDRA class ordered to Milos tomorrow. A destroyer patrol between Crete and Cape Maleas may be begun. (N.A. Athens to Alexandria 1900/2).

Italian
preparations

Naples reported (B.1) to have been practically in military control since 22/5 for embarkation and disembarkation of troops and stores. Further report (C.3) states all Italian goods in Genoa Harbour to be sent inland. (N.A. Rome to D.N.I. 1727/2).

The tanker FEDE, 7884 tons, with full cargo of oil was ordered to sail from Galveston full speed for Naples. (Daily Summary 272).

War Diary2.6.40.
Sunday.FOREIGN STATIONSAmerica & West IndiesTroops for
Jamaica

Important to get troops to Jamaica as early as possible both from political point of view and to provide guard for German prisoners of war ex merchant ships in Dutch W.I. who will be transferred to Jamaica. Escort of LADY DRAKE (troops to Iceland) can be effected about 8/6. (C. in C., A.W.I. 1611/2).

Submarine

Captain H.M.C. Dockyard Halifax requested report details, of submarine reported from Halifax W/T station to be at 044:28 N. 063:27 W. at 0914/1. (C. in C., N.A.W.I. 0942/2).

GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPSHome Commands

One M/V about 4000 tons at 290° Lindesnes 35' at 0915/2. Bombed. No damage observed. (I.C. 0470).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MININGShips AttackedPOLYCARP

British s.s. torpedoed by U-boat at 0558
G.M.T. at 49.52'N 05.35'W Crew
rescued by French steamer (Lands End
Radio to Admiral Plymouth 0701/2)

BLACKBURN ROVERS (A/S T.s)
WESTELLA

Sunk at 1618/2 and 1745/2 respectively at
98° North Foreland 24', probably by
U-boat.

Submarines Reported

- 0510 By aircraft 30' Fair Isle S.E.
- 0400 By trawler 54.2'N 1.42'E (095° Flambor-
ough Hd.) 133/IC 0470/40)
- 0905 Possible periscope reported from shore S.
E. Blyth 3' 55.6'N 1.28'W B 4 (I.C. 0470
/40)
- 1230 By ROCHESTER 51.36'N 06.05'W (240° St.
David's Head) (I.C. 0470/40) (ROCHESTER
1230/2, 1615/2)
- 1700 By ~~aircraft~~^{A/S} Trawler SAON 24'E by S. of
North Foreland.
- 0600 Submarine position 49.32'N 05.35'W
(Oussant Radio 0600/2)
- 0950 Submarine sighted by aircraft No 22
Squadron at 53.33'N 03.49'E (aircraft
22 Squadron 0950/2)
S.O. 30 A/S Group reports contact with
S/M 57.56'N 01.56'W. (C. in C., Rosyth
to MAORI 0024/Z)
- 0640 Suspected U-Boat 57.25'N. 1.04'W (C in C
H.F. to ATHERSTONE 1050/2)
- 0342 42.N 14.W 256° Finisterre 220' Position
indefinite A.L. (I.C.0469)
- 1330 52.00'N 06.15'W Reported by British
Tanker SAN ARCADIO.
- 1600 104° N. Tyne Pierhead Light 5½ miles. By
aircraft (F.O. Tyne 1604/2) Report not
reliable (F.O. Tyne 1653/2)

Submarines Attacked

- 0725 Suspected U-Boat bombed by aircraft 30'
East of Buchan Ness (D.C.N.S. 273)
- Early A.M. Three Destroyers hunted a reported U-Boat
off Aberdeen (D.C.N.S. 273)
- 0605 MAORI dropped D/Cs at 146° Fair Island 30'
No results reported.

SITUATION REPORTIreland

Reliable information received by Inspector General of R.V.C. states that six persons landed recently from a U-Boat at Minehead between Dungarvan Harbour and Youghal Bay and were met by members of I.R.A.

Evacuation of B.E.F.
from Dunkirk

The evacuation of the Rear-Guard of about 30,000 Troops proceeded during the night 3rd/4th. British Destroyers, Personnel, Vessels and Paddle Minesweepers embarked Troops from the East Pier; other British and French vessels worked from the West Pier of the outer port; and small craft used the Inner Harbour and ferried Troops to vessels waiting outside. Rear Admiral Dover controlled the movements of ships from a M.T.B; and at midnight 3rd/4th a total of 301,216 Troops had been landed in England from the port since the 26 May when the operation began, of whom 211,258 were British fit, 13,053 British wounded, 84,675 Allied fit, and 1,230 Allied wounded. A thick fog off Dover delayed the arrival of French Troops, and poor visibility prevented enemy aircraft activity; but since the operation began 259 enemy aircraft have certainly been brought down and 143 more probably, while the British aircraft losses have been 88 machines in all. Two more Blockships have been sunk in the main channel at Dunkirk, and a third was sunk by magnetic mine. There were no casualties to H.M. ships during the evacuation period today; and Admiral Nord has arrived at Dover in a M.T.B.

The total losses of Ships during the evacuation have been six Destroyers, one Fleet Minesweeper, one Gunboat, one F.A.A. Tender, five Paddle Minesweepers, eight Trawlers, three Drifters, two armed Boarding Vessels, one dan-laying Vessel, one Minesweeper, and one Tug.

Hayre

Was heavily bombed at 2115/3, petrol tanks being set on fire and damage reported at several points. The French PURFINA, 603 tons, was sunk by mine in the main channel at 1600/3 but was towed clear of the channel before sinking.

Dieppe

French minesweepers are now operating. There is every indication that the enemy laid further mines during the last two nights. D.S.T. reports that AA guns are essential before the port is opened.

SITUATION REPORT Contd.

Mining

One magnetic mine has been exploded off Dover. Harwich (mined 31 May/1 June) is temporarily closed; but Portsmouth, Portland, Weymouth, Cherbourg, and the Western entrance of Dover Harbour were opened p.m./3 after enemy minelaying last night.

The Harwich Examination Steamer was mined and sunk.

A new type of magnetic mine, (apparently mass-produced) was dropped by parachute at Pontrieux near the French Coast. The second dropped exploded, but the first is being examined at Brest.

Two parachute magnetic mines, at first thought to be bombs, were dropped in Sussex during the night 2/3.

British Air Activity

Morning and dusk patrols were flown over the Dunkirk area; and Fighter protection for shipping in the straits began at 0415. Little enemy opposition was encountered. At 1730 aircraft reported an unidentified Cruiser off Haugesund (Norway) proceeding North; and at 2115 six E Boats were sighted off the Scheldt and were attacked by three 250 lb bombs all of which failed to explode.

Paris Bombed

Chartres, Paris, Villacoublay and Le Bourget were bombed. It is estimated that 100 aircraft took part. Citroen Works near Paris were damaged and Chartré Paris railway and road were damaged and are out of action. (B.M.L.O Paris 19CO/3)

U-Boats

A U-Boat on the surface was bombed off Berwick at 0800/3 and at 0900/3 was again seen stationary on the surface.

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Monday.HOME COMMANDSDefence of U.K.

- Landing Beaches Reconnaissance of coast from Southampton to Solway to determine beaches possible for the landing of tanks direct from barges or special craft will be carried out forthwith. Co-operation with R.N. and R.A.F. will be arranged. (H.O. for 0140/3).
- Dundee Electrically controlled depth charges now laid (N.O.I.C. Dundee, 2330/3).
- Humber Ships in harbour appear very exposed to attack by M.T.B.'s either alone or in conjunction with aircraft. If Humber is to be used as base for any length of time, anti-M.T.B. defence is an urgent requirement. Even a dummy boom would be of some value. (C.S. 18, 1224/3).
- Night trawling Eastern Command request night trawling by fishermen off Norfolk and Suffolk coasts be prevented in view of danger of foreign craft mixing with our trawlers and getting shorewards in their company (H.O. for, 2245/3).
- Norfolk Broads Nearly 2,000 power boats are operating daily in Norfolk Broads area for pleasure or profit. Considered possible hiring by enemy agents or perhaps capture by enemy after an aerial landing might prove a serious menace. Recommend none be allowed to run without a special licence and those laid up be grouped in selected areas with essential machinery parts removed. I gather that N.O.I.C. Yarmouth has power to give such orders and am directing him to proceed accordingly. (C. in C., Nore, 1210/3).
- Enemy Raiders Repeating precautionary advice when intercepting ~~of~~ merchant ships, in view of renewal of enemy raider activities. (A.C.W.A. 2041/3).
- Ports Re immobilisation and demolition - differentiation suggested. (C. in C., Nore, 1130/3).

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Monday.HOME COMMANDSMovementsSubmarines Position 0600/4. (V.A.S. 1709/3, D.C. 2020/3).OperationsEvacuation of B.E.F.Plans

Intentions for tonight June 3-4. Maximum effort with all available remaining vessels between 2230/3 and 0230/4. We shall send ships to entire length of Eastern Jetty as quickly as possible capable of accommodating 14,000 men. We will assist with ships at the Western Jetty in the Avant port to extent of accommodation for 5,000 men. In addition French ships will be responsible for evacuation from the Malo Beach, Quai Felix Faure and the new Avant port for which cannot estimate number. Essential troops must be at point of embarkation at the times stated in adequate numbers. Shall leave landing officer and men on Eastern Jetty. M.T.B. will be at your disposal from 2200. Would be deeply grateful if special arrangements could be made to evacuate as many British wounded as possible in return for British effort on behalf of French troops. (V.A. Dover to Admiral Nord, 1108/3).

Tugs Disposal

Adty. 2321/1. Amended instructions for disposal of tugs and lighters requisitioned for Operation. (D. of S.T. 0748/3).

Destroyers Disposal

On completion of operation Dynamo destroyers taking part are to be sailed for their home ports, where they should remain to comply with Adty. 2339/1 and make good minor defects. (D.D.O.D.(H) 2046/3).

CALCUTTA

As withdrawal from Dunkirk tonight 3/4 is planned for 0230 instead of 0300. I do not propose to employ CALCUTTA as A/A escort. (V.A. Dover 1419/3)

HOME COMMANDS

Evacuation of B.E.F. (Contd.)

Plans

Dunkirk evacuation tonight Monday. From East Pier by personnel vessels, destroyers and paddle minesweepers. From West Pier new outer port by other minesweepers, corvettes, skoots and French vessels. Drifters and smaller craft inner harbour. All ships to leave by 0230/4. H.M.S. LOCUST will remain outside entrance receiving loads ferried out by small boats. Tugs will be available outside Dunkirk. (V.A. Dover to Force K, LOCUST GUILLEMOT, KINGFISHER, 1440/3).

Berthing

Orders to ships for berthing, evacuation tonight. (F.O.I.C. Dover, 1542/3) Amended 1802/3).

R.A. Control

R.A. Dover, will be in M.T.B. 102 tonight, display red and green vertical light, and will control traffic and movement in Dunkirk Harbour. (V.A. Dover, 1730/3).

Numbers

Nearly all British Forces were withdrawn Dunkirk by 2300/2. Total landed U.K. :-

British, fit	209,564
British, casualties	13,004
Allies, fit	69,017
Allies, casualties	795
Total	292,380

(D.N.I. (Natel), 2030/3).

At noon, 3/6, the total had reached 305,078 - British, 211,137 fit and 13,004 casualties, Allied, 79,808 fit and 1,129 casualties. (D.S. 4/6).

Evacuation, French Coast

Cherbourg

Position 0900. Enemy aircraft heard to seaward 0130. Port open, quays etc. intact. No indication of mine dropping near here but this a.m.'s incoming convoy, which was directed to Brest except for 1 ship arrived safely and will be ready to leave this evening with another if they can be accepted in U.K.; there will be about 2,300 troops left over from those due for passage today. (B.N.L.O., Marceau, 1145/3).

Position 1730. No air raids, port open. Traffic normal all waiting troops probably leave tomorrow. (B.N.L.O. Marceau, 2100/3).

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Monday.HOME COMMANDS.Evacuation, French Coast (Contd.)Le Havre

Continued sweeping inside harbour barrage. No mines exploded. French vessel blown up at 1600 and sank by mine in main channel, towed clear of channel before sinking. (B.N.L.O. Marceau, 2110/3). (See also Air).

Dieppe

Following from D.S.T.O. Dieppe. French M/S now operating. Every indication that further enemy mines laid last two nights. After conference with military, submit A/A guns essential before opening port. (B.N.L.O. Marceau, 1905/3).

Operation C.K. (Blocking of Dunkirk)

Operation C.K. completed. 2 block ships sunk between breakwaters but regret obstruction of channel not achieved. (VIVACIOUS 0400/3).

Operation to be repeated tonight 3/6, forces sailing from Downs about 2000. Expected time of arrival Dunkirk Roads 0130/4. (D.O.D.H. 1158/3).

Operation C.K. with orders dated June 2 is being repeated with 24 hours delay. (D.O.D.H. 1201/3).

Admiral Du Nord approves completion of blocking tonight. (V.A. Dover, 1659/3).

Ymuiden

Blockships at entrance exactly as reported previously. South Outer Canal appears to be blocked by sunken small craft. There has been more movement of barges in the harbour since previous sortie than has been the case in other Dutch ports. Foundry of Works north of harbour appears to be working fully, barge movement may be connected with this. Apparent fast passenger vessel 300 ft. long lies in one of northern bays. (Aircraft 0450/3).



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Monday.

HOME COMMANDS

Operations

Narvik

DEVONSHIRE

Sailed for patrol to northward of Tromso pending further information (F.O., I.C.S., 0730/3)

Harstad

Arrivals 3/6. (R.A. Narvik, 2006/3).

Aerodromes

Lakselz otherwise Banak is available for use whenever required. Ample landing area. Temporary obstructions to prevent possible enemy landings can be cleared at short notice. Am asking F.O. Narvik to reconnoitre Military Aerodrome near Nyborg. I should appreciate information regarding object of Swordfish activities in that area. (R.A.F. H.Q. Norway to Air Min. 0040/3).

Iceland

Would be glad to know whether I can count on receiving a certain number of hours notice of any enemy movement by sea or air on Iceland. Unlikely to obtain much warning from observers as enemy aircraft expected to keep well to seaward until close to objective. Any information that point would assist me to formulate plan. My one aircraft temporarily out of action, can decision now be given reference to flying boats. (Alabaster, Reykjavik, 1729/1, to War Office, Recd. from War Office at 2015/3).

HOME COMMANDSAIRBritish Air ActivityReconnaissance

Over Statlandet from 1540. At 1650, wireless station bombed and machine gunned in 60.50'N, 4.40'E. At 1735 cruiser class unknown, sighted in 59.14 N., 5.09 E (Donibristle, 2000/3)

Over Wilhelmshaven from 1200/3. 2 torpedo boats possibly WOLF class, 3 patrol craft probably M.T.B's. Hipperhafen, 1 minelayer gunnery training (probably BRUMBER or sister ship) 2 M.T.B's unknown number M.T.B's at Pier dry dock. Tirpitzhafen empty, no S/m's in Canal, much activity small motor boats (Air Min., 2359/3)

Enemy Air ActivityALDERPOOL

British, attacked 49.42N., 00.25'W (ALDERPOOL, 0015/5) Position given as 50.00 N., 0040'W (C. in C. Portsmouth 0013/3)

WINCHELSEA

Machine gunned 135° North Goodwin 15 m (WINCHELSEA 0058/3)

Le Havre

Heavy air raid about 2115. Petrol tanks ablaze, ~~Desmoyers~~ and C.I.M. on South Pier, cotton shed, iron works, and previous points in town. (N.C.S.O., Le Havre, 2230/3)

A/C Destroyed by
ALRESFORD

At 0025/3, during a raid by minelaying aircraft, an enemy machine flying about 1 mile E. of Warner light vessel at a height of 700 feet was engaged by H.M.S. ALRESFORD. There was a very heavy explosion and it is believed mine was exploded by 12 pdr. shell and aircraft destroyed. (C. in C., Portsmouth 1937/5).

Mines on Sussex

Two parachute magnetic mines were dropped near Forest Row, Sussex by enemy aircraft 3/6.

Minelaying

60 aircraft were employed in minelaying between Dungeness and the Isle of Wight. (J.I.C.5).

War Diary3.6.40.
Monday.HOME COMMANDSMining

- Ports closed Due to aircraft minelaying last night, Portsmouth Weymouth, Portland, Dover western entrance and Cherbourg are closed (I.C.0476/40, Adty. 0806/3, V.A. Dover 0341/3).
- Ports open Cancel my 0327/3. Port is now open. (C. in C. Portsmouth 1433/3) Western entrance of Dover Harbour, Portland, Weymouth and Cherbourg are also open. (V.C.N.S. 274).
- Cherbourg Possibility of Mines laid off Cherbourg. (P.M. Cherbourg to Adty. 0152/3).
Have just sunk Floating mine 51:16 N. 1:46:8 E. (ALBURY to V.A. Dover 0422/3)
- Enemy Mining One magnetic mine has been exploded off Dover. (V.C.N.S.)
- Dover Barrier, Minelaying Desired to mine Dover Barrier as close as possible to French Coast. Consider can be done by submarine with less risk than destroyers. Propose PORPOISE and NARWHAL working from Portsmouth. (D.O.D.(H) to C. in C. H.F., V.A.S., V.A. Dover, 2049/3) PORPOISE and NARWHAL will be available. (V.A.S., 2221/3).
- Night Sweeping Probable that enemy will lay parachute mines in our harbour entrances after dark on night that expedition starts. Essential that sweepers should be able to clear the entrances at once so that our warships can sail without delay. Organisation for night sweeping to be prepared at each port where warships likely to be based. (A.C.N.S.(H) 1912/3).
- Cruiser Sighted by aircraft in 59.14'N, 5.09'E class unknown (Donibristle, 2000/3) C. in C., Rosyth 2336/3)
- M.T.B's 6 in position 51.45 N., 3.15 E at 2113 course 225, speed 20 knots (Nore W/T, 2335/3) Were unsuccessfully attacked by 3 250 lb bombs, all of which failed to explode. (V.C.N.S.)
3 in position 51.40'N 3.27'E at 21 20/2 course 240° Bombed and machine gunned, damage unknown, no hits. After bombing M.T.B's changed course, one believed to have turned into channel N. of Schoonwen. (Chatham 0050/3)



HOME COMLANDS

Enemy Intelligence Contd.

M.T.B's Contd.

1 Attacked in 52.1'N 4.0'E at 2135/2
not hit (Chatham 0050/3)

1 Bombed 2130/2 in 53.10'N 4.35'E course
030° Not hit (Chatham 0100/3)

LUTZOW

(EX DEUTSCHLAND) confirmed that she
returned to Kiel about 13/4 or 14/4
with stern badly damaged (B.W.S.G. 39)

Destroyer

1 bombed at Ymuiden at 0811 No hits
(I.C. 0471)

SS DEUTSCHLAND
SS EMDEN
SS BREMEN

Am informed by Swedish Salvage Captain
that three Enemy Transports sunk early
April and still visible are off Aalborg
DEUTSCHLAND 21,000 tons and EMDEN 700 tons
and off Aarhus BREMEN 50,002 tons, re-
port confirmed from another source.
(Acting Consul Malmo 0010/3 to Puckich)

WEATHER

<u>AREA</u>	<u>WIND</u>	<u>VISIBILITY</u>	<u>OUTLOOK</u>
North Sea	S.W. moderate or fresh in North. Variable light elsewhere.	Good or Moderate, fog patches.	Similar
Channel & Western Approaches	Easterly light	Good or Moderate Fog Patches	Similar
Horns Reef	N.W. Light or moderate	Moderate or Poor, fog patches	Visibility im- proving
Dutch Coast	Variable Light	Good	Similar
Norwegian Coast	N.W. Light in S. S.W. moderate in North	Moderate or poor in South Good in North	Visibility Deteriorating in North.



CASUALTIES AND DEFECTS

BLACKBURN ROVERS
WESTELLA
Sunk

Reporting following casualties yesterday (Sunday) during Operation Dynamo. Sunk by torpedo, BLACKBURN ROVERS, WESTELLA, (V.A.Dover, 0325/3)

LOK I

The Dutch Queen's ship was lost 3/6 off Dunkirk. 3 of crew landed at Dover. It is believed that 10 others were also saved.

HEBE

Swedish s.s., sunk in position 102° South Foreland lighthouse 1.2 miles after collision with s.s. HEBE. Request promalgation of wreck which may be dangerous to navigation. (V.A.Dover, 0130/3) *Lloyds state 2/6.*

Ship on Fire

Shore reports of ship on fire 5' S.E. of Beachy Head at 2120 (C. in C. Portsmouth 2124/3 to FOXGLOVE)

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Monday.FOREIGN STATIONSNorth AtlanticFrench

French positions 1200/3 (Admty to C. in C., W.A. 0200/3) do 1200/4 (D.C. 2358/3)

Patrols

Patrols A.F. to A.K. off Spanish Coast cancelled and Areas 1, 2 and 3 substituted (details) (D.C., 0756/3)

Vigo

USARAMO

Number of young Germans noticed in Vigo increased in last few days and is arousing comment. No change in ships except that USARAMO has been repainted and looks less light. (Vigo 1008/3)

Italian Destroyers,
Ceuta

Have received report from Admiral Africa, that 3 Italian destroyers intend to visit Ceuta shortly. Situation at Tangier already delicate owing to large number of Italians there and the presence of Italian destroyers in these waters seems to me most undesirable in present conditions. Suggest enquiry be made of Spanish Govt. (F.O.C.N.A., 1248/3)

MediterraneanItaly- Air

Reported that Italians are developing a gliding torpedo or bomb for attack on large distant objectives. (Hd. of M., 1705/3)

ARGUS

To be sailed for Gibraltar as soon as practicable. F.O.C.N.A. to assist in provision of destroyer escort. (D.C.D. (F) to C. in C., Med. 1758/3)

Flying Boats

1 Sunderland Sqdn. from Western Approaches consisting of 4 I.E. plus 2 I.R. Sunderlands to proceed to Alexandria (Air Min. 1305/3)

Leghorn

Orders have been given at Leghorn that all merchandise on sea-front and customs are to be cleared before 15 June. Preparations for war continue. (N.A. Rome to D.N.I. 1644/3)

East IndiesConvoys B.C., C.E.

KENT to escort Convoy B.C. to Durban and Convoy C.E. from Durban to Bombay. (C. in C. E.I. 15032/3)

Masulipatam

Propose Port Masulipatam be instituted a class 2 routing port and port officer appointed as reporting officer. Govt. of India have no objections. (F.O.C., R.I.C. 10292/3)



FOREIGN STATIONS

America & West Indies

Troops for Iceland

To be transported in EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA escorted by EMERALD who will return to Halifax for T.C. 6.

T.C. 5.

REVENGE to escort as previously arranged. (A.C.N.S. (T) 2028/3)

A.M.C's

Your 1303/28. With limited number of A.M.C's available for convoy escort duties one additional vessel only can be spared which it is hoped will join your command about 21/6. Hoped to rectify limitations of COMORIN when vessel is refitted in U.K. Your proposal concerning near junction position for H.X. and B.H.X. convoys is concurred in (D.O.D (F) 2029/3 to C.in C., A.W.I)

DURIEDIN

To assume duties of Flag Officer. Jamaica Force. C. in C. A.W.I, 1221/3)

French Cruisers

PRIMAUGUET sailed for Dakar today. JEANNE D'ARC, now at Halifax, relieves her. (6. in C., 1211/3)

EMILE BERTIN

Left Halifax 1730/3 direct to Brest. (F.O.C., 3 BS, 1833/3 to A.M.C's on patrol, 1032/4)

New Zealand

HECTOR

Requesting to consider withdrawal of HECTOR from New Zealand owing to increasing naval requirements in the Indian Ocean and Atlantic owing to attitude of Italy and closing of Mediterranean route. (D.O.D. (F) to New Zealand Navy Board. 1046/5)

GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPS

1540

One M.V about 700 tons 62.10'N 5.00'E Course 235° aircraft report (I.C. 0471)

China

BURGENLAND)
ELSA ESSBERGER)

Potential A.M.C's China, BURGENLAND docked on June 1. Previous docking on Dec 24. ELSA ESSBERGER docked May 30, undocked June 1. Both ships have full bunkers. (C.O.S., Singapore, 03012/3)

Ships in N.E.I.

Which were seized by the N.E.I. Authorities have been renamed and are being assembled at Batavia and Surabaya for overhaul List in BW SG39

DELOS

Mediterranean (Black Sea)
Arrived (Macrae, Galatz, 1240/3)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MININGShips AttackedPURFINA, Sunk

French Tanker (603 tons) was mined 1600/3 at Havre but was towed clear of the fairway before she sank at 1655. (V.C.N.S) (M.C.S.O. Havre, 1655/3)

Examination Steamer

Examination steamer mined and sunk today in approx. position 055° 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ cables from charted position of Outer Ridge Buoy (F.O.I.C. Harwich, 1955/3)

Submarines Reported0804

Reported by aircraft 123' Ely S. of Isle of May, Firth of Forth, (224 Sqdn. 0804/3)

0904

One submarine in sight 55.42'N 00.58' (? W. or E) (aircraft 224 Sqdn to H.Q. 0904/3)

0315

58.6'N 1.45'W aircraft report.

2118

55.54'N 3.56'E, aircraft report (aircraft 224 Sqdn 2140/3)

0840

51.41'N 10.17'W. Seen from shore off Kenmare River estuary in S.W. Ireland (D.A.S.W. 3 June)

2000

Oil streak at 58.16'N 03.42'W course 150 speed 3 knots (aircraft 612 Sqdn. to 18 Rec. H.Q. 2047/3)

0720

TRITON sighted a U-Boat 190 miles E. of Aberdeen (A.S.W.D. 273)

Estimate Dispositions

(D.D.I.C., 1202/3)

Submarines Attacked0804

By aircraft 55.48'N 0.58'E Bombed (I.C. 0470/40)

0804

Bombed submarine, large oil patch (Duty Z 224 Sqdn. to Group H.Q. 0810/3 Position 55.58'N., 0.42' E or W. (C. in C., Rosyth 0954/3, 1102/3 (WEBSTON was sent to continue hunt)

1915

58.16'N. 02.18'W Bombed. an oil streak (I.C. 0471, A.S.W.D. 273)

2118

55.54'N 3.56'E Bombed, no hits. (I.C. 0471)


SITUATION REPORT

- Defence of U.K.** Active steps are still being taken to improve and coordinate the defences of the U.K. against possible invasion.
The air reconnaissances for warning of approach of invading enemy forces have been rearranged and further patrols instituted.
- Evacuation of B.E.F. from Dunkirk.** The evacuation ended at 1030/4, when the fleet of rescue ships was dispersed and the Germans entered Dunkirk. The final totals of troops withdrawn, excluding a considerable number of French troops still on passage, were 211,265 British fit, 13,053 British casualties, 109,942 Allied fit and 1,230 Allied casualties, or 335,490 in all. Only non-combatant troops were left behind; and two more Blockships were sunk at Dunkirk, it is believed successfully.
- Air.** Enemy aircraft were reported near Lowestoft, Yarmouth, Beachy Head and Selsey Bill before dawn and after dark on 4/6; it is presumed these flights were connected with minelaying.

Le Havre was bombed, and it is reported that aircraft laid mines off Cherbourg.

It is reported that Kirkenes was bombed with incendiary bombs on 3/6 and 4/6, considerable damage being caused.
- Mining.** Mines were laid by enemy aircraft outside Cherbourg during the night 3/4 but all probably outside the swept channel. The port is open to treated ships.

"Gardening" still continues.
- Mediterranean.** ~~The~~ RESOLUTION and ARETHUSA have left for Gibraltar.
- Italian situation.** At 1941/4 the SICILIA, 9646 G.T., was sighted at 36°22'30" N. 23°14'E. carrying troops and steering 095°.

The Italia Line has resumed advertisement of transatlantic sailings, and the loading and sailing of Italian ships from Buenos Aires is stated to have recommenced. There were 15 Italian ships in U.K. ports to-day.
- U-boats.** Aircraft attacked a U-boat off Kinnaird Head and the Lizard respectively and estimated one hit in each case.

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Tuesday.

HOME COMMANDS

Defence of U.K.

- Seaham Adty. 1903/2. Not intended to institute examination service at Seaham Harbour as arrangements for examination of Seaham bound vessels at Sunderland are satisfactory. (F.O.I.C. Tyne, 1216/4).
- Kent Coast Adty. 1956/28/5. E. and N. coasts Kent are in Army Section No. 1 though in Dover and Nore Commands. Suggest that N.O.I.C. Ramsgate be given charge of these coasts for L.D. Coast in Nore Command to extend from Swale to N. Foreland (C. in C., Nore 1244/4).
- W. Coast of Scotland Adty. 1903/2. There are many small ports in Rosyth Command on W. coast which could be used by enemy craft as visualised in para 1, and where there is no personnel immediately available for taking required precautions. As West coast ports have so far not been included in schemes prepared to counter attempted invasion request information whether arrangements required by your 1903/2 should apply to W. coast ports equally to those on E. coast. If so considerable extra personnel required and schemes for improvement of communications must be undertaken forthwith (C. in C. Rosyth 1143/4). *Reply: Admiralty 2117/15 page 268.*
- Immobilisation of Ports Details of proposals for immobilising E. coast ports from Berwick to Scarborough inclusive. (F.O. Tyne, 1657/4 to Adty).
- Minefield Propose shallow moored Minefield be laid across two channels between South Falls and Long. 2^o E. (V.A., Dover, 2019/4 to Adty.)
- Marine Brigade Request earliest possible transfer of Marine Brigade to operational control of C. in C. Home Forces for use in Liverpool and Harwich Areas. (C. in C., Home Forces 1207/4 to Adty.)
- MIRIAM
RAVELSTON Allotted as blockships for Leith (D. of L.D. 1512/4).
- Naval Establishments Civilians on staff, who are willing, to be enrolled in L.D.V. for service in the establishment (1st Lord. 1605/4).

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDSDefence of U.K. (Contd.)

Norfolk Broads Your 1210/3. Order prohibiting navigation of power boats was made 1st June and comes into force 5th June. Organisation of grouping is proceeding. (N.O.I.C., Yarmouth, 1100/4, to C. in C., Nore).

Signal Co-ordination Adty. 1913/2. Apparent that co-ordination of signals between the three Services is necessary. Proposed meeting between representatives. (Hofor, 2015/4).

Southern Irishmen. No more to be employed on Adty. contracts in Protected Area in North of Scotland. (Adty. 1549/4).

Movements

ARETHUSA To sail for Gib. forthwith. (V.C.N.S. 1030/4). Left Sheerness 1630 for Gib. Expects to arrive 1600/7 (C. in C., Nore, 1754/4, 1443/4, 1134/4) Reason (A.C.N.S.(F) 1928/5 to A.C.N.B.)

RESOLUTION To sail for Gib. screened by WOLVERINE, WITHERINGTON, VISCOUNT to position B (C. in C., H.F. 0026/4, 0903/4, C. in C., W.A. 1614/4, Reason A.C.N.S.(F), 1928/5).

ARGUS Adty. 1758/3. Anticipate ARGUS will sail 1500/5. (ARGUS 1105/4).

M.T.B. Flotillas Allocation (A.C.N.S.(H) 1212/4).

Dutch M/B M.73 Arrived Portsmouth from Belgian operation (C. in C., Portsmouth 2131/4).

Patrols Temporary patrols established in area North Goodwin L.V., R. buoy, U. buoy, by day and night. By A/S trawlers by night only. Details (V.A. Dover 1810/4).

NELSON Intend to sail NELSON for Clyde pm/5. (C. in C., Portsmouth 1133/4).

CARDIFF To join 2nd C.S. temporarily during absence of ARETHUSA (A.C.N.S.(H) 1119/4).

L.L. trawlers for Meditn. 2 to sail as soon as possible. (D.M.S. 1345/4).

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDSMovements (Contd.)Submarines Positions 0600/5. (V.A.S. 1954/4, D.C. 2140/4).OperationsEvacuation of B.E.F.

No known casualties to H.M. ships yesterday Monday during operation Dynamo. MEDWAY QUEEN reported missing in my 0856/31/5 has been located. (V.A. Dover 0352/4).

Adty. Communique on the 2100/3 news gave MONA'S ISLE as sunk, instead of MONA'S QUEEN. Request correction (V.A. Dover 0436/4).

Dynamo completed. Ships and personnel to be dispersed in accordance with Adty. 2321/1, 1308/2, 0748/3. (V.A. Dover, 1035/4, Adty. 1423/4).

Final figures up to 1300/4 evacuated from Dunkirk:-

British	181,027	British wounded	2,335
French	119,210	Allied wounded	4,646
Total	307,218		

(V.A. Dover, 1405/4).

Operation C.K.

It is believed that Dunkirk harbour was successfully blocked on completion of the evacuation (D.C. 0814/4).

French CoastCherbourg

Position 0930/4. Enemy laid mines outside port 0100/4. Wharves and quays intact. Port open to treated ships. Railway facilities intact. French Marine reports mines have been laid outside the port but are probably all clear of swept channel. Incoming convoy arrived safely. All troops waiting passage will be embarked today. (B.N.L.O. Marceau, 1110/4).

Please forward another section of minesweeping vessels for sweeping harbours Cherbourg, Havre and entrance into Rouen. Urgent (Cherbourg 1226/4).

Position 1730/4. Same as 0930/4. Two British L.L. sweepers arrived 1600 (B.N.L.O. Marceau, 1715/4).

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDSOperationsNorway.Movements
etc.

Asking for fighter protection to cover a certain movements of destroyers. Enemy troops reported 3/6 crossing from Festrug and Sorfold to Northward in fishing craft. Re small British armed vessel. Anticipate Gladiators will be able to fly off from Bardufoss for certain purpose 0300/8 (F.O.I.C. Narvik 1050/4 to R.A.(A).)

AirBritish Air Activity

Gardening For tonight. (H.Q.C.C. 1720/4).

Air Recon-
naissance For 4/6 to locate small craft in which may be endeavouring to return to Ramsgate or Dover with allied troops. Similar reconnaissance at daylight 5/6. (V.A. Dover, 1333/4).

Invasion
patrols.
S.12,W.2. Anticipate that prior to invasion by sea the enemy will attempt diversion by sending warships to attack Northern Patrol or Narvik Shipping Route. Patrol called S.12 to be undertaken for observation. Continuous daylight is the ideal but at present 2 Sunderlands flying 2 circuits each daily is all that can be spared. Patrol W.2 to run daily to observe enemy vessels attempting to run Faeroe-Orkney Channel. (H.Q.C.C. 1225/4, C. in C., Rosyth 1526/4).

S.A.1,2,3 Reconnaissance for warning of approach of invading enemy forces have been ~~received~~ ^{received} in light of present situation. Following amended scheme is to be undertaken daily from today. It is assumed that van guard of an invading force by sea may be transported by E. boats or destroyers (Donibristle 1125/4, C. in C., Rosyth, 1526/4).

Bombardment
Policy Instructions governing, replacing those in Air Min. X80 of 22/8/39. (Air Min. 1942/4).

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDSAir.Enemy Air Activity

Kirkenes Reports from Norwegian sources indicate that offensive activity by enemy bombers took place at Kirkenes on 3/6 and 4/6, when considerable damage was done by incendiary bombs. (F.O. Narvik, 1117/4)

Aircraft
Mining

There were reports of unidentified aircraft near Lowestoft, Yarmouth, Beachy Head and Selsey Bill before dawn and after dark 4/6; these flights are presumed to have been connected with further minelaying operations by enemy aircraft. There were no reports of any attacks on shipping during the day. (I.C. 0472/40).

Le Havre.
Cherbourg.

Le Havre was again raided by enemy aircraft at dusk. 4/6 many bombs being dropped which caused damage and started fires. Other enemy aircraft were active along the French coast after dark and it is understood minelaying was carried out in the Channel at Cherbourg. (I.C.0472/40).

MiningF.D. ¹⁶/₈

NARWHAL reports operation F.D.16 completed (V.A.(S) 0333/4).

1 M. mine

Exploded approx. 1260 Adty. Pier Lt. 7 cables (V.A. Dover 0051/4).

Shipping

S.S. WASHINGTON Left New York 30/5 for Bordeaux to evacuate American citizens. May proceed to Lisbon. Utmost importance she should proceed without any form of interception (Hd. of M. 1402/4 to C. in C., W.A., F.O.C.N.A.).

Enemy Policy With reference to D.M.S. Part 1 (B.R. 136 (1), Article 53, it is now considered clear that, in submarine and aerial operations, the enemy has adopted a policy of attacking merchant ships without warning. Sub-paragraph (b) of that Article should therefore be regarded as being in force, except in relation to enemy surface warships, as there is as yet no evidence that these are attacking ships in contravention of international law.

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDSShipping

Enemy Policy (Contd.) The following footnote is to be added to the article quoted :- N.B. At present it is considered that enemy submarines may be encountered in Home Waters and in the Atlantic to the eastward of 45° west and northward of 15° North. Outside this area all possible care should be taken before opening fire on a submarine, to make sure that it is an enemy submarine. If the probable field of enemy submarine activity extends, a further announcement will be made amending the limits of the area mentioned in this footnote. (Hd. of M., to all N.C.S.O.'s for Masters of British Merchant Ships, 1145/4).

BERGHOLM (Norwegian fishing vessel) left without clearance, no orders from Norwegian N.A. to sail. How she is to be dealt with (A.C.N.S.(H) 2143/4).

Miscellaneous

Iron Ore Iron ore export trade over Lulea opened June 1st. (A.N.A., Stockholm, 1718/4).

Weather

	<u>Wind.</u>	<u>Visibility.</u>	<u>Outlook.</u>
North Sea	Light variable.	Moderate, fog patches.	Light to moderate S. wind.
Channel	E.N.E. light.	Moderate to good, fog patches.	Similar.
Western Approaches	E. moderate.	Good.	S. moderate wind.
Horns Reef	N.E. light to moderate.	Good.	Light, variable.
W. Coast Norway	Westerly, light to moderate.	Moderate to good.	Similar.
Dutch Coast	Light variable.	Moderate, fog patches.	Similar.

CASUALTIES AND DEFECTSHome CommandsDEVONIA

Paddle minesweeper. Report now received that she was beached and abandoned near La Panne 31/5 after extensive damage from bombing. Ammunition destroyed, guns spiked (V.A. Dover 1812/4)

MEDWAY UELIN

Reported missing 31/5 during operation Dynamo has been located (V.A. Dover 0352/4)

FOLKESTONE
SS RIVER HUMBER

Have been in collision and sunk small coaster RIVER HUMBER in position 218° Skerries 7 miles. 4 survivors, 4 drowned. Flooded to No 7 bulkhead but to go on with convoy. (FOLKESTONE 0231/4 FOLKESTONE to be repaired at Cardiff, (D.D.O.D., 1340/4)

SPEEDWELL

Damaged in collision, requires docking for repairs to stern and bow plating. (V.A. Dover., 0955/4)

KINGFISHER

Rammed by trawler. Large hole in bow, port side, down to water line, returning under own steam. (C. in C., Nore, 0957/4)

Foreign StationsBARBARA MARIE

British ss CLAN FRASER arrived Durban 2/6 reports sighting fully equipped life boat marked BARBARA MARIE on 12/5 on 050° 34' North 007° 52' West. Latter ship left Milford Haven 7/5 for Pepel Perfecta (S.O. (1) Capetown 1221/4)

FOREIGN STATIONS

South Atlantic

Convoy C.M.

Re arrangements for West African troops (C. in C., S.A. 1119/4 to S.N.O. Simonstown)

Italian Preparations

Reported A.I. that sailings of Italian vessels in Buenos Aires have been suspended and no more cargo is being loaded (S.O. (1) Montevideo 1016/4)

Later report states that loading has recommenced (I.C. 0472/40)

Mediterranean

Minefields

Summary of minefields reported (D.N.I. 1154/4, to C. in C., Med.)

Spanish Ports
Degaussing

Reported (C.3.) that Spanish Customs officers sever de-gauss wiring of British ships while in Spanish ports. Report any confirmation. (D.N.I., to N.A. Madrid, S.O.I., Gib. 1214/4)

T.S.R. Aircraft

To remain at Hyeres with maintenance personnel and stores. Torpedo facilities at Toulon d'Kydon none at Hyeres (5th S.L. 1344/41, Argus 2241/4)

PANDORA

Leave patrol after 2000/6 for Alexandria (Capt. (S) 1 0815/4)

Italian Preparations

Summary of today's (D.N.I. 1950/4)

SICILIA

(9646 tons) sighted 1941/4 carrying troops in position 36.22' 30"N 23.14' E steering 095° at 10½ knots. Intend to shadow until 0100 returning to patrol if ship maintains present course. (F.O.C 3 C.S. 2102/4)

UMBERTO

Admiral Pipon states ship now near Kantara in Canal. Only course now appears to get her safely through Canal. Presume C. in C., E.I. knows of her and will arrange to intercept if hostilities occur before she reaches Massawa (Sir M. Lampson, Cairo 2303/4 to C.in C. Med)



FOREIGN STATIONS

Mediterranean, Contd.

Italian Fleet

Details of British air reconnaissance 3/6 (D.D.I.C., 1255/4). From Italian Press, S/M LEONARDO DA VINCI and ALESSANDRO MALASPINA have been taken into service. (S.O.I., Malta, 1247/4)

Dispositions

Warships on passage. (D.C., 0818/4) to (B.N.L.O. Marceau)

Italian Ships
Suez Canal

Italian objections to British measures to ensure security of Canal and prevent Italian ships blocking it (S.B.N.O. Suez Canal 1626/4)

I assume you are maintaining sufficient Naval Force at Port Said and Suez to control incoming shipping if necessary. (1st S.L. 2308/4 to C. in C., Med.)

Reply. Patrols in approaches have not been increased beyond normal but at present CALYPSO and CALEDON are at Port Said and C. in C. E.I. has GRIMSBY at Suez. (C. in C., Med. 0215/5)

CALITEA

Italian, (4013 tons) which was due to sail tomorrow for Syria and pick up passengers is now going to leave tomorrow direct for Naples without passengers. (Press, Cairo)

East Indies

Ports and Lights

Djibouti port closed at night and lights extinguished. Ras Dir, 011.59'N, 063. 22'E., also extinguished (S.O.I., Colombo, 0423/4)

German H.V's

CARAIBE to leave Mombasa 0900Z/5 and cruise northwards to lat 02° N to pass Kismayu in daylight when going north and south, to confirm German ships TANNENFELS and UCKERMARK still in port. DRAGON will arrive Mombasa a.m. 9/6 escorting 2 transports (C.in C., E.I. 0905 Z/4)



FOREIGN STATIONS

East Indies, Contd.

Delaying Italian Ships

Colonial Office instructions that Italian ships generally should be delayed on various pretexts in Colonial ports appears to conflict with Adty. 0049/4 re SAVOIA (C. in C., E.I. 0642Z/4)

MIRAGLIA
(A/C carrier)
(etc)

(Residence)

Arrived Tripoli night 2/3 June. 3 Carriers left Naples p.m. /3 but may be in offing. Ships at Naples (names) CITTA DI TRIESTE loading ammunition. Embarkation of troops at Naples proceeding. 5 Transports due to leave Naples 4/6 or 5/6 probably for Libya. (N.A. Rome, 1841/4, S.O. (1) Alexandria 1058/4)

C.S. 4

Flag transferred to LEANDER (C.S. 4 1433Z/4)

Transport voyages

AC Malaya's 0737/28/5. ^{all} transport voyages notified hitherto have been cancelled and further signal will be made giving details of convoy leaving U.K. about 22/6 and proceeding via Cape (D of S.T. 0720/4)

Dutch E.I.

China

Expected conference with Netherlands E.I. naval representatives during which Admty. 2350/1 (procedure for entry of Dutch war vessels into British defended ports) can be discussed. (F.O.C., Singapore, 0445Z/4, to C. in C., China)

EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA

America & West Indies

Re Adty. 2028/3, EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA is to be used for movement from Canada to Iceland and should then return to Halifax to be available for TC 6 (D of S.T. 1416/4) Please confirm that she is not to carry cargo allocated for U.K. (S.S.H.Q. Ottawa 1127/4)

→ DIOMEDE

To escort LADY DRAKE to Jamaica from Bermuda Route to show flag. (C. in C. A.W.I. 1042/4)

Bermuda Convoys

Admty. 2029/3. Commence with S.H.X. 49 junction position for Bermuda and Halifax Convoy amended. (C.inC., A.W.I. 1622/4)

→ CARADOC

Your 0053/4 CARADOC to escort LADY DRAKE concur. (N.S.H.Q., Ottawa, to C. in C., A.W.I., 1017/4)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MININGShips AttackedEMILE DESCHAMPS

French (349 tons) sunk by mine off Margate at 0615/4. 3 miles 336° from Buoy. Channel being swept (C. in C., Mors 1245/4, C.G. Margate 0615/4)

Blockship

Sunk by magnetic mine during operation C.K.

IONNA

Reported in Madrid Press sunk by U boat off Finisterre presumably p.m. /2. Reported to be in H.G.F. (D.N.I. 0108/5) whole crew landed here. Sunk by S/M 2100/1, 120 miles off Finisterre. (Vigo 2220/4) was in H.G.F. 32B (F.O.C.N.A. 1704/5)

OCEAN LASSIE

Drifter, sunk by mine near Outer Ride Buoy, Harwich. (D.S.)

REBORN

Fishing vessel, mined and sunk 1/6 near Sandette lightship off Dieppe. (D.S.)

Unknown ship

Master of British SS ELLAROY reports that he saw a U-boat sink a merchant ship by gunfire 180 miles west of Vigo. 0445/29/5 (A.S.W.D. 273)

Ship struck mine 5 miles E.N.E. Forness. Forness (Margate) lifeboat informed. (Margate Coastguard 0615/4)

Submarines Reported0315

By aircraft in 58.06'N., 01.45'W (C. in C., Rosyth 0410/4) (See Attacks)

1437

D.F., unreliable fix, 57.10'N., 2.40'E (D.D.I.C., 1545/4)

1915

By aircraft escorting Convoy. This may be POLYCARP, reported derelict last night in 49.19'N., 05.35'W. (C. in C., W.A., to GLADIOLUS, 1934/4)

1954

D.F. unreliable fix. 56.30'N., 6.30'E., (D.D.I.C. 2047/4)

1603

My 1603 (instructions to proceed towards 2 U-Boats) No confirmation of report received from the aircraft. Proceed in execution of previous orders. (C. in C., W.A., 2019/4)

1730/1

Swedish ship SVERRE WERGAARD reports S/M observed between Land's End and Wolf Rock at 1730/1/6 steering W.N.W. (H.O.I.C., Milford Haven, 1028/4)



U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MINING

Submarines Reported Contd.

1400

2 U-Boats reported 52.16'N 10.21'W
(10 miles North of Blasket Rock)
SANDWICH ordered to intercept (A.S.W.D.
273, C. in C., W.A. 1603/4)

Estimated Dispositions

No confirmation that any U-Boat is now
off Spain. Possibly one in W.A. One
off S. Ireland. Homewards. One off N.W.
Ireland. Homewards. One off Shetlands.
Homeward bound. One in Moray Firth
Area. One in 55.54'N 3. 56'E at 2118/3
probably outward bound. (D.D.I.C. 1231/4)

Estimate dispositions for 5/6/40:

- 1 in Moray Firth
- 1 West of The Hebrides homeward bound
- 1 West of Ireland homewards
- 1 to the S.E. of the Fair Isle Channel
outward bound.

(There is a possibility that this U-
Boat may succeed in passing through the
Fair Isle channel tonight, in which case
she should be between longitudes 3 and 4
degs W around first light)

1 in Western Approaches
possibly 2 in the vicinity of Dingle Bay.
(H.Q.C.C. 1730/4)

Submarines Attacked

0315

By aircraft in 58.06'N., 01.45'W, 2
bombs dropped estimated one hit.
(Donibristle, 0510/4) ESCORT and
ENCOUNTER searching (R.A. (D) H.F., 0757/
4)

? time

By aircraft 195° Lizard Hd. 40 miles one
hit and one near miss estimated (Air
Min., D.S. 321)

1919

(see 6/6) (p. 99) Attack by Reason etc.

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Wednesday.SITUATION REPORT50 Ships off
Texel

At 0330/5 and aircraft reported fifty ships of unidentified type and size ten miles South of the Texel, steering south. Fog prevented further search.

Two enemy ships re-
ported at sea.

b72
by PRUNELLA. Ship,
in 6h 40' N 0' 10' W

Two unidentified vessels were reported to be proceeding westwards in a position 300 miles West of Trondheim at 1130. A flying boat was sent to locate them, but was recalled on account of low visibility before reaching the position. RENOWN, REPULSE, 2 cruisers and 5 destroyers left Scapa at 2130 to intercept. The A.M.C.'s on Northern Patrol were ordered to move west and later to resume patrol. Early on 6/6 the ship originating the report stated that the vessels were probably merchant ships. The battleship cruiser force is still at sea.

Destroyers

C. in C., Nore has recommended that the destroyers of 20th D.F. should re-embark their guns for the present owing to shortage of destroyers, as we can now obtain the use of Dutch and French minelayers.

Invasion

An Appreciation refers to possibility of attack by tanks carried on small motor boats, and envisages the invasion of England not in terms of bases, covering forces, sea power etc., but as likely to be unorthodox and rapid, and carried out on a wide front. In photographs taken of Kiel on 7/4 it was noticed that a large number of peculiarly constructed barges were being built and that about 50 were already afloat (C. I. C. Report 6)

Mining

One delayed action mine has been destroyed two miles from No Mans Fort, Spithead; and four magnetic mines have been found off Cherbourg, where a Dredger has been sunk. Cherbourg and Havre are open, but Portsmouth, Newhaven, and Dieppe are closed.

Norway

See Operations Volume

Enemy Air Activity

Bombing attacks were made in the evening 4/6 and during the night 4/5 June at Le Havre (which was heavily bombed and fires started) and South of Dieppe. Attacks were also carried out S.W. and S.E. of Paris.

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Wednesday.



SITUATION REPORT, Contd.

Success of Convoy System

In the first 9 months of war 23,000 ships were convoyed by the Navy with the loss of 32 ships by enemy action while in convoys.

With the Germans holding one side of the Straits of Dover consideration must be given to the protection of convoys proceeding within sight of his batteries.

Raider

It was learnt today that a possible raider was sighted on 20/5 off French Guiana.

Western Front

The Germans began an attack on the Somme-Aisne line held by the Allies.

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Wednesday.HOME COMMANDSDefence of U.K.Orkneys

Requesting authority be obtained to prohibit publication in Press of air raid warnings as necessary. (A.C.O.S., 1231/5)

Enemy Ships
Disguised

Enemy ships may attempt to enter undefended ports disguised as British or Allied warships. Steps to be taken. Allied warships working with fleet-BLYSKAWICA, ORZEL, WILK, only other Allied warships likely to operate from ports in U.K. in immediate future are BURZA, SLEIPNER, DRAUG and Dutch M/L's sloops, and Destroyers, S/m's and motor boats. (A.C.N.S. (H) 0103/5)

Swale Boom

Suggesting baulk boom to close eastern end of Swale and approaches to Faversham Creek (Cdre i/c Sheerness, 1524/5)
Concur (C. in C., Nore 2255/5)

Southampton

Your 1417/2 Owing to geographical position of Southampton and the scale of defence provided, it is not considered necessary to send the 3 blockships requested. (Hd of M., to C. in C. Portsmouth 1818/5)

^{"Flood"}
Plan ~~renamed~~ "Dagger"

Ref A.L.M. 010210/40, dated 26/5/40, approved for plan ^{"Flood"} ~~"Dagger"~~ to be renamed "Dagger". (A.C.N.S. (H) 1331/5)

Aberdeen

6" guns in Torry Point battery now available for defence and examination service (N.O.I.C., Aberdeen, 1522/5)

Tyne

Your 1657/4 No M.T.B's available at present. Matter will receive further consideration at a future date. (D. of L.D. to F.O.I.C., Tyne, 1734/5)

Shetlands

Fortification of the Narrows at Aalen in Fordefjord (S.O. (1) Lerwick 1717/5)

Southampton

Re- port scheme (F.O.I.C. Southampton 1859/5)

MovementsCANTON

F.O.I.C., Portland to sail her p.m., today for Patrol in area 3. (C. in C.W.A. 1334/5)

Submarines

Positions 0600/6 (D.C., 1914/5 0145/6
V.A.S., 1812/5, 2337/5, 2246/5)

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Wednesday.HOME COMMANDSOperation Quidnunc

(† Cutting of cables to Scandinavia)

G.P.O. report tests show Sandervig No 2 not repetition not cut. This cable is to be cut inside minefield as far out as considered practicable. (DA/SW 1620/5 to C.inC., Rosyth)

Propose sailing trawlers CLOTILDE, MILFORD QUEEN, MILFORD PRINCESS and JAMES LAY to Yarmouth tomorrow Thursday. PELTON and GRAMPIAN carrying out Admiralty 1620/5. (F.O.I.C. Tyne 1737/5)

Evacuation of B.E.F.

The evacuation of B.E.F. provided effective reply to German claim that British sea power has been countered by enemy air force. During this operation H.M. Ships made a total of 540 round trips Dunkirk and back.

German aircraft in great numbers and under most favourable conditions have attacked and scored hits on less than 5 per cent of these passages, and then only when ships were either stationary or in crowded or narrow waters where manoeuvring was rendered difficult. These figures do not include the result of air attacks on the large number of auxiliary craft employed and against which even less success was obtained. (D.N.I., 1758/5)

Small Percentage of lossEvacuation of B.E.F. Stragglers

To take place in small boats from coast between Gravelines and mouth of Somme. Arrangements made to get in touch with them. Operation to commence on night 5/6 June and continue nightly until cancelled.

Air reconnaissance to be provided if requested for 3 hours in early morning of 6/6, 7/6, 8/6. Forces taking part, WANDERER, H.M.M.Y. GULZAR, H.M.M.B. HALCYONE and 8 m.b.'s (capacity 30 men) each with a skiff (H.Q.C.C. 1850/5)

Coast of FranceCherbourg

Harbour is closed to shipping (p.m. Cherbourg 0132/5) (D.M.S., 0821/5) Enemy aircraft over port about 0020. mines reported. (B.N.L.O. Marceau from D.S.T.O., 1240/5) Report at 1730/5. No air raids. Port closed except to treated vessels, minesweeping in progress. (B.N.L.O. Marceau, 1940/5)

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Wednesday.HOME COMRADESCoast of France Contd.Evacuation

French soldiers stranded in ship aground in 51.5'N 2.10'E 2 M.T.B's to rescue. (C. in C., Nore 1755/5)

Bordeaux

In view of grave congestion of shipping and railway, received deputation of British shipping interests in Bordeaux urgently demanding at least 2000 extra dockyard labourers to handle situation. Request immediate action with French Govt. (Bordeaux, 1230/5)

Le Havre

Port Open, condition unchanged at 2135. (B.N.L.O., Marceau, 2220/5)

NarvikAerodromes

Admty. 0107/5. This will be done, observing Bardufoss and Skaanland being used till last moment. Fear it will not be possible to deny use for more than a few days. Norwegian Air Force occupying Bardufoss. A good aerodrome has been prepared at Lakebo on Porshagger Fiord entirely in Norwegian hands. Other landing grounds also available Evvenø, Bjervik. Will see what can be done about them. (F.O. Narvik, 1420/5)

Army Forces Embarked

Pass to Troopers, London, AZ 30/5, from N.W.E.F. Following embarked SOBIESKI, (Army details, including Polish Battalion of approx 1,000, H.Q., Foreign Legion 240. H.Q. Polish Brigade 400, total 1706) (F.O. Narvik, 1524/5)

Pass to Troopers, London AZ 31/5 from N.W.E.F. Following embarked MONARCH OF BERMUDA, Polish Battalion, approx. 750; 201st Battery, R.A., 221; 6th Bn., Chasseurs Alpine, 502; 63rd A/A., 523; R.A.F., 100; 165th A/A, 31; total 2127 (F.O., Narvik, 1526/5)

Pass to Troopers, London AZ 32/5 from N.W.E.F. Following embarked BATORY: French H.Q., (and details French Troops, also various British troops 8 R.A.F) total 2356 (F.O. Narvik 1528/5)

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Wednesday.HOME COMMANDSOperations-Narvik Contd.

Pass to Troopers. 271. Following sailed 5/6. DALLINGTON COURT. Contents R.A.F., R.E., R.A.A.F.I., etc., and vehicles and equipment; MARINA, guns and vehicles. (F.O. Narvik, 1814/5)

Iceland

Have isolated platoons at Seydisfjordur east coast and Akureyri on North Coast. Request Admty. assistance in emergency for these ports as not possible from Reykjavik (Alabaster 2215/5)

AIRBritish Air ActivityBeach Reconnaissances

Should now be extended northwards from Wick to Duncansby Hd. (Hofor, London, 1530/5)

Attack on Stavanger Aerodrome

12 Hudsons leave Wick 2200/5 to attack (C.in C., Rosyth 2156/5) Attack cancelled owing to bad visibility (C. in C. Rosyth 0012/6)

During the 24 hours ending 1800/5, no operations were carried out over Norway, owing to low cloud (Air Min. D.S. 323)

Markings

National identification marks under the port wing of British Fighter aircraft are to be surrounded by a yellow ring of suitable width. (Admty. 1248/5)



HOME COMMANDS

Mining

V.A. Dover's 2019/4 In view of presence of many magnetic mines I agree with V.A. Dover it is most desirable to use submarines for this purpose. (V.A. (S) 1049/5)

Successful minesweeping is reported from Spithead. (D.S.)

Cherbourg

Several magnetic mines have been discovered in the roadstead and approaches to Cherbourg. (D.S.) Port closed except to treated vessels. Minesweeping in progress. (B.N.L.O. Marceau 1940/5)

Parachute mines have been dropped off the Isle of Wight and the Norfolk Coast. (D.S.)

The magnetic mine recovered by the French from the Channel on June 4, and reported to be of a new variety, has proved after examination to be of standard type. (D.S.)

Gardening

→ Tonight (H.Q.C.C. 1210/5, 0950/5) intend to sail 0400/6 from Spurn Point and begin laying 1515/6 (TEVIOT BANK, 1055/5)

Operation B.S. 11.

GALLANT and WALPOLE to escort mine-layers. Aircraft will escort the force from 1415 tomorrow, Thursday, until about 1015.

→ TEVIOT BANK to report to A.O.C. 16 Group anticipated position at 1415 (C. in C., More 2200/5)

Destroyer Minelayers

In view of shortage of destroyers and the fact that we can obtain the use of Dutch and French minelayers, recommend 20th Flotilla should at once re-embark their guns and keep them for a month or two. They now mount only 2 guns and are of negligible fighting value with 2 guns on shore. (C. in C., More, 0952/5)

Submarines, Dover.

In view of the points raised in V.A. Dover's 2019/4 it has been decided that minelaying submarines will not be employed in the Straits of Dover (D.D.O.D. (M) 1856/5)

HOME COMMANDS

Enemy Intelligence

Large number of small fast craft

Reported near the Texel 0330 proceeding South. Being investigated (D.C. 0800/5)

2 Unknown Vessels

PRUNELLA (Q ship)

Sighted by R.F.A. PRUNELLA 1130/5 bearing 245° 11 miles approx., true course 265°, 20 knots. Her position 64.45'N 0.24'E (Adty. 1538/5 to C. in C., H.F.)

Take RENOWN REPULSE SUSSEX NEWCASTLE and five destroyers detailed as screen under your orders and proceed as soon as ships are ready. Your object is to intercept vessels reported in Admiralty's 1538/5 (C. in C., H.F. 1940/5 to B.C.I)

Sunderland (flying boat) leaving Sullom Voc 1700 but in prevailing visibility uncertain whether she will be able to carry out search. (C. in C., Rosyth 1636/5) Recalled before reaching position (Donibristle 2155/5)

Northern Patrol notified, and that 2 battle cruisers, cruisers and 5 destroyers were proceeding to intercept. (F.O.C.N.P. 2247/5)

PRUNELLA has been asked for an amplifying report (D.C., 1700/5)

A.M.C's Northern Patrol, to steer 245° until further news is received. (C. in C., H.F. 2159/5) At last's post (VANP 2234/5)

My 1538/5 PRUNELLA now reports that the 2 ships sighted at 1130/5 were very difficult to identify hull down, but were probably merchant ships about the same size each with two masts and one funnel. (Q.C., 0641/6)

C=C

E. Boats

Extract from SHELDRAKE'S report re experience with E Boats (C. in C., Nore, 1554/5)

Trawlers

4 trawlers type vessels vicinity of R. Buoy. Am investigating. (FYLDEA to N.O.I.C. Dover, 0320/5)

TIRPITZ
ADMIRAL SCHEER

Photographic air reconnaissance of Wilhelmshaven to-day showed TIRPITZ and ADMIRAL SCHEER there (I.C. 0473)

Destroyer damaged
8/5

TRITON's Patrol report. Skipper of Danish fishing vessel searched 22/5 in 57.17 N., 0510 E., saw TAKU's attack on convoy on 8/5 and reports 2 ships set on fire and 1 destroyer apparently damaged aft. (V.A.S. 1057/5)

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HOME COMMANDS

Shipping

Convoys, Dover Straits

Now that the enemy hold one side of Dover Straits, OA and homeward bound convoys for Thames Estuary are passing within sight of an enemy coast. Consideration must be given to the safety of these convoys, and as a first step it is requested that fighter protection may be provided while passing the Straits. (C. in C. Nore, 1800/5)

Fishing

Orders with regards to fishing vessels on East and South coasts to be brought into force forthwith. (D.T.D. 1916/5)

Ocean Convoys

Positions (D.C. 1839/5)

Signals

British recognition signals, codes, and cyphers are not to be given to any Allied ships with the exception of the French unless Admiralty permission is first obtained. (D.S.D. 1738/5)

GUNVOR MARSK

Danish. Nazi sympathies of Mate and Chief Steward. Suggest their internment. Probable remainder of crew are implicated. Request a relief crew may be provided. (F.O.C.O.S. 1600/5)

H X 43

8 hours late at R.V. with 41 ships. Strong winds and seas, no fog (D.T.D. 1633/5 to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa)

SALMON POOL

British, reported to have been taken by to Oslo by Germans and crews prisoners. C.I. (A.N.A. Stockholm 1629/5)

* BOLE
SALERNO

Losses in Convoy

Up to 1200/5 just over nine months, 23,000 ships had been convoyed by the Navy. Of these 32 were lost by enemy action while in convoy. Of these 23,000 ships 18,274 were British, 1563 were Allied and 3163 were Neutral and the proportion of losses works out at 1 in 653 British, 1 in 1563 Allied and 1 in 1054 Neutral.

Miscellaneous

Fishing Vessels

On East and South coasts, Following orders to be brought into force at once. (D.T.D. 1916/5)

* BOMA report doubtful. Destroyed
by U-boat, 5.8.1940

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Wednesday.WEATHER

	<u>Wind</u>	<u>Weather</u>	<u>Visibility</u>
North Sea	Generally Light and variable but N.E. moderate in south.	Extensive fog in S.W. with some haze or fog elsewhere in Western half.	Moderate or poor in Western half to good in Eastern half.
Horns Reef	N. Light to moderate	Fine	Good
Channel	N.E. to E Moderate Fresh locally	Haze or fog patches	Moderate to good except in fog.
Western Approaches	E. Moderate	Fine	Mainly Good
Norwegian Coast	Light and variable in south. W. Moderate or Fresh in North.	Fine in South cloudy with occasional rain in North	Moderate to good.



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CASUALTIES & DEFECTS.

- HALCYON Damage to A/S dome and oscillator, necessitating docking. (V.A. Dover, 1914/5).
- STELLA Dutch (2818 tons) reported that she was sunk by enemy A/C on her way from Antwerp to Rotterdam on or about 10/5. (C. in C., Nore, 1758/5, Lloyds).
- DEVONIA Pad. M/S (Bombed 31/5). Total loss. (D.N.I. 2008/5)
- Dutch Schooner Name at present unknown sunk in collision approx. 115° N. Goodwin L.V. 1 mile. (V.A. Dover, 1358/5).

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Wednesday.FOREIGN STATIONSNorth AtlanticFrench Positions Convoys and Patrols (D.C., 0049/5).Evacuation of
Nationals

My 1045/17/5. Foreign Office have requested that MOHAMED ALI EL KEBIR and AL RAWDAH remain at your disposal so as to be available for possible evacuation of British subjects in Spain, Portugal or Tangier. Vessels are accordingly available for your use as required. (D. of S.T., to F.O.C.N.A., C. in C., Med., 0238/5).

PATROCLUS

Patrol area (F.O.C.N.A. 1028/5).

Degaussed Ships,
Wiring

Adty. 1214/4, re severing of degaussing wire at Spanish Ports, not confirmed. All British Masters are interviewed by this centre. (S.O.I., Gib., 1120/5).

Italian Ships
to be brought in

My 2316/23/5 and 1853/5 are not to apply to following Italian ships which are to be brought in for Contraband Control and detained pending instructions from M.E.W. Cargoes are to be reported and no holdback undertakings to be accepted.

PAGAO	ATLAS	TODARO
SANGRO	BARBARIGO	BURMA
FORTUNATA	LAVORO	IDA
GIANNA M.	FULGOR	BURANO
CONTE DI MISURATA	ARCOLA	CELLINA
	OLTERRA	

This does not apply to any of these ships which may already have passed. (D.E.W.D., 1724/5).

British Ships
to proceed.

Orders for certain British ships to proceed to their various destinations in Mediterranean. (D.T.D. 1930/5).

South AtlanticConvoy U.S.3

Route. Asking for decision re escort from Freetown to U.K. (C. in C., S.A. 1211/4). Reply. Division of convoy must be avoided on account of destroyer situation in Home Waters. (A.C.N.S.(F) 1924/5).

Possible Raider

British SILVER WILLOW arrived Cape Town today reports tanker about 15000 tons similar to
ALTIARK.....



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FOREIGN STATIONS

South Atlantic

Possible Raider
(Contd.)

ALTMARK 0830/20/5 position 07:07 N., 48:25 W., considerable speed and movements most suspicious. Details. (S.O.(I.) Capetown, 1513/5).

South African
Aircraft

JU.86 aircraft have been withdrawn from coastal reconn., and only aircraft now available for this service are 16 Ansons (to be increased to 24) without wireless, bomb racks, or armament. (Defence H.Q. Pretoria to High Commissioner, London, recd. from Air Min. 1529/5).

Defence of Congo

BRIDGEWATER, now in Congo, should confer with Belgian authorities on defence of Congo. Demonstration of allied solidarity by parade of French, Belgian and British units fixed for June 9. Adty. consider it politically desirable that personnel of BRIDGEWATER should take part. (Hd. of M., to C. in C., SA. 1816/5).

Madagascar
Broadcasts.

Your 1513/20. French Adty. have arranged for Madagascar broadcasts to be made in confidential meteorological code. (Hd. of M., to N.O.I.C. Simonstown, 1913/5).

Mediterranean

UMBRIA

With cargo of bombs etc. presumably for Massawa arrives Suez southbound pm/5. She has already been subjected to 24 hours' delay in Canal (C. in C., Med. 0343/5). Not to be held at Suez but if possible to be unobstrusively shadowed pending further instructions (A.C.N.S.(F) 1356/5) Adty. 1356/5. Intend LEANDER to get in touch dawn 7/6. Am asking R.A.F. to help if difficulty in locating her (C.S.4 1722/5). *See page 78*

Italian
preparations

Naples reports transports LOMBARDIA, SATURNIA, SARDEGNA GIULIO CESARE, AUGUSTUS preparing to leave 4/6 or 5/6 with Infantry, Artillery, engineers and Tenth Automobile Corps.

Also during past fortnight ARICLER, DUILIO, LYNNLIA, PIEMONTE, SAURO, NEPTUNA, LIGURIA have been transporting troops and munitions to Tripoli and Libya. On 1/6 S.S. ROMA with troops embarked and sailed for Cagliari returning to Naples 3/6. All ships of Lauro Line reported to have been recalled. Small local passenger steamers in bay of Naples have been armed. These vessels also tugs and other small craft have recently been requisitioned. CITTA DI TRIESTE is loading munitions. (S.O.(I) Alexandria, 1941/5).

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Wednesday.FOREIGN STATIONSMediterranean (Contd.)Italian Preparations
(Contd.)

The Italian commercial service Ala Littoria has suspended its services to Malta Athens and Rhodes. The steamship service between Malta and Syracuse is also interrupted. (British Airways, Rome).

Movements of merchant ships etc. (C.S. St. Angelo 1729/5).

MIRAGLIA left Tripoli 4/6 destination not known. Estimated that 80% of reservists of Air Force will have been re-called by 10/6. There has been steady flow of troops and Air Force personnel to Libya in past weeks. CONTE DI SAVOIA left Genoa 4/6. No change in general situation. (N.A. Rome 1844/5).

UMBRIA

Passage through Canal being delayed 24 hours; ship cannot be held up longer, particularly as this will provoke incident with Italy which I understand Govt. wish to avoid. (C. in C., Med. 0301/5).

Movements

H.M. Ships on passage. (D.C. 0801/5).

REX

Adverted departure from Genoa on 12th June cancelled. (S.O.I., Malta, 1911/5).

Italian Ships to be brought in.

Cancel 1720/3 and 2013/4 not to all addressees. My 2316/23 and 1853/25 are not to apply to following Italian ships which are to be brought in for Contraband Control and detained pending instructions from M.E.W. Cargoes are to be reported and no holdback undertakings to be accepted.

GLOVE	PROMETEO	INDIA
ESQUILINO	MONTE PIANA	SAVOIA
CARIGNANO	PENSILVANIA	

(D.E.W.D. 1723/5).

Algerian and Tunisian ports precautions

Add para. 4. Movements of ships in all ports of Algeria and Tunisia and their approaches are forbidden at night except French and Allied ships whose arrival or sailing has been previously notified to Authorities. Such ships arriving must also have identified themselves before dark and then received authority to enter. (Malta, 1201/5).



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FOREIGN STATIONS

East Indies

SAVOIA

Italian ship, treated as special case. Instructions in my 0049/4 not to be regarded as changing general policy. (D.O.D.(F), to C. in C., E.I., 1217/5).

Red Sea Force,
Aden Force.

Flag of F.O.C. 4th C.S. (S.O., Red Sea Force) has been transferred to LEANDER. Composition of Red Sea Force is at present:-

LEANDER, HOBART, CARLISLE.
28th Division Destroyers.
AUCKLAND, FLAMINGO, SHOREHAM, CORNWALLIS, GRIMSEY.

Following based on Aden will be addressed as Aden Force:-

HUNTLEY, DERBY, AMBER, MOONSTONE, CHANTALA,
CHAKDINA and SAGITTA.
(C. in C., E.I. 0421Z/5).

Dispositions

COLOMBO proceeding to E. Africa area due Mombasa 11/6. CERES remaining in Ceylon area. ANTENOR will probably leave Aden area for Bombay about 12/6 in readiness for first Mediterranean supply convoy. CATHAY and probably French CARAIBE available to escort Indian Convoy. (C. in C., E.I. 1315Z/5).

Convoy C.M.

Route (C. in C., E.I. 1245Z/5).

MIRAGLIA

Left last night (Consul Tripoli 2015/5).

America & West Indies

EMPRESS OF
AUSTRALIA

Should not carry ~~BERNIE~~ cargo for U.K. but what about Iceland? (D. of S.T. 1520/5 to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa).

Convoy Escorts

Your 1847/4. It is hoped to put into operation scheme outlined in my 1303/28 when additional A.M.Cs mentioned in your 2029/3 join. In this case Halifax would be best possible base for stores and supplies for all escort forces. (C. in C., A.W.I. 1232/5).

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Wednesday.FOREIGN STATIONSChina

Dutch Submarines Your 0445/4. As Dutch Govt. in London have presumably informed Netherlands East Indies Authorities of Procedure laid down in Adty. 2350/1, arrangement should be made to bring this into force as soon as possible. As British Liaison Officers are not on board Netherlands East Indies Submarines the latter should not be issued with British Key Memorandum and special arrangements will therefore be necessary for such submarines to enter a British port. (C. in C., China to F.O. Singapore, 0425Z/5)

Australia

(N.T. & W.D)

AUSTRALIA

Your 0847/3. Proposals of the Commonwealth Govt. are much appreciated and ~~are much appreciated~~ and are most gratefully accepted by the Adty. The proposed future movements of AUSTRALIA will be communicated shortly. (D.O.D.(F) 0056/5 to A.C.N.B.).

U.S.3

Adty. appreciation for onward passage from Freetown. (A.C.N.S.(F) 1928/5).

Italian Merchant
Ships

Instructions, as revealed by signals from Coltano (D.N.I. Melbourne 1205Z/5).

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WednesdayU-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MININGShips Attacked

STANCOR Sunk (see 7/6)
 CAPABLE British coaster, 216 tons, mined 131° Horsesand
 sunk 2.8 miles off Spithead and sank with all hands.
 (C. in C., Portsmouth, 1135/5).

SWEEP II sunk Ipswich Corporation, Sludge-barge, mined in
 Thames Approaches and sank. (C. in C. Nore
 1758/5).

STANCOR sunk Br. Sunk by U-b by gun fire 59°28'N 6°38'W 2215
Submarines Reported. (IC 0475/40)

0343 By A/C 612 Sqdn. 58:28 N., 02:04 W., 3 miles
 E. from Wick in Caithness. Doubtful (A/C,
 0343/5, 0348/5) (C. in C. Rosyth, 0720/5).

0518 By A/C 224 Sqdn., 56:35 N., 04:30 E., 97 miles
 W. from Horns Reef. A/C 0518/5 (R.A.S., 0616/5).

1928 D.F. unidentified enemy unit, 56:50 N., 5:00 E.,
 unreliable fix. (D.D.I.C., 2020/5).

1301 56:20 N., 4:50 E. Indefinite position A.I.
 (I.C. 0473/40).

1945/4 Submarine reported in 43:35 N., 9:23 W. at
 1945/4 (Toulon Radio, 1815/5, D.D.I.C. 2009/5).

2325/4 By D.F., unreliable fix, 57:45 N., 5:20 E.
 (D.N.I. 0013/5).

Estimated
Dispositions

Possibly one still in Western Approaches.
 One off N.W. Ireland homeward bound.
 One W. of Hebrides homeward bound.
 One in Northern North Sea homeward bound.
 One in Moray Firth area.
 One in 56:35 N. 4:20 E. at 0518 /5 probably
 outward bound. (D.D.I.C. 1234/5).

Submarines Attacked

1700 By A/S vessel WHITE BEAR 53:42½ N., 0:51 E.,
 off Spurn Pt. (S.3 2301/6).

2224 By A/C 54:10 N., 2:10 E. sighted on surface
 against afterglow of N.W. sky 8-10 m. distant.
 Observed as coastal type U.1-U.24 class. Shallow
 dive.....



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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MINING

Submarines attacked (Contd.)

2224

dive attack made and salvo of 3 bombs released as U-boat submerged. Bombs fell alongside the conning tower. Large streak of oil left on surface, but in failing light nothing else sighted. (Donibristle, 0030/6) (C. in C., Rosyth, 0020/6).

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Thursday.SITUATION REPORTEnemy Air Activity

The aerodromes at Thornaby, North'Coates, Hemswell and Birchan Newton were bombed during the night 5/6 and incendiary bombs were dropped at North Fleet in the Thames Estuary, but no serious damage was done, though 2 Hudsons were damaged at Thornaby.

Other enemy a/cs were constantly reported off the coast during the night and it is strongly suspected that further minelaying was carried out to the S.E. of Flamboro Head, off the Humber, Dungeness and Beachy Head, in the approaches to Spithead, off the Isle of Wight, and perhaps in the Portland-Weymouth area.

SWORDFISH

One of our a/cs unsuccessfully attacked SWORDFISH in the North Sea at 2230/6.

NELSON

Left Portsmouth 1700/6 for the Clyde.

Mining

Two parachute mines were dropped off the Needles after midnight 5/6, and one on to the mud off Grimsby at about 0100/6.

The Eastern channel at Portsmouth was opened at 1620; but the port is now closed nightly from dark till 7 a.m. The Western entrance of Dover Harbour is closed and Portland is open to D.G. ships only. 2 magnetic mines were exploded by sweepers ahead of NELSON which left Greenock at 1700; and 2 mines have been exploded at Cherbourg.

At 1100 the British D.G. ship HARCALO, 5081 tons, was mined in the searched channel near the North Goodwin Buoy and beached. The area was searched without result and traffic released about 2000.

CARINTHIA torpedoed

(sink)
7/6

A.M.C. CARINTHIA was torpedoed at 1412 off N.W. Ireland. She is one of the patrol of A.M.Cs which was only started at the beginning of this month *in the Western Approaches.*

Italian Shipping

All Italian shipping is to be submitted to the most rigorous contraband control, except shipping employed in trade between Italy and her colonies.

There are 16 Italian ships in U.K. ports and none expected.



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Thursday.

SITUATION REPORT

Italian
Preparations

Italy has announced that from today the waters within 12 miles of the coasts of Italy Albania and Italian colonies and possessions are dangerous to navigation.

Preparations for war continue.

Norway

See Operations Volume.

Switzerland

As result of Swiss resistance to German pressure in Swiss-German trade negotiations, Germans reported to have implied that force would be used if their requests refused.

Roumania

H.M. Minister, Bucharest, has been authorised to warn Roumanian Govt. of dangerous futility of servile policy towards Germany which they have apparently adopted.

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HOME COMMANDS

Defence of U.K.

Devonport Dockyard Consider it essential volunteer units be enrolled under naval law and not military law to avoid duplication of responsibility and confusion. (A.S. Devonport, 1639/6).

Southampton Port scheme. (F.O.I.C. Southampton 1839/5 to Adty.)

Folkestone (V.A. Dover 2125/6 to Adty.) and local defence (V.A. Dover 1904/6).

Hull)
Immingham) Do. (F.O. Humber 2111/6 to Adty.).
Grimsby)

Tyne Do. (F.O. Tyne 2101/6 to Adty.).

Aberdeen Ref. Adty. 1847/3. To be added to list of ports quoted ~~in the list~~ be sent there. (Adty. 1325/6 to N.O.I.C. Aberdeen).

Cromarty Firth Port scheme. (R.A. Invergordon 1910/6 to Adty.).

Lough Foyle)
Londonderry) Re defence (N.O.I.C. Belfast 1157/6 to Adty.).
Larne)
Belfast Harbour)

Newhaven Port scheme. (N.O.I.C., Newhaven, 1715/6).

Methil Port scheme. (N.C.S.O. Methil, 1652/6).
Burntisland

Poole Do. (R.N.O. Poole 1745/6).

Orwell Do. (F.O.I.C. Harwich, 1845/6).

King's Lynn Do. (King's Lynn 1703/6).

Leith, Do. (N.O.I.C. Leith, 2220/6).
Granton

Sunderland, Do. (N.O.I.C., Sunderland, 2301/6).
Seaham

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Thursday.HOME COMMANDSDefence of U.K.Sheerness Port Scheme (Cdr. I.C. Sheerness 1630/6).Middlesborough Do. (N.O.I.C. Middlesborough, 1800/6).Blyth Do. (N.O.I.C. Blyth, 1804/6).MovementsNorthern Patrol My 2234/5. Proceed at normal speed. V.A.N.P. 1037 to LETITIA, CIRCASSIA, WOLFE, LAURENTIC, SCOTSTOUN.

Orders to CALIFORNIA (V.A.N.P., 1133/6).

Further orders to ships on patrol (V.A.N.P., 1114/6).

NELSON Left Portsmouth escorted by AMAZON, WARWICK, and WITCH (C. in C., Portsmouth 1513/6 to Adty.) Sailed Portsmouth 1700/6 for Clyde. (D.C. 0754/7 to B.N.L.O. Marceau).VALIANT My personal message 1940/5. VALIANT is sailing 2100/6 for this duty. Amend time of origin of message quoted to read 1942 for future reference. (C. in C., H.F., to F.O.C., B.C.S., 1804/6).

Left Scapa screened by TARTAR, MASHONA, BEDOUIN and ASHANTI. (F.O.C.O.S. 1858/6).

Submarines Positions 0006/7 (D.C. 2200/6, 0610/7).OperationsEvacuation of B.E.F.Small Craft Adrift. Derelict boats and floats sighted by aircraft (Chatham, 0653/6). 2 Blenheims to make final reconnaissance of area North Goodwin - West Hinder - West Deep - Zuydcoote Pass - Calais Roads - South Goodwin for small craft at daylight 7/6. In particular information required of 4 naval motor landing craft M.L.C. 12, 17, 21, 22. (Chatham A.C.H.Q. 2300/6).



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6.6.40.
Thursday.

HOME COMMANDS

Operations

Iceland

In view great difficulty identifying suspicious a/c and vessels except near Reykjavik N.O.I.C. Iceland should be informed of any H.M. ships or a/c sighted by Coast Watchers in Iceland. (N.O.I.C., Iceland 1329/6). (D.O.D.H. to C. in C. Rosyth ? time).

EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA

Military authorities wish her to remain at least 24 hours at Reykjavik to bring back reconnaissance party. (N.S.H.C. Ottawa, 1231/6).

Operation Quidnunc.
(Cutting of cables to Scandinavia)

Peterhead - Egersund cable

Cutting and sealing completed by MONARCH 1700/5 (C. in C., Rosyth, 1127/6).

Adty. 1620/5. Sondervig No. 2 cut. Adty. ~~1804/23~~ 1804/23/5 Trawler operations completed. (F.O.I.C., Tyne 1626/6).

Air.

British Air Activity

SWORDFISH attacked

One of our own aircraft attacked SWORDFISH in North Sea 2230/6. Attack was unsuccessful (D.C.N.S. 277).

Search for 2 enemy ships

3 Sunderlands left Sullom Voe 0400 for the Northern Patrol area, to assist in the search for 2 unidentified ships sighted 5/6. (D.C.N.S. 276).

Night Recognition Signals

In view of enemy use of navigation lights by night over land, burning of navigation lights can no longer be regarded as a means of recognition. Suggested action, and comments requested. (Air Min. (O.A.), 1531/6).

Enemy Air Activity

Raids on U.K.

Between 2100/5 and 0300/6 there was intense enemy activity between the Orkneys and Isle of Wight. Hostile aircraft approached Scapa and Wick with little success; weather was possibly too bad.

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Thursday.HOME COMMANDSAirEnemy Air Activity(Contd.)Raids on U.K.
(Contd.)

Hostile aircraft crossed the coast in the area ~~Thornaby, Whitby~~, and apparently flew round until they saw aerodromes lit up, when they proceeded to drop incendiary and high explosive bombs. ~~Whitby, Thornaby, Bixham, Newton, Henshall, North Coates, and Grimby~~ were bombed. So far as can be ascertained up to the present, comparatively little damage was done. (Air Min. D.S. 322).

Portland Raid

Air raid over Portland and Weymouth Bay 0035 to 0105 probably 2 possibly 3 planes, flying high. One loud explosion and flash off Portland Bill reported in air and falling debris seen.

As no mines observed to fall by small craft or observers, do not consider it necessary to close port, except for ships not degaussed pending skids having swept channel. (F.O.I.C. Portland 0302/6).

MiningExits for forces from Sheerness and Dover

Your 2019/4. Important that forces from Sheerness and also from Dover should be able when necessary to move east passing south of our mine barrier. I do not see how this can be achieved if Q.Z.60 is blocked with mines unless a new channel is swept or searched near 51:35 N. (C. in C., Nore, 1240/6 to V.A. Dover).

POLLUX to lay mines, departure from N. Goodwin L.V. 2200/6 (V.A. Dover 0955/6).

Cherbourg

Mines believed dropped during night 4/6. Two mines exploded during night 5/6. One Dredger mined in harbour. (Cherbourg 1320/6 to War Office). Port closed except to treated ships. (B.N.L.O. Marceau 1755/6 to Adty.).

Portsmouth

Portsmouth mined, port closed (D.C. 0751/6). Eastern channel was opened at 1620/6. The port is now closed nightly from dark until 0700 (D.C.N.S. 277).

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Thursday.HOME COMMANDSMining (Contd.)

NELSON Sailed at 1700/6 for Greenock. 2 magnetic mines were exploded by sweepers ahead of her. (D.C.N.S. 277).

Dover Western entrance is closed. (do.)

Portland Open to D.G. ships only pm/6 (I.C. 0474/40).

E. Coast Barrier TEVIOT BANK laid further mines pm/6 (do.)

Mines off Texel There is a suspicion of moored mines in 53:44 N., 4:08 E. (approx. 40 miles N.W. of Texel) (I.C. 0473/40).

Enemy IntelligenceADMIRAL
TIRPITZ, SCHEER

ADMIRAL
In Bauhafen SCHEER in dock, otherwise harbour practically deserted. BRUMMER and PEDESKRAM where previously reported. One T/B in Torpedo Boat Harbour otherwise only three medium Merchant ships and a few patrol craft. In Emden harbour some barge activity and possibly one T/B Delfz is partially blocked by floating barges. (a/c 0110/6) TIRPITZ afloat in dry dock in which she has been repairing. Apparent activity by E. boats in Schilling Roads and off Frisian Is. (I.C. 0474/40).

E.A. sighted

With navigation lights on at 2209, 52:58 N. 4:34 E. heading N.E. (across Texel) (Chatham A.C.H.Q. 0001/7).

21 E. boats

Identity of these vessels uncertain, observed by a/c 1300/6, 53:30 N. 5:45 E. (2 miles N. Ameland) moving in general easterly direction and leaving large wake. Several others noticed in Schillig Roads (I.C. 0474/40 and Air Min. D.S. 323).

M. Vs

1904 one 1500 tons 53:57 N. 4:4 E. Co. N. 7 knots. 1912 one 5000 tons 53:38 N. 3:4 E. stationary. 1912 two 5000 tons same position course 070° 10 knots. A/c reports. (I.C. 0474/40)

30 unknown vessels

Observed 2232/6 by a/c 52:3 N. 3:53 E. (off Hook) course 45° not located by subsequent air reconnaissance. (I.C. 0474/40).

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Thursday.HOME COMMANDSShippingFishing Vessels

Limits for, amendment (O.M.S. 1209/6)

Italian Shipping to be examined

Except for shipping employed in trade directly between the Italian Colonies and Italy all Italian ships are to be submitted to the most rigorous control both for imports and exports. All concessions previously allowed them with the exception mentioned above have been withdrawn. (Admty. 1739/6)

Convoys in Dover Straits

C. in C. Nore's 1800/5. The forms of attack are considered to be:-

- (a) Intensified Submarine attack particularly west of Dungeness clear of Dover Strait Minefields and patrols.
- (b) Attack Thames Estuary to Beachy Head including the Downs.
- (c) Aircraft bombing in same area as (b)
- (d) Shelling from the French coast between Dover and Dungeness.

1. The best protection will be provided as follows:-

- (a) and (c) by sailing all ships in convoy.
- (b) By making passages in daylight.
- (c) By making passages in darkness except on moonlight nights.

3. Shelling as at (d) is not considered likely to be a serious menace.

4. It is generally considered that all ships should sail in convoy, that the holding of ships in the Downs to form Convoy etc., should be avoided, and that the best time for the passage of convoys through the strait should be thoroughly examined, but is likely to be daylight.

(V.A. Dover, 1112/6)

War Office Sailings to France

Programme (D.O.D.(4) 1853/6, 0037/8)

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Thursday.HOME COMMANDSShippingWar Office
Sailings to
France

Programme (D.O.D.(H) 1853/6, 0037/8).

Havre, Rouen

No ships to be sailed to Havre or Rouen until further orders (Adty. 2243/6). All ships at Havre and Rouen which are ready should be sailed forthwith (D.T.D. 2254/6). Cancel my 2243/6 (D.T.D. 1049/7). *(See also page 130)*

MiscellaneousBombardment

Following instructions to be substituted for those previously governing bombardment policy contained in Adty. 2240/22/8/39, which are hereby cancelled. (Adty. 1233/6).

Swedish
destroyers

Report of 4 Swedish destroyers said to have been bought from Italy in Queenstown (N.O.I.C. Swansea, 1911/6).

Weather

	<u>Wind</u>	<u>Visibility</u>	<u>Outlook</u>
North Sea	Variable light E. moderate in Thames.	Moderate or poor in N. Mainly good in S. fog or mist patches.	Visibility good during day except in extreme N.
Channel and Western App.	E. light or moderate.	Good in West. moderate in East.	Wind freshen- ing from E.
Horns Reef	N. light.	Good.	Little change.
Dutch coast	E.N.E. light or moderate.	Good.	Little change.
Norwegian Coast	Northerly in S. Westerly in N.	Moderate.	Visibility improving except in S.W.

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Thursday.FOREIGN STATIONSNorth AtlanticFrench Positions

Convoys and patrols (D.C., 0144/6)

Convoys and Patrols at 1200/7 (D.C., 2339/6)

Patrols off Canary's

My 1028/5. French sloop D'IBERVILLE Withdrawn from Canary Islands area. French sloop D'ENTRECASTEAUX patrolling to south of Teneriffe. Amend your patrol area as follows and keep out of sight of land. (F.O.C.N.A., 1036/6 to PATROCLUS)

British Positions

Warships and Convoys (D.C. to B.N.L.O. Marceau, 1919/6)

South AtlanticU.S. 3.

Date of sailing, route (C. in C., S.A. 1107/6)

Italian Shipping

Italian ships on S. American coast are being ordered to return to S. American ports, and sailings from those ports are held up; but Italian ships at Monte Video continue to load. Two Tankers were ordered today to take refuge in Mexico; ERNANI has been told to cease making her daily position and, as well as two other ships, to make for Las Palmas at full speed.

CONTE GRANDE

Advts. announcing sailing for Europe 18/6 have been discontinued. (B.C. Permanbuco 1005/6)

MediterraneanItalian Waters
lined

Italian Naval Authorities give notice that from today the waters within twelve miles of the coasts of Italy Albania and Italian colonies and possessions are dangerous to navigation and must not be entered without a pilot. (N.A. Rome, 1039/6)

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Thursday.FOREIGN STATIONSMediterranean, Contd.MIRAGLIA

British ss OPORTO reports having sighted her at 1200 G.M.T./4 45 miles S.W. from Marittimo steering toward Pantellaria and that she now has two masts. (S.O (1) Gib. 1208/6)

Italian Preparations

Addition to list of transports given in 2300/1. Rumoured (D 3) that mines laid off Trapani communication between Italy and Greece and between Italy and Malta has been stopped (N.A. Rome 1853/6)

Oil Fuel

Supply for Meditn. Fleet (4th S.L. 1627/6)

Security of Suez Canal

Your 59 of 5/6. I am ^{not} of opinion that organisation in Canal Area requires overhaul. In this case it appears to have worked particularly effectively.

As soon as Govt. permits us to hold up ships there is fully efficient organisation to do so.

Information concerning dangerous cargoes is unlikely to be received before ship is examined on arrival. There may be no time for consultation and S.B.N.O. Canal Area will act immediately, informing me and you of action taken. (C. in C. Med. 2111/6 to Ambassador, Cairo)

C. in C. Med. 2317/6

See Mediterranean Volume.

Italian Preparations Contd.

Position of merchant ships in meteorological code normally transmitted by Coltano 6 times daily has been omitted from all transmissions today, 6/6. Cypher traffic high with greater proportion of "priority" indications

Merchant ships- messages mostly ordinary in nature increase in number of urgent cypher.

Ships of Lauro Line ordered to refuel unusual ports. Scheduled sailing of Italian 457 from Genoa on June 12 cancelled. Considerable trooping activity. Air service between Malta and Italy cancelled from June 5. (Capt. O.S., ST. ANGELO, 1652/6)

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Thursday.FOREIGN STATIONSMediterranean Contd.Italian Ships
Contraband Control

Government has decided that with exception of ships plying solely between Italy and her colonies all Italian ships whether inward or outward bound from Italy, are to be brought in for full contraband and export control, including mails and passengers. Ships are to be detained pending instructions from M.E.W. Cargoes are to be reported to M.E.W. and no holdback undertakings are to be accepted or referred to M.E.W. or Rome. Ships' Navicerts are revoked. In the event of Italy attempting to prevent the exercise of belligerent rights by escorting or convoying their merchant ships you are to act in accordance with the Naval Prize Manual. (1st S.L., 1739/6, to C. ~~in~~ C.S.O.', AdEn, Port Said, etc., and C. in C.'s Mediterranean, East Indies, etc.,)

Oil Reserve

Stocks at Haifa (4th S.L. 1627/6)

East IndiesCotton at Port Sudan

S.O. Red Sea Force reports that there are 20,000 tons of cotton value 1½ million pounds warehoused Port Sudan and listed for shipment. Suggest arrangements be made to lift this to a safer place as soon as possible. (C. in C. 1901Z/6)

Interception of
Italian Ships

Re Adnty. 1723/5. Ships named which do not call at Aden and have not passed Perim are to be intercepted and boarded if possible and taken to Aden under escort or armed guard. Ships named which are met with N. of Perim are to be taken to Aden or Suez whichever is nearer GIOVE, PROMETHEO, INDIA are probably at Massawa re arming. (C. in C., 1729Z/6 to H.O.I.C. Aden)

Adnty. 1723/5. Request confirmation that eight ships named are to be diverted using armed guard if necessary. (F.O.I.C. Aden, 1357/6)

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Thursday.FOREIGN STATIONSEast Indies Contd.Italian DestroyersMovements reported on June 2 and 3.
C.S. 4. reported Centre Peak light not
burning June 3. (C. in C., E.I. 0522Z/6)PROTECTORIs to wear Red Ensign. (C. in C., E.L.,
to M.O.I.C., Aden, 0956Z/6)Italian Warships at
KismayuN.O.I./C Kilindini reports 4 warships
(no S/M's) reported arrived at Kismayu.
Instructed to obtain further details
(C. in C. E.I. 0559Z/6)America & West IndiesANTEO(Italian Tanker) instructed by owners
to remain Caripito. Now anchored
off Juiria (S.O (1) Kingston 1817/6)COMORINEndurance unsuitable for convoy escort
duties. (C.in.C. A.W.I. 1751/6)CONTE BIANCALINOItalian, 25,000 tons, ordered to remain
port Balboa U.S. jurisdiction, until
further indication. (Reuter, Panama,
1745/6)ChinaCommunicationsGovernor General N.E.I. has authorised
R.A. Batavia to establish complete
communication service between Allies in
Far East. (R.A. Malaya 0515Z/6)AustraliaAUSTRALIANot degaussed. Request work be taken in
hand as convenient. (A.C.N.B., 0259Z/6
to Admty)New ZealandHECTORN.Z.N.B. agrees to withdrawal but would
like to keep her until 24/6 (N.Z.N.B.
0111Z/6)

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Thursday.GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPSRHAKOTIS

(Arrived Antofagasta 27/5 (is taking on 700 tons of oil (I.C. 0473/40) HAPAG applied to Union Oil Co, Valparaiso for delivery of 700 tons diesel oil to RHAKOTIS at Antofagasta. Request steps to prevent (C.in C., A.W.I. 1132/6) to Adnty.)

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Thursday.U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MININGShips AttackedCARINTHIA

Torpedoed in 55.13'N 10.40' W (CARINTHIA 1412/6) WREN, VOLUNTEER, CLEANER and tug MARAUDER proceeding to assist (C. in C. Rosyth 1629/6, F.O.I.C. Greenock 1631/6, C. in C. H.E. 1642/6) S/M in vicinity, position 55.13'N 10.39'W (CARINTHIA 1521/6) Contacted by aircraft in 55.13' N W at 1817 Lying stopped. At 1815 contacted French S/M depot ship and 8 submarines bound for Brest. (Donibristle 2310/6) Still afloat at L450/7 with WREN and VOLUNTEER in company (D.C. 0754/7) Tug MARAUDER had her in tow by 1200 (D.C.N.S 278). State of ship. Asking for Admt'y advice re flooding and beaching. 3200 of ship's company have been transferred to escort vessel (From CARINTHIA 1525/7 C. in C. Rosyth 1914/7) CARINTHIA sank 2142 (CLEANER 2143/7) 2 officers and 2 ratings were killed by the explosion when the ship was torpedoed. (D.C.N.S. 328)

SNABB Sunk 3/6

Finnish (2317 tons) ~~Danish~~ from Greenock was torpedoed off Finisterre. Crew, less one K, picked up by Greek KYRIAKOULA and landed at Queenstown 6/6. Some of crew were wounded by shrapnel (D.C.N.S. 277) Press report states that submarine opened fire without warning.

SEVERN

Attacked by U-Boat 0207/6

SKANDIA Sunk (5/6)

Danish 183 tons. Sunk by mine off Gothenburg? or Ving? (Lloyds)

SHEAF HEAD Sunk 27/5

Was torpedoed without warning and sunk 1250/27/5 in 43.48'N 12.32'W (I.C. 0474/440)

ST CAMILLE Sunk 26/5

French (3274 tons) was mined and sunk off Dunkirk 26/5 (D.S. 276)

~~S/R~~ LAPWING

(Portsmouth mine)

Mined and sunk 6/6 in North Sea about 60 miles E of Flamborough Hd. (D.S. 276)

FRANCES MASSEY

British (4212 tons) Sunk by torpedo 2400/6 55.30'N 8.30'W (off N.W. Ireland) All crew lost except master- Cargo 7200 tons of iron ore.

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Thursday.U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MININGShips Attacked Contd.MARCALO

British (D.G.) (5081) Mined 1107 G.M.T. in the seached channel North Goodwin Buoy (N. Foreland Radio 1105/6) British 5081 tons, Gibraltar to London not in Convoy when mined but had been flag ships of H.G. 32. Was beached off Ramsgate 1525/6 3 of crew missing, 31 survivors (2 in Hospital) Magnetic mined. Still afloat in tow of tugs endeavouring to beach. Commodore and Staff landed at Ramsgate. Master and reduced crew still on board. (N.O.I.C. Ramsgate, 1445/6) Feared that salvage is impossible.

Submarines Reported

- 0201 1 S/M. in position 63:6' N. 4:40' E. (SEVERN 0201/6)
- 2345 Off Caldy I. Doubtful report. (C. in C. W.A. 0731/7).
- 2215 U-Boat report, graded C.4, in position 020 degrees Kenbay Head, 1½ miles. (F.O.I.C. Belfast). D.4. (I.C.0474/40).
- 2245 Coastguard Peel, Isle of Man, report U-Boat surfacing 000 deg. Peel, 2 miles, course 310 deg. CUTTY SARK ordered to hunt. (F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 2335/6).
- 1714 Enemy S/M. in vicinity of 56:48' N. 01:50' E. Have lost contact. TETRARCH 1714/6). Informing submarines on patrol. (R.A.S. 2229/6). Possibly Allied (I.C. 0474/40).
- 1315 Shore report, U-Boat 51:32' N. 10:16' W. (1 mile off Dowsey Head, course W. on surface. C.2. (I.C. 0474/40).

Estimated Dispositions.

Possibly one still in Western Approaches. One West of Hebrides homeward bound. One North of Scotland homeward bound. One in Northern part of North Sea homeward bound, probably from Norwegian Coast. Possibly one in Moray Firth. One in 63:6' N. 4:40' E. at 0201/6. Possibly one in Eastern end of English Channel. (D.D.I.C. 1238/6).

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MINING (Contd.)

Submarines Attacked

0715

By KINGSTON OLIVINE S 50 E 3 miles
Dungeness (V.A.Dover 0950/6)

1919/4

Anson aircraft of 217 Sqdn. attacked
U-Boat in position 49.24'N., 05.29'W at
1919/4. Sighted on surface and attacked
with two 100-lb bombs, one of which was
seen to burst on impact near conning
tower and second near miss on port
beam. Consider U-Boat seriously
damaged and possibly destroyed. (C. in
C., W.A., 1947/6)

1145

SS HIGHWOOD fired one shot at sub-
marine 255° 2 miles from 50.9'N 5.47'W
(north of Land's End) and bombers also
attacked (N.O.I.C. Newport 1142/7)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MINING.

Ships Attacked.

~~HARACALO~~. HARACALO 1200/6 51°19' N. 1°32' E.
Violent explosion caused by mine. Severe
damage. Crew took to boats. Tugs
towed ship. (Interview with Master,
Shipping Casualties Section, Trade Division).

FRANCES MASSEY Torpedoed without warning 55°25' N.,
8°33' W. at about 2400/6. Interview with
Master, Capt. W. Whitehead, who was picked
up by a destroyer about noon 7/6.
(Trade Division, Casualties).

S/ms. Reported.

1145

By S.S. HIGHWOOD, steaming up Bristol Channel
from Rouen towards Newport, sighted periscope
about 12 miles off, ship's position 50°09' N.,
5°47' W. Fired a shell from 12-pdr. gun at the
periscope which fell short. Two planes took
up the attack and dropped several bombs, and
ship proceeded on course.
(Report of Capt. I. Stephenson, Master).

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Friday.SITUATION REPORTInvasion

It is reported on very reliable authority that large scale maps of British coastal towns are being collected by the German Air Force, though these maps would appear to be of too large a scale for navigation, and may therefore be required for bombing, parachutists, or other means of attack.

There is no evidence at present of sea-borne attack. On the other hand, during the raid on Hamburg on night 2/3 June a ship loaded with light tanks was sunk; these are unlikely to have been loaded for the western front owing to the state of the French ports.

26 M.T.B's of the latest type are said to have concentrated in the North Sea Operation zone since 20/5. This and other indications confirm that M.T.B's are preparing to take part in future naval operations, and it becomes clear that M.T.B's are likely to play an important part in any seaborne invasion. (C.I.C. reports Nos 7 & 8.)

U.K.

From 3/6 no merchant ship is to approach the coasts of the U.K. between sunset and sunrise, except in an organised British convoy.

Air Raids on U.K.

168 raids were plotted between 2230/6 and 0335/7. Bombs were dropped at several places, including Cranwell Upwood Aerodrome (Hants), Scunthorpe where the Iron Works were hit, Appleby Fordingham Plate Mills, and near Firth Brown Steel Works.

Hostile aircraft are reported to have been engaged probably mine laying, on the South coast and mine laying unit was active between Calais and Le Havre.

Submarine off Ireland

During the last 2 days 2 ships in addition to CARINTHIA have been torpedoed off N.W. Ireland.

Iceland

During the afternoon rumours were received of the landing of a strong German force on the East Coast of Iceland. The RENOWN and REPULSE, which with 2 cruisers and 5 destroyers were at sea to intercept the two unknown ships sighted between Norway and Iceland

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Friday.SITUATION REPORTIceland, Contd.

5/6, were sent to investigate, the Northern Patrol ships to assist. The O.C. troops on the East coast reported however, during the night that there was no German landing and he considered the rumour groundless.

Mining

Magnetic mines were laid in the Ems last night. Portsmouth was closed this morning but was re opened this afternoon.

HOLDFAST

The Downs guardship HOLDFAST was unsuccessfully attacked by E-Boats during the night. Two torpedoes ran ashore at Deal. V.A. Dover has suggested that the Downs guardships be dispensed with.

Mediterranean

Reuter reports that all Italian merchant ships have been ordered to make for neutral ports but there is no confirmation from Rome, though there is a certain nervousness amongst ship owners and a desire to "stand by"

Sailing of REX on 11th June has been cancelled; and VULCANIA 25,000 tons 21 knots due Algiers 10th June and Genoa 11th June is believed to be only large fast Italian ship away from home waters. (N.A. Rome 1814/2 to D.R.I)

There is a report said to be from a sure source that 40 ships are ready at Genoa and Trieste respectively, each group to embark an army corps.

French Ports

Havre, Fecamp, Caen, Granville, St. Malo open to traffic. Rouen, Cherbourg open to D.G. ships and Dieppe to small D.G. boats. (Cherbourg 1351/7 to Admty)

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FridayHOME COMMANDSDefence of U.K.No Ships to Approach
Coast at Night

From 8th June no M/V to approach within three miles of U.K. coasts and ports between sunset and sunrise except in an authorised British convoy, and except vessels on passage using a recognised coastal searched channel (Admty. Broadcast 0132/7)

WZ 513 will not effect entry of War Vessels into defended ports using private or local Recognition Signals. Elsewhere in U.K. Warships are to conform unless operations necessitate approach within 3-mile limit (D. of L.D. 0136/7)

Ireland

Your 2354/1. R.M. Striking Force cannot be specially provided. Any force required for an urgent operation must be found from R.M. Plymouth. (D.O.D.H. 1140/7 to A.C.W.A)

Spithead

Admty. concur in 35 Brigade proposal that 3" case be mounted on Horsesand and No Mans Ports for defence against aircraft minelaying. Request approval. (D. of L.D. to Air Min. 2128/7)

W.Z. 513 prohibition intended facilitate identification of Enemy Vessels and desirable reduce exemptions to minimum. But exceptions considered necessary may be granted. D. of L.D. 2255/7)

Port Schemes

Extent of coast line to which they are to apply (D. of L.D. 0031/7 to H Home Forces)

Portsmouth

Port scheme. (C. in C., Portsmouth 0207/7)

Littlehampton

Port scheme (R.N.O. Littlehampton 1210/7 to Admty)

Portsmouth

Port is now open (C. in C. Portsmouth 1231/7 to Admty.)

Tees Hartlepool

Port scheme (N.O.I.C. Tees-Hartlepool 1005/7)

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FridayHOME COMMANDSDefence of U.K. Contd.Anti E-Boat Patrol

Request Anti E-Boat Patrol with flares be established during dark hours in area N. Foreland, 51. N 1. 30'E, 51.30'N 2.30'N 2.30'E. with maximum effort over Goodwin Sands one hour either side high water. (V.A. Dover, 1551/7 to Coastal Command)

Methil

Re Port scheme. (N.O.I.C. Methil 1148/7)

Lights

Port schemes should include measures re lights. All navigation lights in your command which are unnecessary for safe navigation should be extinguished as from receipt of this signal and action reported to Hydrog (D. of L.D. 13507)

to A.C.O.S. Rosyth, Nore, Portsmouth, Humber, Tyne, Harwich, Dover. Applies to E coast of your command (D. of L.D. Z 132/8 to C. in C. Rosyth)

Situation

Admiralty appreciation of Naval Situation. (1st S.L. 1958/7) See Operations Volume.

Aberdeen.

Re Port Scheme (N.O. Aberdeen 1904/7 to Admt.,.)

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FridayHOME COMMANDSOperations- French CoastAir Reconnaissance

Requested that frequent photographic air reconnaissance be made of Ostend, Calais and Boulogne to afford immediate information of use of them by enemy S/m's. M.T.B's or other craft, and that analysis of photographs be forwarded to me without delay. (V.A. Dover, 1054/7 to C. in C. Nore.)

Destroyers to Bombard

East of Tréport, destroyers to bombard and Troops or Vehicles seen on roads without further orders. West of Tréport British Command have been informed two destroyers coming over and will inform ships of any bombardment required. (A.C.H.S(H) 1113/7 to C. in C. Portsmouth)

WANDERER
VESPER

Rendezvous off Dover and proceed with all despatch towards Dieppe. Object bombardment support of 51st Division on Allied left flank. C. in C. Portsmouth will give you further orders. (V.A. Dover 1040/7 to WANDERER)

Expect arrive Tréport 1500/7 (V.A. Dover 1142/7 to Admty.)

Only targets north of River Bresle to be engaged without reference to Military. (C. in C. Portsmouth 1216/7 to WANDERER)

Coastline inspected from Dieppe to Bayeux. No troops seen N. of Tréport. Main road invisible and consider no good target will be offered in area inspected. Very slight air activity. (WANDERER 1800/7 to C. in C. Portsmouth)

Unless contrary instructions received from Army retire to N.W. during dark hours returning to supporting position at dawn (C. in C., Portsmouth 1950/7 to WANDERER)

Communication between VESPER and Army not now reliable. Am landing an Officer and Signaller at Dieppe to establish visual link. (WANDERER 2115/7)

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Friday.HOME COMMANDSHavre. Operation XD

Party H to proceed to Dover as soon as possible. D.O.D.(H.) to C. in C., Nore. 7/6)

Request you can arrange sail party H to Havre on arrival from Chatham. (D.O.D.(H.) to V.A. Dover 7/6)

Narvik

Enquiry (D.O.D.(H.) 7/6 to F.O. Narvik)

Correction to F.O. Narvik 1702/6 (F.O. Narvik 1615/7)

Operation C.F.

Dieppe to be blocked. Operation C.F. Request sail H.M. Ships KAUPØ, JACOBUS and RIVER TYNE to arrive off Dieppe 0300/9. One destroyer for Senior Officer and two M.T.B's or fast motor craft will be required for evacuation. Air Ministry have been asked for air escort and fighter protection while at Dieppe. D.D.O.D. 2034/7 to C.in C., Portsmouth)

VEGA is required for this operation. She should arrive Portsmouth not later than 0700/8 (D.O.D.(H.) 2148/7 to V.A. Dover)

Arrangements should be made to light Point d'Ailly from 0001/9 (D.D.O.D.H. 2027/7 to S.W.O. Havre)

Dieppe blocked. (VEGA 0619/10 - p. 161)

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FridayHOME COMMANDSOperations- IcelandGerman Landing Report

Following from Brigadier Reykjavik begins Strong rumours large German force landing Lodmundarfjordur 15 miles north of my detachment isolated at Seydisfjordur. Recommend careful aerial reconnaissance these Fjordur and others nearby earliest possible. (D.O.D.H. 1300/7 to C.inC. H.F.)

Ships to Investigate

Admty's. 1300/7. Proceed to investigate at once take charge of Northern Patrol to assist search (C. in C. H.F. 1402/7 to B.C.I)

REMONA, REPULSE, and five Destroyers MAORI, FOXHOUND, FORESTER, ZULU, KELVIN proceeding Lodmundar Fjord 27 knots. NEWCASTLE and SUSSEX being sent on ahead to report and act as requisite. (F.O.C.B.S. 1500/7 to C. in C. H.F.)

If enemy not found Lodmundar Fjord investigate all Fjords East Coast of Iceland between 064° 30'N and 066° 10'N using aircraft cruisers and a destroyer. (C. in C., H.F. 1538/7 to F.O.C.B.C.S.)

MAORI detailed to proceed Seydisfjord to communicate with Military (F.O.C.B.C.S. 1712/7 to C. in C., H.F.)

A/S Trawlers CAPE COMORIN and AYRSHIRE carrying out independent reconnaissance N. coast of Iceland. (D.O.D.H. 1850/7 to B.C.I)

Unconfirmed

O/C Seydisfjord reports no confirmation of landing in Lodmundar Fjord. He considers rumour groundless. MAORI remaining Seydisfjord till telephone communication established with Fjords to N.E. ~~Sunderland~~ reports no sign of enemy between 064° 10'N and 065° 39'N. (F.O.C.B.C.S. 2143/7 to C. in C. H.F.)

2 Ships Sighted

Reliable information from Vestmannaeyjar Island. 63. 25'N 20. 18'W., 2 large ships steaming westerly direction sighted 1400 sailed 30 miles S.S.W. Walrus still out of action. (Alabaster, Reykjavik, recd. from W.O., 1800/7)



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HOME COMMANDS

Operations-Iceland, Contd.

Brigadier Reykjavik reports reliable informant states two large ships sighted at 1400/7 30'33W of Vestmannaeyjar Island steering westerly (D.C. to C. in C., H.F. 2208/7)

Every endeavour is to be made to intercept these two ships (V.C.N.S. 2251/7 to C. in C. H.F.)

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Friday.HOME COMMANDSAir.Cherbourg

Bombing raid also probable mine-dropping. Wharves, quays, and rail intact, some damage to roadways but unessential except at Approach Raid duration 40 minutes. (B.M.L.O. Marceau to Adty. 1300/7).

Fair Isle

Between Orkneys and Shetlands machine-gunned by a/c at 1018/7.

British A/C
Markings

Entire undersurfaces of all British Fighter A/C are to be painted very pale sky blue. All roundels on underside of main planes to be removed. (Adty. A. Message 2005/7).

British Patrols

Normal patrols were flown except Meteorological and Reconnaissance off Norwegian and Danish coasts cancelled owing to weather. Air escort was provided for A.M.C. CARINTHIA and S.S. EROS, and fighter protection was provided for a Portsmouth to Cherbourg Troop Convoy from 2130/7 till dark (D.C.N.S. 278).

MiningMinelaying
Operation

Completed. Position of mines (V.A. Dover 0509/7, 1519/17) (Probably refers to POLLUX, French M/L, which laid mines near N. Goodwin Lt.V. during night 6/7).

Exits for
forces from
Sheerness and
Dover.

C. in C. Nore 1240/6. Explaining how necessary exits will be provided. (V.A. Dover, 1721/6).

Ems mined.

Magnetic mines were laid in the Ems during the night. 6/7 (D.C.N.S. 277).

Portsmouth

Is closed (C. in C., Portsmouth 0842/7) Reopened this afternoon (I.C. 0475/40).

Poole Harbour

Parachute mines observed in approx. 50:38:24 N. 1:53:30 W. and 50:39:12 N., 1:54:42 W. (I.C. 0475/40).

Cromarty Firth

A magnetic mine was exploded about 1½ m. from position where SAN TIBURCIO was mined 4/5. (I.C. 0475/40).



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HOME COMMANDS

Mining

North Sea

SPEARFISH reports scraping mine mooring wire in 52:49 N., 3:34 E. (45 miles W.S.E. Texel) (I.C. 0475/40).

Clyde Mine-sweeping.

Wish to emphasize that no M/S trawlers, Paddle or Fast Minesweepers in Clyde. In view of importance of Clyde shipping request further consideration of matter. (C. in C. Rosyth, 1741/7 to Adty.).

Enemy Intelligence.

E Boats off Scheldt.

A/C on night patrol sighted 2 M.T.Bs bearing 360° distance 2 miles course 070° position 51:45 N. 3:36 E. (500 Sqdn. 0331/7 to Chatham).

My 0331. Enemy position 51:50 N. 3:40 E. course 060° speed 20 knots. (500 Sqdn. 0429/7 to R.A.F. Chatham).

HOLDFAST attacked.

The Downs Guardship HOLDFAST was unsuccessfully attacked by E Boats during night. Two torpedoes ran ashore at Deal. (D.C. 0754/7 to B.N.L.O. Marceau).

Aerodrome

Report considered absolutely reliable that Germans making Aerodrome at Voss, N.E. of Bergen, with feverish activity. (Capt. Clover, Goteborg 1703/6 to D.N.I.)

30 vessels

30 unknown vessels in 52:3 N., 3:53 E. course 45:15 knots at 2232/6 (V.A.S. 0059/7 to submarines on patrol).

At 2330/7 the Dover R.D.F. station reported a number of Surface Vessels 15 miles South of Dover (D.C.N.S. 278).

EMDEN

Left Oslo a.m. 7th escorted and in tow. (D.C.N.S. 278).

ADMIRAL SCHEER

Afloat in dry dock at Wilhelmshaven where she has been repaired. A/C report. (D.D.I.C. 1137/7 to AIG 45).



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HOME COMMANDS

Enemy Intelligence

SCHULSCHIFF
DEUTSCHLAND

Sailing ship, 1257 tons, has been ordered to Swinemunde at beginning of July for refit (Note. SEEADLER was used in last war as a raider.) (I.C. 0475/40).

Ore trade

It is reported that the first German ore ships arrived at Lulea 28/5 and are leaving at rate of 2 a day, average size of ships 3000 tons. Danish and Norwegian ships may be used for this purpose (I.C. 0475/40).

2 Enemy ships
sighted off
Iceland

See Iceland.

Shipping

Transport of
troops to
France

French Adty. agree to EL KANTARA, EL MANZOUR, EL DJEZAIR, VILLE D'ALGER, and possibly VILLE D'ORAN to assist in transport of troops from Plymouth to Brest. Ships will be under orders of Admiral Owest who has been instructed to arrange direct with you and to assist in provision of escorts. (D.O.D.(H) 1812/7 to C. in C., W.A.).

Convoys to
arrive at dusk

In view of present enemy Mining activity and possible M.T.B. attack convoys from Southampton to Cherbourg should be sailed to arrive at dusk (D.O.D.(H) 2246/7 to C. in C., Portsmouth).

BROCKLEY COMBE

Newport to Rouen, left Barry Roads 2300/6 which was too late for her to be stopped (N.O.I.C. Barry 0036/7) (See 6/6 Mining - no ships to be sailed to Havre or Rouen).

Havre, Rouen

Cancel my 2243/6 (No more ships to sail to Havre or Rouen) (D.T.D. 1049/7).

(See also page 130)

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Friday.HOME COMMANDSShippingGuardships
in Downs

Suggestion they be dispensed with as result of changed conditions regarding shipping in Downs and vulnerability of ships at anchor to M.T.B. attacks. (V.A. Dover 1056/7) V.A. Dover's 1056/7. Act on own initiative (C. in C., Portsmouth 1156/7 to VESPER, WANDERER).

Re E. boats
attacks on
Convoys

Suggestion that large proportion of first 10 or 12 Fairmile Boats be allocated to Nore Command and Dover for counter attack in view of increasing danger of E. Boats attack on Convoys; and suggest same procedure with 72 feet M.Ls. (C. in C., Nore 1204/7 to Adty.)

Weather

	<u>Wind</u>	<u>Weather</u>	<u>Visibility</u>
North Sea			
(a) W. half	Light & variable mainly from South.	Extensive fog.	Generally poor or very poor.
(b) E. half	N. moderate.	Fine.	Mainly good.
Horns Reef	N. moderate.	Fine with slight haze.	Mainly good.
Channel	Light & variable.	Local fog or haze.	Moderate generally poor in fog.
W. Approaches	Light and variable.	Local fog or haze.	Moderate generally poor in fog.
Norway	W. or N.W. moderate fresh locally.	Fine with occasional showers in N.	Generally good.

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Friday.FOREIGN STATIONSNorth Atlantic

GIMMA

Italian 1542 tons, with general cargo, was boarded 7/6 and on refusing to enter Gibraltar, was sent in under armed guard. (F.O.C.N.A. 1754/7).

South AtlanticFalklands

S.A.D's 222/6 April shows necessity for W/T receiving watch at Falkland Islands W/T. Report whether this can be arranged. If sufficient ratings not available watch should be relinquished on Rugby Broadcast. (M. 1651/7 to C. in C., S.A.).

Germans in
South America

Possibility of trouble engineered by Germans and Italians in Brazil. Brazilian Govt. showing more firmness. (N.A., Rio de Janeiro, 1409/7).

Mediterranean

UMBRIA

Native pilot who was on board says ship's officers surprised at being allowed through canal. They did not wish to go to Massawa for fear of being absorbed in army on outbreak of war and that persuasion of material nature to Chief Officer might result in ships not reaching Massawa (S.B.N.O. Suez Canal 1043/7).

Reply to Adty. 0232/7. (C. in C., Med., 2051/7)

Italian
Transports

Following from B.N.L.O. to Admiral, Sud, addressed C. in C., Med. Sure information from French source, 40 merchant ships at Genoa and 40 at Trieste this morning, every group ready to embark an army corps. T.O.O. 1745/6. (S.O/I., Malta, 0245/7).

Shipping

British and Norwegian ships now ready to sail in Egyptian, Palatian, Syrian and Cyprian ports bound westward through Mediterranean are to do so forthwith, proceeding direct to Gibraltar. (S.B.N.O. Suez Canal Area 1808/7).

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Friday.FOREIGN STATIONSMediterranean

G.H.Q. G.H.Q. will assume Administrative control of Egypt, Palestine, Sudan with effect from 8/6. Sudan then comes directly under G.H.Q. on all matters. Somaliland already under G.H.Q. (C. in C., M.E., 1955/6, recd. from W.O., 1640/7).

SAGONA Norwegian, in Malta for 6 weeks. Oil not removed by Italians. In view of risk of destruction consider she should depart forthwith. (F.O.I.C. Malta, 1107/7).

British and Norwegian ships ready to sail in Suez Canal Area bound through Red Sea are to do so forthwith. (S.B.N.O. Suez Canal Area 181 /7 to N.O. Port Said).

MIRAGLIA Italian sea-plane carrier left Tripoli 5th June. (S.O.I. Alexandria 1139/7 to Adty.)

East Indies

Territorial Waters A/C required for reconnaissance should if possible keep outside 3-mile limit. If required take offensive action territorial waters are to be entered if necessary; but A/C should not cross Iranian coast. (Air Min. 1545/7 to A.H.Q. Iraq).

Italian Tankers The Anglo-Iranian Oil Co. is reported to be refusing to supply oil to Italian tankers in the river at Abadan (S.N.O. Persian Gulf, 1714Z/7).

China

Dutch patrols In N.E.I. (Capt. O/S Singapore, 0442Z/7)

Ichang Request for gunboat protection from Butterfield and Swire if Japanese capture Ichang. (N.L.O., Shanghai, 0803Z/7).



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GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPS

Foreign Stations

SCHARNHORST

Reported that she will leave Kobe for
Yokohama in the middle of June. (I.C. 0475/40).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MININGShips AttackedEROS

British (5888 tons) Montreal to Liverpool, was torpedoed 55.30'N 8.30'W (off N.W. Ireland) Sinking rapidly. (EROS 0543/7) Torpedoed 0430 about 20 miles N. of Bloody Foreland (D.C. 0754/7) Latest position here 55.33'N 8.26'W sinking rapidly (Matin Hd. 0647/7) Taking to boats (F.O.I.C. Greenock 0446/7) Intercept at 0428 G.M.T. de Matin Head Radio S.O.S. de EROS 55.30'N 8.30'W mined sinking rapidly (F.O.I.C. Greenock 0430/7) PAYNTER standing by to pick up crew, 55.34'N 8.40'W Ship might be saved if tug MARAUDER is sent at once. From PAYNTER 0830/7 (F.O.I.C. Belfast 0906/7) Destroyer to investigate and hunt, Anson Aircraft co-operating (C. in C. Rosyth 0635/7) Tug BANDIT should have reached EROS, 1630/7 with orders to tow. Cargo most valuable. C. in C. Rosyth to BERKELEY 1106/7) Beached Tory Island at 2050/7 Armed guard from GLEANER, and HONDURAS and GLEANER standing by Trawler PAYNTER has all officers and crew on board and salvage of cargo of 4 aeroplanes etc., being arranged from Liverpool. (D.C.N.S. 278)

STANCOR

(798 tons) sunk by gunfire from U-Boat at 59.28'N 6.38'W off Faroe Islands at 22/5/6 eight survivors landed Stornoway 0915/7 and ten missing in lifeboat. (N.O.I.C. Stornoway 0951/7 to C. in C., Rosyth) Master of STANCOR states that crew of U-Boat were very young and from silhouettes considers she was U 27-36 class. Crew had no beards perhaps indicating outward passage. Gunfire inaccurate but ship set on fire and appeared to be sinking by stern when last seen. Master did not actually see her sink. (C. in C. Rosyth, 1525/7)

Submarines Reported1840/5

Periscope reported sighted 1840/5 at 31.57'N 14.33'W by French PALLAS. Report doubtful and unconfirmed. (F.O.C.N.A. to PATROCLUS 2554/7)

1314/7

Unknown enemy unit, prob-ably U-Boat, at 52.5'N 12.25'W D/F report. Unreliable fix. (D.N.I. 1355/7 to C. in C., W.A.)

Estimated U-Boat Dispositions

One in Western Approaches
One near Tory Island, N. Ireland, 0543/7.
One N.W. Hebrides homeward bound.
One E. Shetlands homeward bound.
One off Norway. North of 60 degs. N (D.D.I.C. 1412/7)

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SaturdaySITUATION REPORT.Iceland.

The rumours of a German landing in Iceland appear to be unfounded. RENCWN and 2 destroyers were recalled to Scapa early this morning, whilst REPULSE with the 2 cruisers and the destroyers are to return after searching the fiords on the east side of Iceland. CIRCASSIA, A.M.C., was ordered to Reykjavik to get in touch with British Minister and Authorities there.

Norway.

Operation Alphabet (evacuation of Norway) was reported at 1951 completed. *(Loss of GLORIOUS, etc. p. 123 + 124)*

Considerable concentrations of Transports, Troops, and Armoured Vehicles are reported at Aalborg, Oslo, Stavanger, and Christiansund.

Western Front.

WANDERER and VESPER carried out an indirect bombardment of the main road from Abbeville to Treport early this morning, firing over 500 rounds of H.E.; but, communication with the army at noon having become possible only by visual signal via Dieppe and despatch-rider, further bombardment was considered dangerous and VESPER remained at Dover with CARDIFF at one hours notice till contact could be made with N.L.C. 51st Division.

Havre,
Rouen.

No more ships to be sailed to these ports at present; and ships already at Rouen are to unload and leave with all despatch.

Dieppe

Operation C.P. was postponed and ships returned to Spithead.

Italian
Shipping.

It is becoming increasingly clear that Italian merchant ship sailings have been suspended and those in British ports instructed to sail without delay and those at sea to make for neutral ports. (A.C.N.S.(F) 1809/8).

Report has been received (B.3) that 3 Italian ships with cargoes of copper which are due shortly at Gibraltar will be escorted and that if they are detained at Gibraltar Mussolini will declare war. (N.A. Rome, 1944/8.)

Aircraft.....



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SITUATION REPORT

Italian
Shipping
(Contd.)

Aircraft observed a large Italian transport bound for Tobruk with an escort of 2 destroyers. This is the first example of escorts being provided for Italian shipping.

Mining

Magnetic mines were exploded at Portland and Cromarty Firth; the S.S. HARDINGHAM (D.G.) was mined and sunk $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from South Knock Buoy; and at 1915 a heavy explosion was reported S.E. of Newhaven.

Air

Enemy aircraft were again active along the south coast and over the eastern counties after dark 7/8, but no bombs are reported to have been dropped.

British air patrols were restricted by weather during 8/6 and at 2000/8 all further operations in the southern part of the North Sea were suspended owing to fog lying over the coast aerodromes.



L Defence against Invasions

Adlty to C. C. HF 0126/8

order RENOWN back to Scapa so that there
should not be less than two capital ships
available to proceed South in case of invasion.

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Saturday.

HOME COMMANDS

Defence of U.K.

Personnel Sailings. Addition to 1853/6 (D.O.D.(H) 0037/8).

Piers Re. (Hofor London 1140/8).

Motor craft Laid up on shore or at moorings and on large locks^h which might be of use to enemy if they succeed in landing by sea or air. To be immobilised (D.D. of L.D. 1448/8 to C. in C. Rosyth).

Poole Harbour Examination service established. Port is closed at night. (F.O.I.C. Portland 1110/8).

Yarmouth Blockship (D. A/S W. 1508/8).

Patrols Additional patrols are being established in areas 82A and 2F tonight (Capt. A/P Lowestoft 1720/8).

Aberdeen Port scheme (N.O.I.C. Aberdeen 1904/7).

Lewis Guns Allocated to Scapa, to be reduced by 50% to enable auxiliary vessels and patrol craft now coming with service to be armed. (A.C.N.S.(H) 2245/8).

Scapa Urging that blockships from the Forth be sent to Scapa at once since gaps exist in all sounds through which E boats could enter. Matter concerns safety of Fleet. (C. in C., H.F. 0014/8).

Capital Ships It is considered desirable under present conditions that there should be not less than 2 capital ships available to proceed south in case of invasion. (1st S.L. 1742/8).

Shipping Signals Reporting by W/T at earliest moment of enemy aircraft or surface vessels by British bombers flying over the North Sea. Example. (Air Min., 1220/8).

Defence against E. boats Your 1204/7. Not considered that Fairmile M.Ls are best for anti-E.boat duties. M.A/S Bs will however be allocated to Nore Command for this purpose (A.C.N.S.(H) 1741/8 to C. in C., Nore).

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Saturday.HOME COMMANDSDefence of U.K. (Contd.)

Firth of Forth Closed at night (Hydrog. 1124/8).

Peterhead Port scheme (N.O.I.C. Peterhead, 1508/8).

Kirkwall Do. (N.O.I.C. Kirkwall 1530/8, 1845/8).

Wick Do. (R.N.O. Wick, 1700/7).

Gt. Yarmouth Do. (N.O.I.C. Great Yarmouth 1735/7).

Invasion Intelligence Conference at Air Min. to discuss warning intelligence of invasion. (Air Min., 1837/8).

South Coast Zone Your 1711/6, requesting special zone for aliens on South Coast. Plans are being made for extension of special zone on coast. (Hd. of M.L. 1545/8 to C. in C., W.A.).

Blyth Amending P/G 1804/6. (N.O.I.C. Blyth, 1242/8).

Movements

Fleet fogbound Ships at Scapa are fogbound. (C. in C., H.F., 0301/8).

DORSETSHIRE Sail for Gibraltar with all despatch 10/6. On arrival ARETHUSA return to U.K. (D.O.D.(F) 1855/8 to C. in C., W.A., F.O.C.N.A.)

Norwegian warships Which may arrive Thorshaven without warning (D.O.D.(H) 1653/8).

Submarines 0600/9 (D.C. 1953/8).

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Saturday.HOME COMMANDSShips operating on French Coast*Bombardment of
Le Treport.*

Have informed Army of ships orders to leave but unable obtain their views because of dense fog. Their last information received was that bombardment might be imperative. Will evacuate liaison officer and M/B crew and sail for Dover unless army persists in asking for co-operation VESPER in company (WANDERER 0500/8 to Adty.).

Return to Dover (D.C. 0015/8 to WANDERER).

My 0500 Army now state bombardment of a position North of Treport imperative. Ships capable of indirect bombardment appear urgently required (WANDERER 0610/8).

Request fighter protection now off Treport (WANDERER 0652/8).

Am carrying out bombardment north of Treport (WANDERER 0743/8).

In view of your 0610/8 cancel Adty. 0015/8. Direct fighter protection not available but fighters should be operating near you. (D.C. 0755/8 to WANDERER, VESPER).

Cancel my 0652. Bombardment completed (WANDERER 0756/8).

Report on bombardment (WANDERER 0810/8).

2 CARDIFF raise steam for full speed (D.C. 0850/8). Report situation and whether there is useful work that you can do. Would it be of use to send CARDIFF who is capable of indirect bombardment when stopped only (V.C.N.S. 1037 to WANDERER).

3 Your 1037 situation at 0800 was observed. I was last in touch with military at 0400 who then stated bombardment by indirect fire would be of great value. Communication now only by V/S via Dieppe and despatch rider. Consider bombardment dangerous until reliable W/T communication established with front. WANDERER's 37 type set unsuitable as link. CARDIFF stopped would probably be vulnerable but her presence in area would be advantageous in case W/T communication improves (WANDERER 1215/8).

4 VESPER proceed to Dieppe and endeavour to get in touch with army. CARDIFF proceed towards Dieppe in readiness to carry out bombardment. Ships to withdraw if bombardment impracticable. Spotting aircraft will be ready. (V.C.N.S. 1418/8).

1 CARDIFF, VESPER remain at Dover at one hour's notice. They will not proceed until contact has been made with N.L.O. attached to 51st Divn. (D.O.D.(H) 1027/8).

War Diary8.6.40.
Saturday.HOME COMMANDSCoast of France and Low Countries.Situation
in portsYmuiden 5/6. Possibly 5 M.T.Bs in harbour.
Willemsoord 2/6. No enemy warships except M.T.B.
entering harbour.

Amsterdam	}	5/6	Nothing of interest.
Rotterdam			
Hook			
Antwerp			
Ostend			
Zeebrugge	}	4/6	do.
Dunkirk			
Flushing			
Calais	}	6/6	do.
Boulogne			

Photographic reconnaissance being carried out as often as possible. (D.D.I.C. 1528/8).

War Office
SailingsA.M. 0037/8, re War Office sailings. Destruction ⁱⁿ of these sailings has been changed to Cherbourg. (D.O.D.(H) 1158/8).Cherbourg

At 1028/8. No air raids, wharves and quays intact, port open to treated ships, some damage to roadways, rail facilities intact, L.L. sweeping continuing, traffic normal. (B.N.L.O., Marceau, 1400/8).

Point
D'Ailly

Cancel my 2027/7 re lighting of Point D'Ailly. (D.C. 1607/8).

Operations DynamoDestroyers

Following took part.

WILD SWAN	ready
SALADIN	p.m. 9/6
VIMY	12/6
VIVACIOUS	12/6
EXPRESS	13/6
ESK	13/6
WHITSHED	13/6
WINCHELSEA	13/6
ANTHONY	14/6
ICARUS	16/6
VERITY	16/6
WINDSOR	18/6
WOLSEY	21/6
WIVERN	21/6
WESTMINSTER	7/7 (C. in C. Portsmouth 2327/8)
CODRINGTON	p.m. 9/6
VENOMOUS	18/6
SHIKARI	18/6
WHITEHALL	0800/9 on 2 boilers if reboiler-
VENETIA	12/7 (C. in C., W.A. 0041/9).

(ing postponed)

HOME COMMANDSOperation Paul

1st. S.L. 0043/8 see Operation Volume.

Operation C.P. (Dieppe)

Cancel my 2034/7 Operation C.P. postponed ships are returning to Spithead (D.C. 1152/8 to C. in C., Portsmouth).

Cycle
Operation Clyde

Dutch coasters JUTLAND, AEGIR, CAREBIA, TWENTE, GORECHT, HONDSRUG, DOGGERSBANK to be prepared and sailed for Newhaven to be under orders of C. in C. Portsmouth (D.O.D.(H) 2238/8).
KAAT FALGA, HEBE II, JABA, ATLANTIC, ZEUS, SAN ANTONIO WEGA, RUKA, ABEL TASMAN, DESPATCH II, FRISO, PACIFIC to be prepared and will be under C. in C. Portsmouth's orders. (D.O.D.(H) 2239/8).

Norway

Your 0001/8. DEVONSHIRE proceed to Clyde. (D.O.D.(H) 1556/8 to C.S.1).

Have on board certain passengers (C.S.1 0001/8). Utmost secrecy etc. passengers to be maintained (D.O.D.(H) 1903/8, A.C.N.S.(H) 2320/8).

2 destroyers to screen DEVONSHIRE (C. in C., H.F. 0623/9).

F.O. Narvik's 1520/8. Re making contact with Norwegian convoy (C.S.1 2130/8 to WALKER, CAMPBELL).

Operation Alphabet completed. No losses. (D.C. 1951/8).

ATLANTISEnemy Units

GLORIOUS *on 2nd*
ORAMA *at 0901*
ARDENT *to Valer*
ACASTA
sunk *42*

Hospital ship ATLANTIS^(a), on passage from Narvik, reported that she saw an enemy battleship with 2 funnels and seaplanes attack a 2 funnelled transport at 0900/8. Transport, which is believed to be S.S. ORAMA, 19,840 tons, homeward bound from Narvik without troops or cargo, was still afloat when last seen.

German official broadcast at 1500/9 claimed that SCHARNHORST and GNEISENAU intercepted and sank H.M.S. GLORIOUS, one destroyer, and the submarine chaser, tanker OIL PIONEER, and S.S. ORAMA.



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GLASFURD.—In proud and beloved memory of my husband, CHARLES GLASFURD, Commander, Royal Navy, killed while in command of H.M.S. Acasta, June 8, 1940; also in honoured memory of the Officers and Men.

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Saturday.

HOME COMMANDS

OperationsEvacuation of Norway.

VANOC and VETERAN are being sent to 60:50 N., 5:00 W. to arrive 2000/9 and failing further orders to proceed thence to Scapa. (F.O. Narvik 1132/8 to C.S.1)

Harstad departures. At 1200/7 Hospital ship ATLANTIS through 66:30 N. 1:30 W. then Scapa. At 2100/7 trawlers STRATHDEVON, DULCIBELLE, ELDORADO towing Walrus landing-skis, orders as for ATLANTIS, speed 7 knots. (F.O.I.C. Narvik, 0016/8 to Adty.)

Group 2 leaves R/V A.0200/9 at 14 knots through position 66° N. 1° W. and 63° N. 4° W. and thence to Clyde. (F.O.C. 2 C.S. 1217/8 to C. in C., Rosyth).

Group 2 consists of British ships ORONSAY, ORMONDE, DUCHESS OF YORK, ARANDORA STAR, ULSTER MONARCH, ULSTER PRINCE, ROYAL ULSTERMAN, VANDYCK. R/V. at 0230/9 with escort COVENTRY, SOUTHAMPTON, HAVELOCK, FAME, FIREDRAKE, BEAGLE, DELIGHT, ECHO, proceeding Clyde. Party 2, ARROW, STORK, and minimum of 4 trawlers are with store ship Convoy, see my 0022/8. (F.O. Narvik 2300/8 to Adty.)

GLORIOUS escorted by ARDENT and ACASTA left position 70:17 N., 14:10 E. at 0300/8 for Scapa. (R.A.(A) 0303/8).

Loss of
GLORIOUS
ACASTA
ARDENT

Your 0345 14th June. 8th June 1600 H.M.S. GLORIOUS approximate position 068° N. 004° E. course 200° screened by H.M.S. ACASTA and H.M.S. ARDENT sighted enemy, believed one 8 inch gun cruiser and one 6 inch gun cruiser. Maximum visibility. Enemy opened fire 1605 range 20 thousand yards and hit with third salvo preventing aircraft flying off. Main wireless and bridge destroyed immediately and ship (? eventually) sank about 1730.

About 1600 H.M.S. ARDENT attacked, H.M.S. ACASTA laid smoke screen. H.M.S. ARDENT soon sank. After H.M.S. GLORIOUS sank H.M.S. ACASTA attacked with torpedoes. One believed hit enemy forward. H.M.S. ACASTA sank during 2nd attack.

No appreciable damage observed on enemy which approached within one mile of the men in water without stopping.

No enemy aircraft spotting.

H.M.S. GLORIOUS outranged throughout action.

Behaviour of personnel excellent.

Troop ship or Tanker not in company of H.M.S. GLORIOUS. (N.O.I.C. Faroes 1631/14 to Adty.)

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Saturday.

HOME COMMANDS

OperationsEvacuation of Norway.Loss of
GLORIOUS
ACASTA
ARDENT
(Contd.)

OIL PIONEER was encountered and sunk earlier in the day. ORAMA was next intercepted and sunk. (German broadcast).

Report by A.B. Cyril Carter who was at after tubes in ACASTA. After GLORIOUS was sunk C.O. ACASTA decided to pass through smoke screen and attack with torpedoes. German cruisers then appeared to be in quarter line formation some distance apart, they were from other accounts rejoining, when ACASTA turned to fire HIPPER class appeared to be bow on with LEIPZIG class or 6 inch cruiser class on port quarter. 4 torpedoes fired from port side, ship continued on her course engaging with guns. Flash and large splash was seen on bow of the 6 inch cruiser class and C.O. ACASTA passed word one torpedo hit at which ship's company cheered. ACASTA then turned 360° and fired remaining 4 torpedoes but no further hits observed. German ship passed Carter when he was on a raft he did not observe any damage but there was a heavy swell on and he was unable to see distinctly. Time of attack 1730/8 (C. in C., Rosyth 1203/18).

Operation 'ALPHABET' and Attack on Trondheim (June 13)

*C-in-C. H.F. 5/8/40, with V.A. Aircraft Carriers report of 11/7/40. May 31-14 June
in M015561/40.*

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Saturday.HOME COMMANDSNorway (Contd.)Enemy Units
(contd.)
(from page 123)

At 1615/8 an intercepted message from GLORIOUS indicated that she was in contact with an enemy Naval Force.

Iceland

Your 2251 (re interception of two unknown ships) 63:20 N. 14:15 W. 065° 14 knots. Thick fog now. (CIRCASSIA to F.O.C.N. Patrol 0038/8).

From Alabaster 0025/8. Many rumours re enemy landings in Iceland, so far no foundation. Asking for ship or aircraft to call occasionally (D.C. 1145/8 to C. in C., H.F.).

Reply. I will send one A.M.C. but ask Alabaster to sift rumours so that ships of H.F. may not be drawn off on wild goose chase, such as yesterday. (C. in C., H.F. 1222/8).

My 0114/8, 0115/8. Proceed independently and operate off Reykjavik. RENOWN is returning to Scapa (F.O.C.B.C.S. 0257/8 to NEWCASTLE, REPULSE).

Am leaving REPULSE to operate off E. end of Iceland with SUSSEX, MAORI, FOXHOUND, FORTUNE. NEWCASTLE proceeding to operate off Reykjavik. RENOWN, ZULU, KELVIN returning to Scapa expect to arrive 2300/8 (F.O.C.B.C.S. 0315/8). Report of investigation (NEWCASTLE 0714/8).

After searching all fiords on East side of Iceland return with whole force including **NEWCASTLE** to Scapa (C. in C., H.F. 0941/8 to REPULSE).

DISCOVERY II to investigate commencing 10/6 (V.A.N.P. 1032/8, 1152/8, 1420/8 SALOPIAN in Iceland waters (SALOPIAN 1300/8) Leave to arrive Clyde 12/6 (F.O.C.N.P. 2217/8).

Your 2356/7. Original report lighthouse keeper at Eorhofdi with telescope. Ships were sighted separately at 0800/7 and 1100/7. (S.O.(I) Iceland 1905/8)

CIRCASSIA to proceed to Reykjavik (F.O.C.N.P. 1402/8). Order one of A.M.C's on northern most patrol lines to proceed Reykjavik and get in touch with British Minister and Military authorities. She need only remain a few hours. (C. in C., H.F. 1219/8 to V.A.N.P.)

My position, course and speed at 1800, 060:44 N., 006:50 W., 137 degrees, 14 knots. Cancel expected time of arrival in my 0315. (F.O.C.B.C.S. 2112/8).



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HOME COMMANDS

AIR

British Air Activity

Patrols SA 2 and SA 3 will be flown at dawn as well as dusk till further orders. (C. in C. 1052/8)

Deck Marks

To enable R.A.F. to pick out friendly ships in event of invasion, when there are likely to be a large number of Allied and German warships at sea (C. in C., Nore 1930/8)

Enemy Air Activity

Narvik Troop Convoy
Attacked

Convoy has been attacked by one enemy aircraft 1705 63⁰N
Incendiary bombs, no hits. (VALIANT 1055/8)

Allied Markings

To be expected that enemy will exploit capture of Allied aircraft to the full and may also use Allied markings on his own aircraft. (D.M.I., 1554/8)

BEN ROSAL
STRAFDERRY
NEWHAVEN

Patrol trawlers, were bombed and machine gunned by enemy seaplane 1030/8 155 miles NNE Faroes. The vessels were slightly damaged and there were 4 casualties (2 slight, 1 died on passage).

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Saturday.HOME COMMANDSMiningTemporary anchorage

prepared for ships waiting to enter ports on S.E. coast which have been temporarily closed owing to constant enemy mining (C. in C., W.A. 1934/8 to C. in C., Portsmouth)

French Mining

Area about to be mined by French (A.C.N.S. (H) 1700/8)

Clyde Minesweeping

Situation reported by C. in C. Rosyth 1741/7 is most dangerous and in view of use of Clyde by important units of Fleet in addition to important shipping to which C. in C., Rosyth refers, I consider it essential that minesweeping services should be reinstated in this area without delay. (C. in C., H.F. 1000/8 to Admty.)

Reply. A M/S Trawler group is being sent leaving Plymouth 10/6. More M/S Trawlers will go to west coast as they are completed. Owing to recent casualties cannot keep a fast M/S F on W Coast until moored mines are found there. A.C.N.S. (H) 1848/8)

Cherbourg

Mine exploded (Cherbourg S.A. 1110/8)

Foray Firth

My 1347/7. 2 further mines detonated 136° 3.6 miles and 145° 3.5 miles from Tarbatness Lt. Ho. (S.O. 1st M/S F 1339/8)

Portland

Magnetic mine exploded 057° Breakwater Fort 6 cables. (F.O.I.C. Portland 1735/8)

Mine cut in approx 54.0 'N 0.14'5'E (C. in C., Nore 2336/8, 2338/8)

Defence against
Minelaying

Admty. 2128/7 re defence against all minelaying. Request you take action at your discretion. (Air Min. (OA) to Fighter Command, 1215/8)

AXO reports heavy explosions heard to S.E. ship blowing siren (N.O.I.C. Newhaven to C. in C., Portsmouth 1915/8)

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Saturday.HOME COMMANDSEnemy IntelligenceEMDEN
4 Warships

Which has been at Oslo in a damaged state since 10/4 left in tow a.m. /7 for Germany. At 0040/8 aircraft reported 4 warships, presumably EMDEN and escort in 54.50'N 10.53'E, at southern end of Great Belt steering south (I.C. 0475/40)

Enemy Unit Near
Faroes

At 0921/8 an unidentified German naval unit was transmitting apparently near the Faroes (I.C. 0475/40)

Transports

Reported that large fleet of more than 20 German transports loaded with war material lying at Aalborg Harbour. Locally reported as being due to sail for west coast of Norway and rumour destined for east coast of Scotland. Consider report reliable. (Capt. Clover 1247/8)

Information received by Lloyds from Norway indicating that German armoured vehicles have been concentrated at Christiansand (Capt. Clover 1719/8) Norwegian Legation Stockholm reports considerable increase of transports arriving Oslo during week ending 7/6 Now 20 to 30 in Oslo. Also reported 20,000 to 40,000 troops including paratroopers concentrated in Stavanger area. From another source, all power driven small craft and fishing boats in Norwegian coast are being requisitioned and armed with depth charges. American N.A. confirms (Stockholm 1731/8)

Sabotage Charges

Description. 15 have been found in one merchant ship. Masters of all British and Allied merchant ships should be informed (D.N.I. 1934/8 to B.C's at Spanish, Portugese, Iceland, French ports)

Torpedoes

V.A.Dover 0452/7 4 torpedoes found. They appear normal (VERNON 1455/8)

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Saturday.HOME COMMANDSShippingOcean Convoys

Positions (D.C., 1902, C. in C., W.A. 1401/8)

O A Convoys

Your 1026/8 R.V. for OA Convoys should be in accordance with C. in C., Portsmouth 1243/7 until further instructions (D.T.D. 1600/8, to N.C.S.O. Thames)

Rouen

Re. A.C.N.S. 2008/7, 0131/8. No more ships are to be allowed up to Rouen at present. Ships already at Rouen are to unload and leave with all despatch. (1st S.L. 1026/8 to N.C.S.O. Le Havre)

Le Havre

No more ships are to be sailed to Le Havre or Rouen at present. (D.T.D. 1027/8)

Downs

Anchorage in Downs only being used in emergency and by vessels which arrive too late to complete passage through Thames Estuary in daylight. (V.A. Dover 0943/8)

Downs Traffic

In view of recent developments intend sailing all East Kent traffic to Southend without anchoring in the Downs for convoy instructions. (N.C.S.O. Ramsgate, 1348/8)

MiscellaneousGas Attack

Understood HEBE experienced a gas attack off La Panne 31/5. Request report (V.C.N.S. 1320/8 to V.A. Dover)

Dutch Troops

Dutch PRINSES/ BEATRIX to be sailed p.m. today for Brest to embark 1500 Dutch troops and convey them to Plymouth. (D.O.D. (H) 1302/8)

Coal, Russia

Russian Fleet, no change. Pre-war northern port being made good. Two ships arrived with coal from Germany for State Dept. (Vice Consul, Liepaja, 1815/8)

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Saturday.HOME COMMANDSWEATHER

	<u>Wind</u>	<u>Weather</u>	<u>Visibility</u>
North Sea (a) Western half.	Light, variable, mainly from South.	Extensive Fog	Generally poor or very poor.
(b) Eastern half	N. Moderate	Fine	Mainly Good
Horn's Reef	N. Moderate	Fine with slight haze	Mainly Good
Channel	Light & Variable	Local fog or haze	Moderate generally poor in fog.
W.Approaches	Light & Variable	Local fog or haze	Moderate generally poor in fog.
Norway	W. or N.W., moderate, poor locally.	Fine with occasional showers in North.	Generally Good.

CASUALTIES & DEFECTSST. ABBS

Tug, left Portland 29/5 to take part in
evacuation of B.E.F. is missing. (D.O.D.)
(H) 1258/8)

CALAISIEN

French tug, was sunk by aircraft 10/5
in Calais harbour.



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GENERAL

Italian Shipping

Ships in Bristol
Channel

Reported B 2 that Italian Govt. has ordered Italian ships in Bristol Channel ports to sail forthwith whether in ballast or loaded. Source in close touch with Italian shipping considers it likely they will make for Vigo. (S.O.I., London, 1115/8, A.C.N.S. (F) 1807/8 to C. in C. W.A., B.N.L.O. Marceau)

Noon Positions to
be reported

At 1045/8 Coltano Radio told a number of Italian merchant ships to report their position at noon. (I.C. 0475/40)

In view of increasingly clear indications that Italian ships are receiving instructions to proceed to neutral ports, suggest French to warn patrol vessels off Spanish and Portugese ports. Particular importance is attached to FORTUNATA due Gib. 10/6 with cargo of toluol (D.O.D. (F) 0020/8 to B.N.L.O. Marceau)

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Saturday.FOREIGN STATIONSNorth AtlanticFrench Positions

(D.C.0036/8) 1200/9 (D.C. 2215/8)

Italian Ships

8 Italian ships including VULCANIA and 3 tankers are detained here. Consider it most important decision regarding them should be communicated to me within the next few hours. (F.O.C.N.A., 1812/8). Matter is under consideration by H.M. Govt and decision will be sent as soon as possible. (Hd. of M., 0058/9)

South AtlanticAUSTRALIA

To escort STRATHEDEN to U.K. and join C.S. Both to join Indian convoy escorted by CORNWALL to U.K. if delay not excessive. Endeavour to degauss AUSTRALIA temporarily before she leaves Simonstown. (D.O.D. (F) 1815/8 to C. in C., S.A.)

U.S. 3

Movements Escort (S.O. (1) Freetown 1814/8, 1810/8)

U.S.S. QUINCY

U.S. cruiser QUINCY expected Rio de Janeiro 12/6. (N.A., Rio de Janeiro, 1849/8)

Fast Convoys
A.M.C's

As the number of ships between 11 and 15 knots in S.L. Convoys has increased due to the diversion of shipping via the Cape it has been decided to re-commence fast convoys. You are requested to sail S.L.F 37 so as to rendezvous with S.L. 37 in Western Approaches on 8th July. By 2017/21. The first of the additional A.M.C's will arrive at Freetown 24th June, the other 3 following at 8 day intervals. (C.T.D. 1842/8 to C. in C.S.A.)

A convoy of British Troops from India for U.K. escorted by CORNWALL expected at Capetown about 26 June. If delay not excessive AUSTRALIA and STRATHEDEN should join this convoy at Capetown. (D.O.D. (F) 1815/8 to C. in C. S.A.)

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Saturday.FORLIGN STATIONSMediterranean ContdSummary of Italian Preparations*(see also next page)*

Volume of cypher traffic continues to increase. P/L by ships at sea apparently ceased, routine reports being made in cypher. Indications from P/L that Aliminia may be in preparation as submarine base. D.F. bearing places battleship VITTORIO VENETO at Taranto, nothing heard of LITTORIO. Submarine chaser ALBATROS exercising off Port Augusta yesterday (Friday) A number of oilers have received orders to expedite their voyage. No private telegrams will be permitted henceforth to or from Italian ships except between owners and masters and navigational messages. 9 ships, all last reported in British ports, were ordered to report their position at 1200/8. (C.O.S. St. ANGELO, 1659/8)

CALITEA

CALITEA, 4013 tons, from Alexandria to Naples with 116 passengers and mail bags, sent to Malta under armed guard. Master protested. (CAPETOWN, 1611/8) Gist of protest (F.O.C. 3. C's 1644/8)

Oil Reserve

Admty. 1627/6 Stock position somewhat relieved. Consider sufficient oilers should be in sight to keep Fleet supplied and make good possible loss of tanker tonnage. (C. in C. Med. 2215/8)

Italian Ships

Istanbul reports FENICIA and CAPOVARO due a.m. 7/6, have not arrived. SANTA MARIA on voyage to Constanza ordered on June 7 to proceed to Rhodes with all despatch. (S.O.I., Alexandria, 1901/8)

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Saturday.FOREIGN STATIONSMediterraneanItalian Preparations

British SS SAN GORG reports sighting 7/6 5 Italian destroyers and 3 small ships sweeping 090° 1 mile Syracuse harbour. Italian Consul's private effects and car left Malta in ROSSINI 7/6 also 39 adults and some children (S.O. (1) Malta 1417/8)

Following received from Naples of which there is no confirmation in Admiralty. Impending Italian attack Gibraltar by air, land & sea. (Corrupt group -? Spain) to be overwhelmed instead of taking part. German ships DUCSBURG, GEIERFELS and LEVIN KUSEN have steam up preparatory to leaving Naples. Italian CONTE DI SAVOIA left Naples p.m. 5/6 with 6,000 troops and war material destination unknown, possibly Libya. (D.M.I., 2213/8)

Italians in Italian ship FELCE arrived Suez today state all Italian ships ordered to proceed to Italian ports within 48 hours (G. 3.) (S.B.N.O., Suez Canal area, 1658/8)

Istanbul report 7/6, Adriatic agent received telephone call from Italy. Italian ships to complete promptly loading cargo for Brindisi, cancel calling elsewhere (A.2)

Small Italian craft ordered to R.V. off Mytilene (A.4) (S.O.I., Alexandria 2145/8)

Destroyer Escort

Imperial Airways report sighting 0900 G.M.T. 8/6 one large Italian transport escorted by 2 destroyers proceeding towards Tobruk, and observed 5 vessels in Tobruk Harbour, unable to identify. One transport unescorted approaching Derna. (S.O.I., Malta, 2100/8)

Battle Fleet

Reported one VITTORIO class has joined up with Fleet. Greek steamers have repeatedly seen Italian troops being transported to Libya. Appears to be unusual traffic between Naples and Brindisi probably carrying troops to Brindisi. (N.A., Athens 1435/8)

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Saturday.FOREIGN STATIONSEast IndiesUMBRIA

Your 2015/7. Re "persuasion". If necessary UMBRIA could be delayed until arrival of person to do the persuading. (C. in C., E.I. 1225Z/8)

Final destination declared as Calcutta Ship therefore appears to be subject to export control under Adty 1739/6 (S.B.N.O. Suez. 1216/8)

STRATHEDEN

Movements (G. in C., E.I. 1119Z/8)

~~GER~~ German Activities

In Addis Ababa My 0856/6 N.O.I.C. Kilindini states information received from most reliable source. (S.O.(1) Colombo 0527Z/8)

Banda Shapur

My 1714/7, Para 1. Minister Teheran in his No 160 referred to measures of control taken by Iranian authorities. Two Iranian gunboats are permanently on guard at Banda Shapur anchored to seaward of German ship. (S.N.O. Persian Gulf 0910Z/8)

ANFORA

Requesting instructions re application of this Italian ship for 700 tons bunker coal from Bombay. (Customs, Bombay 1505/8) Ship has arrived Marmagao.

From UNST message appears to be taking refugees. Ship is neither loading nor unloading cargo. (S.O.I., Colombo, 1705Z/8)

Italian Movements

Following is gist of C. in C. East Indies Tel. No 1217/6 addressed Middle East Intelligence Centre: Reliably reported Italian Destroyer three funnels probably VINCENZO ^{ORSINI} anchored between centre peak and Jabal Zubair East Helena on 2nd June landed party at lighthouse. H.M.S. HOBART reported sighting Italian Destroyer VINCENZO ^{ORSINI} in same vicinity 3rd June. Senior Officer Red Sea Force reported centre peak light not burning 3rd June. (M.I.C.E., Cairo, 1950/8)

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Saturday.FOREIGN STATIONSChinaIchang

FALCON to remain at Ichang until Japanese Force threatens the town, when she is to withdraw to Chungking. Danger of being mined in should not be overlooked. N.L.O. inform Butterfield and Swire's and Jardines accordingly and that this is necessaru because she is only gunboat in Chinese controlled waters. (C. in C., China, 0411Z/8)

Raid on Ichang today by 3 light bombers at 0810/8. Damage to shore property. S.N.O., Upper River, 1157G/8)

Situation Ichang critical. Japanese have broken through between Tangyang and Udgshik. Garrison Commander advised evacuation of British subjects p.m. Sunday to steamships SHASI, SIANGTAN and KIANOWO. If Chinese decide to destroy city, Garrison Commander will endeavour to protect British property. River reported to be boomed above Shasi. (S.N.O., Upper River. 2317G/8)

Italian Shipping

Disposition of Italian shipping (C.O.I.S. Far East., 0511Z/8)

AustraliaItalian Ships

List and destinations (D.N.I., Melbourne, 1048Z8)



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FOREIGN STATIONS

America & West Indies

U.S.3.

Asking whether it will come to Trinidad
If not he wishes to change his dis-
positions slightly (C. in C., A.W.I.
1001/8)

Dispositions to Inter-
cept Shipping

Until 13/6 in event of Italy entering
war. (C. in C., A.W.I. 1151/8)

Italian Ship

FELLA has been detained in ⁴Punta Arenas,
Costa Rica under orders of Italian
Govt. (Port Limon, C.R., 1106/8)

Suspicious Vessel

At 1300/8, passenger ship about 7000 tons
came into George Town Harbour from
south side Island. nationality unknown,
no flag, no markings, 2 funnels, (markings
no gun visible. Ship did not stop but
proceeded in westerly direction. (Grand
Cayman, 1930/8)

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Saturday.U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MININGHARDINGHAM
Sunk

Mined 1130/8 141° 1½ miles South Knock Buoy. Had become separated from F.S.189 Convoy. Ship degaussed. Mine probably magnetic. Survivors taken off by Harwich trawlers. Ship sank in approx. 51.39'30"N 1.40'30"E (N. Foreland Radio, 1135/8 C. in C., Nore, 2141/8, 2358/8, F.O.I.C. Harwich 1807/8)

EMPIRE COMMERCE

British, 3857 tons, mined while out of the swept channel near N.E. Spit Buoy, Thames Approaches, at 2235/8. 2 of her crew missing, 3 others injured. Vessel beached. (N. Foreland 1205/9, C. in C., Nore, 2333/9) Was not degaussed or wiped, and not in convoy.

Submarines Reported0840

55.52'N 2.40'E off Flamboro Head, by aircraft, course 040° A.I. (I.C. 0475/40 Donibristle 1315/8)

0230/2

Submarine nationality unknown stopped CITY OF WATERFORD 60 miles N.W. of C. Finisterre and allowed her to proceed after questioning. (F.O.C.N.A. 1231/8)

0300

54.8'N 4.48'W (off Isle of Man) by H.M. Trawler Grifter OCEAN BRINE C.5. (I.C. 0475/40) BERGELEY ordered to attack (C. in C. W.A. 0814/8)

1408

D.F. Unreliable fix, unknown enemy unit, probably U/B 48.N., 10.20'W (D.D.I.C. 1527/8)

Estimated U/B dispositions. Situation obscure. Possibilities are:
1 in Bay of Biscay.
1 off N.W. Ireland homewards.
1 off Ireland 0543/7 possibly patrolling in that area.
1 North of Shetlands homewards.
1 off Norwegian Coast N. of 61° N.
Possibly 1 in English Channel.
(D.D.I.C. 1230/8)

Submarines Attacked1408

Contact attacked by A/S yacht EVADIE at 53.45'N 4.40'W. (352° Skerries 19') (I.C. 0476) (F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 1608/8)

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Sunday.

SITUATION REPORT

Sinking of
GLORIOUS,
ACASTA,
ARDENT,
ORAMA,
OIL PIONEER.

At 0900/9 the hospital ship ATLANTIS, returning from Narvik, reported by V.S. to VALIANT, proceeding North about 80 miles N.E. of Faroes, that she had seen an enemy battleship, with 2 destroyers and seaplanes, attack a 2 funnelled transport at 0900/8. The transport, believed to be the ORAMA, returning independently from Narvik without troops or cargo was still afloat when last seen by ATLANTIS.

At 1715/8 DEVONSHIRE picked up a report from GLORIOUS of 2 pocket battleships at 1615 and 1640. Owing to various circumstances C.S.1 believed the report to have been an error. DEVONSHIRE estimates that she was about 130 miles from the GLORIOUS at the time.

A German broadcast at 1500/9 claimed that the battleships SCHARNHORST and GNEISENAU sank GLORIOUS, OIL PIONEER, ORAMA, one destroyer and one submarine chaser on 8/6. No W/T communication has been possible with GLORIOUS, ARDENT, ACASTA or ORAMA.

VALIANT was ordered to proceed to the westward with a large convoy of troops transports and destroyers returning from Narvik. VALIANT was bombed during the afternoon and evening.

REPULSE, NEWCASTLE and SUSSEX are to join this group, also ARK ROYAL and her screen of destroyers, which have been operating off Narvik. RODNEY, RENOWN and destroyers left Scapa pm/9 northwards to cover all the Narvik convoys. Two submarines are disposed to intercept the German battleships, should they make for Heligoland.

D/F fixes showed enemy units to the north of the German Declared Area during the afternoon, and W/T traffic indicated some connection between these ships and the forces to the northward.

Extensive air reconnaissance over the entire North Sea at dusk 9/6 did not reveal any sign of the enemy. As a precautionary measure, all ships on the East coast were ordered to keep steam for full speed at 2200/9.

Iceland

NEWCASTLE and SUSSEX were ordered at 0055/9 to establish a patrol to the west of Iceland in case the two ships sighted off Iceland am/7 by the lighthouse keeper at Vestmannaryjar - an island off the southernmost point of Iceland - passing westward, may be conveying troops to Iceland. At 1042, however, on receipt of the news that 2 German battleships were out, they were ordered with REPULSE and ARK ROYAL to join VALIANT in escorting the Narvik convoy.

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Sunday.SITUATION REPORT

French Coast Rouen was evacuated today by shipping and the petrol tanks were fired. Operation Cycle is in abeyance for the time being (see Operations volume)

Troop Convoys There are the following troop convoys en route (0715/9).

3rd Australian T.C. is between Freetown and Dakar, escorted by CUMBERLAND and SHROPSHIRE.

Convoy with troops from Bombay is between Bombay and Seychelles, escorted by KENT. Convoy with troops from Colombo is off Mombasa, escorted by COLOMBO.

Convoy of native troops from West Africa is proceeding towards the Cape, en route for Mombasa, escorted by CORNWALL. Narvik Convoy group 1 escorted by VINDICTIVE and 5 destroyers is west of Hebrides en route for Clyde.

Narvik Convoy Group 2 escorted by COVENTRY and 6 destroyers is 600 miles E.N.E. of Scapa, en route for Scapa.

Narvik Store Convoy escorted by 3 destroyers is 700 miles N.N.E. of Scapa.

DORSETSHIRE Sailed pm. from Plymouth to Grand Canary.

Air.

During the night 8/9 there was some evidence of Norwegian transport activity and of some offensive activity against an unknown objective off the Norwegian coast. This latter activity was controlled by Trondheim. Mine-laying is believed to have taken place off the North Foreland, in the Downs off Dungeness, off Beady Head and possibly west of the Isle of Wight. Dieppe, Le Havre, and Cherbourg are believed to have been bombed. Naval aircraft were active in the Northern North Sea from an early hour this morning until shortly before noon, a number of urgent message being passed. (H.Q.C.C. 1730/9).

Italian Situation

Count Ciano has informed N.A. Rome that "the die is cast", and the French are believed to be leaving Rome on Tuesday or Wednesday next.

It is reported that German Admiral Marshall has been appointed to Mediterranean and S. Atlantic sectors and is trying to force an offensive policy on Italian Navy, especially on their submarines. (S.O.(I) Alexandria 1251/9 to Adty.)

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SundayHOME COMMANDSDefence of U.K.Bridlington.

Request your views as regards effect on trade if Bridlington Harbour is blocked by a suitable ship. (D. of L.D. to F.O.I.C. Hull, 1348/9)

Effect will be small. 12 fishing vessels work from the port. 1 or 2 coasting vessels call weekly. (F.O. Humber 1740/10)

Liverpool Area

Report re Holyhead, Preston, Fleetwood and Whitehaven. (F.O.I.C. Liverpool 1436/9)

Ref F.O.I.C. Liverpool 1436/8 proposals are concurred in. Request notices to mariners may be issued. (C. in C., W.A. 1048/9)

Immobilisation of
forts

Your 0031/7 confirmed (C. in C., Home Forces, London, no T.O.O. Recd. 1220/9)

Shoreham

Port scheme ready (C. in C., Portsmouth 0013/9)

Movements18 C.S.

Your 1358/9 approved for 18 C.S. to proceed Rosyth for a few days as proposed. (D.C., 1625/9 to C. in C., Nore) Admty. 1625. Intend proceeding with MANCHESTER SHEFFIELD and BIRMINGHAM at 0430/10, expected arrival Rosyth 1530/10 (F.O. 18C.S., 1941/9)

Submarines

Positions at 0600/10 (V.A.S., 1926/9, D.C. 2156/9, 0122/10)

EMERALD

Route from Iceland to Clyde (N.O.I.C. Greenock, 1719/9)

Scapa

F.O.C.B.C.S., in RENOWN with ZULU and KELVIN arrived Scapa (F.O.C.O.S. 0515/9)

GLORIOUS
VALIANT

VALIANT's 0901/9. If you have enough fuel, join VALIANT, otherwise proceed to Scapa. VALIANT estimated to be steering 0280 from position 63. 18'N., 3.49'W. at 0900/9 speed 21 knots. (C. in C., H.F. to GLORIOUS, 1033/9)

(GLORIOUS had been sunk in 8th)

EMERALD WINGS

Has been allocated to Scapa as Blockship. She should be routed west about and escorted if possible. (D. of L.D. 1551/9 to C. in C. Portsmouth)



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Sunday.HOME COMMANDSOperations-North Sea

NEWCASTLE take SUSSEX under orders and proceed with moderate despatch to 53.00'N., 13.00'W., 13.00'W. Ships then to patrol 30 miles either side of that position on a line 700 2500. If not in company now ships to R.V. as ordered by NEWCASTLE. Object of patrol interception of 2 merchant ships sighted off Iceland which may be conveying enemy troops to Eire. You will also be in a position to proceed to any position on West Coast of Eire if news of a landing is received. (C. in C., H.F., 0055/9)

My position, course and speed are 63.47'N., 11.33'W. 183° 15 knots at 0400. Orders to SUSSEX (NEWCASTLE, 0412/9)

NEWCASTLE and SUSSEX to proceed towards 66.N., 1.W., then steer 0340. (C. in C., 1042/9)

Enemy battle cruisers may be passing your vicinity proceeding S.E. at any time now. (V.A.(S) to TETRARCH, 1512/9)

VALIANT
R.A. (A)

VALIANT's 0901/9. Join Group 2 (Narvik Convoys) Maintain wide reconnaissance to give warning of approach of enemy force. If located attack with torpedo aircraft. (C. in C., H.F. 1054/9, to R.A. (A))

SOUTHAMPTON

VALIANT's 0901/9. Presume you are putting up all round air reconnaissance. SOUTHAMPTON will then obtain touch, SOUTHAMPTON meanwhile remaining with convoy. Position, course and speed, 69.04'N., 04.27'E., 210° 13 knots (F.O., Narvik to R.A. (A) 1102/9)

CLYDE

C. in C. H.F.'s 1031/9. Proceed with despatch to patrol off northern end of Fro Havet. (R.A. (S) to CLYDE, 1126/9)

REPULSE

Position, course and speed at 1130 (REPULSE 1135/9)

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My 1152/8. Operation C.P. Dieppe is to be blocked 10/6. Sail forces accordingly. Latest information available will be signalled by 2400/9 (V.C.N.S. /9) Situation obscure Expect further signal (D.D.O.D. (H) 2210/9) As Germans may be in Dieppe by time you arrive you must expect some light opposition. (Adty. 2355/9 to VEGA) My M.T.B's have not made contact and may be at Dieppe. Hope make Dieppe at earliest daylight. Request fighter escort visibility poor position doubtful. (VEGA 0045/10)

Operations-French CoastLe Havre

Commercial Cable Company's Office at Le Havre closed. All communications with Paris cut. (Press report 1655/9)

Please keep me fully informed direct of the situation at Havre. (C. in C., Portsmouth 1943/9 to War Office) Ref. your 2/A 1326/1 of today. Naval Liaison party not arrived at Cherbourg by 1500 today. Cannot communicate Havre and suggest you cable direct. Transport above party standing by at Cherbourg as ordered. (L. of C., to Broadness 6, 1850/9)

Cherbourg

Bombing raids at intervals between 1040/8 and 0230/9 also probable mine dropping. Believed no serious damage. Wharves, quays, and rail intact. Port open to treated ships. (B.N.L.O. Marceau 1557/9)

Rouen Evacuated

Rouen evacuated and petrol tanks fired. Sea Transport Officer left 1800/8 on Military order, having arranged sailing of merchant shipping 23 ships. Proceeding Cherbourg to await orders. (N.C.S.O. Rouen, 1615/9, 1655/9)



HOME COMMANDS

Operation-Cycle (*Evacuation Havre*)

Put into operation forthwith. Ships in first instance to Havre. Embarkation will start tonight. Troops evacuated will probably proceed to another French Port instead of England. Important to embark as much material as possible (A.C.N.S. (H) 1320/9 to C. in C., Portsmouth)

RESTIGDUCKE)
BROKE)
ST. LAURENT)
WELLINGTON)
CODRINGTON)

Proceed with despatch to R/V with SALADIN at 2700 Cape De La Heve 7' (C. in C., Portsmouth 1505/9)

CODRINGTON to embark Beach Parties and French Officers at Spithead before proceeding R/V (C. in C. Portsmouth 1556/9) Sailed 1328/ (C. in C. W.A. 1617/9)

BULLDOG)
BOADICEA)
CALCUTTA)

R/V with SALADIN 7' W of Cape De La Heve (C. in C. Portsmouth 1533/9)

CALCUTTA delayed by Minefield off Harwich C. in C. Nore 1737/9 to C. in C. Portsmouth) To be sailed for Havre at Daylight 10th (C. in C. Nore 1855/9)

Owing to French evacuation tonight no British ships to enter Havre. Troop carriers to return to Spithead, other ships to Newhaven and Poole. Destroyers remain with you. All ships keep steam at immediate notice. (C. in C., Portsmouth to SALADIN 2154/9)

Small craft flotilla to remain near or inside Havre (C. in C., Portsmouth 2204/9 to tug RESOLVE)

LAIRDS ISLE carrying Beach Parties to enter Havre as soon as possible. (C. in C., Portsmouth to SALADIN 2210/9)

Seven Dutch Coasters now at Surrey Commercial Docks, London to be commissioned and sailed for Newhaven forthwith (D.O.D. (H) 2238/8)



HOME COMMANDS

Operation Cycle- Contd.

Twelve Dutch Coasters now at Poole to be commissioned forthwith. (D.O.D. (H) 2239/8)

Do not arrive at Havre before 0400/10 (D.O.D.H. 2250/9 to SALADIN and ships)

Situation 1030/9 apparently as follows. 51st Divn. holding line Dieppe/Neufchatel, thence S.W. to westward of Rouen Docks. Local French garrison on line Fecamp/Lillebonne. German advanced armoured forces near Rouen. French Admiral commanding ashore has ordered 51st Division to fall back to Havre for evacuation. Estimated total numbers for evacuation at Havre are:-

British 51st Division	23,000
British Local Garrison	5,000
French Troops	5,000
Military Labour Camps	20,000

Plus unknown number from French Army. Naval Liaison Party on their way North.

Their W/T, like mine, can receive but cannot transmit. (Telephone from S.N.O. Havre 9/6)



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HOME COMMANDS

Operation Cycle

Intend to use HAMPTON for operation Cycle (C. in C., Portsmouth, 1203/9)

CALCUTTA, BULLDOG, BOADICEA from Nore, CODRINGTON and BROKE from W.A., and AMBUSCADE, HARVESTER, FERNIE and GARDENIA from Portland as well as Destroyers and Sloops at Portsmouth to be placed at disposal of C. in C., Portsmouth for this operation. (D.D.D.D. (K) to C. in C. Portsmouth 9/6)

Dieppe
Havre
Cherbourg

Dieppe is clear. Barge sunk near entrance and possible magnetic mines outside, but ammunition and all supplies can be landed at Dieppe though Havre better for heavy supplies. Germans in Treport. Left flank British Division at Criel retreating slowly to Dieppe. Havre and Cherbourg quite free for traffic (B.N.L.O. Paris to Admty. 1320/9)

The following signals re operation Cycle will be found in Operations Volume:-

*not in Operations
Volume*

- A.C.N.S. (H) 1320/9
- C. in C. Portsmouth 2204/9, 2154/9, etc.
- D.O.D. (H) 2238/9, 2239/9.
- Telephone from S.N.O., Havre, 9/6.

Operations- Narvik Area

Convoys

Admty. 1834/7 and F.O.C.S. 1802/9. French ships PREHAC and ~~SAINTE~~ CLAIR are to join Hebrew convoy to Clyde if they arrive at Scapa in time. Trawlers and British ships other than troopships on passage from Narvik are to proceed to Scapa to await orders. Norwegian ships on passage from Tromso are to proceed to Kirkwall for orders. ATLANTIS to proceed Liverpool. (D.O.D. (H) 2212/9)

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Sunday.

HOME COMMANDS.

Operations - Evacuation of Norway.

ORAMA is proceeding empty and unescorted to U.K. (C. in C. H.F. 0956/9).

Sinking of GLORIOUS.

VALIANT's 0901/9. Following was read, reception very doubtful on 3700/C.I.S. at 1720/8. Begins V.A.(A) from GLORIOUS. My 1615 2 PB. T.O.O. 1640 ends. GLORIOUS 1615 not received (C.S.1 1031/9).

VALIANT's 0901/9. Pressure you are putting up all round air reconnaissance. (F.O. Narvik 1102/9 to R.A.A.)

Group 1 reported 270 Butt of Lewis 12 steering 090 at 0611. (C. in C. Rosyth 0928/9 to C. in C. H.F.)

Position, course, and speed of Group 2 at 1800 is 67° 40' N. 1° 40' E. 270° 13 knots. Altering course at 2200 for 63° N. 8° W. thence to Minches passing West of Faroes. ARROW escorting Store convoy to take command at 65° N. 10° W. thence to destination. (F.O.I.C. Narvik 1805/9 to ARROW).

Enemy Air Activity.

DULWICH. *(not a/c, struck
airmass object)
(ser. 6756)*

British (4102 tons) burning, beached, and abandoned at the Mouth of the Seine. (D.S.284)

MAX WOLF.

Greek (6694 tons) attacked in Channel.

VALIANT.

Bombed 65° 23' N. 2° 39' E. (VALIANT 1530/9).



HOME COMMANDS

Operations-Narvik

Convoys, Contd.

Position course and speed of Group 2 at 1800 67.40'N., 0140'E., 270° 13 knots. ARROW, escorting store convoy to take command 65. N 10.W., thence to destination, passing W. of Faroes. (F.O., Narvik, 1805/9)

DEVONSHIRE

My 0623/9 (Destroyer to act as screen to DEVONSHIRE) Destroyer escort will not be available. (C. in C., H.F., 1117/9)

AIR

British Air Activity

Reconnaissance

Interpretation of photographs obtained 8/6 Den Helder naval base, no change, no German naval units. Demok seaplane base no change, same seaplane at same moorings. Harrlingen no activity. (D.D.I.C., 0032/9)

1 aircraft 206 Sqdn. to reconnoitre Horns Reef and Borkum. (A.C.H.Q., Chatham 1220/9)

Enemy Air Activity

VETERAN

Bombed 66.20'N 2.40'E (VETERAN 0735/9)

BEN ROSAL }
STRATHDERRY }
NEWHAVEN }

Bombed and machine gunned by large seaplane 1030/8 at 64.30'N 2.45'W. (N.O.I.C. Faroes 2045/9 to F.O.C.O.S.)

Fair Isle Raid

Failure of ground defences to come into operation in time against enemy aircraft on 7/6 may be partly due to fact that lately friendly aircraft observed flying low over the island. Suggested regulations in regard to approaching merchant ships should apply to Fair Isle. (A.C.C.S. 1125/9)

Ref. A.C.O.S. 1125/9, consider association of rules for avoiding merchant ships with rules for avoiding prohibited areas would cause confusion. Fair Isle lies in a prohibited area, and 11 Command will be asked to remind pilots they must avoid it. (Air Ministry 0800/10)

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Sunday.HOME COMMANDSMiningOuistreham

Magnetic mines reported found this morning in approaches to Ouistreham (Caen, 1120/9, to Transports, London).

Eire

H.Q. Ulster Constabulary received information (B.O.) that after departure of U.S. relief ship 11/6 or 12/6 enemy will attempt minelaying round Irish Coast. (N.O.I.C. Belfast, 1110/9).

ShippingT.C.5.

Instructions for (DUCHESS OF ATHOLL, DUCHESS OF BEDFORD, SAMARIA, REVENGE) (D.O.D.(F) 0031/9).

E. Boat
Threat

Threat from E-boat attack on shipping off southern part of East coast and in Eastern English Channel considered to outweigh that from air and to necessitate alteration to existing convoy time tables on the basis that shipping should sail from the Thames as early as possible and arrive in the Thames as late as possible each day, thus permitting daylight passage of those portions of the coast nearest enemy bases. Arrangements for this. (D.T.D. 1626/9).

Enemy Intelligence

German Force reported to be at sea off Norwegian Coast. Our Main Fleet endeavouring to intercept. (D.C. 2025/9 to B.N.L.O. Marceau).

Unknown enemy unit, D.F., at 1616/9, bearing Scarborough 018/1 (D.D.I.C. 1656/9).

Unknown enemy unit, D.F., at 1711/9, position 52:20 N., 04:00 E., unreliable fix (D.D.I.C. 1744/9).

Unknown enemy unit, D.F., at 2040/9, position 57:55N. 7:20 E., reliable fix. (D.D.I.C. 2116/9)

Unknown enemy unit, D.F., at 1534/9, position 56:40 N., 5:30 E., unreliable fix. (D.D.I.C. 1632/9).

Unknown enemy unit, D.F. at 1825/9, bearings Cupar 040/2, Scarborough 021/1. (D.D.I.C., 1941/9).

Unknown.....

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Sunday.HOME COMMANDS.Enemy Intelligence (Contd.)

Unknown enemy unit, D.F., at 1904/9, bearings from Scarborough, Cooling Marches, Flowerdown and Land's End. (D.D.I.C. 1951/9).

Unknown enemy unit, D.F., at 2245/9, bearings Scarborough 054/1, Cupar 085/3. (D.D.I.C. 2350/9).

D/F fixes showed enemy units to the north of the German Declared Area afternoon 9/6 and W/T traffic indicated some connection between these ships and the forces to the northward (I.C. 0477/40)

MiscellaneousN.A. Paris

Naval Attache's Office in Paris being closed p.m. today, Sunday. (B.N.L.O. Marceau, 1319/9).

WASHINGTON

My 1402/4. S.S.. WASHINGTON will probably leave Lisbon 10/6 arriving Galway 12/6 (Hd. of M., 1624/9) to C. in C., W.A.).

WEATHER

<u>0500 B.S.T.</u>	<u>Wind</u>	<u>Visibility</u>	<u>Outlook</u>
North Sea	Variable, light.	Moderate with fog patches in N. and W., good in E.	Visibility deteriorating in E.
Channel	Variable, light.	Good, local coastal mist.	Wind becoming southerly in W.
W. Approaches	South, light or moderate.	Good.	Wind freshening slowly. Visibility deteriorating.
Horns Reef	Northerly, light.	Good, coastal haze.	Wind becoming variable.
Dutch Coast	Variable, light.	Moderate, coastal haze.	Similar.
Norwegian Coast: South West	Variable, light.	Mainly good, coastal haze.	Visibility, deteriorating.

(no information for North)



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CASUALTIES & DEFECTS

Home Commands

MARGARET (Patrol Trawler) Scuttled after leaving Harstad for Scapa in tow of STRATHDERRY owing to bad weather. Crew transferred to STRATHDERRY. (N.O.I.C. Faroes 2045/9 to F.O.C.O.S.)

America & West Indies

LACONIA Aground in Halifax Harbour. H.M.S. AUSONIA sailing about 1900 today to escort HX 49 (F.O.C. 3 B.S., 1403/9).

OREGON }
CLAN SKENE } See South Atlantic.
CITY OF ATHENS }

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Sunday.FOREIGN STATIONSNorth AtlanticFrench Positions

Convoys & Patrols 1200/10 (D.C. 2351/9).

South
North AtlanticDurban D.F. Station

Concur in D.N.I. 1238/1 (C. in C., S.A., 1220/9).

OREGON

Danish ship due Cape Town 4/6 not arrived.
(S.O.I), Cape Town, 1118/9).CLAN SKENE
CITY OF ATHENSDue Durban 7/6 not arrived) (S.O.I) Cape
Due Cape Town approx 6/6 not arrived) Town, 1108/9MediterraneanPositions

British Warships at sea (D.C. 0745/9 to B.N.L.O. Marceau).

UMBRIA

Italian. Your 1725/9. Action has been taken as suggested. (D.O.D.(F) to C. in C., Med.)

Italian Radio

Italian administration notify following. Radio telegram service with Italian ships suspended. Radio telegrams exchanged between commanders of said ships and Italian authorities and owners or their agencies only admitted. (Berne Communication Centre, 1200/9).

VERBANIA

Italian, being held at Port Said with 2500 tons of cement on board and some munitions. Consider she should not transit the Canal unless cement unloaded and reloaded at Suez. (C. in C., Med., 1735/9). *See P. 157.*Possible Minelayers

Italian ships which may be used for minelaying. C.1 report from Genoa states REX loading for company June 8 and will proceed Trieste. (N.A., Rome, 1926/9).

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- CONTE VERDE Italian, due to leave Shanghai today for Europe, ordered to remain indefinitely (Reuter).
- Motor Transport Cairo report that for 2 months all Italian ships homeward through Suez Canal from Massawa have carried many motor lorries, originally shipped to East Africa for Abyssinia campaign (Press).
- PLEIADI Italian minelaying destroyer, sighted by DAINTY 36:45 N., 12:43 E. at 1745 (X.1-2) 8/6. (S.O.I. Malta, 1031/9).
- Italian Cruisers Position of 8 in. cruisers June 7 believed (A.2) to be one at Spezia, 3 at Messina, 3 at Taranto. (D.N.I. 1732/9).
- German Aircraft for Italy Following received from French Ambassador at Berne:- Reported on June 7th that some 60 German bombers had been flown from Germany to Italy via Switzerland during the previous 48 hours and that the Swiss authorities gave strict instructions that they were not to be fired on. (D.N.I. 1731/9).
- A/S Sweep Adty. 1621/8. Am arranging an A/S sweep to westward of Alexandria by destroyers tomorrow 10/6 in case Italian submarines are on the move out of ~~there~~ their declared area. Force will have orders to attack submarines located unless they are escorted by a surface vessel. (C. in C., Med., 1209/9).
- Germans in Italy Training of Italian submarines crews supervision of armaments of Italian Cruisers of Regolo Class and further repairs being carried out on Italian Battleship LITTORIO which failed to attain expected speed 30 knots, being carried out by German Officers. (S.O.I. Alexandria, 1251/9). Your 1250/9, 1251/9 request source (D.N.I. 1088/10).
- Route Instructions Asking if neutral vessels on charter to British Govt. should be routed by N.C.S.O.'s (C. in C., Med. 1917/9). Advice may be given in accordance with Adty. 1616/26/10/39 (D.T.D., 1708/10).

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Sunday.FOREIGN STATIONSEast IndiesW/T
Communications

Re daily wireless communication between Mauritius and Solomon Is. and Diego Garcia in Castille Archipelago. M.I.D. 01038/1940 dated 12/4/40 refers. (C. in C., E.I. 1427/9).

ChinaJapanese
Incidents

S.N.O. Upper River's 1157G, 8/6. Letter to Japanese naval authorities drawing attention to bomb incident. Suggestions for avoiding future incidents, all British ships to have distinctly painted Union Jack on Upper deck, etc. (B.N.L.O., Shanghai, 0809Z/9).

Ichang.

Situation (S.N.O., Upper River, 2002G/9).

AustraliaItalian Ships

Names and destinations. (D.N.I., Melbourne, 0654Z/9).

America and West Indies.Manning of
German Ships

My 1822/6. Norwegian Officers and crews available for manning 6 captured German ships. (C. in C., A.W.I. 1012/9).

Cancel my 1445/29/5. (S.O.I., Kingston, 1055/9).

Danish Ships

Adty. 1924/8, (Valparaiso is in ignorance of Adty. message re seizure of Danish Ships in prize). Gist of message quoted was sent Panama, Colon, Curacao and naval authorities only. Message now being fully distributed. (C. in C., A.W.I., 1104/9).

K.L.M. Service

Concur views of Governor, Trinidad, in his telegram 389 to Sec. of State. Consider K.L.M. Service is at present potential source of danger. (C. in C., A.W.I. 2151/9).

Movements

My 0050/5. Report whether EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA, and EMERALD have yet sailed. Despatch is necessary. (D.O.D.(F) to R.A. 3 B.S., 2057/9).

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Sunday.FOREIGN STATIONSAmerica & West Indies (Contd.)

SUMATRA

Adty. 1732/7. Request Dutch SUMATRA be sailed for Bermuda as early as possible. (C. in C., A.W.I., to Capt. H.M.D.Y., Halifax, 0912/9).

GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPPING

Four German ships which had taken refuge in Naples sailed during the night of June 8/9. Their destinations are unknown but Adriatic ports seem the most probable.

ITALIAN SHIPPING

POLINICE

1373 tons, Varna to Venice with 1700 tons of maize, has been ordered to Malta under armed guard (FIONA 0130/9).

REX

Left Genoa 6/6 destination believed to be Venice. (D.N.I., 1732/9).

POSEIDONE

Intercepted and released 36:23 N., 22:42 E., in ballast from Bari to Burgas and Constanza to load crude oil. (CAPETOWN, 1451/9).

BRONTE

Intercepted messages to Basra Radio (S.N.O. Persian Gulf, 0735/9).

ERMINIA)
MAZELLA)
SAVOIA

Left Colombo 5/6 and 6/6 due Aden 17/6 and 15/6. If they appear off Marmagoo before you leave, similar action to be taken as for ANFORA. (C. in C., E.I. to CATHAY 0557/9).

CALITEA

CAPETOWN's 1611/8. Request approval for CALITEA to evacuate Italians who desire to leave Malta. (F.O.I.C., Malta 1405/9). Approved, but ship not to be released before approval from M.E.W. (C. in C., Med., 1733/9).

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Sunday.ITALIAN SHIPPING

VERBANIA My 1202/7. VERBANIA arrived Port Said 1000/9, cement etc., for Massawa. Intended that she should transit Canal tomorrow during daylight hours with armed guard and escorted by tug. (S.B.N.O. Suez Canal Area, 1116/9) (see also Mediterranean). (p. 153)

RODI With 150 Italians, including some officers, and 157 Poles boarded and sent to Malta under armed guard in position 36:23 N., 22:45 E., from Alexandria to Brindisi. Being held. (CAPETOWN, 1404/9).

PENELOPE Dubrovnik, ordered to sail nearest Italian port. CARBONIA (Belgrade report to News Chronicle).

CONTE GRANDI Reported at Santos. (Press).
CONTE BIANCAMANO " " ~~Malta~~ " "
Balboa

VIGOR } Refuging at Puerto Mexico "
GENOANO }

FEDE At Tampico "

FACIL ANTEO Expected at Tampico "

STELVIO " " " "

L
FELA Due Acapulco 11/6 "

ALABAMA In Mexican waters "

DORA " " " "

ADIGE Sent into Malta under armed guard 9/6 (FIONA 0412/9)

SAN MARCO } All in Medit. ordered by P/L, two at 2015/8 and
IOASSO } one at 0950/9 from Italian Coal Monopoly;
CAPACITAS } "Failing to reach your port of destination before afternoon 10/6 you will proceed to port nearest you and await our instructions". (D.N.I. 1830/9).

REMO (Genoa to Brisbane) was instructed on 8/6 to discharge all passengers and cargo at Fremantle, W.A., and proceed to Batavia for full cargo of sugar. (I.C. 0477/40).

MONTE PIANA Intercepted and brought into Aden by armed guard (C.C.S. Aden, 0635Z/9).

FORTUNATA My 0020/8. Instructed by W/T to coal in a Spanish port (D.O.D.(F) 1227/9 to B.M.L.O. Marceau).

War Diary9.6.40.
Sunday.U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MININGShips AttackedEMPIRE
COMMERCE
sunk 8/6

My 1453. EMPIRE COMMERCE was mined four cables W. of N.E. Spit Buoy. Ship beached 19 cables 261 degrees from N.E. Spit Buoy. Sweepers exploded red mine 3 cables N.W. of N.E. Spit Buoy. N.E. Spit Buoy is reported to be 111 degrees 7.2 cables from its charted position. (C. in C., Nore, 2333/9, as amended by 1545/10).

Submarines Reported

- 1110 D.F., unreliable fix, 59:00 N., 1:30 E. (H.Q., C.C., 1730/9).
- 1700 By French aircraft 38:0 N., 3:35 E. (about 72 miles S. of Majorca) (F.O.C.N.A. 1722/10).
- 1711 D.F. unknown enemy unit, 52:20 N., 04:00 E., unreliable fix. (D.D.I.C. 1744/9).
- 1749 D.F., unknown enemy unit, probably U-boat, 57:40 N., 03:00 E., unreliable fix. (D.D.I.C. 1840/9).
- 2216 D.F., unknown enemy unit, probably U-boat, bearing Scarborough 335/2, Land's End, 0005/3 Sumburgh 279/3. (D.D.I.C. 2253/9, 2350/9).

Estimated U-boat dispositions:-

Situation still obscure. Possibilities are:-

1 in about 48:00 N., 10:20 W. at 1408/8

homeward bound either northabout or through Channel.

Possibly 1 patrolling N. of Ireland.

1 W. Hebrides homeward bound.

1 in middle of North Sea homeward bound.

Possibly 1 homeward bound from Norwegian Coast. (D.D.I.C. 1201/9).

Submarines Attacked

My 1915/8 FOXGLOVE reports dropped 5 depth charges on contact which later proved to be non-sub. (N.O.I.C., Newhaven, 0036/9)



SITUATION REPORT

Italy Declares War

Italy informed the British and French Ambassadors that she was in a state of war with Great Britain and France from 11/6

Operation "Cycle" The situation is obscure. See Operations Volume.

French Coast

French ships evacuated base personnel from Havre during the night 9/10. Havre was bombed during the evening 10/6. Granville and St. Malo are open Caen and Cherbourg open to treated ships.

Marceau was evacuated.

In the course of operations off the French coast to assist the Army by bombardment BULLDOG and BOADICEA were damaged by bombs and AMBUSCADE by fire from a shore battery off Fecamp.

Blocking and demolition operations were carried out at Dieppe 10/6, but the approach though difficult is not completely closed to ships. One of the 3 blockships was sunk by a mine in the approach.

Convoy Attacked by M.T.B's

VIVIEN, escorting a north bound convoy off Orfordness was attacked by M.T.B's from 0030/10 to 0145/10, and at least 7 torpedoes were fired. As far as is known there were no hits. Our aircraft unsuccessfully attacked these M.T.B's when homeward bound. JACKAL and FORESIGHT, on patrol off Lowestoft, were despatched to remain near the convoy until daybreak, and 4 aircraft also proceeded in support.

The enemy M.T.B's were operating from Ymuiden and Hook of Holland. C. in C. Nore has ordered all available large M.T.B's to be off Ymuiden by 0300/11 and to carry out a sweep to intercept the enemy on their return.

Enemy Concentrations

Enemy battle cruisers and other large ships were reported at anchor at Trondheim on the morning 10/6. 30 merchant vessels of 4/5000 tons were observed at Bergen and another considerable concentration in the Statlandet area.



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MondaySITUATION REPORT CONTD.

At 1400/10 CLYDE reported 1 pocket battleship and one HIPPER class cruiser at sea off Trondheim. A Sunderland flying boat proceeded to locate and shadow these ships, but had not sighted them by the time she was relieved.

At 1800/6 a Blenheim reconnaissance at Trondheim reported that the only ships in Harbour were 1 battle cruiser, 2 destroyers and 1 merchant ship.

At 1526 the Admiralty directed that the enemy ships reported by CLYDE should be the objective of C. in C., Home Fleet.

Mining

Mines were dropped by aircraft off Harwich during the night 9/10 and the port is closed.

A new field of contact mines has been found in the searched channel 12 miles S.E. of Flamborough; 18 mines have been swept to date. It is believed these are Dutch mines laid by the Germans.

ORZEL

is 2 days overdue in returning from the entrance to the Skagarrak and must be presumed lost.

Italian Shipping

The UMBRIA, loaded with cement and explosives scuttled herself at Port ~~Saint~~ 1700/10. 13 Italian merchant ships were seized shortly before midnight in ports in the U.K, and one, the MARZOCCO was intercepted by patrol trawlers in home waters. Others are held in British ports abroad.



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War Diary10.6.40.
MondayHOME COMMANDSDefence of U.K.Magnetic
MinesHd. of M. 2246/10 to C. in C., Rosyth, Nore,
Portsmouth, A.C.O.S., F.O.C. Dover.Humber
untrustworthy
personnelRe replacement of vessels fitted for flying
balloons, crews untrustworthy. (F.O., Humber,
2240/10).FolkestoneMy 2125/6. As Folkestone no longer required for
naval, military or cross-Channel services,
urge port should be closed and immobilised.
(V.A., Dover, 1843/10).Civil
Aerodromes
round coastAction taken to block temporarily. (Air Min.,
1900/10).ScapaTablecloth Net being supplied to Scapa for
A/B Defence at rate of 2 miles per week.
First consignment left Rosyth 5th June
sufficient will be supplied for defence of all
entrances including Eastern Sounds. Request
immediate report of number and size of
additional Blockships required. (D. of L.D.
1615/10 to C. in C., H.F.).Operation C.P.

Dieppe blocked. (VEGA 0619/10 to Adty.)

Operation "Cycle". (*Evacuation of Havre.*)

→CALCUTTA

To remain at Harwich till channel reported
clear (C. in C., Nore, 0416/10).Havre
Situation 0600Situation 0600/10. Two air-raids during night.
Little damage. Refugees mostly gone.
Demolition ready. Oil and Petrol Tanks destroyed.
W/T with 51st Division still unestablished.
(S.N.O. Havre 0700/10 to C. in C. Portsmouth).
Small craft should remain near Havre (C. in C.
Portsmouth 0845/10 to SALADIN).

→CALCUTTA

Sailed from Harwich 0917 for Portsmouth.
Expected arrival 1800. (F.O.I.C. Harwich 0921/10
to Adty.)

1 July, 1950.

Hotel Bellevue,
L'Aberwrach,
Finistere,
FRANCE.

① Commander W.H. Westall, R.N.
Historical Section,
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LONDON. S.W.I.

Dear Commander Westall,

Please forgive me for not having answered your letter of May 17 before but I have been away in the U.S.A. and Scandinavia and it has only just caught up with me.

My authority for saying on page 72 of my book on Rommel that troops were being evacuated from Fécamp on June 10 was the diary of the 7th Panzer Division and I am afraid that I did not refer it to the Admiralty for verification as I should have done. I imagine that it was a report made during the action and that someone thought he saw other vessels besides destroyers standing off the coast.

As regards the Q.E. and Valiant, I was very well aware of the facts, since I saw them the morning after the attack and, thanks to my father having been head of the Admiralty Salvage Section and to my having spent some years in salvage myself, I spotted that the Q.E. was lying on the bottom because she was considerably below her marks. However, I quite realise that the paragraph might read as though they had actually been destroyed and I will make a correction.

Thank you so much for writing.

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War Diary10.6.40.
Monday.HOME COMMANDSOperation "Cycle" (Contd.)Havre
Situation 0945

Situation 0945. Total numbers for evacuation estimated at 65,000 of which 23,000 British. Transports should now be sailed. Understood British will command covering line Fécamp/Lillebonne. (S.N.O. Havre 1000/10 to C. in C., Portsmouth).

Bombardment

You should arrange for destroyers to assist Army by bombardment as required. Try to get in touch with Army H.Q. (C. in C., Portsmouth 1004/10 to S.N.O.'s Afloat).

Short title for Havre jetties: S Southampton Quay, E Escale Quay, F Floride Quay, O N Oblique Quay North Side, O S Oblique Quay South Side, T G Tide Gauge Jetty West of Southampton Jetty. Promulgate to ships and vessels in your vicinity. (C. in C., Portsmouth 1044/10 to S. & A.)

Places for evacuation

In view of possible evacuation large numbers from places other than Havre request early information of what suitable ports or beaches available (C. in C., Portsmouth 1047/10 to S.N.O. Havre).

Bombardment

Daily signal will be made of expected position of left of line for following day. Ships should bombard any Enemy seen to Eastward. (N.L.O. 51st Divn. 1147/10 to Adty.)

Disposal of troops

British Forces when evacuated will proceed to Cherbourg (C. in C., Portsmouth 1151/10 to S.N.O. Havre).

Evacuation ports

If enemy A.F.Vs south of Fecamp appear to constitute a large force, S.N.T.O. Havre and naval Captains there are considering evacuation main body 51st Divn. from ports between Fécamp and St. Valery. (Telephone G.C. Havre with G.S.O.3 M.O.4 at 1430/10).

M.Vs to be turned back

Turn British Merchant Ships back to Havre (S.N.O. Afloat Havre 1447/10 to BROKE).

C. in C. leaving Your 1035.M.T.B. 29 leaving Havre with C. in C. this evening (C. in C. Portsmouth 1530/10 to Adty.)

War Diary10.6.40.
Monday.HOME COMMANDSOperation "Cycle" (Contd.)Bombardment

Bombard enemy attacking Dieppe from Eastward. British hold west bank of river. (N.L.O. 1535/10 to ships).

Beach at Veulette suitable for evacuation by small craft. About 60 being taken off now (BOADICEA 1620/10 to S.O. Afloat).

Transports and beach parties needed

Position of enemy tanks at 1600 indicates possibility of 12,000 troops requiring evacuation near St. Valery shortly. Send transport and additional Beach parties. 11,000 troops will have to be evacuated from Havre. (C. in C. Portsmouth at Havre 1640/10).

RESTIGOUCHE, ST. LAURENT, HARVESTER rejoin me 270° Cap de la Heve 7 miles (S.N.O. Afloat Havre 1412/10). My position at 1515 (HARVESTER 1522/10).

9 Transports being sent

My 1500 and your 1430. Nine personnel ships now being sent. (C. in C., Portsmouth, 1751/10).

Bombardment

If necessary N.L.O. will indicate particular targets using map C.S.G.S. 4042 sheet 4 S. to E. CARDIFF should be available from p.m. 11th June. Destroyer until then. (N.L.O., 51st Divn., 1148/10).

Fécamp and vicinity unsuccessful. Cypher follows. (AMBUSCADE, 1700/10).

Am escorting boats to northwards of River Durdent. (AMBUSCADE, 1901/10).

Fécamp in hands of enemy. Join CODRINGTON. (C. in C., Portsmouth, 2358/10 to GARDENIA).

Return to Portsmouth (S.N.O. Afloat, Havre, 2133/10 to AMBUSCADE).

2051 from BROKE and 1729 from AMBUSCADE. Am proceeding with GARDENIA to Veulette. (WELLINGTON, 2236/10).



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Monday.

HOME COMMANDS

Operation "Cycle" (Contd.)

Any small number of military personnel evacuated from beaches are to be brought to Havre. (S.N.O. Afloat, Havre, to tug RESOLVE, SALADIN, WELLINGTON, GARDEMIA, 2254/10).

Air attack on Havre

Enemy are bombing Havre. (CODRINGTON 1810/10 to Portsmouth W/T) Help Le Havre (CODRINGTON 1907/10).

Warships to keep clear in daylight

Destroyers and other Men of War not to close evacuation areas in daylight except for urgent requirements in control of merchant traffic. (D.O.D. 1951/10 to C. in C., Portsmouth).

Situation ashore 2139

Two Brigades from 51st Divn. now co-operating with Havre local defences, but troops very exhausted. French Local Garrison of two Battalions continue to man Fécamp-Lillebonne line. No further information of 51st Divn. or 9th French Army. (S.N.O. Havre 2139/10 to C. in C., Portsmouth).

Feel cannot rely on French initiative this side. If cannot bring my Divn. to Havre can I count on your being able embark personnel from N. coast. Have only two days rations. (51 Divn. 2145/10 to War Office).

To facilitate withdrawal of French 9th Army to Seine below Caudebec, French Admiral Havre will arrange to re-inforce bridge-head Fecamp/Lillebonne and prepare means of crossing. (French Adty to O.C. French 9th A.C. 2158/10. D.C. 2346/10).

My 1949. Ships may close beaches for direct bombardment of targets of vital importance. (C. in C., Portsmouth 0057/11).

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Monday.HOME COMMANDSOperations - Coast of FranceC. in C.

Departure 1040 M.T.B. 29 for Havre with C. in C. on board. (C. in C., Portsmouth, 1233/10).

Transports being sent

11 fast personnel ships should arrive off Havre this evening. Owing to low endurance these ships will require refuelling if required for second trip or if delayed at Havre. HAMPTON is also being sent. (C. in C., Portsmouth, 1500/10 to S.N.O. Afloat).

The 3 ships which are to carry out the operation anticipated for June 13 and their escort force will sail from Cherbourg June 11 and will anchor off Dungeness for waiting hour of operation anticipated for about 0030. (Paris, to C. in C., Portsmouth, 1601/10)

H.M. Canadian destroyers RESTIGOUCHE and St. LAURENT arrival 1700 departure 2000 for operation. (C. in C., Portsmouth, 2023/10).

I too think possible that in this rapidly changing situation that I might ask you embark as much personnel as possible of my division between St. Valery and Mouth of River Durdent, both inclusive. French Corps Commander has joined his headquarters I OM in B. (51st Divn., 2245/10 to Adty.).

Army Reports

Following for O.C. French 9th Army Corps from French Admiral Commanding Havre - Instructions from General Weygand, dated June 10. Withdraw upon the Seine down stream Caudebec included. Cover yourself facing the direction Gourney-Rouen by occupying anti-tank resistance points. Accordingly Admiral Le Havre must reinforce Fécamp bridgehead at Fecamp-Lillebonne. High authorities will prepare means of crossing. (Time handed in Havre 2120/10). (Adty., 2335/10, 2346/10).

Caen
Cherbourg

Opened to ships demagnetised (P.M. Cherbourg 1037/10).

Dieppe

Gendarme on board CODRINGTON. Germany now taking over possession of coast of Dieppe to Fecamp. Mechanical Unit. (BULLDOG, 1600/10).

War Diary10.6.40.
Monday.

HOME COMMANDS

OperationsM.T.B. Attack on East Coast Convoy. (FN 192)

2 M.T.Bs bearing unknown distance 1 mile course unknown position 52:28 N., 2:4 E. (VIVIEN 0029/10).

3 E-boats 52:28 N. 2:4 E. at 0043 (R.A. (S) 0126/10 to submarines on patrol).

2 M.T.Bs torpedoes fired (VIVIEN 0030/10).

3 M.T.Bs still attacking (VIVIEN 0043/10).

At least seven torpedoes fired. So far as known Convoy intact. (VIVIEN to C. in C., Nore, 0240/10).

2 M.T.Bs bearing 270° 1 mile course 090° my position 51:54 N. 3:10 E. (A/c 500 Sqn. 0330/10).

Summary of attacks by E-boats on VIVIEN and F.N. 92 from 0012 to 0129 10/6 near 54 B Buoy.

Asdic heard H.E. at about 2½ miles of a boat moving very slowly and intermittently. At high speed H.E. was very loud. The E-boats were seen very little and gunfire was guided by Asdic. E-boat tactics were to attack from about 800 yards through a screen of dense white smoke and retire behind such a screen. VIVIEN going through a screen in pursuit found E boats waiting to attack behind the screen.

It is possible that the E-boats carried bow and stern tubes. The noise of discharge was heard by ear and by Asdic. Torpedoes ran at about 6 feet and exploded at the end of their runs. Very little was heard of the engines of the E boats VIVIEN's speed 15 knots or more.

There was no sign of aircraft or ships in support.

VIVIEN's tactics were to head straight for any E-boat heard by Asdic while trying to keep ½ in. M.G's bearing. Gunfire was hampered by lack of depression of 4 in. and lack of ahead Arcs of ½ in. M.G's.

Attacks took place during darkest part of night sea flat calm slight haze visibility about 2500 yards perfect Asdic conditions. (C. in C., Rosyth, 1939/11).



War Diary

10.6.40.
Monday.

HOME COMMANDS

Operations

M.T.B. Attack on East Coast Convoy

E-boats attempted raid East Coast Convoy last night and were operating from Ymuiden and Hook of Holland. To intercept them on their return all available large M.T.Bs to proceed in company to reach 270° Ymuiden 10' by 0300/11 and then spread and sweep at slow speed on course 270° returning to base if no enemy sighted by 0430/11. Aircraft will co-operate. (C. in C., Nore 1520/10 to F.O.I.C. Harwich).

Attack on Ships and Convoys from Norway.

DEVONSHIRE picked up report of 2 pocket battleships from GLORIOUS 1615 and 1640 at 1715, but owing to various circumstances believed it to have been an error and did not report it. DEVONSHIRE estimates she was about 130 miles from GLORIOUS and 250 miles from the main part of Group II. (C.S.1 2103/10, 1111/11).

Detailed report from Master of S.S. ATLANTIS of shelling of ORAMA at about 0900/8 near 67:44 N., 3:52 E. by German battleship (A.C.O.S. 1839/10).

Norwegian Coast

Torpedo attack on Enemy Ships in Trondheim is not to be carried out pending further instructions. (1 S.L. to C. In C. H.F. 1439/10).

My 1439/10. ^{? Cancel} Canal operation against Trondjheim. Concentrate on ships reported in Clyde's 1400/10 (see Enemy Intelligence) (D.O.D.H. 1526/10 to C. in C. H.F.) See also V.C.N.S. 1022/11, p. 191.

Asking estimate of numbers of JU 87 dive bombers, fighters, etc., operating from Trondheim and other aerodromes Stavanger to Bodo. If ships operate in the vicinity 63:14 N., 04:00 E., could protection be given by Blenheims from Sumburgh (C. in C., H.F., ~~XXXXX~~ 1234/10 to Adty.)

War Diary10.6.40.
MondayHOME COMMANDSOperationsIcelandEMPRESS OF
AUSTRALIAEscorted by EMERALD. Movements (F.O.C. 3 B.S.
1411/10).SubmarinesPositions

0600/11 (V.A.S. 2117/10, 2309/10).

Fro HavetOrders to TRIBUNE and PORPOISE. Object of
submarines off Fro Havet is to attack and then
report enemy war vessels and escorted merchant
ships. (V.A.S., 1949/10).

RUBIS

Ordered to QZS 44. Route (Capt. S.9 1809/10
to RUBIS).Air.British Air ActivityReconnaissance of Aalesund and fiords
(Donibristle, 1615/10).Reconnaissance of Trondheim and approaches
(Donibristle, 1105/10).Propose that aircraft recognition signals should
change every 6 hours, thus ensuing two different
sets of signals each night. (D.S.D. 1950/10 to
Air Min.)Re attack on
Enemy main
units at
TrondheimWhat is present estimate of numbers (a) JU 87
Dive-Bombers (b) Immersed Bombers (c) Fighters
operating from Trondheim and other aerodromes
Stavanger to Bodo. If ships operate near
63:14 N., 4:00 E. could protection be given
by Blenheims from Sumburgh. (C. in C. H.F.
1234/10 to Adty.).Your 1234/40. Air Min. estimate (a) Between 50
and 120 long range Bombers, Heinkel 111 type.
(b) 40 single-engined Fighters Me 109 (c)
40 twin-engined Fighters Me. 110. (d) some
Reconnaissance aircraft. Coastal Command have
only nine Blenheim aircraft so could not give
much protection, but everything possible would
be done with Blenheims and Hudsons. (D.C.
2119/10 to C. in C., H.F.) *Adm. p. 192.*

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Monday.HOME COMMANDSAirEnemy Air Activity

BULLDOG Bomed 1738 in 49:53 N., 0:28 BULLDOG
BOADICEA received 3 hits, damaged, steering for Portsmouth.
BOADICEA damaged unable to steam. (BULLDOG,
1742/10, 1810/10, 1900/10) BOADICEA engineer
and 5 ratings killed, 2 wounded. (AMBUSCADE
0100/11).

RIVER NESS British Fishing Trawler attacked by German
plane N.E. of Skerries (Wick Radio 1427/10)
Was bombed and sunk by aircraft about 8 miles
N. of Outer Skerries 1415/10. Skipper and
one other were landed at Lerwick by fishing
trawler BRACON DENE. Eight others of crew
missing. (N.O.I.C. Lerwick, 2005/10).

CODRINGTON Help, Le Havre. (CODRINGTON 1818/10, 1835/10).

Mining.Enemy
Minefield

A new field of contact mines has been located
in 54:00 N., 0:14.5 E., 12 miles S.E. of
Flamborough in the searched channel. 13 mines
were swept and sunk on 8/6, three more 10/6,
and two more two miles to the north the same
day. It is believed that these are Dutch
mines laid by the Germans. (I.C., 0478/40).

Enemy Intelligence

Summary from I.C. 0478/40.

Norwegian Coast.

9 Coastal Command (see Coastal Command pamphlet)

0810

Aircraft reported following in or near
Trondheim:- 1 battle cruiser,
2 HIPPER class cruisers,
1 NURNBERG class cruiser,
4 destroyers,
3 E boats.

A/c reports 4 cruisers Trondheim, 2 destroyers
050 degrees 28 knots off Kristiansand 0810. Will
be amplified later. (C.in C., Rosyth, 0846/10)
Amplification (C.in C., Rosyth, 1034/10, 1202/10).

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Monday.HOME COMMANDSEnemy Intelligence (Contd.)Norwegian Coast (Contd.)

1400 CLYDE reported one P.B., one HIPPER class, 64:45 N., 9:45 E., about 67' N. of Trondheim, steering 300°. NOTE -- It is not thought a P.B. could have been present (IC 0478/40)

1800 Aircraft reported only 1 battle cruiser, 2 destroyers at Trondheim.

am/10/6 Aircraft reconnaissance reported 30 merchant vessels at Bergen and another 13 in adjacent fiords.

pm/10/6 Aircraft reconnaissance report 30 merchant vessels in various anchorages in vicinity of Aalesund, Kristiansand (N), Molde and Romsdals Fiord, also numerous small craft 14' Southward of Aalesund.

GermanMain units

My 0846. Pilot reports one SHARNHORST^e two HIPPER class, one large destroyer, several E boats, anchored off Trondheim town; also one other cruiser, possibly Pocket Battleship, anchored about 6 miles east of town. Signs of Boom at entrance. (C. in C., Rosyth 1034/10, 0915/10, 0954/10) (Donibristle, 1245/10).

At 0700/10 one NURNBERG class cruiser anchored at mouth of Skjorufjorde and another unidentified cruiser off Fevaag; and one 3-funnelled 10,000 ton M/V anchored with warships off Trondheim. Boom across mouth of Orkedal Fiorde. (C. in C. Rosyth, 1202/10).

Aircraft of 254 Sqn. reconn. Trondheim and approaches at 0615, 2 destroyers observed steaming 050° 28 knots in position 315 Bud, 8 miles, 63:00 N., 6:41 E. At 0640, 3 M.T.Bs at Nordvz 100 LN anchored. At 0650 NURNBERG class cruiser anchored at Moutjorn Fiord. At 0730 anchor off mouth of Trondheim were SHARNHORST and either 2 HIPPER class cruisers or one cruiser and one DEUTSCHLAND class P.B. also 2 small destroyers and one 3-funnelled M.V. of 10,000 tons. At 0745 at mouth of Orkedale Fiord submarine net stretched across from Gjeitestranden towards Stadsbygden with gap at northern end. Two oil tankers at Thamshaum and mineral refinery bombed, two tankers and factory set on fire. At 0805, intercepted 2 original destroyers heading towards Christiansand. (Donibristle, 1105/10).

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MondayHOME COMMANDSEnemy Intelligence.

One Pocket Battleship, one HIPPER class cruiser at 64:35 N. 9:45 E. course 300° (CLYDE 1400/10 to Adty.)

Note: It is not thought a pocket battleship could have been present. (I.C. 0478/40).

Sunderland to locate

CLYDE's 1400/10. Sunderland leaving Sullom Voe about 1600 to locate and shadow enemy force. (C. in C. Rosyth, 1518/10).

D.F. at 1730/10, bearing of unknown enemy unit was Scarborough 033/2 (D.D.I.C. 1840/10).

D.F. bearings received 2315/10, estimated position off Trondheim, (D.D.I.C., 2359/10).

Main Units

Air reconnaissance reported 1 German battle cruiser, 1 pocket battleship and 3 cruisers in Trondheim fiorde this am. This pm one pocket battleship and 1 cruiser were reported north of Fro Lavet course 300° (D.C. 1932/10).

Aircraft report only 1 battle cruiser, 2 destroyers and 1 merchant vessel at Trondheim at 1800 (C. in C., Rosyth, 2158/10).

D.F., at 2240/10. Position of unknown enemy unit was 58:40 N., 5:0 E., unreliable fix. (D.D.I.C. 2311/10).

Merchant Ships

Aircraft reconnaissance reported 30 merchant vessels at Bergen am/10 and another 13 in adjacent fiords. (I.C. 0478/40).

Aircraft reconnaissance reported pm/6 30 merchant vessels in various anchorages near Aalsund, Christiansand N., Molde and Romsdals Fiord, and numerous small craft 14 miles south-westward of Aalsund. (I.C. 0478/40).

These ships are reported as varying from 1000 to 4000 tons, and were grouped in the Fiords as follows:- 4,2,3,6,4,1,5,5. This dispersal has not been reported previously in such detail and gives rise to the suspicion that they may be transports dispersed for the purpose of concealing their concentration. (C.I.C. Report No.12).

RUEGEN

Taken up by German Govt. as hospital ship (M. 08348/40).



HOME COMMANDS.

Shipping.

War with Italy.

War will commence with Italy at 0001 B.S.T., Tuesday 11/6. You must not go to Italian ports. (D.T.D., to British ships in all areas, 1916/10).

Enemy Main units at sea.

All convoys are to steer for Long. 006°W., then due south (Adty 0642/10 to ELDORADO, LINCOLN CITY, NORTHERN SPRAY, LILAC, C-in-C., H.F.).

All convoys or groups of trawlers proceeding to Scapa are to steer toward Long. 6°W and then due South (D.O.D.(H) 1524/10 to THIRLMERE, ELLESMERE).

Measures to counter E-boat attack.

In view of threat of E-Boat attack near straits of Dover it is intended that as far as possible shipping should pass this area in daylight. All ships bound up-Channel, including those in convoy, should therefore pass Dungeness to arrive Southend within one hour of sunset. (D.T.D.1710/10).

OA,HA., Convoys.

Sailing times. (Re. Adty. 1626/9 re. U-boat attacks of E. Coast) (C-in-C., W.A. 1511/10).

WASHINGTON

Leaves Lisbon 10/6 arriving Galway 12/6. She is to be allowed to proceed without interruption (C-in-C., W.A., 1642/10).

Convoy Programme.

After consultation with C-in-C., Nore intend to adopt following convoy programs in fulfilment of your 1626/9. (Page 150)

- (A) Include ships of 8½ knots.
- (b) FS. arrive Southend 1900.
- (c) FN. leave Southend 0500.

Times of arrival and departure from Southend have had to be adjusted to reduce risk of convoys meeting in dark at junction of channels near wreck buoy 53°04'N., 01°30'E., and for this purpose FS. will use QZS.52,40 and 30 whilst FN. use QZS 51, 41 and 42 so that should they meet they will pass Port to Port. Time of FN. sailing will also allow group sailing to leave at 0400. Southbound group sailing will leave so as to arrive Southend 1830. In this connection it is considered group sailing should be reduced to a minimum and all possible traffic should be diverted to west coast. These arrangements can only be considered as temporary whilst long hours of daylight last and even so fog or other delays may cause a difficult situation to arise, there being no safe anchorages after the Humber until Knock Deep or Knob Channel are reached. It is noticed that additional protection is contemplated for convoys in southern half of route this is considered very necessary protection for these big convoys against fast moving vessels. It is also for consideration that same anchored form of protection should be /placed.



HOME COMMANDS.

Shipping (Contd.).

Recent trials carried out in accordance with Admiralty 1911/31/5 have given satisfactory results and would appear to be suitable for this form of protection. (C-in-C., Rosyth., 2324/10., F.O. Adty).

Submarine Wreck

Miscellaneous

Moored over submarine with bower anchor, trawl warp, and kedge anchor. Wreck heavily listed to starboard. Advice tidal conditions prelude protracted diving operations. Working to enter on neap tide. (Diving Officer, Cape Finisterre, 1730/10)

H.M.S. FREELAWNEY

Name of a base being established at Kyle of Lochalsh for a secret operation (R.A. (M.L.) 16.5.40)

WEATHER

	<u>Wind</u>	<u>Visibility</u>	<u>Outlook</u>
North Sea	Light variable	Moderate Extensive fog patches	Similar
Channel	Light variable	Moderate to good. Fog patches.	Visibility Improving
Western Approaches	Light variable No reports received.	10-12 miles	Similar
Horns Reef	N.W. light to moderate	Probable weather 6-9 miles	Similar
W. Coast Norway	Northerly Moderate	8-10 miles near coast fog to West ward.	Similar

CASUALTIES AND DEFECTS

CITY OF ATHENS

(Reported overdue 9/6) Arrived Cape Town (S.O.(1) Cape Town 1028/10, D.T.D. 1605/11)

OREGON

(Danish) Reported overdue 9/6 arrived Cape Town 10/6 (S.O. (1) Cape Town 1708/10)

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Outbreak of Hostilities with Italy

Signals from Admiralty

0241/10. To C. in C., Mediterranean

It is still impossible to forecast probable date of Italy's entry into the war, but evidence of the last 24 hours suggests that June 13th-15th is the likely period. . . . It is still believed that if the French can hold out in the present battle there is a chance Mussolini will not act.

1730/10. 'A' Message, Home and Abroad, 183A

IMMEDIATE. H.M. Ambassador at Rome considers that all stations should be warned that outbreak of war with Italy now appears imminent.

His information is that this may take place within the next 48 hours.

1916/10. 'A' Message, Home and Abroad, 184A

Commence hostilities against Italy repetition Italy as from 0001 B.S.T. Tuesday, 11th June.

(Received by C.in C., Med., at 2208/10)

2010/10. To B.N.L.O. Toulon for C.O., 767 Squadron

Hostilities with Italy commence at midnight Monday 10th June. Carry out any offensive operation for which you consider your squadron suitably trained and equipped.

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MondayFOREIGN STATIONSNorth AtlanticContraband Control

Adnty. 1739/6. Have instructed Gibraltar Patrol to comply with Naval Prize manual but that in event of escorting ship disputing right to visit and search no force is to be used and further instructions obtained. Request definite instructions whether under existing circumstances force is to be used. (F.O.C.N.A., 1154/10)

Ocean Convoys

D.C. 1901/10 to B.N.L.O. Marceau.

WASHINGTON

Leaving Galway with U.S. citizens. Course. (N.C.S.O. 1245/10)

South AtlanticSal

Reported as evacuated by Italian staff, small number nucleus crew remaining with 3 planes (Sierra Leone 1825/10)

Mediterranean

JERVIS }
GARLAND }

Your 1943/4. Intended that JERVIS should proceed to Mediterranean as leader of 14th D.F. on completion of repairs at end of June and GARLAND join 1st D.F. in Home Waters. In view of present situation in Mediterranean the sailing of GARLAND is left to your discretion. (A.C.N.S. (A) 1225/10 to C. in C., Med.)

Air Action*(see page 174A)*

Hostilities with Italy commence at midnight 10th June. Carry out any offensive operation for which you consider your squadron suitably trained and equipped. (5 S.L. 2010/10 to B.N.L.O., Toulon for C.O., 767 Sqdn.)

Block Ship MARGIT.

Adnty. 1352/8. KNIGHT OF MALTA being sailed a.m. 13/6. MARGIT not ready for sea, held at Malta by owners for sale, considered only fit for block ship or hulk. (V.A., Malta, 1801/10)

Canal Lights

To be extinguished. This involves suspending navigation during dark hours. (S.B.N.O. Suez Canal Area, 1714/10)

See also p. 196



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FOREIGN STATIONS

Mediterranean, Contd.

Embassy Staff

Requesting name and type of ship to convey members of Italian Embassy Staff to Lisbon. Italian Govt. are sending British Embassy Staff in s.s. CONTE ROSSO. (Rome, 1313/10 to D.N.I.)

Italian Submarines

Information received (B.I.) that transports taking troops from Syria to France believed sailing tonight June 10 will be attacked by Italian submarines. Same source states Cyprus will be attacked when Italy enters war. Please inform War Office. (Rome, 1059/10)

German Battle Cruiser

It appears possible that a German battle cruiser may attempt to pass Straits tonight Monday to join Italian Fleet. (1st S.L., to F.O.C.N.A., 1948/10)

Minefields

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Informing C. in C., Med., of all minefields reported. (D.N.I., 1920/10, 1901/10)

Sweeps by Allied Fleets

Intend to leave harbour at 0300 11th June with H.M.S. WARSPITE H.M.S. MALAYA H.M.S. EAGLE 7th Cruiser Squadron and available destroyers. Battleships will proceed north west and then along south coast Crete to reach approximate position 80 miles south of Cape Matapan 1200 12th June.

7th Cruiser Squadron will carry out sweep to westward until dark on 11th June then return to attack any patrol off Benghazi and Tobruk at daylight 12th June subsequently joining me about 1200 12th June.

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Vice Admiral Force X has been instructed to proceed from Beirut as soon as possible with what force he thinks fit to sweep towards Dodecanese and Aegean North of Crete returning Alexandria p.m. 13th June. (C. in C., Med. 2243/10)

Enemy Plans

Budapest British Minister, reports transport of Italian army of 700,000 men to Libya on large liners will be completed by midnight tonight. Belief is that major attack will be against Egypt and the Sudan. Much discontent in the Fascist Party at the appointment of De Bono instead of Balbo.

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Monday.FOREIGN STATIONSMediterraneanEnemy Plans, Contd.

Much uneasiness at the prospect of bombing of refineries at Fiume, Trieste and Bari.

Twelve Lloyd Triestino Ships converted into Hospital Ships have been moved to Bari and Brindisi. (D.N.I., 1953/10)

Oil Reserves

Your 2215/8. Vulnerability of Shore Reserves of oil in Eastern Mediterranean is fully appreciated. It will help to keep oilers in sight and to conserve tonnage if you make fullest possible use of Haifa refinery by sending empty tankers there to load instead of sending them into the Red Sea. Further, once available tankage at Haifa has been filled with oil fuel from refinery it will be necessary to close down refinery. You should begin drawing on Haifa refinery as soon as possible. (4th S.L., 1559/10 to C. in C., Med.)

East IndiesHospital Ship

Your 2122/22/5. Intend using ELLENGA or EGRA. (P.S.T.O., East Indies, 1110Z/25/5 received 1241/10/6)

British Merchant Ships

In Red Sea to proceed as follows. North bound ships north of 15° N to Suez, south of 15° to Mombasa if bunkers permit, otherwise to Aden thence via Cape. Southbound ships north of 20° N return to Suez, south of 20° N continue on voyage. All above proceed at full speed and zig-zag by day or in bright moonlight. (Addy. 1931/10)

Asking for attention to his 0603/29/12, censorship of ships names, times and dates of arrival etc., (Colombo 1949Z/10)

Until further orders any British or Norwegian Merchant ships bound for Suez or Red Sea ports with Government Cargo is to be sent to Bombay. (C. in C., E.I. 2307Z/10)

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MondayFOREIGN STATIONSAmerica & West IndiesDUNDEE

→ Leave Trinidad as convenient 11/6 for Georgetown to consult with Governor, British Guiana, as to local defences, returning Trinidad by 15/6. (C. in C. A.W.I., to DUNDEE, 1031/10)

→ FIJI to intercept Italian Ships

As the present is probably only chance of catching straggling Italian shipping I have sent FIJI to Florida Straits for 2 or 3 days. This will delay her working up by about 1 week. (C. in C., A.W.I. 2254/10)

CAPO NOLI Scuttled

Italian, grounded at Bic Island set on fire 48.25'N 68.53'W H.M.C. BRADFORD standing by (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa 2057/10)

Dispositions

Jamaica Force. West Indies Oil Protective Force to take up disposition as in my 1151/8. DIOMEDE proceed to Bermuda at best possible speed. My 0952/10 to DUNEDIN and 1031/10 to → DUNDEE are cancelled. (C. in C. A.W.I. 1431/10)

My 1431. In view of uncertainty of Dutch position regarding Italy. You should extend your patrol so as to include Curacao and Puerto Cabello. (C. in C., A.W.I. 1512/10, to DUNEDIN)

→ My 1431. After fuelling Bermuda, FIJI direct to Florida Straits, YPRES to Cape Hatteras then search southwards to Florida Straits. (C. in C., A.W.I. 2202/10)

Colon reports Belgian Consul has received instructions from source in Belgian territory that he will have to make arrangements to place Belgian tankers under Panamanian registry. (B3) (S.O.I., Kingston 0852/10)

ChinaTJIKANDI

Dutch, suspect. (C.O.S. Singapore 0642Z/10)



GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPS

Home Commands

ADALIA

Will arrive Dantzig 1100/10

JACOBUS FRITZEN

Anchored off Gjedser 1900/8.

SIZILIEN

Ordered at 1116/9 to unload at Emden.

BRANDENBURG

Ordered at 1150/9 to Brunsbüttel for orders (P/L W/T intercepts, I.C. 0477/40)

Foreign Stations

MARITZA

Reported to have sailed from Trieste 7/6 (probably for a Yugo-Slav port for bauxite (I.C. 0477/40)

KONIGSBERG

Sailed Para 28/5 now about due patrol Description (F.O.C.N.P. 1154/10 to Northern Patrol)

ARAUCA

At Port Everglades, Florida, reported 10/6 to have just received 500 tons fuel (I.C. 0478/40)



ITALIAN MERCHANT SHIPS

Home Commands

PROCIDA

In Cardiff Docks seized and crew handed to police. (F.O.I.C. Cardiff 2115/10)

PELLICE
MUGHIONE
PAITA
BARBARA G.
MOSCARDIN

At Methil under guard, crews handed to police. (C. in C. Rosyth 2359/10 to Adnty.)

ANDREA
ELIOS
G. LAURO
MARZOCCO

Seized ANDREA and ELIOS at Newcastle, GIOACHINO LAURO at Hartlepool. Patrol Trawlers have intercepted MARZOCCO and due Peterhead with her about 0400/11 (C. in C. Rosyth 2359/10 to Adnty.) MARZOCCO was scuttled later, *but went ashore.*

ERICA
MINCIO
GABRIANO
A. LAURO

ERICA, 4704 tons, MINCIO 5404 tons, GABBIANO 6584 tons, and ANGELINA LAURO 5787 tons seized and crews interned. (F.O.I.C. Liverpool 0001/11 to Adnty.)

There is strong reason to believe that on declaration of war by Italy Italian ships have been directed to make for Norway, probably N. Part, or failing that for Ireland. A.2. (Secret Service No T.O.O. Med. 1700/10)

Foreign Stations

BARBARA
BRONTE

BARBARA, BRONTE, proceeded Bandar Shapur pending completion of financial arrangements for payment for cargo. Oil Co. will also in any case only load at bar. I have concurred in this policy which may have diplomatic repercussions judging from reactions of Italian masters. (S.N.O. Persian Gulf 1120Z/10)

GERUSALEMME

Left Durban 1200 G.M.T./10 for Beira. RANCHI to shadow and intercept if she attempts to enter Portugese Territorial waters and send to Mombasa under armed guard or escort for C.C. purposes (C. in C. E.I. 1156Z/10)

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Monday.ITALIAN MERCHANT SHIPSForeign Stations, Contd.Cape Town

Positions of Italian ships in this area (S.O.I., Capetown, 2238/10)

Melbourne

Positions of Italian ships in this area (D.N.I. Melbourne 0813Z/10)

ULBRIA

Your 1725/9 (Personal Circulation) Action has been taken as suggested. (D.O.D.F. 0120/10 to C. in C., Mede) has scuttled his ship. She is sinking slowly. I am going through the motions of salvaging or beaching her (F.O.C. 4 C.S. 1708/10)

VERBANIA

To be held at Port Said pending decision a.m. today. (D.O.D.F. 0121/10 to C. in C., Med.)

ROMOLO

In Torres Strait 7th believed bound for Yokohama. ~~MINOORA~~ proceeding to locate and shadow. (Australian H.B. 0600 Z/10 to Admty)

All Italian Ships instructed Wireless Messages no longer allowed. Messages between owners and masters allowed only via Italian coastal stations. (D.N.I. Melbourne 0813Z/10 to Admty.)

FELCE
MOSEIR
SANTA LIBERATA

CAPO NOLI

Arrived Haifa 10th June. Detained. (C.C.S.O. Haifa, 0915C/10, 2359C/10 to Admty.)

Scuttled see A.R.W.I.

Ships with particularly suspicious cargoes were reported on 10/6 as follows:-

FORTUNATA

(2715 tons) from New York due Gibraltar 10/6 but received orders to go and coal at a Spanish port.

MURIA

(2896 tons) from New York due Gibraltar on 8/6 but has not reported.

IDA

(6151 tons) from New York due Gibraltar June 10-11.

INDIA

(6367 tons) from Calcutta due at Assab 6/6 but may have gone to Massawa.

SALVIA

(5490 tons) from Calcutta left Colombo on 6/6 is due at Aden 13/6. Position 1200/10 10.30'N 65°E. (I.C. 0477040)



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Monday.U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MININGShips Attacked→ SYRINGAH.M. M/S T missed by torpedo, 54.33' N
0.34'W., 025° Whitby 4' (B.2.) at 1933
/10. (I.C., 0478/10)Submarines Reported0728D.F. bearings indicate probable U-boat
60 miles N.W. Cape Finisterre at 0728
(F.O.C.N.A., 1707/10)1110Unknown enemy unit probably U-boat
approx. 60 miles N.W. Cape Finisterre
at 1110/10. (C. in C. W.A. 1459/10,
D.D.I.C. 1415/10)0953By D/F 56.35' N 5.50'E position of
unknown enemy unit, unreliable fix
(D.D.I.C. 1033/10)1225By D/F unknown enemy unit probable U-
boat to northward of Faroes. (D.D.I.C.
1332/10)1024By D/F unknown enemy unit probable
U-boat 59.30'N 2.30'E. Unreliable fix
(D.D.I.C. 1106/10)0633Aircraft reported submarine 60.4'N 1.
50'E course 350° speed 8 knots sub-
marine dived on sighting aircraft
(C. in C. Rosyth 1126/10)063060.5'N 1.40'E course 000° (Capt (S) 9
1837/10 to RUBIS)D.F. bearings indicate U-boat patrols
between Shetland Is. and Norwegian
coast. (D.D.I.C., 2359/10)22002240 }56.53'N 2.10'W Shore report D.3. (C. in
C., Rosyth 2344/10, 2336/10)222255.4'N 1.13'W Reported by dan laying
yacht YARTA (C. in C., Rosyth 2346/10.214558.55'N 2.30'E Indefinite position
(I.C.O.1478/40) (D.D.I.C., 2226/10)→ D.M.

54.29'N 0.29'W Reported by SYRINGA

1617By D/F 59.0'N 0.30'E Unreliable fix.
(D.D.I.C. 1645/10)

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Monday.U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MINING

- 1712 By D/F 58.33'N 5.13'E. Unreliable fix
(D.D.I.C. 1755/10)
- 1512 By D/F 56. N 9.30'W Unreliable fix
D.D.I.C. 1816/10)
- 1333 . 59.10' N 1.30'E indefinite position
(I.C. 0478/40)

Estimated Dispositions

- 1 in Bay of Biscay.
1 West of Ireland, homeward bound.
1 North of Shetlands, homeward bound.
3 in North Sea.
(D.D.I.C. 1150/10)

U-boat possibly through Fair Isle
Channel E to W tonight, Monday.
D.D.I.C., 1851/10)

Submarines Attacked0159

- * Trawler HICKORY attacked southbound
submarine at 120° Hartlepool 3' (C. in
C., Rosyth 0256/10) WOOLSTON to in-
vestigate. (C. in C. Rosyth, 0707/10)

2048

Attacked submarine in 61.42 N., 3.56 W
297° Muckle Flugga 100' (WHIRLWIND,
2048/10, to REPULSE and N.O.I.C. Scapa
Flow) Continue hunt until successful
or for 24 hours (REPULSE to WHIRLWIND
2148/10)

* Not HICKORY. (Cmdr: Barley - C.O. of
trawler flotilla at time)



U-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MINING

s/m's attacked

2147

At 2147/10 DECOY sighted unescorted s/m in 32° 39'N, 25° 37'E. S/m was attacked then and later on firm contact. Search showed no wreckage but large oil patch daylight 11 June. (C.O.I.S. Mediterranean 1156/12)

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Tuesday.

SITUATION REPORT

France

Operation
"Cycle"

Evacuation of British and French troops from Havre proceeded, although of the transports which were waiting during the afternoon one was set on fire and 2 beached following air attack. All lighting and water services in Havre were cut off at 1200.

Off St. Valery the ships were kept at sea by fog, and little was accomplished. Ashore, it was reported at 0830/11 that transport was very disorganised and the enemy were all round. It was estimated that there were 60,000 troops in all, "very few of value." Air support was required all day. It was intended to embark the whole force tonight. Petrol, rations and ammunition are short.

Formed units are to be conveyed to Cherbourg, unformed to the U.K.

Paris

The French Government left Paris today for Tours.

Cherbourg

3 magnetic mines were exploded in Cherbourg.

Air.

Attack on
Ships in
Trondheim

One battlecruiser, 2 cruisers, 3 destroyers and 2 supply ships were reported at anchor in Trondheim 1000/11 by a coastal command aircraft which had been searching the area. 12 Hudsons attacked these ships at 1427/11, and 36 250 lb. bombs were dropped. Three direct hits were seen on the 2 cruisers and one of the supply ships is also thought to have been hit. Two of our aircraft were lost.

The W/T stations on Utsire (S. Norway) was bombed at 0825/11 and two near misses were made to the W/T mast.

Normal coastal patrols were flown 11/6 and all dusk and night patrols.

German aircraft were active near Sumburgh Head (Shetlands), possibly engaged in mine laying.

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Tuesday.SITUATION REPORTNorway.

VANDYCK sunk

A report from Stockholm states that ^{ABV}~~A.M.C.~~ VANDYCK was sunk off Andenes (Harstad) pm/10. 5 of her crew are missing and 6 seriously wounded. It is thought she was torpedoed.

Concentration of shipping

Air reconnaissance yesterday located 30 German merchant ships dispersed in fiords between Kristiansand North and Aalesund. These may be transports, and if so, their maximum carrying capacity may be about one division of troops.

Italian HostilitiesAir raid on Malta

Italian aircraft made three attacks on Malta between 0450 and sunset. In the first raid 10 planes were employed of which 4 were shot down. Little damage was done and there were few casualties. The dockyard was not damaged. The first raids were on military objectives, but the last was definitely indiscriminate bombing.

A further 8 Italian ships were captured today and 10 scuttled themselves though only one succeeded in actually sinking herself, the remainder being beached or captured. MARZOCCO which was intercepted yesterday, is reported to be ashore near Peterhead.

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDSDefence of U.K.Coast defences

In addition to Batteries enumerated in Adty. 1956/28/5 it is proposed further to strengthen Coast Defences with 6" and 4.7" Naval Guns. (D. of L.D. 1729/11 to all C. in C.'s).

Stour

Port scheme (D. of L.D., 2000/11).

Suggested use of Fishing Nets by Auxiliary Patrol Craft anchored at night to foul propellers of possible high speed landing craft. (F.O.I.C. Harwich 1900/11 to Adty.)

MovementsBrightlingsea
A.P. Base
H.M.S. NEMO

Vice Admiral Gordon Campbell open^d Auxiliary Patrol base at Brightlingsea as Captain a.m. 11/6. Name of base ship NEMO. (N.O.I.C. Brightlingsea, 1831/11).

Submarines

Positions 0600/12. (V.A.S. 1602/11, D.C., 1736/11 amended 2319/11).

HOOD
DORSETSHIRE

To join U.S.3 at 0900 G.M.T./14. Position. To be detached to Gibraltar when HOOD joins convoy. (V.C.N.S. 2049/11) To join U.S.3 to supplement Convoy escort force as ordered by SHROPSHIRE (1st S.L. 1548/11).

Destroyers

On their arrival at Sullom Voe, FEARLESS take destroyers under his orders and proceed to 63:00 N., 05:00 W., thence steer north to join C. in C., H.F. (R.A.D., H.F. 1216/11).

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDSOperation "Cycle"Situation
St. Valery

Wounded embarked BROKE and GARDENIA going to Portsmouth. WELLINGTON, H.M.C.S. ST. LAURENT STALWART, Tug RESOLVE one Troop Carrier and a French Boat near, GOLDEN HARVEST and GOLDEN NEWS returning to Havre being unable to stay in St. Valery Harbour at low water. RESTIGOUCHE off Veules taking Troops from beach. Officer landed saw Chief of Staff 51 Division. (Broke 0530/11).

BROKE

Arrived St. Valery. Am establishing communication with Military. (BROKE 0055/11 to C. in C., Portsmouth).

GARDENIA
shelled

Being shelled by Shore Batteries at 0615 127° St. Valery 7 miles (C. in C., Portsmouth 0755/11, GARDENIA 0615/11).

Air attack

Dive bombing on Transports Le Havre (HARVESTER 1233/11).

Am being attacked by enemy aircraft at 310 Fécamp 7 (? CODRINGTON 1218/11 to Culver W/T Station).

Ships to keep
clear of coast.

Pending decision as to evacuation as far as possible all ships to be kept clear of coast (C. in C., Portsmouth 0308/11).

Disposition of
evacuated troops

Your 0232. All formed bodies to go to Cherbourg. Shiploads of stragglers to U.K. Small numbers to Havre. (C. in C., Portsmouth 0525/11 to S.N.O. small craft).

St. Valery
situation

Transport very disorganised. Am organising bridgehead as enemy all round. Estimate 60,000 troops in all, very few of value. Air support required all day. Suggest attempt evacuate this evening, too many for dark. All French expect evacuation. (Neta 0830/11 to War Office).

Force to embark
tonight

Intend embark whole force tonight if enough ships and boats available. If cannot complete tonight propose continue A.M. Wednesday. French now 5000 but may reach 10,000, time and beaches will be signalled. Embarkation tonight considered essential owing probability of attack and shortage petrol, rations, and ammunition. (51st Divn., 0845/11 to C. in C., Portsmouth).



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HOME COMMANDS

Operation "Cycle"

Situation
St. Valery
0952

51st Divn. is formed in hollow square on St. Valery. S.W. flank extends to ~~Dardent~~ Dardent River, N.E. flank 4 miles from St. Valery extending about 6 miles inland. M.L.O. arranging with H.Q. for evacuation. (SALADIN 0952/11 to C. in C., Portsmouth).

Cherbourg

Facilities intact and port open to treated ships (B.N.L.O. Marceau 0957/1 to Adty.)

Impossible for Corps Cdr. approach Seine. He estimates now 10,000 and British 12,000, total 22,000. Air control round bridgehead essential (51 Divn. 1010/11 to W.O.).

Apportionment
of responsibility

Appreciate evacuation 51st Divn. is matter for French decision and have told French Admiral so. My object is to maintain sufficient craft on coast for evacuation if required. Small craft in squadrons under S.O. in SALADIN and transports controlled by S.O. Afloat in CODRINGTON. No last minute action possible as most vessels very slow and limited endurance. (C. in C., Portsmouth 1023/11 to 1st S.L.).

Havre

Air-raids throughout greater part of night with minor damage to Docks. Brigadier considers local defence position weak owing exhaustion of British Troops. French rearguard troops now entering town. Estimated 11,000 British for evacuation here (S.N.O. Havre 1030/11 to C. in C., Portsmouth).

HARVESTER
shelled

Am being shelled 10' W. of Havre. No hits (HARVESTER 1239/11).

French to give
orders

No evacuation to be carried out without French authority. Give information most suitable places for landing supplies. (W.O. to 51st Divn. 1240/11).

Ships to retire

In view of bombing, Warships and Transports off Havre and Valery to retire north-westward and be prepared to return (C. in C. Portsmouth 1328/11 to CODRINGTON).

St. Valery

Appears possible evacuation in St. Valery area may be up to 60,000 and may begin this evening. Do you need more transports tonight? (C. in C., Portsmouth 1412/11 to CODRINGTON). *Reply: Yes, p. 189.*

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDSOperation "Cycle"Shelling

Heavy shell and air bombardment on St. Valery and Veules. Impossible land either place at present. Small craft collecting 5 to 7 miles to seaward (S.N.O. Afloat Havre 1417/11 to C. in C., Portsmouth).

Your 1412. Yes. (CODRINGTON 1516/11 to C. in C., Portsmouth).

Air support required

Continuous air support required to neutralise enemy air and batteries. (N.L.O. to C. in C. Portsmouth, Recd. 1622/11).

Scale of enemy air attack will now prohibit ships and small craft working during daylight hours on French Coast (D.O.D(H) 1537/11 to C. in C., Portsmouth).

Havre being heavily bombed (VEGA 2323/11).

Tonight last chance of evacuation

51st Divn. now reports tonight last possible chance evacuating 12,000 British and 12,000 French. You may continue in daylight if enemy opposition permits. Strong air support asked for. (C. in C., Portsmouth 2315/11 to S.N.O. Afloat).

30 Ships being sent

12 French Patrol Vessels 800 each, 6-400 each, and 12 trawlers 50 each being sent from Havre to assist evacuation (C. in C., Portsmouth 2155/11 to CODRINGTON).

Disposition of troops evacuated

Cancel Adty. 2056/9. Ships bringing off troops are to proceed as follows:- (a) From Havre. Formed bodies of British to Cherbourg. Only French to any French port. Mixed or unformed British to U.K. (b) From other ports or beaches. Only French to any French port. Mixed or British to U.K. Ports for disembarkation in U.K. are Portsmouth, Southampton, Weymouth, or Newhaven (D.O.D(H) 2055/11 to C. in C., Portsmouth).

Carrying capacity of vessels about 17,500 (CODRINGTON 2048/11 to 51st Divn.).

French authority given. (51st Divn. 2030/11 to C. in C. Portsmouth).

Owing to loss of 4 transports request 4 more sent as soon as possible (S.N.O. Havre 1915/11 to C. in C. Portsmouth).



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HOME COMMANDS.

Operation "Cycle"

Evacuation to
commence

Intend commence evacuation forthwith (S.N.O. Havre 1740/11 to S.N.O.A).

Proceed with evacuation of troops as soon as you can arrange it. (S.N.O. Havre, 1637/11 to CODRINGTON).

Can we have air reconnaissance and systematic bombing of any movement seen. (51st Divn. 1830/11 to W.O.).

French Coast

Warships not to
embark troops

In view of importance of conserving naval forces for other operations, it is Adty.'s policy that warships should be used only to cover and organize an evacuation and not for embarkation of troops. (C. in C., Portsmouth 1112/11 to S.N.O. Afloat in CODRINGTON). Your 1112/11 Adty. have no objection to destroyers being used to carry troops but do not wish them to be unnecessarily exposed to bombers by day. (D.O.D.(H) 2027/11 to C. in C. Portsmouth).

Operation "Lyster"

Operation H completed (C.O. "H" Force 0045/11 to Adty.)

French Coast

W/S Snapper
Following from GARDENIA. Warn H.M.S. SNAPPER French Coast German shore shelling Fécamp. (C. in C., Portsmouth, 0816/11).

Operation C.P.

Have turned over duties of S.N.O. Afloat, Havre to VEGA and am proceeding to Saint Valery before sailing. (S.N.O. Afloat, Havre, 1125/11).

Am being attacked by enemy aircraft position Havre (VEGA 1420/11 to Whitehall).

Dive bombing attack by large number aircraft one transport on fire two hit and beached. Request Fighter protection. (VEGA 1456/11 to Whitehall).

Am being attacked by enemy aircraft Havre. (VEGA 1725/11).

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDSOperationsNarvik Area

Names of British vessels now at sea en route from Narvik area are contained in R.A. Narvik's 2006/3, 2006/5, F.O. Narvik's 1520/8 and 0022/8 and F.O.I.C.S. 0803/8 and 0001/8. Adty. 1653/8. Names of Norwegian warships that may be proceeding Faroes (list of 2 guardships, 7 trawlers, 2 whalers, and 2 submarines (B.1 and B.3) (D.O.D.(H), 1628/11 to C. in C., H.F.).

AirBritish Air ActivityAttack on ships
in Trondheim

By 12 Hudsons of 269 Sqdn. from Sumburgh, left 1130. Over target, 63:26 N., 10:25 E., at 1437. In four flights of three aircraft in line astern 36 S.A.P. 250-lb. bombs dropped in salvo. There were 1 battleship, 2 cruisers, 3 destroyers and 2 supply ships. 1 cruiser in centre was singled out for attack. Aircraft A,B,D and E report direct hits on the bows of the first cruiser, and nearmisses on either side. Aircraft C and D report direct hits on second cruiser. Aircraft O and Q report smoke issuing from one of the supply vessels which were in the pattern of the bombs. Aircraft J reports seeing Hudson aircraft being attacked by 5 enemy fighters of Me.109 type. Aircraft attacked is presumed to be G. which is missing. Aircraft P presumed brought down by A/A fire. Throughout the raid intense and accurate A/A fire experienced from the warships, none observed from the vicinity of the town. No hits were observed on the battleship. (Donibristle A.C.H.Q., 2040/11).

My 1526/10. In view of there being no darkness and the strong fighter force at Trondheim, it has been decided by the Cabinet that an attack on ships in Trondheim by Swordfish aircraft is not justified. Attack by Skuas is at your discretion. (V.C.N.S. ~~xxx22x~~ 1022/11 to C. in C., H.F.).

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDSAir.British Air Activity (Contd.)Bergen etc.

Propose to attack Bergen as soon as possible using B Bombs W Mines and all other types of Bombs I can lay hands on at the first available opportunity. Then I consider the enemy naval units at Trondheim should be bombed then Stavanger followed by Trondheim and Bergen etc. Most important to keep the naval units at Trondheim under observation for bombing. (A.D. C. in C., Coastal Command, 2000/11).

Reconnaissance of Trondheim Fiord by Blenheims will be carried out tomorrow Wednesday at 0500, 1030, 1800 hours. (C. in C., Rosyth 2212/11).

Enemy Air Activity

BARON ELPHINSTONE See U-boat Campaign.

Add to my 2119/10 (estimation of German aircraft operating from Norwegian Aerodrome) 1 group of 40 Dive Bombers JU 87 at Trondheim (D.D.I.C. to C. in C., H.F. 0936/11).

Convoy Attacked

Tromso Convoy has been machine-gunned by one German Seaplane. No damage. (CAMPBELL to A.C.O.S. see Donibristle 0530/11 to Adty.)

Co-operation with E-boats

Aircraft from K.G.4 has carried out some form of operational training on 2 consecutive nights. This activity controlled by NEST and PILLAU may have consisted of co-operation with motor torpedo boats. (Air Min. D.S. 329).

Enemy IntelligenceNorway

3 Cruisers and 4 destroyers in sight my position 63:26 N., 10:24 E. (aircraft of 254 Sqn. 1004/11, 1035/11).

Cruisers reported at Trondheim are apparently 1 Battlecruiser, 2 cruisers unknown, and 4 destroyers. (C. in C., Rosyth, 1426/11).

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDSEnemy IntelligenceNorway (Contd.)

1 destroyer bearing 045° 5 miles course 000° my position 006. 59° N. 2° W. (NORTHERN SKY 1040/11 to Kirkwall) Probably FEARLESS (F.O.C.N.P., 1140/11).

E Boats

Enemy surface craft reported attacking F.N.93 near Smiths Knoll. (C. in C. Nore 0121/11 to JACKAL). Possibly E boat (R.A.(S) to submarines on patrol 0235/11).

2345 4 or 5 unknown ships (probably E boats) off Scheldt, course S.W. (I.C. 0479/40). Aircraft at Trondheim 1000/11 saw SCHARNHORST, two cruisers unknown, and 4 destroyers, all appeared anchored in 63:27 N., 10:23 E. (Donibristle, 2025/11).

Western Approaches

Since 0246/11 there has been much signalling from German units approx. latitude 042° N., mean of bearing 215° from Land's End. (C. in C. W.A., 1846/11)(see U-boat Campaign).

Am convinced enemy ships from Trondheim are using charted inter-island routes on east side of Fro Havet. Intend zig-zag course off Sves Fiord. (CLYDE, 0714/11).

Unknown German Unit or Units by D/F 215° from Lands End latitude about 42° N. (F.O.C.N.A. 1956/11 to CARMARVON CASTLE).

4 Destroyers

Bearing 180° 8 miles course 255° position 63:40 N. 8:26 E. (Aircraft 1445/11).

Shipping

WASHINGTON

American, left Lisbon 1700/10 for Galway with American citizens on board. Route given (D.C. 0057/11 to C. in C., W.A.)

M.T. Convoys

In future M.T. Convoys will leave Methil at 1300, close escort subsequently escorting F.S. leaving Tyne at 0400 on following day. (C. in C., Rosyth, 1208/1.)/11
Essential that 2 escort vessels should be available for each convoy. 14 effective vessels necessary. Requested that an additional escort vessel may be lent. (C. in C. Rosyth, 1156/11 to Adty.)



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MiscellaneousE Boats

Summary of Methods of Attack by, and Counter-Attack against, E Boats attacking a convoy. (A.C.N.S. 2325/11 General Message).

Weather

	<u>Wind</u>	<u>Weather</u>	<u>Visibility</u>
0645 B.S.T.			
North Sea	Generally light, variable.	Extensive fog in central & northern part.	Moderate to poor, improving from West.
Horns Reef	Light and variable.	Fine to cloudy with some haze.	Mainly good.
Channel	S.W. or W. light to moderate.	Local fog in eastern area.	Moderate to poor in E. good in W.
Western Approaches	W. light to moderate.	Cloudy.	Good.
Coast of Norway	Light or moderate to variable.	Generally fine to cloudy.	Moderate to good.



CASUALTIES AND DEFECTS.

H.M.S. VANDYCK.

(Guardship) reported by ~~SEA~~^{a.n.a.}, Stockholm 1133/11 sunk off Andenes p.m. 10/6. No details except names of 5 missing and 6 seriously wounded. (D.C. 0424/12, ANA., Stockholm, 1133/11). VANDYCK empty. Last seen 070°44'N., 010°00'E. at 0700 9th June. Failed to join convoy. DELIGHT sent to find her, has joined me having failed to do so and to communicate with her on 500 Kc/s. SELLESMEERE reports speaking VANDYCK in above position. (C.S.20., 2348/11).

HAUGHTON HALL.

Due at Capetown 9/6 not yet arrived (S.O.(I)., Capetown 1648/11).

ANTVERPIA
Sank 19/5.

Belgian (4932 tons) believed sunk by enemy A/C in Boulogne Roads night 19/5 and not off Dunkirk 28/5 as at first reported. There was one survivor of her crew and 40 missing (D.S.).



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Tuesday.FOREIGN STATIONSNorth Atlantic

French positions at 1300/11, convoys and patrols. (D.C. 0756/11 to C. in C., W.A.).

ARGUS

To join convoy U.S.3 0900 G.M.T./14. Position.

STUDY

To sail for U.K. as soon as convenient opportunity for escort duty offers. (A.C.N.S.(F) 2031/11).

MediterraneanBritish and
Norwegian
Shipping

12 British ships, 2 Norwegian and 1 Dutch were in the Central Medit. area (between 3° E. and 25° E.) 11/6. 4 British and 2 Norwegian ships were due at Gibraltar 11/6 and 6 British and 4 Norwegian ships at Marseilles. 38 British 10 Norwegian ships were in Western Medit. ports and 52 British and 5 Norwegian and 2 Dutch ships were in Eastern Medit. ports including Malta. There were 3 Norwegian ships but no British in Italian ports on 11/6.

Mines

Secret source reports zone Trapani to Pantellaria mined. Coastal batteries from Pozzalo to Vittoria. Constant troop departures to Sardinia and Albania (S.O.I. Malta 1901/10 to Adty.)

Malta Raid

Malta attacked by unidentified aircraft at 0500/11 (H.Q. Med. 0515/11 to Air Min.) 1 plane shot down. (V.A. Malta 0740/11).

Enemy
intelligence

Air reconnaissance. Naples 0830/10. 4-6" cruisers, 4 destroyers AVIERE class, no s/ms. Cagliari 1430/8 4 T.Bs and 8 submarines. (D.D.I.C. 1016/11 to C. in C., Med.)

Suez Canal

Navigation lights in Suez Canal ordered to be extinguished and use of searchlights for transmitting forbidden. This involves suspending navigation during dark hours. (S.B.N.O., Suez Canal Area 1714/10 to C. in C., Med.)

French Fleet

Disposition of French Fleet in Medit. (B.N.L.O. Marceau 1930/11 to Adty.)

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Tuesday.FOREIGN STATIONSMediterranean (Contd.)Fresh water to
be contraband

Fresh water not carried for ships use is to be treated as contraband (D.E.W.D. 1940/11 to C. in C. Medit.).

Air Operations

Adty. 2010/10 to B.N.L.O. Toulon. Can carry out dusk dive bombing attacks but any casualties will prejudice success of operation Adriatic and Trieste. Propose awaiting arrival of Lieut. Goodman's stores. (Britnad, Hyeres, 1217/11).

British Contra-
band Control

All neutral vessels entering the Medit. are to be detained for Contraband Control pending decision by M.E.W. except as regards Spanish vessels which should for the present continue to be dealt with as in 892 ARFAR. M.E.W. Message 1200/7/6 is to be applied to all Spanish ships whose final destination is a Spanish port. Attention is directed to Adty. signal 1657/11/5. (D.E.W.D. 1414/11 to F.O.C.N.A.).

Italian Contra-
band Control

The Italians have established Contraband Control stations in the Straits of Messina and in order to induce Neutral shipping to pass that way have declared the sea between Sicily and Tunisia a mined area east of 10:00 E. south of 38:00 N. and west of a line drawn from the frontier between Libya and Tunisia to the intersection of 35:00 N. and 15:20 E. and from there to Syracuse in Sicily.

R.A.F. Raids

R.A.F. reconnaissances over Tobruk a.m. on 11th June report sighting 3 large transports, 4 or 5 twin funnelled ships, 10 to 15 smaller craft and some Flying Boats in Harbour. 3 Submarines Nationality doubtful 6 to 7 miles off Tobruk.

Successful air raid on (a) EL. ADEL. Aerodrome bombed direct hits on ground aircraft and petrol set ablaze; (b) Massawa and Gera, direct hits on Hangars and ground aircraft; (c) Asmara. Bombed reliability A.1 (S.O.I., Alexandria 1741/11).

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Tuesday.FOREIGN STATIONSMediterranean (Contd.)Enemy
Intelligence

Imperial Airways' pilot reports sighting 2 large warships, and several destroyers, course E.N.E. 60 miles W.N.W. of Malta at 0916/10. 2 submarines on surface course easterly midway between Pantellania and Sicily at 0455/10. 1 submarine 20 miles S.W. of Sardinia at 1353/10. (D.D.I.C. 2108/11 to C. in C., Medit.)

Transport to
Libya

My 1953/10. Ships employed transporting troops from Italy to Libya (14). Many others also employed. Ports of departure Naples and Beri with occasional call at Palermo. Ports of arrival Tripoli and Benghazi, also Tobruk and Derna. War Office estimate troops in Libya approx. 240,000. (D.M.I., 2100/11).

East Indies

British Dispositions Following are present dispositions on East Indies Station: Red Sea Force. Straits of Bab-el-Handeb and Cover to shipping in Red Sea. GRIMSBY attempting to round up Italian ships in North. COLOMBO, ANTENOR, CARAIBE. Italian Somaliland Coast as in my 1017/11. RANCHI rounding up Italian ship GERUSALEMME and TIMAMO North of Durban latter now beached. H.M.S. CARTHAGE escorting ~~TARLINA~~ from Durban to Mombasa. DRAGON on passage Mombasa to Durban. CATHAY patrolling off Marmagao. CERES in Ceylon area. KENT escorting convoy B.C. Persian Gulf Divn. H.M.I.S. LAWRENCE and H.M.I.S. INDUS Mouth of Shatt-el-Arab. FALMOUTH straits of Ormuz. H.M.I.S. HINDUSTAN at Bahrein. KIMBERLEY in dock at Bombay completing 13th June. (C. in C., E.I. 1225Z/11).

Estimated
Disposition of
Italian Warships

In Massawa or Massawa area; Flotilla Leaders ~~XXXX~~ TIGRE, PANTERA, LEONE, destroyers FRANCESCO NULLO, NAZARIO SAURO, DANIELE MANIN, CESARE BATTISTI, GIOVANNI G. ACERBI, VINCENZO G.ORSINI. Submarines GALILEO FERRARIS, GALILEO GALILEI, PERLA, EVANGELISTA TORRICELLI, ARCHIMEDE, MACALLE. GALVANI GUGLIMOTTI. (2 of these Submarines are believed to be at Assab). Part 2 follows. (C. in C., E.I. 0612Z/11).

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Tuesday.FOREIGN STATIONSEast Indies (Contd.)

My 0812/11 Part 2. CMBMAS Numbers 204 206 210 213 216. Sloop ERITREA ~~XXXXXX~~ Patrol Vessel PORTO CORSINI Minesweeper and Layer OSTIA Minesweeper GUISEPPE BIGLIERI Oiler NIOBE. Recent unconfirmed reports indicate presence of Italian Warships in Italian Somaliland Ports but their presence is regarded as improbable. Para 2 concerning potential Armed Merchant Cruisers follows. (C. in C., E.I. 0816Z/11).

CARAIIBE

French A.M.C. left Kilindini 0550/11 G.M.T. (N.O.I.C. Kilindini to C. in C., East Indies).

Shipping diverted

Until further orders any British or Norwegian ships bound for Suez or Red Sea ports with Government Cargo is to be sent to Bombay. (C. in C., E.I. 2307Z/10).

Cotton at Port Sudan

Your 1901Z/6 (cotton valued at 1½ million pounds warehoused at Port Sudan) Ministry of shipping prefers wait till Red Sea Convoys running. (M. 1710/11 to C. in C. E.I.)

Shipping

In view of general British merchant shipping Ships position 10th June cancel my 2306 10th June (II) British and Norwegian Merchant Ships now at or subsequently arriving at Agen are to proceed as follows (III) Chartered Oilers and other ships with supplies for services in Eastern Mediterranean to Bombay to await convoy (IV). Any other ships originally northbound but now recalled are to proceed to Mombasa and the Cape (V) Ships originally ~~inter~~ Southbound in Red Sea and ordered to continue on their voyages are to be cleared as soon as possible for their destinations. (C. in C. E. Indies 1101Z/11 to N.O.I.C. Aden)

Italian S/M's.

There is reason to believe that there may be as many as eight Italian submarines in the Red Sea or off the coast of Italian Somaliland:- GALILEO FERRARIS, GALILEO GALILEI, PERLA, EVANGELISTA, TORRICELLI, ARCHIMEDE, MACALLE and GALVANI, GUGLIELMOTTIO.



FOREIGN STATIONS

East Indies (Cont)

Italian S/M's.
(Cont) Your 06472/11 Report of Italian s/m ARCHIMEDE originated from reliable Army source. No indications as to vicinity of operations but possibly local exercises from Massawa. (D.D.I.C. 210(/11 to C. in C. E.I)

Shipping. All Neutral ships entering or leaving Red Sea to be diverted and detained at Aden pending decision by M.E.W. except those East-bound whose first port of call is British or Allied. (whose) (D.E.W.D. 1415/11 to C.C.S.O. Aden)

Protection of A.P.C Oil installation (S.N.O. Persian Gulf 1610/11 to Adty.)

Italian Merchant Ships. PENSILVANIA, CARSO, INTEGRITAS, ADRIA and SAVOIA may be making for Somaliland ports. Orders to intercept, to COLOMBO, ANTENOR and CARAIBE (C. in C. E.I. 1017Z/11)

America and West Indies.

Curacao. Dutch Curacao not yet at war with Italy and are doubtful about holding Italian ships there. Request information of Dutch decision. (C. in C., A.W.I., 0933/11)

Suggestion to put sugar in petrol abandoned in France (C. in C. A.W.I. 1134/11)

BRENNERO Italian shown as Naval auxiliary vessel in OU No. 6118 (3) Now in New York. Suggest 24 hours notice to sail or be interned. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa 1756/ (11)

Australia.

ROMOLO Italian ship resembling, reported 0100Z/10 in 11° 45' S. 163° 0' E. course 20° speed 12 knots. MANOORA searching. (A.C.N.B. 0837Z/11)



ITALIAN MERCHANT SHIPS.

Between 3/9/39 and 10/6/40 Germany sank 8 Italian merchant ships of a total tonnage of 37,619 tons.

Seized or scuttled on outbreak of war.

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Tonnage.</u>	<u>Ports.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
ERICA	4704	Liverpool	Seized.
MINCIO	5404	"	"
GABBIANO	6584	"	"
ANGELINA LAURO	5787	"	"
ANDREA	5152	Newcastle	"
ELIOS	5202	"	"
PELLICE	5360	Sailed Tyne	Captured. June 9.
MUGNONE	5213	Sailed from Tyne	Captured & taken to Methil.
PAMIA	6245	" "	"
BARBANA G.	6561	" "	"
MOSCARDIN	4419	" "	"
MARZOCCO	5106	Sailed from Sunderland	Intercepted 2359/10 & 0615/9 for Falmouth. Scuttled herself but want ashore.
GIOACHINA LAURO	5345	Hartlepool.	Seized.

Seized 11/6.

SISTIANA	5827	Cape Town.	(SNO.Simonstown 0101/11)
REMO	9780	Fremantle	} But Spanish authorities claim she is in territorial waters. (IC0480/40).
POLLENZO	6470	Gibraltar (FOCNA 0634/11).	
VERBANIA	6640	Bitter Lakes.	Detained with 800 tons of ammunition on board. (SB. NO Suez, 1029/11).
CALABRIA	9515	Calcutta	Captured.
CALITEA	4013	Malta. (M.1913/11)	Captured allowed to proceed with Italian evacuees, mostly old men, women & children.
RODI	3220	Malta(do).	Captured.
VILLAR PEROSA	6255	Tyne.	
CAPO NOLI	3921	St.Lawrence river.	
LIBANO	1592)	Gibraltar.	} Scuttled, but likely to be refloated & ready for sea shortly.
CELLINA	6080)	(FOCNA 0634/11).	

Doubtful, see page 295

AMELIA LAURO (see Diary 20/6) *Seized 11/6*

ITALIAN MERCHANT SHIPS.

<u>Scuttled etc.</u>	<u>Name.</u>	<u>Tonnage.</u>	<u>Ports.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
	LAVORO	8000)	Gibraltar	Claimed by Spanish as being beached after scuttling off Spanish territory at N. end of Bay. Spanish crews on board.
	OLTERRA	4995)	(do)	
	PAGAO	6101	Gibraltar	Sunk.
	TIMAVO	7549	Gibraltar 27°49'S., 32°36'E.	Ashore, may be salvaged.
	(GERUSALEMME	8052	Lourenco Marques	Arrived 11/6. Erroneously reported ashore.).
	ESQUILINO	8657	Aden	Captured.
	MONTE PIANA	5890	Aden	Beached. <i>Salvage possible (SCNS 265)</i>

Foreign Stations.ESQUILION
MONTE PIANA

At Aden. Both abandoned and began scuttling at 2200. Naval armed guard prevented scuttling of ESQUILINO and MONTE PIANA successfully beached. (N.O.I.C. Aden, 0540Z/11 to C-in-C., East Indies).

ALABAMA

Curacao reports Italian tanker 30 miles from Marazaibo outward bound. 5000 tons. (S.O.I., Kingston, Jamaica 1435/11 to Adty). A French auxiliary cruiser tried to board her, whereupon she tried to scuttle herself and was beached. There is reason to believe that Italian M/V's intend to make for Northern Norwegian or Irish ports. (D.N.I.0030/11). Appears Italian M/V's have orders to scuttle to avoid capture. Action at (A), (B), and (C)., in Adty. telegram 834a of 23 November, 1939 to apply to Italian M/V's as well as to German. (A.C.N.S. 1740/11). My 2252/10 GMT. Ships from Tyne have been captured. (C-in-C., W.A., 0941/11).



U-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MINING. (Contd.).

S/M's Reported.

Mediterranean.

a.m./11

3 S/M's reported by A/C 32.11 N., 24.00 E.,
7 miles.

a.m./11

DIAMOND reported S/M 35°55'N., 14°32'E, off
entrance to Grand Harbour, Malta.

p.m/11

38°10'N, 0°20'W, off Alicante. Reported by
French GOUVERNEUR GENERAL LEPINE.

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MINING.Ships Attacked.

BARON ELPHINSTONE
escaped.

(4635 tons) was attacked by torpedo 0052/11 off Cross Sand, coast of Norfolk, and by A/C at about 0215/11 (D.C.N.S. 281). Ship undamaged.

ST. RONAIG

British, 509 tons, from Channel Islands. Wrecked, probably by mine, 1 mile N.W. of W. Breakwater Light, Newhaven. Loud explosion at 1100/11, when the ship was in a dense fog. Master and 3 of crew landed. 4 others killed. (N.O.I.C., Newhaven, 1723/11).

ATHEL PRINCE

Tanker, 8782 tons, which left London on June 7 for Cienfuegos, reported to have been torpedoed at 2300/11 in 43.24'N., 13.30 W., but was torpedoed shortly after leaving it. (Base ship Scapa, 1016/12).

ZINOVAI
Sunk.

Greek (2975 tons) sunk by mine off Pantellaria.

MOUNT HYMETTUS

Greek (5820 tons) reported torpedoed 150 miles West of Finisterre (D.C.N.S. 264).

S/M'S Reported.

- 0930 36°53'N, 3°6'E (off Algiers) French report.
- 1206 By A/C 60°30'N., 00°30'E.
- 1215 By A/C 60°40'N., 00°18'E. S/M dived immediately (C-in-C., Rosyth 14444/11).
- ? 42°N, 13°W. approx. by bearings from Casablanca (D.N.I. 2318/11).
- 0500 Reported by liner WASHINGTON, 42.12 N., 12.50W. about 190 miles W. from Vigo.
- 1800 Coast watching report of S/M in Rosses Bay 55°1'N, 8°28'W., B.2 (IC.0479/40).
- 2300 43.24'N., 13.20'W., about 180 miles W. from Cape Finisterre.
- British ATHEL PRINCE attacked.
- 1118 By A/C on surface at 1215/11 72'N.E. of Lerwick.
- 0246 Since 0246/11 much refuelling from German units, approx. latitude 042°N., mean of bearing 215° from Land's End. (C-in-C., W.A., 1846/11). My 1846/11. Further reports indicate U-boat in position 42°00'N, 13°00'W. (ACWA, 0014/12).

Extracts from Broadcast by
Rear Adm. Luetzow on the Reversal of the Blockade.

DEUTSCHLANDSENDER, LONG WAVE IN GERMAN
FOR GERMANY 1845 B.S.T. 5.6.40.

London overseas trade exceeds that of every other port in the world. In consequence the famous London docks are enormous in extent. Their total length is 72 km. and in last years of peace, about 28,000 merchant ships anchored there every year. That is about 80 ships every day. These few examples suffice to show how sensible England's trade is to the sea routes to London, and how a reduction of traffic to say nothing of its suspension or paralisation, has a direct effect on the work and life of large part of population.

In peacetime, London's sea traffic naturally extended in all directions. Apart from the obvious trade with Scandinavia, Norway, Belgium etc., London has, of course extensive trade with fishing ports on the Humber and the coal area of Newcastle-on-Tyne. But none of this is anything like equal to the traffic from the Atlantic and through the Straits of Dover. At the west exit of the Channel, all ships coming from North or South America, from India, from South Africa, and Gibraltar, unite. The sector from the West exit of the Channel to London therefore represents the chief artery of the British Empire. Every injury to this artery has far reaching effects.

And now a glance at the map suffices to show from what menacing closeness we are now endangering this route. It is evident that the Straits of Dover are the most exposed section and it was here that the majority of submarine, air and torpedo boat attacks from Ostend and Zeebrugge were made in the Great War. How much more effective, especially in view of increased power of our Air Force, will be our present day attacks, at much closer range, from various directions, and from the various bases between Ostend and Boulogne. A regular patrolling of this area, or even a barrage such as was practiced by England from 1917 onwards with increasing success, is to-day no longer possible. On the other hand, the forces of our air fleet, navy and land forces, in proved co-operation will see to that after our opponent has been finally driven out, as soon as the necessary mopping up operations and repair works have been carried out on the new German bases.

The English will then have to be glad about every steamer which succeeds in passing the Straits of Dover. Perhaps bad weather, fog and night will sometimes help them, but the short summer nights are not favourable for that. It should not be difficult to keep such ships under observation in the afternoon, and then attack them. In any case, the attack will not be confined to one place. The Channel as far as the line Portsmouth-Cherbourg, 100 sea miles west of the Straits of Dover, is within the range of all our naval and air forces from bases on the Belgian and French coast. Now, even the movements from Portsmouth to Cherbourg and from the trade ports of Southampton, can be sensibly disturbed. And, by the occupation of Abbeville, the distance to the west exit of the Channel for the attacks of our naval and air forces, is very greatly reduced. Compared to the distance from the German Bight, it is almost halved, from 600 to 300 sea miles or five hundred and fifty km. The English Admiralty will have to decide whether, in view of submarine attacks, it prefers to allow supply ships to come in large convoys, or in view of air danger, only in small convoys.

Former reference to the importance of the Thames might be countered with the suggestion that England could divert its imports to the great ports in the west, to Liverpool, Bristol and Cardiff. But that would not suffice, for neither port arrangements nor communications with the interior are in a position to receive large imports, nor to deal with them, quite apart from the fact that the entire British West Coast, including huge oil depots on the Bristol Channel, are within the range of our Air Force. And if the West ports are not adequate substitutes those on East Coast come even less into the question. The disturbances caused by our Air and Naval Forces already in the first months of the war are still in everyone's mind. They will now be increased by attacks from the Dutch and Norwegian coasts.

Under the impression of the joint Anglo-French attacks on Holland in the Seventeenth Century, the cry arose in the threatened country which has now become proverbial "Holland in difficulties". In the present day, England allowed herself to be duped into the mad idea that this cry could be awoken in Germany. The tables have been turned. In spite of all the false reports of successes and victories in all the theatres of war which are served up to the English people, the man in the street over there will soon wake up and recognise that it is now England which is in difficulties. Encirclement, hemming-in and naval barrage have changed their front and turned against the Island Kingdom, and the British Fleet which was, in the intention of political leaders, to be preserved undamaged for peace by a comfortable blockade, is now fighting a desperate fight for England's very existence.

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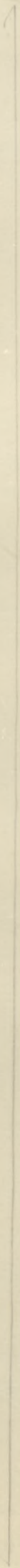
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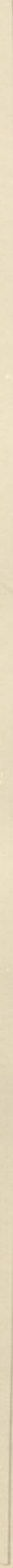


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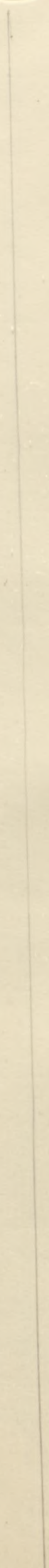
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NORWAY

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Wednesday.SITUATION REPORTOperation Cycle

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Wednesday.SITUATION REPORTAttack on Enemy
E. Boats, Contd.

Three air attacks were made between 1200 and 2400 on 5 M.T.B's seen in Boulogne. The first attack produced no result on M.T.B's, though the jetties and railway were damaged and concentrations of road transports were dispersed and machine gunned. In the second attack one M.T.B. was hit and two damaged. The third attack was carried out on Boulogne, as no M.T.B's were seen in the harbour.

A patrol by 4 of our M.T.B's was carried out from dark until just before dawn to intercept and destroy any M.T.B's remaining in this area.

Aircraft Mining

Enemy minelaying is suspected to have occurred between the North Foreland and Swanage during the night 11/12. Dover is closed and Portland is only open to degaussed ships. After 1800/12 aircraft were plotted from Maplethorpe to Isle of Wight, probably engaged in minelaying. (Air. Min. D.S. 329)

Mines were found off Alexandria. R.A.F. laid 4 magnetic mines during the night 11/12 off the German coast.

Narvik Convoy

Group 2 Narvik Personnel Convoy arrived at the Clyde tonight.

Expedition Preparing

The reports of troop concentrations in Bergen, together with the disposition of merchant vessels in the Bergen and Trondheim areas and the continual presence of German units at Trondheim appear to confirm that a seaborne expedition is in process of being prepared in those areas. There is, however, nothing to indicate the imminence of its departure. (C. I. C., Report 13)

Italian Hostilities
Air Raid on Tobruk

R.A.F. in the Mediterranean carried out a successful raid on Tobruk (Borders of Libya and Egypt) a.m./12. One warship believed to be the Italian cruiser SAN GIORGIO was set on fire and had to be beached; another ship and the Naval jetty were shown by photograph to be on fire. Two Italian aircraft are believed to have been shot down.

The Italians announced 13/6 the loss of one mine sweeper.



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SITUATION REPORT

Italian Hostilities, Contd.

Italian Submarines
Attacked

2 Italian submarines were attacked, one east of the Straits of Gibraltar and one off Malta, both perhaps with success.

Casualties

CALYPSO was sunk 0200, south of Crete, probably by torpedo. 1 Officer and 38 ratings are missing.

The Norwegian ORKANGER was torpedoed and sunk 2300 off the North Coast of Egypt.

The ZINOVIA (Greek) was mined and sunk near Pantellaria.

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Wednesday.HOME COMMANDSDefence of U.K.Methil

Port scheme (N.O.I/C Methil 0956/12)

Small portsA.C.N.S. (H) 2230/12 see Operations
Volume.MovementsCARDIFFIs to be placed under orders of C. in
C., Portsmouth (D.O.D. (H) 1206/12 to
V.A.Dover) (For attack of minelaying
aircraft)C.S. 18.Will not be ordered South before 16/6 if
situation remains unchanged. (C. in C.,
More, 1650/12)Operation- CycleSt. ValerySt. Valery appears full of enemy and
beach under heavy fire. Am now moving
to Veules. Where are you. (SALADIN
0105/12 to CODRINGTON)Codes destroyed. When may ships be
expected. Situation most critical at
Le Veules St Valery. (Army N.L.O. 0115/
12 to Royal Navy)G.H.Q.G.H.Q. proceeds to France in three
parties by road on 12,13,15 and 17 June.
(W.O. to H.Q.L of C. 0115/12)E BoatsReliable information that Flotilla of
E-Boats being transferred Boulogne to-
night 11/12. Do not close coast to
intercept. (V.A.Dover 0143/12 to
VESPER)Boats requiredUrgently require more pulling boats at
Veules (S.N.A. Small craft 0505/12 to
C. in C., Portsmouth)Boats arrived too
lateNeta have waited all night on beach.
Boats arrived too late to allow with-
drawal with batteries and M.G. ports
neutralised. Request ships bombard
cliff West of harbour and M.G. ports
East of Harbour. Faint possibility of
withdrawing on this being done, but
position very critical. (Neta 12th
0742/12 to C. in C., Portsmouth)

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Wednesday.HOME COMMANDSOperation Cycle, Contd.Air Support
Required

Unless Batteries heavily bombarded from air it will be impossible to evacuate St. Valery. (S.N.O. Afloat 0815/12 to C. in C. Portsmouth)

Very strong air support urgently required at Veules (CODRINGTON 0835/12 to C. in C., Portsmouth)

Havre

Situation at 0930/12 intend to complete evacuation during dark hours tonight. 5000 British Troops still here. Five British Transports available alongside. French have evacuated about 12,000 and have 7,000 more. French do not expect any more arrivals from 6th Army Corps. All lighting and water in Havre cut off since 1200/11 (S.N.O. Havre 1025/12 to C. in C. Portsmouth)

Fighter Protection

No fighter protection available till about three hours before dark. Evacuation without Fighter protection is not to be attempted in weather in which enemy bombers can operate. (Adty. 1030/12 to C. in C., Portsmouth)

Order to Cease Fire
Not Obeyed.

Have been ordered to cease fire at 0800 by Commandant 9th Corps. Have informed him cannot comply till sure no possibility of evacuating any of my Division by boat later. Am trying clear enemy M.G.'s from cliffs overlooking harbour. French elements ceased fire and are hanging out white flags. (51st Divn. 1030/12 to W.O.)

Am withdrawing forces now to the Northward. (S.N.O. Afloat 1040/12 to C. in C. Portsmouth)

Twelve Aircraft Havre. (VEGA 1059/12)

Fog Held Up Ships

Regret fog prevented Naval force arriving earlier off St. Valery last night. S.N.O. Afloat will make every effort get you off and additional ships being sent to assist tonight. (C. in C., Portsmouth 1108/12 to Genl. Fortune 51st Divn)

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Wednesday.HOME COMMANDSOperation-Cycle Contd.

12 Blenheim bombers escorted by Fighters will carry out low dive bombing attacks on targets at St. Valery between 1315 and 1345. (C. in C. Portsmouth 1109/12 to S.N.O. Afloat)

Weather Report

Weather report, wind West force one, visibility 4 miles, overcast. (S.N.O. Afloat 1120/12 to C. in C., Portsmouth)

CARDIFF

Raise steam full speed. You are to bombard French coast near St. Valery. C. in C., Portsmouth 1121/12 to CARDIFF)

Situation 1100

Situation at 1100. French advance posts attacked by enemy forces including A.F.V.S. early today near Lillebonne. Line round Havre through Montivilliers held by British-French who will be withdrawn at 2200. Inner line of French only will be held till 0200/13. (S.N.O. Havre 1125/12 to C. in C., Portsmouth)

CARDIFF sailed from Dover 1235 (V.A.Dove 1236/12 to Adnty.)

Vehicles and Guns
Abandoned

All Transports from Havre being sailed to Cherbourg but units not necessarily formed and some hundreds of transport vehicles and a few guns are being abandoned. (S.N.O. Havre 1315/12 to C. in C., Portsmouth)

R.M. Brigade

Request equipment of R.M. Brigade may begin (W.O. 1326/12 to Adty.)

CARDIFF

Expects arrive St. Valery Area to bombard at 1615 today. (C. in C., Portsmouth 1404/12 to S.N.O. (A) HARVESTER)

Do not close coast to bombard. Keep ready to close St. Valery if required (C. in C., Portsmouth 1446/12 to CARDIFF)

Appears no fighting in St. Valery. Cliff battery opened on HARVESTER at 9000 yards. No hits. (S.N.O. (A) 1536/12 to C. in C., Portsmouth)

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Wednesday.HOME COMMANDSOperation Cycle, Contd.Cruiser required
to bombard

At present have only four ships for bombardment, a cruiser if possible should be sent and two more destroyers; two more transports will be needed and also more boats for beach work and four drifters. Request HALPTON and beach parties may be sent to join me, have not released the empty personnel ships; if possible request numbers remaining in St. Valery I. (S.N.O. (A) Havre 1152/12)

Veules Beach
Untenable

Field guns in inaccessible position for bombardment from sea have opened fire on beach at Veules and made it untenable; those British troops on beach have been brought off. No others were seen making their way along cliff. Guns also have been mounted on high West Cliff of St. Valery which opened on Veules beach as well as on cliffs to East of St. Valery. Guns on cliff to West of St. Valery were bombarded by HARVESTER during evacuation at Veules. Some officers stated there was none left in St. Valery but unable to confirm this. Am withdrawing force now to the Northward and waiting further orders. (S.N.O. 1211/12)

Fighters needed
Tonight

During evacuation of French and British Forces from Havre tonight Wednesday fighter protection is urgently needed particularly dusk and dawn and thereafter during passage to Cherbourg. (S.N.O. Havre 1643/12)

My 1509 for Veules ^{near} St. Valery.
(HARVESTER 1541/12)

Keep out of enemy gun range until further orders. (C. in C., Portsmouth. 1650/12 to S.N.O.A)

Bulk of 51st Divsn.
cannot be embarked

It is now certain that bulk of 51st Divsn. cannot be embarked. Begin withdrawal of ships to England except any necessary to pick up stragglers on beaches after dark. (C. in C., Portsmouth 1821/12 to S.N.O. (A) Havre)

Intend.....

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Wednesday.HOME COMMANDSOperation Cycle, Contd.

Intend establish M.T.B. Patrol off Boulogne during dark tonight to intercept any E-Boats interfering with St. Valery embarkation (V.A.Dover 2017/12 to A.O.C. 16 Group)

Force returning to harbour (S.N.O. (A) 2054/12 to WELLINGTON)

Admty. Message 2055/11 Movement of Troops from Havre, etc., was not passed to 51st Division. Not possible get in touch and later they had destroyed all codes and cyphers (N.T.O. from War Registry. 12/6)
Your 2000

see p 189

I only wish to ensure that no Stragglers who could be brought off were left behind. Act as you think fit. (C. in C., Portsmouth 2216/12 to S.N.O.(A))

Coast of FranceRescue of troops
from wreck off
Dunkirk

M.T.B. and aircraft left at 2132/12, having embarked all troops aboard, approximately 8. (Chatham 2340/12)
Position of wreck 51.8' N 2.10'
received at 2120 (Chatham 2340/12 to H.Q.I.C.) -



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Wednesday.

HOME COMMANDS

Operations- Norway

Attack on enemy units at Trondheim.
Asking whether Swordfish to be used as well as Skuas for attacking enemy ships at Trondheim. (Admt. 1047/12) Reply No. (C. in C., H.F. 1151/12)

Your 2215/11 Cancel my 1047/12. If you consider conditions sufficiently favourable it is at your discretion to make attack with torpedo bombers as well as Skuas. (V.C.N.S. 1212/12 to C. in C., H.F.)

Your 0936/12. An attacking from position 65.N 4.40'E at 0200/13. Presume this is too far for fighter escort. Would like bombers to attack Vaernes aerodrome at 0200/13 but not earlier (C. in C., H.F. 1337/12) Reported to H.Q.C.C. by ALO 1702/12)

VETERAN take MASHONA, AMAZON, CAMPBELL under orders and R/V with C. in C., H.F. 63.N 4.W at 1300/13 (R.A. (D) H.F. 1455/12)

Your 1337. 4 Beauforts ordered to attack Vaernes Aerodrome 0200/13. Your position too far for fighter escort but 6 Blenheims will be near Trondheim 0200/13 to operate as protective escort to Skuas. Blenheims can only remain $\frac{1}{2}$ hour (C. in C., Rosyth 1616/12)

Attack on enemy units at Trondheim.
Intelligence for Skuas making attack (D.N.A.D. 1656/12)

Weather permitting C C aircraft will be bombing Bergen anchorage and shore targets at 2359/12 and 0300/13 (C. in C. Rosyth 1802/12 to C. in C. H.F.)

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Wednesday.HOME COMMANDSOperations-FaroesCommunications

Your 1153/12 received at 1640/12.5 hours delay in transmission might be serious. Suggest that urgent messages for me should be routed W/T station at Thorshavn via Wick Radio in addition to L/T (line telegraphy) method. Further it is suggested that warning signals be sent in enemy report phrases from Naval Cypher. (H.O.I/C Faeroes 2139/12)

It is hoped to be able to give you warning of enemy preparations for invasion. Destination of enemy forces if directed against Iceland or Faeroes, whether sea-borne or air-borne will not be apparent until they have passed Shetlands. (D.N.I. 1153/12)

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Wednesday.HOME COMMANDSAIRBritish Air ActivityAttack on ships at
Trondheim

Your 22/5/11. 18 Group are willing to co-operate with Blenheim fighter escort and synchronised bombing attack at anything you desire to divert attention from the Skuas. (C. in C., Rosyth 0936/12 to C. in C., H.F.)

Attack on E-Boats
at Boulogne

See Situation Report. Signals (A.C.H.Q. Chatham 1355/13, V.A. Dover 0143/12 to VESPER see operation "Cycle")

Markings of Aircraft

Asking that Admty. 1554/8 be cancelled. No definite proof at present that enemy using captured Allied aircraft or have adopted use of using Allied markings on his own aircraft (Air Ministry 1900/12)

Enemy Air ActivityCherbourg

Bombing raids at intervals 0315 to 0530 including possible mine dropping. Mine dropping raid at 0015. Wharves and quays intact. Port open to treated ships. Roadstead very congested at time of raid due to arrival of 2 convoys overnight. This practice recently introduced considered very dangerous to shipping. Dawn arrivals much preferable. Transport traffic heavy but unhindered. (B.F.L.O. Marceau 1022/12)

VEGA

Bombed about 1845 off Havre. Understood no damage caused. (I.C. 0480/40)

HARVESTER

Bombed in mid-channel between Fécamp and Isle of Wight 1745. Understood no damage caused. (I.C. 0480/40)

Havre

Enemy aircraft, as many as 12 and 15 at a time were reported throughout the day by H.M. ships operating off Fécamp and Le Havre.

BRUGES
(? 11/6)

British (2949 tons) Bombed at Le Havre on fire, Beached.

ARIADNEPRINS OLAV

It is reported that the Norwegian ships ARIADNE, 2029 tons, and PRINS OLAV, 2147 tons, have been attacked and sunk by German aircraft, while on their way from a Norwegian port to Thorshavn in the Faroe Islands with a large number of passengers on board.

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WednesdayHOME COMMANDSMining

1 magnetic mine exploded off North Foreland.

4 mines found in Humber area. (D.C.W.S. 263)

Minelaying Aircraft

are easily driven away by any form of A/A fire. ALRESFORD shot down an aircraft when she was anchored in St. Helen's Roads. (C. in C., Portsmouth 1503/12) cf. CARDIFF- Movements.

Enemy IntelligenceE-Boats

0245, 5 miles off South Foreland
Reported by 2 Ansons (Chatham 0255/12)
0838

Unknown enemy Unit at 58.40'N 4. 50'E.
By D/F Unreliable fix. (D.D.I.C. 0905/12)

Aalborg

German destroyers and minesweepers are reported to be regularly using quays and moorings west of bridges at Aalborg. B two repeat B two. (N.A. Stockholm 1810/12)

4 Destroyers

At Trondheim. (A/C 1425/12)

Reconnaissance of Trondheim at 1430/11 reports one Battle Cruiser, two Cruisers, and four Destroyers at anchor off town. Destroyers not now alongside Battle Cruiser. Four Destroyers on patrol 63. 37'N. 9.30'E. (C. in C., Rosyth 1740/12 to C. in C., H.F., 1516/12 to submarines on patrol)

ShippingWar Office Convoys

Admty. 1853/6 from 12/6 change of port of landing. Additional sailing. (D.O.D. (H) 1820/12)

U.S. 3.

Movements (C. in C., W.A. 1112/12, 1552/12, 1718/12)

OA & FN
Convoys

Re time of R/V off St. Catherines (C. in C., W.A. 1826/12)

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Wednesday.HOME COMMANDSShipping, Contd.FS & FN
Convoys Protection

In order to augment the anti "E" boat protection of F.S. and F.N. convoys during dark hours, it is requested that you will give consideration to the following measures.

2. KINGFISHER Class Corvettes and M.A./SBs to be used as close escort to F.S. and F.N. convoys during dark hours. M.T.B's to be disposed to seaward to give additional protection, and be in a position to counter-attack in the event of "E" boats attacking convoys.
3. A listening patrol of A/S trawlers to be established to seaward on that portion of the convoy route traversed by convoys during dark hours. This patrol to be approximately along the inner limit of the East Coast declared area.
4. In order to prevent the existence of these patrols becoming known to the enemy, and to afford air protection to the trawlers, it is proposed that they should be sailed from Lowestoft and Grimsby ahead of F.S. and F.N. convoys respectively, to take up their patrols, vacating those patrols at dawn and returning to Lowestoft and Grimsby in the wake of F.S. and F.N. convoys.
5. Any available anti "E" boat net to be laid in a position eastwards of Ower Bank in a line approximately 150°, being watched by A/S trawlers on listening patrol. (A.C.N.S. (E) 1918/12 C. in C., More)

Contraband Control

Customs have instructed their officers today that clearance and bunkers are to be refused to all ships bound for Italian territory, Mediterranean, or Black Sea ports, except (a) non-Italian ships bound for France or French N. Africa. (b) Neutral ships for Spanish Mediterranean ports (c) coal carrying ships chartered by French Mission. Ships refused clearance to be detained. (Hd. of M. 2054/12 to C. in C's)

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Wednesday.HOME COMMANDSShipping Contd.O.G. and O.G.F.
Convoys

In future no ships for North American ports are to be sailed in O.G. or O.G.F. Convoys. Ships bound for Oporto and Lisbon should be detached from these convoys as at present. Other ships are not to be detached until south of latitude 40° N. (A.C.N.S. (T) 1707/12)

MiscellaneousCables

Dieppe/Eastbourne should also be cut.

Calais/Fano cables are not to be cut at present. (D.S.D. 1549/12 to V.A. Dover)

War signal stations C.G. stations are to report warships and merchant ships without waiting to identify them. An amplifying report is always to be made subsequently stating whether ships are friendly or otherwise as soon as this can be established. (D.S.D. 1436/12)

WEATHER

<u>0500 B.S.T.</u>	<u>WIND</u>	<u>VISIBILITY</u>	<u>OUTLOOK</u>
North Sea	S. S.W. Moderate or light	Moderate. Fog patches in East and South Good in North.	Visibility deteriorat- ing in North.
Channel	W. or S.W. Light or Moderate	Moderate with fog patches in East. Good in West.	Visibility improving in East
W. Approaches	W.S.W. Moderate	Moderate or Good	Wind veering W.N.W. Visibility improving
Horns Reef	S. Light	Poor Fog patches	Similar
Dutch Coast	S.W. Light	Moderate. Fog patches	Similar
Coast of Norway	Moderate S. Light.	Moderate in South. Fog patches. Good in North.	Similar

War Diary.CASUALTIES AND DEFECTS.12.6.40.
WednesdayEMPIRE COMMERCE.

(Mined 8/6) Asking for two more tugs to assist her through channels at North East Spit Buoy (North Portland Radio No.1.O.O. Recd.0518/12). She had been beached in Thames Estuary 2235/8; floated off the bank on which she had been grounded and became adrift.

GASCONY. Sabotage suspected.

British. Two explosions tonight, first at 1945 while loading cases tinned meat number three hold, second in number four hold after all work stopped. One killed and five wounded by first explosion, and ship must be drydocked.
(N.C.S.C. Buenos Aires 2359/12 to C.in C.S.A.)

WESTMOOR.

Broken down 00N27056' W.1546 G.M.T./12, PRETORIA CASTLE to take in tow. Arrangements to prevent breaking W/T silence (C.in C.S.A. 1855/12, 11819/12).

PRINS OLAV.ARIADNE

Bound for Thorshavn, sunk by bombing, ARROW has 80 survivors including 9 women (NEWCASTLE 1401/12)

WALKER.

Has 2 leaking oil fuel tanks deflection boiler room fuses, and other urgent defects caused by near misses (NEWCASTLE 1401/12).

OREGON. Overdue.

British (6008 tons) left Freetown 14/6 for Plymouth and Tees with 8200 tons iron ore. No further news since she signalled 2000/10 from position off Canaries that she had serious boiler trouble and was in need of food and water. (D.S.).

NEWTON PINE

British (4212 tons) due Buenos Aires 4/6 from Tyne 1/5. Not arrived.

RICHARD DE LARRINAGA.

British (5358 tons) left Freetown 18/5 due Buenos Aires 4/6. Not arrived.

THALATTA.

Due Capetown 7/6 not arrived (S.O.I.) Capetown 1038/12.)



FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

Escort of Shipping.

Have you received any intimation from French Authorities as to their intentions with regard to escort of shipping (A) between Gibraltar and southern French ports (B). between Gibraltar and North African ports. It is not intended that 13th Flotilla should be used to escort this shipping. (D.T.D. 0108/12 to FOC., NA).

French Positions.

1200/13. (D.C. 2318/12).
1200/12. (D.C. 0425/12).

South Atlantic.

Cable cut.

Press reports Italian cable cut near Azores. (BNA, Buenos Aires 1900/12).

GASCONY

British. 2 explosions first while loading second in hold after work stopped. 1k, 5w, damage to ship will necessitate dry docking. (NCSO Buenos Aires, 2359/12).

French Colonial troops.

Following ships have been ordered to embark French Colonial troops numbers as stated at Kotou and Port Bonet June and July. (D.T.D. 1846/12).

PALESTINIAN PRINCE, DAFILA.

F.O.C.N.A. 1630/11. These ships, with reserves for Eastern Mediterranean and East Indies, are to call at Simonstown, to embark from hulk CORSICA 4-in. ammunition in proportions ordered by C-in-C., Med. (D.T.S.D., to C-in-C., S.A., 1920/12).

Mediterranean.

Air.

R.A.F. report successful air raid carried out on Tobruk A.M./12. One large warship with twin large calibre gun turrets, believed to be old Italian Cruiser SANGIORGIO, 9000 tons, S/M depot and repair ship, set on fire and beached near oil tank. Another ship alongside jetty shown in photograph to be on fire. Naval Jetty ablaze. 2 Italian aircraft believed to have been shot down. (S.O.(I), Alexandria, 1731/12).

Report of raid on Malta last night (C-in-C., Malta 2335/12).

Your 1131/12 French Government have issued instructions today that no bombing is to be made (? made) from this area for the present. Squadron is ready but must await French consent. Request agreement of French Government be obtained. (BNLO. Toulon Rec. 1713/12).

FOREIGN STATIONS (Contd.).Mediterranean.Mining.Sicilian Channel.

Mined and ships diverted via Messina (Capt. O.S. St. Angelo., 1126/12). Searched Channel in force at Alexandria from 0001/12. (Malta W/T to Med. Fleet 0001/12).

Mines in position 300°R.E.T. 17 miles. (Malta 2055/12 to Med. Fleet).

Mines found off Alexandria (D.C.NS 263).

Enemy Intelligence.

3 cruisers,
6 destroyers.

At 1200 ORPHEUS, reported sighting 3 ZARA class cruisers and 6 destroyers steering N.N.W. in position 70 miles N.E. of Malta. (D.C.NS.263).

Evacuation of Italians from Malta.

Governor considers it essential in interest of security. Neutral ship should be sent. (F.O.I/C Malta 1409/12).

Several Italian Units, possibly 2nd Squadron, were about 50 miles West of Cephalonia at noon on 12th June, (COIC. 0100/13 to C-in-C., Med).

Dispositions.

Considerable number enemy submarines have been identified as being at sea but positions not known. 3 or 4 torpedo boats from Tripoli (Africa) believed to have crossed Gulf of Sidra North eastward and are now believed to be in vicinity Marsa Torbuk. Sicilian Channel mined and ships diverted via Messina. (Capt. OS. St. Angelo 1126/12).

Air reconnaissance 11/6 Leghorn:- No warships present. La Maddalena:- No change since 6th June. Cagliari:- Four T.Bs. and five submarines. (D.D.I.C. 1200/12).

Evacuees.

Release of one Italian steamer suggested, to take 550 evacuees (V.A. Malta, 1247/12, re. Adty. 1913/11).

East Indies.Territorial Troops convoy.

To disembark in India. Date. Ships, etc. (D. of ST. 1919/12).

SAN ANTONIA

Cannot be held for C.C. undesirable that cargoes of this nature should fall into Italian hands. Ship and any others with similar cargoes bound for Allied ports may be released but should be routed so as to ~~xx~~ avoid Eritrean coast by as wide a margin as possible (ACNS, 2254/12 to CCSO, Aden).



FOREIGN STATIONS

East Indies.

Red Sea.
Convoys.

It is anticipated that the minimum size of Red Sea Convoys at 21 days interval will be twenty-two ships constituted as follows:-

(a) Service Stores from U.K. 9 ships.
from India 3 ships.
from Australia 1 ship.

(b) Tankers 3 ships.

(c) Colliers and occasional ships with other essential cargoes 6 ships.

Reference your 1051/11 to Admiralty only. My 1603/2/5 does not now apply. (D.T.D. 0107/12 to C-in-C., E.I.).

Australia.

WESTRALIA)
PARRAMATTA)
YARRA)

Commonwealth Govt. considering placing them at disposal of Adty. (A.C.N. 8B. 0337Z/12).



GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPS.

German ships ANKARA, 4768, MARITZA 2910, INGO 3950, and LUVSEE 2373 have carried 35,000 tons of Bauxite from Dubrovnik to Trieste since 28 March. Fresh stocks now at Dubrovnik and likely to increase. S/M or Air attack on these ships would have profound local effect. (N.A. Belgrade 2215/12 to C-in-C., Med.).

BARKENFELS

Sunk on 12/6/40

7569 tons is reported to have been raised at Bergen. She had not previously been identified as having been sunk (D.S.).

Italian Merchant Ships.

ROMOLO
scuttled.

Intercepted at 0295 Z today at 8°20'S., 163°45'E. Abandoned and set on fire. (Australian TNB 0651/12 to Adty). MANDORA rescued 130 passengers and crew all unhurt (ACNB 1253Z/12 to Adty).

BRENNERO

Oiler. At New York, probably being given 24 hours notice to sail or be interned. (C-in-C., NAWI. 0932/12 to CARADOC).

ALABAMA
Beached.

Boarded by French auxiliary cruiser BARFLEUR coast Maracaibo. Beached. (S.O.(I).., Kingston, Jamaica 1044/12 to Adty.).

CONTE ROSSO

With British Embassy Staff. Leaves Ancona to-day for Lisbon. (D.O.D.F. 1203/12 to C-in-C., Med).

GIULIO
CASO
Captured
DENTICE
scuttled.

Trawler.) Captured in Suez Canal.
Motor fishing boat.) (D.S.).

5281 tons, homeward bound from Mexico, set on fire, abandoned.

In Neutral Ports.

Full list up to to-day see I.C.0480.

GERUSALEMME

RANCHI reports her beached in Portuguese territory 12 miles N. of Ovo Point. (C-in-C., E.I. 1651Z/11).

VERBANIA

Bitter

At ~~Bia~~ ^{Bia} ~~er~~ lake. Cargo of ammunition to be loaded and examined. (SBNO, Suez-2041/12 to Adty).

CATHERINE GEROLIMICH
Seized.

8000 at Dublin discharging phosphates. Ordered to remain. (N.A. Dublin 1420/12 to D.N.I).

U-Boat campaign and Mining.Home Commands and North Atlantic.Ships Attacked.

BARON SALTCUN
sunk. (3404 tons) was mined and sunk in Cherbourg harbour during the night 11/12, by magnetic mine. One man lost. (BNLD, Marcean, 1022/12).

YVONNE Belgian, 668 tons, mined and sunk, off Goodwin Knoll. 0830 in searched channel. (IC.0480/40).

EARLS/PARK British. 5250 tons. Torpedoed 41°30'N., 11°33'W., at 110/12. Not in convoy. (Plymouth W/T., 1139/12. Lands End Radio, 1131/12). Same position as ATHEL PRINCE 2300/11).

PRINSES JULIANA
Sunk. ^{Dutch} ~~British~~, 198 tons, mined and sunk off ^{POOLE} ~~Harwich~~, at 1200/12. Port is open.

WILLOWBANK British, 5041 tons. Torpedoed, sinking slowly. 44.16 N., 13.54 W., at 2045/12. Was in Convoy SL.34 (CARNARVON CASTLE, 2115/12 to A.C.W.A.).
No A/S vessels were with the convoy (ASWD 282)

SISAPON
Sunk. HMT. struck a mine and sank, 1115/13 near Cork, Lt. V. (F.O.I.C., Harwich, 2356/12).

GUADELOUPE French chased by U-boat 46°46'N, 11°45'W at 2330 (in Bay of Biscay) (IC 0480/40).

ELLAROY Attacked 0045 75 miles W.S.W. Cape Finisterre (D.S.).

S/M's reported.

0400 By D/F 58°20'N, 2°40'E. Unreliable fix. (DNI, 0448/12).

2045 A.F. message. 44°16'N, 13°54'W (DDIC 0055/13).

0845 Sighted on surface 8 miles in 42°6'N, 10°55'W. by SS. CYPRUS. (Intercept from SS. CYPRUS. Plymouth 0810/12). Near position where SS. WASHINGTON was stopped 0600/11 and ATHEL PRINCE torpedoed 2300/11 and EARLS PARK 1010/12.

1430 U-boat reported at Dunohean, Dingle Bay. (C-in-C., W.A. 2217/12 to COMET).

0958 Submerged U-boat reported by French 49°41'N, 1°40'W., (C-in-C., 1st Region 0958/12).

1627 Supposed C/T and P/S sighted by A/C 62°N., 0°10'E (IC.0480/40).

0900 By yacht AURILA 10 miles S.E. Lowestoft. 3 destroyers and 2 corvettes searching. N.C.I.C. Harwich 0920/12, C-in-C., Nore 1011/12).

? In mouth of Loch Owin 8 miles S. of Stormovay. C.4. (C-in-C., Rosyth 2130/12).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MINING. (Contd.).S/M's Reported.Estimated
dispositions.

Finisterre Area. One of them was in 43°24'N, 13°20'W, at 2300/11.
1 in Western Approaches.
Possibly 1 West of Hebrides outward bound.
1 North of Shetlands homeward bound.
Possibly patrols between Orkneys and Norway and between Shetlands and Faroes. (D.D.I.C. 1201/12).

1130 49:41 N., 0140 W, 2 miles N. from Cherbourg. French report. (C-in-C., Portsmouth 2245/12).

2045 44.16 N., 13.54 W. (WILLOWBANK attacked).

0014 42.00 N., 13.00 W. (ACWA 0014/12).

1010 41°30'N, 11°33'W. (DDIC. 1210/12).

1900 Sighted on surface by civilian in mouth of Loch Nurin. C.4. (C-in-C., Rosyth 2104/12 to Adty).

1627 62°00'N. 0°10'. Possible S/M. A/C report. (Donibristle 2310/12, C-in-C., Rosyth 0156/13).

1900 In mouth of Loch Nurin by civilian. On surface, submerged when sighted. C.4. (C-in-C., Rosyth 2104/12).

2316 By D/F 44°20'N, 14°0'W (unreliable) (DDIC., 0054/13). W/T signalling indicates U-boat 0836 137°42'0'N, 13°0'W (C-in-C., W.A. 0836/12).

S/M's Attacked.

1220 VIMIERA attacked contact 54°21'N, 0°46'. (VIMIERA 1220/12).

Mediterranean.Dispositions of
enemy S/M's.

Considerable number of enemy S/M's have been identified as being at sea but position not known (Capt. G.S. ST. Angelo 1126/12).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MINING.Mediterranean.Ships Attacked.

ZINOVIA
Sunk. Greek. Mined and sunk near Pantellaria. 2 of 30 crew missing (Press).

CALYPSO
Sunk. Sunk 0200B/12 33°45'N, 24°32'E. 1 officer 38 ratings missing. Remainder arrived Alexandria in CALEDON and DAINTY 1000/3. No track seen probably torpedo magnetic pistol from S/M. (FOCIBS, 1401/13). *sup. 217 657.*

ORKANGER
Sunk. Norwegian (8029 tons) torpedoed 2300/12 and sunk off North coast of Egypt.

S/M's Reported.

1450 31°48'N, 29°9'E. S/M reported. No details. (R.A.(L), 1450/12).

S/M's attacked.

0410 By WATCHMAN 35°48'N, 5°10'W. (E. of Straits of Gib). F.O. C.N.A., considers the S/M may have been sunk or badly damaged. (DCNS 263). (FOCNA, 1149/12 to Adty.). *S/m took refuge in Malta.*

By DIAMOND off Malta. Attack is believed by V.A. Malta to have been successful. (D.C.N.S. 263).

2147/10 By DECOY off Sol^{lum}burn. No wreckage seen but large patch of oil sighted at daylight 11/6. (ASWD, 281).

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WEDNESDAY.U-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MINING.Ships Attacked.ELLI CROY
escaped.

British, attacked at 0045/12 in position 42° 26' N. 11° W. Two torpedoes fired, both wide. (Consul, Oporto, 1100/13, A.S.W.D. 283, 14/6).

BARBARA MARIE
sunk.

British 423. Torpedoed and sunk 220 miles N.W. from Cape Finisterre. (D.S.284) (CARNARVON CASTLE 2115/12).

BARON SALTOUN.

Mined 0315/12 when heading towards the eastern entrance of Cherbourg Harbour. Interview with Master, Capt. F. Peebles, 15/6. (Trade Div. Casualties). Thinks the explosion set off the magazine, which was in the poop. Survivors rescued by French patrol boat, which arrived within about 5 minutes.

PORPOISE.

At 0950/12 in 62° 30' N. 3° E. PORPOISE was attacked by U-boat at 400 yards range. Miss close ahead. (VAS.1742/25 to Admiralty).

Mediterranean.ORKANGER.

Norwegian tanker, torpedoed and sunk at 2300/12 about 40 miles N.W. of Alexandria. 2 torpedoes hit with an interval of 10 minutes between them. This was the first merchant ship to be sunk by an Italian U-boat. There were 4 casualties. (O.S.W.D.283, 14/6).

MAKIS.

Greek (3546 tons) was mined and sunk 12/6 near Pantellaria. (O.S.).

CALYPSO
sunk 12/6.

My 1401/13. CALYPSO and CALEDON were stationed 6 miles ahead of Battle Fleet and 4 miles astern of A/S screen who were at visibility distance apart. Evidence suggests torpedoing, but C. in C. Med. reports this as by no means conclusive unless it is claimed by Italians before arrival of survivors in harbour, as conditions were very difficult for successful torpedo attack. (F.O.C. I.B.S. 0022/14). See also p. 651

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Thursday.SITUATION REPORTFranceOperation Cycle

During the dark hours of 12/13 a few small ships continued attempt to pick up stragglers at St. Valery. 1500 were embarked from St. Valery during the night 12/13 (D.C. 1934/13)

At 0130/13 a F.A.A. aircraft on patrol reported Havre in flames, with one large M.V. and 2 small M.V.'s burning. During the night 12/13 the evacuation of Havre was completed. 11000 Troops were embarked and sent to Cherbourg arriving p.m. 13th; the rearguard and beach parties returned to Portsmouth.

67 merchant vessels and 140 small vessels were employed. Such troops as could be evacuated at Veules, were taken off under difficult conditions owing to enemy fire. Air co-operation undoubtedly prevented severe losses in our sea forces.

GLORIOUS

37 survivors from the GLORIOUS and ACSTA have been landed in the Faroe Is. by the Norwegian ss BORGUND

SCOTSTOUN

Only 2 officers and 4 men are missing from the A.M.C. SCOTSTOUN (torpedoed and sunk)

Attack on M.V.'s at Bergen

During the night 12/13 June 12 Hudsons attacked shipping concentration in Pudde Fjord (Bergen) one M.V. is thought to have been hit, but poor visibility prevented the damage caused by the raid from being observed.

Attack on warships at Trondheim

In the attack early this morning by F.A.A. Skuas on the enemy warships at Trondheim, one battle cruiser received a direct hit abaft the funnel with a 500 lb. bomb. 8 Skuas out of 15 did not return. Continuous efforts by Coastal Command aircraft to reach Trondheim during 13th to continue attacks were prevented by fog.

Attack on Vaernes Aerodrome

Vaernes aerodrome was attacked by Coastal Command aircraft during the night in conjunction with the attack at Trondheim. The run^{way} was hit and bombs burst among parked aircraft.

M.V. Concentration in Stavanger

The aircraft on the Kristiansand Stavanger Reconnaissance reported at 1900/13 about 12 merchant vessels of between 2000 and 5000 tons in Vestre Haven and 4 of about 2000 tons in Ostre Haven.



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Thursday.

SITUATION REPORT

Enemy M.V's off
Ymuiden

At 1745/13 it was reported that M.V's were off the Dutch Coast in the region of Ymuiden, on a westerly course. Six aircraft of Coastal Command went out at 1845 to attack these ships, but the attack was unsuccessful owing to bad weather.

Mining

Ten moored mines have been cut in the areas Flamborough Head, Cromer, and North Foreland. One magnetic mine has been exploded in the North Foreland area and one located in Poole Bay. One floating mine has been reported in Bristol Channel and one off N.W. Ireland

The Loire is closed between St. Nazaire and Nantes.

Italian Hostilities

Attack on Assab
Aerodrome

5 Blenheims operating from Aden attacked Assab aerodrome and a building and a hanger were hit.

Italian Air Attack

Four air raids took place over Malta, causing little damage and four casualties. The fourth raid was indiscriminate. DIAMOND was bombed off the harbour without success. She has again contacted, on the bottom in the same place, the submarine attacked on 12/6. V.A. Malta considers this attack fully successful.

Five
Four attacks were made on Aden, without causing serious damage. Gladiators shot down one enemy aircraft and seriously damaged one. One of our aircraft is missing in our territory.

Italian aircraft carried out raids in East Africa and the Sudan. At Wajir they destroyed aviation petrol stores.

Minefield

GRAIPUS has laid a minefield blocking the entrance to Port Augusta, Sicily.



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Thursday.

HOME COMMANDS

Defence of U.K.

Blockship

Your 1517/12 Request information as to depth at low water at position proposed for blockship. (D.L.D., 1153/13, to C. in C., Portsmouth, N.O.I.C., Newhaven, R.N.O. Littlehampton.)

Harwich

Re operational control of controlled mines and torpedo tubes and appointment of another officer also blocking of Orwell. (F.O., Harwich, 1944/13)

Southampton

(See Mining)

Immingham

Requesting immediate balloon barrage protection for Immingham Dock (F.O., Humber, 1233/13)

Portland

Re guns for A/A defence (1st S.L., (in reference to F.O.I.C. Portland's 1745/11) 1147/13)

A.P. Vessels

Concur in Admty. 2053/12, but essential that the order should apply to all A.P. vessels, M.T.B.'s R.A.F. high speed launches, etc., commencement will probably be asked for as soon as aerial invasion begins at any point within reach of warships' guns. It will certainly be necessary as soon as any attempt is made to bring a raid or invasion across the sea. (C.in C., More., 1314/13)

Summary of Military and Air Forces available for Home Defence (1st S.L. 1333/13 to C. in C., H.F.)

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ThursdayHOME COMMANDSMovementsFURIOUSSpecial duty (D.O.D. (H) 1435/13)
See Operations volume.DEVONSHIRE

To escort FURIOUS

ORIONDEORONSAYARADORA STARETTRICKMovements to join C. in C., W.A. D.O.D.
(H) 2101/13 to C. in C., Rosyth, F.O.I.C.
Greenock, R to C. in C., W.A.)OTRANTOSTRATHAIRDFRANCONIALANCASTRIAAt your disposal from a.m./14 (D.O.D.
(H) 2212/13 to C. in C., W.A.)ILLUSTRIOUSTo sail for Sierra Leone, refuel and
return to U.K. (D.O.D. (H) 1644/13)REVENGERoute from position 56.00'N., 08.15'W
should arrive Plymouth by 0600/21
(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 1541/13)CARDIFFTo be sailed for Nore to reform C.S. 2.
(D.O.D. (H) 1916/13)CALCUTTATo remain under command C. in C., Ports-
mouth (D.O.D. (H) 1916/13) (Operation
against enemy aircraft)Submarines

Positions 0600/14 (R.A.S., 1729/13)

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Thursday.HOME COMMANDSOperation XD Demolition

Party L (Chatham) is to proceed to Portsmouth forthwith (D.C.D. (H) 1448/13)

Admty. 1937/9 Intends to sail party and stores in ALRESFOND at 2100 today. (C. in C., Portsmouth 1837/13)

French CoastLe Havre

Aircraft reports Le Havre in flames. 1 large M.V. in flames 2 small M.V. burning. 2 DR., 3 M.V. stationary outside harbour. 3 salvos observed to fall on St. Valery Harbour and others behind town. Tugs and dredgers proceeding from Le Havre to Barfleur. Armed auxiliary 10000 tons with troops 15 miles off coast proceeding Portsmouth (Chatham 0050/13)

Loire

Loire mined. Suggest air sweeper be sent immediately and stationed there. (P.S.T.O. French Ports, 1230/13)

French Admiral St. Nazaire confirms Loire is clear from seawards up to and including St. Nazaire and traffic proceeding normally in this sector. (D.S.T. O. St. Nazaire, 1735/13)

Barfleur
Trouville

For Admty. from Capt. Wyatt. Reconnaissance completed Barfleur to Trouville. No beaches considered suitable landing or embarking mechanical transport in any quantity. From point on coast 240° 4 miles from Isle of St. Mesconf lighthouse beach running south eastwards for 4 miles to about Banc de la Magdaleine (Chart No 2073) considered very suitable for landing or embarking personnel only at any state of tide. Cherbourg Sub. Area to W.O., 0050/14)

Operation Cycle

Your 2110/12. Send back any ships which may elude sweep and arrive at rendezvous off St. Valery (C. in C., Portsmouth to S.N.O. Afloat 0029/13)

S.N.O. Havre, is in FERNIE (VEGA 0656/13)

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ThursdayHOME COMMANDSOperation Cycle- Contd.Evacuation Ended

Evacuation completed without opposition air protection, smoke bombs. Total number evacuated 11,000. Following transports sailed for Cherbourg during night of (?) 12th/13th June. ST. BRIAC, AMSTERDAM, TYNWALD, THEEMS, EMERALD, carrying 4000 troops including rear-guard; LOWICK, carrying beach party. Rearguard beach party returning to U.K. in 6 motor launches and have been detached to Portsmouth under Com. R. Sherbrooke. Am proceeding with H.M.S. FERNIE and VEGA to Cherbourg to give general protection to British and French transports in conjunction with French destroyers which may also be covering route. (S.N.O. Havre, 0744/13)

No ships intercepted. My position 50. 20' N., 00.27'E. Request instructions. (WELLINGTON 0801/13) Return to Portsmouth (S.N.O. afloat 0946/13)

Signal expected time of arrival at Cherbourg of last ships of convoy. (C. in C. Portsmouth to S.NO. Havre in FERNIE, 0930/13)

Answer: 1500 (S.N.O. Havre, 1045/13)

My position K.C.B.P. 46 45 escorting slowest transport to Cherbourg, expected time of arrival 1700 (VEGA 1140/13)

Total evacuated 11,000 British, unknown number of French (S.N.O. Havre 2000/13)

Report of C.I.C.,
Portsmouth.

Evacuation from Havre of 11,000 satisfactorily completed, but profoundly regret we only succeeded in bringing off about 1500 British and French from St. Valery area. 67 merchant ships and 140 small vessels organised and despatched from British ports. The numbers time and place were not all known until 1700/11.

Only 16 vessels with wireless out of 207 employed.

As majority were of low endurance and slow speed, necessary to assemble them off French Coast and await developments. I examined situation at Havre 10/6 and decided to move small vessel flotillas to St. Valery, as it was obvious part of 51st Division were being forced back to coast in that neighbourhood. Intended flotillas to

/shelter...

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shelter in St. Valery, but they found harbour under enemy fire. I do not consider any great number would in any case have been evacuated from St. Valery area. By 0930/11 enemy were machine gunning our ships off St. Valery and by noon enemy had guns in position on coast to dominate beaches and later on that part of town in which our troops were crowded. Some of these guns immune from attack from the sea. At Veules every man found was taken off under difficult conditions under enemy fire, a gallant effort, so too was that of a small vessel that took off 80 near St. Valery under enemy fire. I kept evacuation forces on coast until late 12/6 until it became apparent nothing more to be done. Splendid effort of R.A.F. undoubtedly prevented severe losses to our sea forces. (C. in C., Portsmouth 1357/13)

Transports arrived Cherbourg. H.M.S. FERNIE sailing for Portsmouth now. Expected time of arrival 2100. (S.N.O. in FERNIE 1300/13)

Attack on Warships at Tromheim

One hit on battle cruiser abaft funnel. 8 Skuas out of 15 did not return. Ran into fog when flying over. ANTELOPE and ELECTRA collided capable of steaming 10 and 6 knots respectively. Have sent ARK ROYAL back to Scapa. Am standing by destroyers who are escorted by INGLEFIELD and ZULU. VISCOUNT with ELLESMERE and convoy. Suggest R.A.F. continue bombing if possible and also bomb cruiser reported in C. in C., Rosyth's 0602 (C. in C., H.F. 0904/13)

See also p. 235.

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ThursdayHOME COMMANDSAIRBritish Air ActivityDestroyers Bombed

At 0030, 2 destroyers bombed in 60.55'N., 4.58'E. No hits. (Donibristle 0745/13)

Reconnaissance

Off Norway from 0650/13 to locate aerodromes etc., (Donibristle, 1035/13)

Off Bergen. 0001 to 0100/13 (Donibristle to T.O.O./13)

Vaernes AerodromeMy 1616/12, result of attack on Vaernes Aerodrome by 42 Sqn. (Beauforts) Direct hits 2 on ~~hangers~~ ^{hangars} 2 on barracks, others among parked aircraft. (Donibristle 0808/13, 0800/13, C. in C. Rosyth 0938/13)Fighters at night

Fighters to open fire on any aircraft, whether or not bearing navigation lights provided they are recognised as enemy type. Air Ministry ask that to standardise procedure night fighter zone at Scapa be abolished. Have your any objection (D. of L.D. to A.C.O.S. 1209/13-)

Aircraft Markings

Asking to advise 41 Group if you wish new colour scheme, for under surfaces of fighters to be painted blue, to apply to your aircraft. (Air Ministry to R.A.N.A.S. 1501/13)

Navigation Lights

Areas which will be notified where congestion of aircraft might result in collision. (Air Ministry, 1035/13)

Bergen

Raid on harbour and shipping. No shipping observed in mist and darkness. Bombs burst and six fires started. (Donibristle, no T.O.O., Recd. 0452/13)

Trondheim.
Enemy Ships
AttackedVA(A) Report in
M 015561/40.

Dive bombing attack with 500 lb. S.A.P. bombs was carried out on enemy warships in Trondheim at 0200/13 by 15 Skuas of 800 and 803 Sqdns. Attack was pressed home in face of most intense A/A fire and heavy fighter opposition. There is good evidence including photographic that one and possible two hits were obtained on German battleship SCHARNHORST abaft funnel. Eight Skuas missing. (R.A. (A) 1017/14)

Aircraft of 254 Sqn. patrolled off Trondheim from 0107 whilst awaiting return of Skuas from Trondheim. (Donibristle 0650/13)



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British Air Activity Contd.

Stadlandet.

Reconnaissance from north of Stadlandet all coast and inlets as far south as 61.40 N., 04.50'E. Went up Norefjord as far as Moldo. No warships seen, no opposition of any kind. 1700 to 1740. (Donibristle, 2100/13)

Kristiansand

Searched Kristiansand Harbour, then proceeded coastwise to Stadlandet, no warships seen, 1630/ 1730. (Donibristle 2139/13)

Enemy Air Activity

Norway

German naval aircraft appear to have carried out thorough reconnaissance of Norwegian coast from 60° to 64° between 0600 and 0800 today. (D.D.I.C. 0932/13)

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D.D.O.D. (M) 1815/13.

OCEAN SUNLIGHT

Lost while minesweeping (See U-Boat Campaign)

Southampton Water

Admty suggest enemy mine laying in approach to Southampton Water would be hampered by periodic establishment of water-borne balloons at night in important stretches of approaches. Water borne balloons of Southampton Barrage may be used for this purpose. Request consider this proposal and if agreed concert measures with C.in C., Portsmouth (Air Min., to Fighter Command, 0010/13)

Loire

Assistant B.N.L.O. Marceau now at Nantes reports Loireport blocked by magnetic mines and requests magnetic sweepers be sent as soon as possible. Are LL cables and clocks available for supply to Brest for one pair of French trawlers, otherwise fully equipped for LL service. (Admiral Oust, 1250/13, to Admty)

Gibraltar

Your 1058/12 LL trawlers to be fitted with awnings at Gibraltar and operate from there for the present. (D.M.S. 1540/13)

Thames Estuary.

Moored mines reported 51.31' N., 01. 49' E QZS is closed temporarily. All traffic to Southend for re-routing. (C. in C., Nore, 1236/13)

Enemy IntelligenceADMIRAL SCHEER

0118 aircraft sighted 1 heavy cruiser believed to be ADMIRAL SCHEER 63.15' N 7.22' E course 125° speed 10 knots. (Donibristle, 0800/13 0630/13)

Large Cruiser

Aircraft report 1 large cruiser possibly NURNBERG class 63.15N., 7.20 E., at 0118, course 125° (Donibristle 0118/13: C. in C., Rosyth, 0602/13)

Norwegian Coast

W/T traffic between 1600/12 and 2000/12 may indicate enemy movements off Norwegian coast. (D.D.I.C. 0057/13 to C. in C., H.F. etc.,)

2 Destroyers
2 L.V's61.53'N 5.36'E course 090° speed 6 knots
2 destroyers 2 merchant vessels (Air craft 0745/13) (C. in C., Rosyth 0800/13)



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Enemy Intelligence, Contd.

E-Boats

Admty 2325/11 Further summary of E-boat information (D.N.S.W. 2102/13)

Aircraft's 2145, for enemy submarine read one B.S. position W.P.T.S. 5000 course 360° Sunderland being sent to Shadow. (C. in C., Rosyth 2220/13)
Cancel my 2220. No battleship sighted (C. in C., Rosyth 2304/13)

Unknown Unit

D.F. at 1919/13 position of unknown enemy unit, call sign D.E.V. was 59.10' N., 3.40'E., unreliable fix. (D.N.I. 1949/13)

My 1328 Enemy cruiser not located. Reconnaissance of Trondheim impossible owing to engine failure and weather (C. in C., Rosyth 2236/13)

Shipping

Ships for Italy

Customs authorities instructing officers to refuse clearance and bunkers to all ships of whatever nationality bound for Italian territory, Mediterranean ports and Black Sea Ports, except

(a) Ships of any nationality, other than Italian, bound for France or French North Africa.

(b) Neutral ships whether in ballast or in cargo bound for Spanish ports in the Mediterranean.

(c) Coal carrying ships of any nationality chartered by the French Mission for any destination. (Head of M., 2235/13)

F.S. Convoys Protection

Remarks on Admty. 1918/12, re change of convoy programme for F.S. convoys, and use of M.T.B's and A/S trawlers against E-boats etc., (C. in C., More, 1520/13)

Store Convoy

British store convoy to continue under escort of cruisers and destroyers to Scapa. All Norwegian vessels not already detached for Thorshaven to proceed under suitable escort to Kirkwall any Norwegian and other warships so employed subsequently continuing to Scapa (C. in C., Rosyth, 0949/13 to NEWCASTLE)



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Shipping, Contd.,

Dutch and
Belgian Ships

Cancelling my 0051/13/5 nightly report of Dutch and Belgian ships (D.T.D., 1149/13)

Ocean Convoys

Positions (D.C., 1840/13)

Plymouth
Staff

Appointment of Liaison officers from H. of Shipping and Movements Control, Plymouth. Capt. Wright, Movement Control, War Office, will proceed to Plymouth when plans are further advanced (D. of P., to C.in C., W.A., 1642/13)

NEWSPORT

American, to leave New York 15/6 for Bordeaux arriving about 29/6 with red cross supplied. Important ship should proceed without any interruption. (Hd. of M., 1219/13)

Miscellaneous

Dutch Coasters

Dutch coasters commissioned in accordance with Admty. 2239/8 to be retained in commission and held in Portsmouth Command pending further instructions (A.C.N.S. (H) 1053/13 to C. in C., Portsmouth)

Cables

My 1549/12 ALERT is required for urgent work in West of English Channel before cutting of Dieppe-Eastbourne. (D.S.D., 1600/13)

Identification Marks.

C.A.F.O. 681/40 is to be amended as follows:-

The four canvas squares should be painted with following marks.

- (a) Single large red spot
- (b) Two large red spots
- (c) Single red bar fore and aft
- (d) Two red bars fore and aft

Background white in all cases.

Signal bringing into force one of the above identification marks will be made by Admiralty S.N.O.'s may request Admiralty to do this. Marks will subsequently be changed at least once every 24 hours by order of the Admty. This order applies to all Minor War vessels. (D.S.D. 1931/13)

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ThursdayHOME COMMANDS0500WEATHER

	<u>Wind</u>	<u>Visibility</u>	<u>Outlook</u>
North Sea	W. to N.W. Light to Moderate	Poor to Moderate, fog patches	Visibility be- coming good to very good.
Channel	N.W. Light to Moderate	Good to very good (Except in Straits of Dover)	Similar
W. Approaches	W. to N.W. Moderate	Good to very good.	Similar

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CASUALTIES & DEFECTS

CARINTHIA

Board of Enquiry into loss to be convened. (C. in C. Rosyth, to F.O.I.C., Greenock, 1245/13)

Suggest instructions to Board of Enquiry into loss of CARINTHIA should include investigation into effect of explosion and structural damage (V.A.W. P 1900/13)

CAROLINE SUSAN

Motor yacht, caught fire and sank off Needles.

ST. ABBS

Interview with survivor shows tug ST. ABBS was sunk in action off Dunkirk at 0915/1/6 (R.N. Barracks, Portsmouth, 1109/13)

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ThursdayFOREIGN STATIONSNorth AtlanticLas Palmas

Situation. About 1,000 Spanish troops landed within last 6 weeks including an A/A battery. General situation outwardly quiet at present. Estimated strength of present garrison Las Palmas 3,000 men. (D.F.I., 1140/13 to F.O.C.N.A.)

German Report

Admty. 1948/10. German battle cruiser passing through Straits to join Italian Fleet. Is there further information? (F.O.C.N.A. 1004/13)

Answer, No, but only one German battle-cruiser can at present be located with certainty. (1st S.L., 1936/13)

South AtlanticD/F Station

Your 1130/5. From point of view of South Atlantic D/F organisation it is not considered necessary to erect another high frequency D/F station at or near Walvis Bay. Considerable progress made with the coordination of the 3 D/F stations at Freetown, Ascension and the Cape and the cross bearings obtained from these 3 stations should meet requirements. Indian Ocean is covered by a system which includes Durban D/F station. (C. in C., S.A. to S.N.O. Simonstown. 1221/13)

Simonstown

Proposed to Union Govt. Simonstown be made a prohibited area. (N.O.I.C. Simonstown 1147/13)

MediterraneanPolicy

Proposal that Red Sea should be placed under command of C. in C., Med. Reasons.

(a) Spheres of operation of 3 C. in C.'s would coincide.

(b) Present arrangement difficult from Joint Planning point of view. Naval objections appear to be

(a) Burden on C. in C., Med.

(b) While C. in C., Med was at sea keeping W/T silence he could not deal with Red Sea questions, including convoys. This might be overcome by additional Captain on Staff, to remain at Alexandria with authority to deal with Red Sea questions. (1st S.L. 0105/13)



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FOREIGN STATIONS

Mediterranean. Contd.

Italian Aircraft

Description of markings (Hd of A., 2100/13)

Refugees

Italian CALITEA with Consul-General and Italian refugees sailed 2030/13 (V.A. Malta 0803/14)

Enemy Unit ?

One unknown bearing 300 distance 13 miles course 330° position 2756 1640 (Casablanca, 2100/13)

Operations

Italian Units

Several units, possibly 2nd Squadron, were about 50 miles West of Cephalonia at noon 12/6. (C.O.I.C., 0100/13)

Enemy units are still off Cephalonia at 2100/12.

Only one other fix obtained outside local waters, approx position 35. 20'N., 21.00'E at 1824/12 call sign 7 0 D North African local torpedo boats have probably returned to harbour. Source Y indicates important enemy units were still at sea 0600/13 but position unknown. (N.O.I.C. Alexandria, 1114/13)

Contraband Control

All enemy and neutral mails both inward and outward unless already subjected to examination are to be removed, except from Spanish Ships exempted from control by my 1414/11. Consult Censor in Charge as to subsequent disposal (D.E.W.D. 1903/13, to C.C.S.O., Gib.)

Italian Air Strength

Information received from Air Ministry graded A.1. Sicily Air Command reinforced 11th June by transfer from mainland 180 bombers and 72 fighters making strength in Sicily and Pantellaria as follows: Bombers 225, Dive Bombers 14, Fighters 96, Land Reconnaissance 9, Sea Reconnaissance 27. Headquarters 2nd Squadron Area also moved from Padua to Palermo.

I assume Air Headquarters Middle East keeps you informed of Italian air dispositions (D.N.I. 1935/13 to C. in C., Med.)



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FOREIGN STATIONS

Mediterranean Contd.

Malta Air Raids

Four air raids today in two of which bombs were not dropped. One raid on Hal Far, two soldiers killed two and one R.A.F. Officers wounded. Fourth raid indiscriminate. H.M.S. DIAMOND bombed off Harbour no hits. DIAMOND again contacted on bottom in same place submarine attacked yesterday and I consider attack fully successful (V.A. Malta, 2231/13)

Refugees

Governor anxious to sail EMIL to Haifa with 150 Polish refugees ex Italian RODI before Egypt is brought into the war. They have British visas for Palzestine. (V.A. Malta, 1050/13)

Minesweeping

Italian trawler GIULIO and Italian motor fishing boat CASO have been captured. Intend to use them locally in connection with magnetic minesweeping. (S.B.N.O., Suez Canal Area, 1644/13)

C. in C., Med's Report of 13th states GLOUCESTER and LIVERPOOL met some small craft, probably M/S, off Tobruk on 10th June and engaged them probably successfully. Shore batteries opened fire but scored no hits. Action lasted eleven minutes. (D.C.N.S. 265)



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FOREIGN STATIONS

East Indies

Blockades

Request your remarks on practicability of establishing the blockades referred to in para 105 of A.L.M. 00697/39 having regard to the reduced forces at your disposal (A.C.N.S. (F) 1829/13 to C. in C., E.I.)

Air Raids, Aden

Following air raids over Aden. Wednesday 12th June 0200 Z to 0240 Z bombs dropped about 20 miles to Westward. 1830Z to 1900Z one bomb dropped on the crater, a few casualties. One bomber brought down by fighters and some prisoners. 1915Z to 2015Z. Thursday 13th June 0100Z to 0200Z. Bomb between Aden wireless and crater. 0440Z to 0530Z bomb (s) dropped North shore of harbour. (N.O.I.C. Aden 1151Z/13)

JALAPALAKA

British due Colombo 10/6 from Rangoon, overdue. (S.O.I., Colombo, 1018/13)

America & West Indies

Dutch Signals

Replying to his 1724/10 re local Dutch recognition signals, to be arranged by Dutch S.N.O., Curacao. (D.S.D., to C. in C., A.W.I. 1933/13)

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ITALIAN MERCHANT SHIPS

Trawlers

Evening June 12th arrived and await further orders 2 Italian trawlers with cargoes of Cod from Newfoundland. Captains state 4 more approaching Azores. 0110/13)

ANDALUSIA

4499 G.T. arrived Teneriffe p.m. 13th with 6000 tons Wheat from Buenos Aires (I.C. 0482)

TERESA SCHIAFFINO

5189 G.T. arrived Teneriffe a.m. 13th June. (I.C. 0482)

In Neutral Ports

Full geographical disposition (I.C. 0482)

Foreign Stations

DEMTICE

Aground, Maracaibo, set on fire, abandoned. (Kingston, Jamaica, 1241/13)

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Finnish (~~1400~~ tons) was torpedoed and sunk 400 miles off N.W. Coast of Spain. 20 of crew of 25 landed. (Guyatt, Coruna, 1745/13)

OCEAN SUNLIGHT

Sunk 1945/13 while minesweeping off the West Breakwater Light, Newhaven. It is believed she struck a magnetic mine. 5 of crew saved. Skipper and one rating badly wounded. (C. in C., Portsmouth 2312/13)

ABEL TASMAN

Dutch schoot (314 tons) with naval crew sunk by mine off Poole, at 1030, close to wreck of PRINCESS JULIANA. (R.N.O. Poole, 1050/13)

MediterraneanORKANGER

Norwegian tanker, torpedoed 31.42'N., 28.50'E at 2300/12. Two torpedoes, 10 minutes apart, both striking 2 engines, one greaser, one seaman killed. Eng. Lt. Com. Crabbe, 2 stokers, and 9 military for Alexandria safe. (R.A. Alexandria 2049/13) C. in C. Med. reports that there is no doubt whatever that she was torpedoed without warning (D.C.N.S. 266)

Home Commands & North AtlanticSCOTSTOUN
Sunk

A.M.C. Torpedoed a/F at 0600/13 while on passage to Northern Patrol, when 80 miles W. of Barra Island. HIGHLANDER and another destroyer and aircraft are proceeding to assist. Position 090° 57.N 10.W 4 miles (SCOTSTOUN 0600/13 C. in C., Rosyth 0702/13 0950/13 Lifeboats in position 57 N 10 W (Malin Head Radio 0837/13) Located lifeboats in M.B.S.N. 0020 Destroyer on way (B/244, 1310/13)

HIGHLANDER searched 10 miles round position sweeping of M.B.S.N. 4 no sign of SCOTSTOUN or lifeboat. Aircraft assisting. (HIGHLANDER 1225/13)

SCOTSTOUN sank 0730 Returning to Greenock with survivors (HIGHLANDER 1401/13) Aircraft reports SCOTSTOUN sunk. Destroyer picking up from boats 1400 (C. in C., Rosyth 1436/13 by 1401, 2 Officers and 4 men missing. (HIGHLANDER 1543/13)

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DELIGHT and ECHO and tugs MARAUDER and BANDIT sent to assist. (F.O.I.C. Greenock, 0959/13)

BRITISH INVENTOR

Sinking, probably mined 230° ST Albans 5 miles 0712 (F.O.I.C. Portland 0755/13) Reports of survivors indicate ship mined (F.O.I.C. Portland 0755/13 1018/13 British 7101 tons, Beached. Hoped to salvage oil cargo (F.O.I.C. Portland 1016/13)

Submarines Reported

- 0600 57.0'N 9.52'W A.F. message (D.D.I.C. 0758/13)
- 1904 59.54 N., 00.10 E., off Fair Island (See Attacks)
- 2110 By aircraft 60.50 N., 03.00 E (Aircraft 269 Sqn. 2110/13, 2145/13) (C. in C. Rosyth, 2304/13)
- 2050 By Civilian 5 miles S.W. of Mull of Kintyre, (C. in C., Rosyth 0012/14) (F.O.I.C. Belfast, 2220/13)
- 1505 By Hudson aircraft of Coastal Command 060° Duncansby Head 54 miles. Submarine dived. (Air Min. Daily Summary)

Mediterranean

- 0940 37. 10 N., 00.10 E, off Cartagena, French report. (Gibraltar W/T, 1015/13, F.O., Gibraltar 1201/13)
- 1904 37.00'N 0.20'W 35'SSE of Cape Palos. Indefinite position. (I.C. 0482)
- 1934 Probably W. of Gibraltar. Indefinite position. (I.C. 0482)

Estimate U-Boat dispositions:-

- 2 2 in Finisterre Area, one of them apparently moving N.W. possibly in 46. 46'N. 11.45'W at 2330/12. 1 S.W. of Ireland at 0345/13. 1 in 57. N 9. 52'W at 0600/13 probably outward bound. (D.D.I.C. 1148/13)



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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MINING

Submarines Attacked

1904

By aircraft 59.54 N., 0010 off Fair Island. Sighted on surface and dived. Oil seen after attack (C. in C., Rosyth 2120/13) (Donibristle, 2150/13) 1st stick of five bombs at 1904 on port quarter, 2nd stick of four half minute later on same quarter. Two near misses out of 1st stick, and one direct hit out of second stick. Submarine certainly badly damaged judging by amount of oil visible afterwards. (Donibristle, Form Blue, Recd. 2308/13)

2105

By a/c of 269 Sqn., 115 miles east of Muckle Flugga. Three 250-lb. bombs dropped on a U-boat which had just submerged. No results observed. (A/S.W.D., 283, 14/6).

B. VOYAGER off Alexandria - see 15/6. p. 280



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SITUATION REPORT

Convoy U.S. 3

HOOD (from England) and ARGUS (from Gibraltar) met Convoy U.S. 3, with 16,500 Australians at 1000, west of the Bay of Biscay, and escorted it to the Clyde.

DORSETSHIRE attacked a U-Boat 1400/14 lying in the path of the convoy, apparently by using A/S bombs, and believes that the submarine was destroyed or badly damaged.

ARGUS has landed most of her aircraft at Hyères.

Escorts for
Military convoys

The shortage of escort vessels in the Western Approaches is acute. There are no escorts at present available for the Military Convoys and other important commitments now pending. There has been a marked increase of U-boat activity in the area.

Narvik Stores Convoy

Escorted by NEWCASTLE and SUSSEX, arrived Scapa a.m./14 and proceeded to the Clyde.

France

The Germans entered Paris today. The French Government moved from Tours to Bordeaux.

It is now stated that the number of troops evacuated from St. Valery by sea was 2280.

Norway

Air action is to be taken against all merchant vessels in Norwegian Fiords between Trondheim and Christiansand.

Mining

Magnetic mines have been exploded at Cherbourg, and moored mines have been sunk off the coast of Norway to the N.E. of Narvik.

The East Coast Mine Barrier was extended during the night 13/14

Italian Hostilities

French Naval Forces bombarded military objectives at Genoa, and French aircraft attacked and set alight oil storage tanks at Venice. French mines have been laid off Cagliari.

Italian aircraft made several attacks on Valetta, dropping H.E. and incendiary bombs and causing some civilian casualties but no military damage. The Civilian morale at Valetta is so far very good.

The cables between Malaga and Rome, and those between Malaga and Barcelona have been cut.



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SITUATION REPORT

Italian Hostilities Contd.

A torpedo was fired at destroyer VIDETTE at 0005/14 by a submarine in Spanish territorial waters near Almina Point.

C. in C., Mediterranean's report of 13/6 states that GLOUCESTER and LIVERPOOL engaged some small craft, probably minesweepers, off Tobruk 10/6, probably with success. Shore batteries opened fire but scored no hits during the action, which lasted 11 minutes.



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HOME COMMANDS

Policy

Western Approaches,
Escorts, etc.

In view of marked increase of U-Boat activity, it is essential to increase all Mercantile Convoy escorts to two per convoy. In addition A/S Striking Forces of Destroyers of long Endurance are required particularly in the Finisterre Area.

Number of vessels now allocated to this command barely sufficient for two escorts on each mercantile convoy and cannot deal with Military Convoys nor with other important commitments now pending.

Therefore urgently requested that all destroyers which can be spared may be sent to Western Approaches, first priority being given to those suitable as A/S Striking Forces. (C. in C., W.A. 1637/14) *Reply: Admiralty 2310/14. Supp. 257*

Defence of U.K.

Your 1729/11 Coast between Dungeness and Hastings appears very vulnerable. Submit battery should be sited to cover it (V.A.Dover 1201/14 to Adnty.)

Parachute Report,
Unconfirmed

Report received and confirmed from District Commissioner that seven or eight Parachute Troops landed near Parton village ten miles N.W. of Castle Douglas. (F.O.I.C. Glasgow, 1710/14 to Adnty)

1710 Report not definitely confirmed by Ministry of Home Security (D. of L.D. 14/6)

Military report that no parachute troops have been found and that search will be abandoned at dusk. (F.O.I.C. Glasgow, 2147/14)

Pyrotechnic Signals

Being supplied to certain coastal forces operating on East and South Coasts. Details. (D.S.D., 1827/14)

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Special duty (F.O.C. 3 B.S. 0009/14)
See Operations Volume. Anticipated
date of sailing about 1200/16 (Adnty.
2011/14, F.O.C. 3 B.S. 2346/14 Recd.
0421/16)

Submarines

Positions 0600/15 (V.A.S., 1852/14)

AIRBritish Air ActivityShipping in Norway

Now considered most important that
all merchant vessels situated in Nor-
wegian Fiords between Trondheim in the
North and Christiansand in the south
should be attacked and sunk. Attacks
should only be made when you consider
cloud conditions are suitable. Where
little or no A/A opposition is likely
every opportunity is to be taken to
use torpedoes. Admiralty are being
requested to co-operate as far as
possible with swordfish aircraft based
at Hatston. (Air Ministry, 1230/14, to
Coastal Command (1231/14 to Adnty)

Haugesund

2 Merchant vessels in Fiord adjacent to
Haugesund attacked. Bombs overshot by
40 yards, no damage observed. Search
for suspected aerodrome at Haugesund
but quite definite nothing there.
(Donibristle 1700/14)

Enemy Air ActivityARIADNE
PRINS OLAV

Sunk by bombs in the Arctic on 9/6.
Captain Askim requests broadcast over
Norwegian transmissions that crews and
passengers were rescued at once by
British destroyer ARROW. 9 casualties
(including one stewardess) in ARIADNE,
1 in PRINS OLAV (A.C.C.S., 1058/14,
1126/14)

They were on passage from Norway to
Thorshavn (Faroe Is) (Cabinet W.R.R.
286)



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Enemy Intelligence

Warships at Trondheim

Trondheim reconnaissance this afternoon (1450) report 1 battle cruiser, 1 cruiser (or pocket battleship) 3 destroyers and 1 troopship. Attack by 6 Hudsons and 3 Beauforts ordered for tonight. (C. in C., Rosyth 1832/14 2032/14, Donibristle, 1850/14)

Minesweepers

3 enemy minesweepers, position 60.06'N 05.04'E. (A/C, 224 Sqn., 1230/14) (Donibristle 1700/14)

M/V's

2 attacked by aircraft 3 miles S. of Haugusund at 1258/14 (I.C. 0482)
1 about 1000 tons, course 230° at Romsdal Fjord at 1400/14 (I.C. 0482)
1 about 200 tons, course 090° at Romsdal Fjord at 1408/14 (I.C. 0482)
3 M/V's and 2 Drifters at Romsdal Fjord at 1604/14 (I.C. 0482)

Norwegian Situation

German G.H.Q. in Norway now appear to be at Trondheim.
About 2000 men are employed on construction of Vaernes Aerodrome and one at Hatfjildalen North of Mo. Believed about 140 planes in Trondheim district.

Norwegians building private W/T station unknown to Germans, at Trondheim. (A.C.O.S. 1414/14, Report by Comdr. Hayward R.N.H.)



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FridayHOME COMMANDSShippingROSENHOLM
FRANAS
BRATTFORS

The German authorities, according to a report from Gothenburg of May 24 have seized the three Swedish ships ROSENHOLM, 1736 tons, the FRANAS, 721 tons, and the BRATTFORS, 929 tons.

ESTONIA

The Estonian ESTONIA, 1181 tons, while on her way from Tallin to Stockholm was stopped and searched by a German warship, and several sacks of mail said to be from Great Britain and France were seized. (Lloyds 14/6)

Convoy G.E.2.

MACKAY arrived Brest 2230 G.M.T. to escort Convoy G.E.2 back to Plymouth and Falmouth. (C. in C., W.A., to Admiral Ovest, 2252/14)

Spanish Shipping

Policy (see North Atlantic)

Convoys

Positions 1300/15 (D.C., 1935/14)

Gibraltar

Proposing only one O.G. and H.G. convoy be run in every 8 day cycle, and that other ships for South Atlantic ports proceed in OA and OB Convoys, to improve escort and save flying. (C. in C., 2346/14)

WEATHER0645/D.S.T.

	<u>Wind</u>	<u>Weather</u>	<u>Visibility</u>
North Sea			
(a) Western Half	Light & Variable	Fair to Cloudy	Mainly Good
(b) Eastern Half	Between S.W. & N.W. Mod.	Rain with local mist or fog.	Moderate to Poor,
Horns Reef	S.W. Moderate	Local Fog	Moderate to Poor.
Channel	Mainly N. Light	Fair to cloudy	Mainly Good
W. Approaches	Light and Variable	Fair to cloudy	Good

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CASUALTIES & DEFECTS

ARY LENSEN

Struck submerged object, two distinct
bumps, no movement in water to indicate
what it was. 48.29 N., 7.26 W., at
0955/ B.S.T. (I.C.S.O. Thames. 1302/14)

WESTMOOR.

Your 0950/14, re WESTMOOR broken
down and requires towage. Have
WESTMOOR in tow proceeding towards
Pernambuco. No sign Brazilian
RAUL SOARES. My position, course
and speed, 00.43' N., 28.44' W.,
214 deg., 6 knots at 1200 zone + 2.
(PRETORIA CASTLE, to C. in C.S.A.,
1200/14)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

North AtlanticVIDETTE,
Submarine attack,
Spanish waters.

At about 0005/14, A/S patrols sighted submarine on surface south of Almina Point. Was not attacked as she was within Spanish territorial waters. She later fired a torpedo at VIDETTE which missed and she then entered Almadraba Bay and was lost to sight underlights of Ceuta. Request very early instructions as to action to be taken against enemy submarines within territorial waters having regard to present delicate relations with Spain, also that representations be made to Spanish Govt. with view to preventing improper use of their waters. (F.O.C.N.A., 1150/14).

Canary Islands
Patrol

Your 1954/12. In view of number of Italian ships now at sea on your station it is desired to maintain Canary Island patrol for the time being. HERMES, DELHI and PATROCLUS remain at your disposal until further orders. (D.O.D.(F), 1340/14 to F.O.C.N.A.).

French Positions

(D.C. 0325/14).

Destroyers needed
for escorts

In view of marked increase in U-Boat activity essential to increase all M/S convoy escorts to 2 per convoy, and A/S striking forces of long endurance destroyers also required especially in Finisterre Area. Request all destroyers which can be spared be sent to Western Approaches accordingly. (C. in C., W.A. 1637/14 to Adty.). *Note: - Longer version of this signal, page 252.*

Your 1637/14. Your situation fully realised. Every effort will be made to meet your requirements (D.O.D(H) 2310/14 to C. in C. W.A.)

ARCOLA

Italian, with 8000 tons oil fuel reported arrived Teneriffe P.M. 12th June. Reliability of report moderate. (F.O.C.N.A. 1242/14).

Spanish Shipping

Requesting immediate decision on C.C.S.O. Gibraltar's 1300/13 reporting detention of Spanish CABO ORTEGAL in view of increasing delicacy of relations with Spain, also early decision as to general policy towards Spanish ships. (F.O.C.N.A. 1208/14).

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FridayFOREIGN STATIONSSouth Atlantic

Italian Submarines H.M. Ambassador, Cairo reports French Minister has learnt from usually reliable (? source) that 4 Italian submarines have been sent from Italian East Africa to the Cape to interfere with Allied Traffic there and perhaps to co-operate with German Units in Atlantic (N.O.I.C., Simonstown, 1656/14).

Mediterranean.Policy

Request very early instructions as to action to be taken against enemy submarines within territorial waters having regard to present delicate relations with Spain (F.O.C.M.A. 1150/14 to Adty.)

Oil Fuel

Shipments crude oil from Haifa and Tripoli indefinitely suspended. Pipe line Tripoli now closed down stock crude oil about 130,000 tons. Pipe line Haifa will function to extent of demand on refinery primarily to ensure maximum production fuel oil vide my 1627/6 to C. in C., Medit. (Adty. 1132/14).

MediterraneanAir.

My request 7672/14 to divert ~~here~~ some Hurricanes destined for Egypt to support civilian morale at Malta. If you could support this, would make my task here much easier (Governor Malta 1433/14 to C. in C., Medit.)

Air defence

Governor Malta's 7672/14 to W.O. and C. in C., Med. Most strongly ~~xxxx~~ support this request. Hurricane's armament stores ex WINCHESTER CASTLE would take six weeks reach Egypt via Cape, whereas they could be rushed to Malta from Gibraltar in two days by destroyer and enable Hurricanes get into action. This most important to sustain morale of Maltese population in case of invasion when immediate naval help not possible. (C. in C., Med. 1705/14 to Adty.)

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FridayFOREIGN STATIONSMediterranean - Air (Contd.)

G.M. 7673/14. Your 73801 (M.O.2.) 12/6.
I think 2 things are most important.
(1) French should be asked to attack Italian aerodromes in Sicily. (2) I should have a few modern fighters here for short periods from time to time. As regards (1) hope you will press French to co-operate in this way. These steps are necessary to keep up civil morale. With my slender resources in men I cannot afford to let that get lowered. The very fact that additional good aircraft come here from time to time would encourage civilians greatly. (Governor and C. in C., Malta, 1436/14).

Air reconnaissance of Mersa Tobruk P.M. 14th June showed large number ships and transports still in harbour. 2 ships possibly transports sighted 40 miles N.W. of Mersa Tobruk steering towards Tobruk. (S.O.I. Alexandria 2009/14 to C. in C., Med.)

Air raid on Malta

Air raid on Valetta and Marsamuscetto Harbour at 0635/14 G.M.T. H.E. and Incendiary bombs dropped. 1 enemy machine believed destroyed. No apparent military damage or casualties. (Governor Malta 1112/14 to W.O.)

ARGUS has landed most of her aircraft at Hyeres. (D.C.N.S. 265).

Genoa bombed

9 aircraft* bombed Genoa tonight. Hits seen on seaplane hangars, power station and Ansaldo works. All aircraft returned. (Britnard, Hyeres, 2312/14). *(Sect. 267)*
* *(Note. FAA aircraft under Com. G.C. Bickins R.A. "Hell in 2" pamphlet, p.97.)*

Mediterranean - Enemy Intelligence

A number of Second-Squadron units including cruiser TRIESTE were at sea in Lower Tyrrhenean sea last night 13th. At 2100/13 8 units were addressed by Marsa Tobruk on wireless. (Capt. ST. ANGELO to C. in C., Med. 0833/14).

Unidentified Italian Unit call sign 2 LM near Gib. at 1934 B.S.T. (D.C.2230/14 to F.O.C.N.A.)

My 1025/14. Italian troop ship 530 was at sea during night, position not known. F.O.C. 1st. B.S. informed (Capt. O.S. ST. ANGELO 1046/14).



FOREIGN STATIONS

Mediterranean

Disposal of French
Navy if France makes
a separate peace.

There is a possibility that France may consider making a separate peace; in which case the disposal of the French Navy would be a matter of first importance. If you can arrange for French ships in Eastern Mediterranean to be with you at Alexandria it might ensure that these ships are disposed of in accordance with our wishes.
(1st S.L. 1930/14 to C-in-C Med.)

ITALIAN MERCHANT SHIPS

Ships in
S. Atlantic

Present positions (C-in-C S.A. 1229/14)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MINING

Ships attacked

SWEDRU British, reports an encounter with a U-boat 140 miles W.S.W. of the Scillies at 0500/14. Two Spanish trawlers are reported to have been close to the U-boat. WARWICK and WITCH ordered to search the area.
(A.S.W.D. 283, 14/6)

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FridayFOREIGN STATIONSEast IndiesItalian
Submarines

Ambassador, Cairo, reports French Ministry has learnt from usually reliable sources that 4 Italian submarines have been sent from Italian East Africa to Cape to interfere with Allied traffic there and perhaps to co-operate with German units in Atlantic. (C. in C., E.I., 0634Z/14).

My 2358/14. Request you will transfer to the South Atlantic Stations 1 A.M.C. having an endurance of not less than 6000 miles and, if possible, self-supporting in fresh water. vessel will be required to arrive Freetown by 26th July for duty with augmented Sierra Leone convoy Escort Force. (1st S.L. 2359/14 to C. in C., E.I.)

ChinaBritish -
French - Dutch
co-operation

Subjects discussed. (F.O.C. Singapore, 0655Z/13).

New Zealand

HECTOR

Your 0111/6. Your agreement to release HECTOR is much appreciated. Request you will place vessel at disposal of C. in C., East Indies, as from June 24. (D.O.D.(F), to N.Z. Navy Board, 2358/14).

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FridayITALIAN MERCHANT SHIPSForeign StationsCALITEACALITEA
? communicating
with Submarines

CALITEA
Italian ship CALITEA left last night burning all round white lights on main mast and bright lights on each quarter in line with upper deck. As 2 other Italian ships have been observed burning similar lights late on leaving harbour it is probably a means of communication with hostile submarines. (F.O.I.C. Malta 0829/14)

RAPALLO

Cartagena Colombia reports alongside for water. Trying to purchase oil fuel. Company telegraphed to Toronto for instructions. (S.O.I., Kingston, Jamaica, 1228/14).

CALABRIA

Asking if she has been seized in prize. (C. in C., E.I. to N.O.I.C. Calcutta, 1140Z/14).

GERARCHIA

5859 G.T. at St. Vincent C.V. ordered to dismantle wireless. (S.O.I., Freetown, 1021/14).

FRANCO MARTELLI

10,535 G.T. N.C.S.O. Pernambuco reports anchored at Natal (Brazil) and probably sailing for Pernambuco in next contingent. (S.O.I. Kingston 1537/14 to C. in C., A. & W.I.)

TAIGETE

4672 G.T. Arrived Teneriffe p.m. 14/6. (Consul Teneriffe, 1557/14 to S.O.I. Gibraltar)

CLIZIA

Arrived Gijon 12th June from Havre (Vigo 1830/14 to Adty.)

3 Trawlers

At 44:30 N., 51:20 W. course S.E. on 7th June. (C. in C., N.A. & W.I. 1648/14 to Adty.)

ATLAS

2005 G.T. arrived Tampico, partly loaded. (I.C. 0482).



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FridayU-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MININGHome Commands & North AtlanticShips AttackedBALMORALWOOD

British 5834. Torpedoed and abandoned at 50.19'N 10.28'W 70 miles S.S.W. of Cape Clear at 1748/14 with 8451 tons of grain and 4 aeroplanes on board she had failed to join her convoy HX 47 at the R/V. (D.S. 284) (Lands End Radio 1748/14)

~~PACIFIC LIGHTER~~

~~British tanker 2714. Torpedoed at 2305/14 at 50.37'N 8.44'W 60 miles S.W. of Cape Clear. (D.S. 284) (O.I.C. 0482) in Convoy HX 47)~~

MYTLE
Sunk

M/S Trawler mined and sunk at 1553/14 137° Shingles Buoy 2.1 miles (in Thames Estuary) Feared no survivors. (D.S. 284) C. in C., Nore 1801/14)

ITALIA
Sunk

Norwegian tanker (9973 tons) In Convoy HX 47, torpedoed 2400/14 and sunk in same positions as ERIK BOYE below, 32 survivors. *Sunk 2305 (I.C. 0484/40)*

ABEL TASHAN

Dutch coaster, blown up at Poole. No survivors. C.O., Lieut. E. T. Mudie R.N., ex R.N.S. EXCELLENT. (C. in C., Portsmouth, 1204/14)

SS ATHEL PRINCE
torpedoed 11/6)

Was met at 2000/14 by ENCHANTRESS, 180 miles N. of Finisterre. She was hit by 2 torpedoes and is leaking, but is under control and making for Falmouth (D.C.M.S. 265)

MOUNT IKRITO
Sunk

Greek (5403 tons) torpedoed, shelled and sunk 1630/14, 50. 0'N 9.30'W (85 miles S. of Fastnet) 3 survivors.

ERIK BOYE

Sunk 0705/15 (I.C. 0484/40)
*B P 1337 sunk by S/M 15/6.
P36.*

British (ex Danish 2238 tons) sunk by submarine 50.37'N 8.44'W 16 survivors 19 missing. In Convoy HX 47. SoS. from Land's End, tanker blown up 2305. (Scapa W/T, 2314/14)

Estimate U-Boat dispositions

One in Finisterre Area. One or possibly two in Western Approaches. One S.W. of Ireland homeward bound. One West of Ireland outward bound. One passing North Rona outward bound. One in 59. 54' N 0. 10'E at 1904/15 homeward bound. One in 60.50' N 3.E at 2110/15 bound North. (D.D.I.C. 1259/14)

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FridayU-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MININGSubmarines Reported

1114 53.55'N 13.0'W. Unreliable fix (C. in C., W.A. 1256/14 to ships W.A.)

1114 49.50'N 12.20' W Unreliable fix (C. in C., W.A. 1256/14 to ships W.A.)

0731 56.45'N 5.15'E D/F report Unreliable fix. (D.D.I.C. 0855/14)

0500 49.02'N 47'W. (D.D.I.C. 0759/14) BROKE and WESTCOTT ordered to attack (C. in C., W.A. 0631/14)

0101 Submerged submarine. (Portsmouth Radio 0101/14 to Ships)

1520 D/F report 52.45'N 12.15'W Reliable fix. Probably U-Boat (D.D.I.C. 1555/14 to C. in C., W.A.)

2512 Smoke Trail observed on surface at 59.25'N 2.12'W by aircraft (Donibristle 1150/14)

1748 50.19'N 10.28'W (Admty. A.F. Message. D.D.I.C. 2015/14) C. in C., W.A., 1904/14 gave time as 1848)

0005 2 submarines sighted off Almina Point (F.O.C.N.A., 0430/14)

1922 55.50'N 08.0'W Indefinite position. (O.I.C. 0482) (D.D.I.C., 1957/14)

1129 49.50'N 12.20'W Indefinite position (O.I.C.-0482)

1630 46.20'N 9.00'W. P/S reported by LEEDS UNITED (O.I.C. 0482) (ENCHANTRESS, 1920/14)

1359 45.23'N 17.32'W. (O.I.C. 0482)

2305 A.F. message 50.37'N., 8.44'W (D.C. 0145/15)

2045 D.F. bearings probable U-Boat, position cannot be estimated. (D.C., 2118/14)

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Friday.U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MINING

1359 Z

Submarines Attacked

Have attacked submarine 45.23'N 17.32'W with aircraft A/S bombs, considered sunk or severely damaged. (DORSETSHIRE 1359Z/14 to Admty) (Submarine was in path of convoy UC 3)

2105

Ocean-going submarine attacked by aircraft 60.50'N 3.00'W. No result observed. (Donibristle 1150/14)

Ships Attacked, MediterraneanVIDETTE

Attacked by submarine with torpedo south of Almina Point. Torpedo missed. Time after 0005/14 (F.O.C.N.A. 1150/14 to Admty)

Submarines Reported

0101

Possible periscope reported by French ROSE LA MOUCHE 30'N of Alexandria (D.S. 284) (Fr. M/Sweeper COMMANDANT BORY 1800/14)

0331

36.N 6.W 10' south of Cape Trafalgar. Indefinite position. (O.I.C. 0482)

0100

31.40'N 29.10'E (28 miles N. of Alexandria) by VOYAGER, STUART, and DECOY.

0005

2 *Span's sighted off Almina Pt. (FOCNA 0430/14)*



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Saturday.

SITUATION REPORT

Home Fleet

C. in C., H.F. in RODNEY with RENOWN and 6 destroyers returned to Scapa 1640/15. All heavy ships of the Home Fleet, except HOOD (with U.S.3) are now in harbour.

Northern Patrol

A.M.C. ANDANIA was torpedoed at 2330/15 in position 200 miles S.E. of Reykjavik. She was abandoned at 0331/16. 50 Officers and 300 ratings were saved. The remaining A.M.Cs on patrol were ordered to re-establish the patrol on a line 90 miles to the south west of the previous position.

(p. 279)

Losses in Convoy 3 Ships in the homeward bound Halifax Convoy HX 47 and off HX 47 have been torpedoed:-
Fastnet.

- (i) BALMORAL WOOD 1748/14, about 70 miles S.S.W. of Cape Clear.
 - (ii) ITALIA 2330/14, 60 miles S.E. of Cape Clear.
 - (iii) ERIK BOYE. Same position as above.
- and, not in convoy:-
- (iv) MOUNT MYRTO, Galveston to London, torpedoed and shelled 85 miles South of Fastnet 1630/14).

France

Photographic reconnaissance by Coastal Command of Dunkirk showed 2 minesweepers in the harbour at 1430/15. BERKELEY has been ordered to Bordeaux endeavour to get in touch with the French Govt. and act as W/T link until relieved by ARETHUSA. The latter is in addition, to be prepared to evacuate the British Embassy if this becomes necessary.

A continuous stream of military transports carrying B.E.F. will be proceeding to France today and tomorrow.

Mining

PORPOISE laid mines off Trondheim Fiord 15/6.

Air

The C. in C. H.F. has suggested that daily air reconnaissance should be carried out of the Naval bases in Germany and Norway, so that we shall not again be taken by surprise as on 8/6 when GLORIOUS was sunk.

Bergen was attacked from the air early this morning. An ammunition dump and the docks were hit. 2 liners were seen in the fiords, and 29 merchant ships in Bergen harbour at 0900.

2 armed ships and several other merchant vessels of about 8000-10000 tons, including 2 tankers, were sighted steering south along the Norwegian coast, and were unsuccessfully attacked.

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SaturdaySITUATION REPORTAir
(Contd.)

An attack was organised for the early morning 15/6, on SCHARNHORST, one cruiser, 3 destroyers and 5 M.Vs observed at Trondheim 1500/14, but owing to bad weather the force did not take off.

During the night 14/15th there was rather less enemy air activity over Britain, though raids were reported at Poole, Aberdeen, Harwich, Stronsay Area.

It is considered that a very large number of enemy aircraft have been withdrawn from Norway, and thrown into the West front offensive, leaving comparatively few machines in Norway. (H.Q.C.C. 1805/15).

Italian HostilitiesSubmarines
damaged

Aerial photographs confirm a report by the French Consul General, Tetuan, that there is a damaged Italian submarine at Ceuta. This is possibly the submarine which WATCHMAN attacked 12/6. It is reported to be leaving Ceuta tonight.

Genoa &
Spezia bombed

Nine F.A.A. aircraft from Hyeres bombed Genoa on the night 14th. Hits were observed on seaplane hangars, power station and Ansaldo's Works. French aircraft bombed Spezia last night.

Malta raided

There were 2 air raids on Malta today. The first, by a single aircraft, resulted in one hit on the Naval Armament Depot, and a lighter was sunk in the harbour. The second, by 2 aircraft was not pressed home. When engaged by Gladiators, which were far inferior in speed, the enemy aircraft dumped their bombs in the sea and on waste land and retired.

French Naval
movements

The French 3rd Sqdn. has returned to Toulon after a bombardment of objectives at Genoa. The "Force de Raid" has returned to Algiers and Oran.

Turkey

The Turkish President has informed our Ambassador at Angora that Turkey intends to remain non-belligerent for the time being in view of the danger of war with Russia.

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SaturdayDEFENCE OF U.K.Port Schemes

In view of present circumstances it is now proposed that Immobilisation Schemes should be prepared for all Southern Ports from Swanage to Lands End. (D. of L.D. 1450/15 to C. in C. Home Forces).

Request approval for immediate supply of 8 guns, mountings, shields and ammunition for Dartmouth Brixham, Torquay and Fowey where sites for 4.7 guns have been agreed with military. (C. in C. W.A. 1714/15 to Adty.).

Coast Defence Policy

Your 1143/4. The primary effort must be to safeguard the East and South Coasts. Ports in industrial and strategic positions from Clyde southwards also require safeguarding. Ports north of Clyde are of less importance, but you are requested report any measures you consider necessary to supplement coast-watching and customs organisations there to ensure early alarm to military. (D. of L.D. 2117/15 to C. in C., Rosyth).

Smuggling Men or Arms

Measures under consideration to guard against possibility of enemy smuggling men or arms into British ports in merchant vessels. Proposed ships in convoy be searched at convoy assembly ports before sailing. Search would be naval responsibility, assistance by customs and Police being arranged locally. Request report. (A.C.N.S.(T) to C. in C's A.W.I., S.A., and F.O.C.N.A., 2323/15).

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Saturday.HOME COMMANDSMovements

BEARN French Aircraft Carrier BEARN escorted by French Training Cruiser JEANNE D'ARC will sail from Halifax 0600/16. (Capt. Dockyard Halifax 1612/15 to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa). See Operations Volume.

Submarines Positions 0600/16. (V.A.S. 1718/15, D.C. 2118/15). My 1552/8/9/39. Intend to enlarge Plymouth Submarine sanctuary, divided by meridian 4:30 W. into the Western Sanctuary and Eastern Sanctuary. (C. in C., W.A. 1856/15).

MALOJA Adty. 0004/15. Proceed to Freetown route forthwith, required Freetown 2/7 (For augmented Sierra Leone escort Force).

CANTON Return to Clyde.

CORFU and CANTON to be sailed by F.O.C.N.P. as required (C. in C., W.A. 2321/15, 2339/15).

Routes Between ports in Portsmouth Command and France. Continuous A/S patrol to be maintained until dark tonight 15/6 and from dawn to dusk 16/6. Shipping along these routes will be proceeding independently and in continuous stream, not in convoy.

Six Blenheims to be in immediate readiness to take off should shipping be attacked by enemy aircraft. (Chatham A.C.H.Q. 1915/15).

Operations

Operation Ariel. (Evacuation of N.W. French Ports.)

CLAN FERGUSON, MARGOT, GOVERNOR, TEIRLSIAS to be sailed for St. Nazaire with all despatch. (C. in C., W.A. 0044/16 to S.T.O. Avonmouth).

Coast of France

ARETHUSA On arrival at St. Nazaire land remaining parties and proceed to Bordeaux. Proceed with despatch. (V.C.N.S. 1229/15).

&
BERKELEY
W/T Communi-
cations.
Evacuation
of Embassy.

(a) On arrival at Bordeaux BERKELEY is to endeavour to get in touch with French Govt. and act as W/T link between H.M. Govt. and French Govt. until relieved by ARETHUSA. (b) ARETHUSA is in addition to be prepared to evacuate British Embassy if this becomes necessary. (c) Question whether ARETHUSA remains at Le Verdon or proceeds to Bordeaux is at discretion of C.O. (V.C.N.S. 1519/15).



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SaturdayHOME COMMAIDSAIRBritish Air ActivityNorwegian Coast

Aircraft attacked two armed M.V.'s of 8,000 to 10,000 tons at 1015/15. No damage (Donibristle to O.I.C. Recd. 1630/15)

Attack on Trondheim

My 1832/14. Attack on Trondheim not carried out owing to weather. (C. in C., Rosyth 0840/15 to C. in C., H.F.)

Ref. 1832/14. Attack to be carried out tonight by six Hudsons 233 escorted by four Blenheims 254 Squadron. (Donibristle to O.I.C.: Recd. 2205/15)

Reconnaissance of French ports and Ostend

A daily reconnaissance should be carried out of Boulogne, Calais, Dunkirk, Ostend to observe movements of enemy shipping. (H.Q.C.C. 1253/15 to Adty)

Aircraft attacked 2 Drifters and 2 Trawlers 20' N. of Sogne Fiord at 0345/15. rs

Attack on Bergen

Shipping, Docks and railhead attacked at 0254 from 2500 feet, 8400 lbs. of bombs dropped. 6 hits ~~ammunition~~ ~~ammunition~~ and estimated considerable damage to jetty and warehouses, ammunition dump destroyed. (Donibristle 0527/15, Air Min. D.S. 332).

Patrols

My 1526/4. Patrols S.12 and W.2 not being flown owing to shortage of aircraft (C. in C., Rosyth 0534/15).

Attacks on enemy ships

Aircraft attacked 2 A.M.V.'s 8000-10000 tons at 1015/15 at 60:30 N., 4:52 E.; a convoy of 2 Tankers and 1 Patrol Vessel at 0950 at 61:16 N., 4:50 E.; 2 M.Vs and 1 Destroyer at 0915 off Sogne Fiord, at 61:40 N., 4:58 E.; and Bergen Harbour at 0915 where 14 M.Vs from 5000 to 2000 tons were observed at anchor. (Donibristle 1514/15 to H.Q.C.C.)

0304/15 aircraft attacked one enemy M.V. 20 miles N.N.E. of Bergen; bombs failed to explode. (I.C. 0483/40).

0345/15 aircraft attacked 2 tankers and 1 M.V. at Oster Fiord, 10 miles N.E. Bergen. Near Misses obtained. (I.C. 0483/40).



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SaturdayHOME COMMAIDSAir (Contd.)Code Names

Following allotted - Jersey, code name Monica; Gael, code name, Bertie; Rennes, code name, Tucker. (H.Q. B.A.F.F., 1255/15).

MiningSeine Anti-Mine Net.

P.D.U.I. reports anti-mine defence net few hundred yards up stream from new pontoon bridge built as replacement of destroyed road bridge over Seine at Vernon. About 100 yards South of pontoon bridge at Les Andelys is another anti-mine defence net. (Phot. Int. Heston, 0115/15).

Floating mines

An aircraft reported sighting about 1230/15 a large number of floating mines in a line about one mile long, passing approx. N.E. and S.E. through 51:22 N., 2:0 E. (20 miles E. of North Foreland).

ShippingOcean Convoys

Positions 1300/16. (D.C. 2112/15). Sequence from June 23 onwards (D.T.D., 1852/15, Cancelling his 1354/7/5).

Reports

Reports of single merchant ships passing war signal and coastguard stations of no value as they cannot be checked and also cause undesirable congestion of communication system. Propose new instructions to report (a) all warships of which previous notification not received, (b) 2 or more merchant ships proceeding in company with or without escort, (c) any merchant ship approaching an undefended harbour in suspicious circumstances. (C. in C. W.A., 1934/15)

Searching of Ships

Measures under consideration to guard against smuggling of arms (See Defence of U.K.)

WASHINGTON

U.S. Ship, leaving Galway a.m. 15/6. Route to U.S.A. (D.D.I.C. 0025/15).



HOME COMMANDS.

Enemy Intelligence.

2 MV's & 2
destroyers.

2 merchant vessels and 2 destroyers distant 5 miles course 180° my position 61.16 N., 4.50 E. (A/C 224 Sqdn., 0950/15).

ADMIRAL
SCHEER
DEUTSCHLAND

Information from visit today to Norwegian s.s. GNEIST at Aberdeen is that ADMIRAL SCHEER recently torpedoed by British is now aground at Trondheim Fjord, and DEUTSCHLAND apparently fast on rocks in another corner of the Fjord. (13 Group Intelligence 1710/15 to H.Q.F.C. Intelligence)

M.V's at
Bergen

0350/15 1 large liner 6 miles N.E. Bergen and 1 large liner 11 miles N.E. Bergen (I.C. 0483/40)

0900/15 29 merchant ships in Bergen harbour (I.C. 0483/40)

Naval Units at
Trondheim and
Kristiansand

Reconnaissance of Trondheim on 14th and 15th both report one B C and one cruiser 3 destroyers 3 M.V's in harbour. On 14th Photographs showed B.C. as anchored in approx position 65 degrees 26' 30" N 10 degrees 22' 30" E and one cruiser probably NURNBERG with bows ashore in approx position 63° 26' 40" 10° 21'E on 15th B C is reported as anchored W.N.W. of Monkholm Island and the cruiser apparently still with bows aground in exactly the same position as on 14th. No warships sighted in Kristiansund today 15th. (C. in C., Rosyth, 1754/15).

2 M/S at Dunkirk

2 minesweepers of BRUMME class sighted in harbour (143 of 15.I.C.0483/40) (Chatham A.C.H.Q. 2000/15).

State of Cuxhaven
and Brunsbuttel

Information received that earlier air raids have damaged the harbour and a number of lock gates are broken (Air Min. D.S. 331).

Hamburg

Summary of damage caused by earlier raids. (Air Min. D.S. 331).

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WEATHER

	<u>Wind</u>	<u>Visibility</u>	<u>Outlook</u>
North Sea	Variable, light or moderate.	Moderate or poor in S. good in N.	Visibility deteriorat- ing in N.
Channel and W. Approaches	W. or S. light or moderate.	Moderate in E. good in W.	Visibility deteriorat- ing in W.
Horns Reef	S. light.	Moderate, fog patches.	Similar.
Dutch Coast	W. light.	Moderate, fog patches.	Similar.
Norwegian Coast	S.W. light or moderate.	Moderate or poor with fog patches in S.W. good in North.	Similar.

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Saturday.CASUALTIES & DEFECTSGLORIOUSRequesting number of survivors (1st
S.L. to N.O.I.C. Faroes, 0224/15-)MARI CHANDRISS.O.S. intercept at 0335 G.M.T. in
collision, no position. Aircraft de-
tailed to report. (C. in C., W.A. 0843/
15)JUNIPER
OverdueLeft Malagen Fiordⁿ at 1345/6 with OIL
PIONEER, ^{Tromsø area} Now long overdue and must be
presumed lost. Probably sunk with
OIL PIONEER at 1540/9 (A.C.O.S. 1144/15
to Admty)(German W/T broadcast 17/6 mentions an
"escort vessel" with OIL PIONEER, but
does not mention sinking her)Foreign StationsWESTMOORBroken down and in tow (see South
Atlantic)H.M.S. WILLIAM
SCORESBYM/S Trawler "has not recognised signals
after June 15th today" (N.A. Rio de
Janeiro 1939/15)

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Saturday.FOREIGN STATIONSNorth AtlanticFrench Positions

Convoys and Patrols (D.O., 2322/15)

Convoys and Patrols (D.C., 0101/15)

South AtlanticPRETORIA CASTLE
towing
WESTMOOR

Your 1200/14 (WESTMOOR broken down and requiring towage) Continue to Penambuco with WESTMOOR at best towing speed and endeavour to turn over tow to another ship in view of necessity of early arrival in square K.32 (C. in C., S.A. 0932/15 to PRETORIA CASTLE)

Sal

R.O. St. Vincent, C. Verde reports 6 Italians remaining 3 planes in hangers all mobile plant assembled at Pedro Lume. All native labour dismissed except for key men. Plane service still in operation 4/6. Reliability good (S.O. (1) Freetown 1905/15)

Lack of A/S protection for shipping

My 1656/14* There are now 390 ships on my track chart either bound for or leaving the Cape, including 2 troop convoys. I must again stress the almost complete lack of anti-submarine protection which I have at my disposal.

2 trained and 2 partially A/S trawlers at Cape Town, 3 aircraft largely armed from Naval source at Cape Town, and 4 at Durban. A small, but increasing number of unarmed Ansons complete the list.

Harbours are heavily congested and at present there are 17 ships in Table Bay unable to dock owing to lack of berths. (N.O. i/c Simonstown 1324/15 to C. in C., S.A.)

* Report from Cairo that 4 Italian Submarines have been sent from Italian East Africa to Cape.

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Saturday.FOREIGN STATIONSMediterraneanPolicyTurkey

H.M. Ambassador at Angora is informed by the Turkish President that Turkey intends to remain non-belligerent for the time being in view of danger of war with Russia. Turkey has so far refused H.M. Ambassador's suggestions that her Ambassador at Rome should be recalled, but stresses the continued solidarity of Turkey with the Allies. Turkish attitude is believed to be influenced by the military situation in West, Turkish unpreparedness, some disappointment at Allied assistance immediately available, and uncertainty as to Russia's attitude. (N.A. Angora 1600/15 to D.N.I.)

Attacks from Spanish Territorial waters

Your 1150/14 and related signals. Any attack by enemy submarines delivered from Spanish territorial waters should at once be returned. (Head of M. 2341/15 to F.O.C.N.A.)

R.A.I.C. Alexandria 2049/13. There is no doubt whatever that Norwegian ship ORKANGER was torpedoed without warning. I assume this unties my hands completely as to S/M warfare on Italian shipping, particularly as to Italian Oilers from Oran. (C. in C., Med. 1445/15 to Admty)

Black Sea

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GeneralBritish Positions

(D.C. 0732/15 to B.N.L.O. Moliere)

Movement Summary

C. in C., Med. 2341/15)

AirAir Raids on Malta

Morning raid resulted in 3 direct hits on Fort H.M.S. ST. ANGELO with heavy bombs causing much damage but only one casualty not under cover. Two bombs on Valetta, some in Grand Harbour, and four found unexploded. Civilian casualties not yet known. (F.O.I.C. Malta 2041/15 to Admty)

Two air-raids Grand Harbour and Kalafrana Area respectively. Material damage negligible. Dockyard Civilians killed. (Governor Malta 2300/15 yo W.O.) (F.O.I.C. Malta 2101/15 to Admty)

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SaturdayFOREIGN STATIONSMediterranean. Contd.Air, Contd.Attacks on Genoa
and Spezia

9 aircraft of F.A.A. from Hyeres bombed Genoa on night 14/6. Hits were observed on hangers, power station, and Ansaldo works. French aircraft bombed Spezia night 14/6. (I.C. 0483/40)

MiningMines off
Alexandria

The following four positions are thickly mined:-

31:20'N 29:34.5'E
31:17.5'N 29:28'E
31:24.5'N 29:36.5'E
31:32.5'N 29:46.5'E

The limits are not yet determined (I.C. 0483/40)

Enemy IntelligenceAir Coup.
Spain

H.A., Madrid, reports that Spanish Air Staff fear foreign coup and have stopped all flying in Spain other than regular commercial lines. (D.C., 0411/15)

East IndiesKamaran
Perim
Socotra

A.O.C. Aden cannot effectively defend these islands. Unless fully equipped with all forms of defence I agree with A.O.C. Aden that they are best left as they are. (C. in C., E.I. 0459Z/15 to Admty.)

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SaturdayITALIAN MERCHANT SHIPSHome CommandsFIDELITAS
DREPANUM }Left Corunna 15/6 and arrived Ferrol 15/6
(Guyat, Corunna 1820/15 to Purkish).Foreign StationsTAKOAddition to potential armed merchantmen
Singapore. (C.O.S., Singapore, 0502Z/15)FRANCO MARCELLITanker, has arrived at Pernambuco with
full cargo of Fuel Oil from Aruba. (C. in
C., S.A. 1259/15)TERESA SCHIAFFINOArrived Teneriffe 14/6)S.O.I. Gibraltar
1039/15)CHERCAArrived Las Palmas 10/6 (S.O.I. Gibraltar
1039/15)AEQUITASArrived Ceara 15/6 (N.S.O.I. Monte Video
1809/15 to D.N.I.)FORTUNATA2715 tons, homeward bound from New York
with 3000 tons of T.N.T. has been sunk
by the French. Crew landed at Teneriffe.
15/6)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MINING

ANDANIA

→ Torpedoed 2330/15 S.E. of Iceland, abandoned 0330/16 (D.C. 0810/16) Sank at 0700/16 (ANDANIA 2330/15, 0105/16, 0331/16 DERBYSHIRE 0052/16, Donibristle 1905/16, D.O.D. (H) 1100/16) Survivors 50 officers 300 ratings in trawler SKALLAGRIMUR (FORESTER 2030/16) 62.36'N 15. 9'W (I.C. 0483/40)

CHALATROS

Reported sunk in convoy (? date) No details received yet. (I.C. 0483/40)

Submarines Reported

- 0026 50.37'N., 08.44' W., reliable fix at 2305/14. ship torpedoed, submarine probably following on surface. FOWEY and SANDWICH ordered to attack. (C. in C. W.A. 0026/15)
- 0455 By A/C 59.52 N., 05.38 W (A/C 612 Sqdn., 0455/15)
- 1525 Enemy Unit possibly Italian U-Boat at Scarborough 217° (D.D.I.C. 2002/15 to C. in C., W.A.)
- 1508 50.20'N. 11.30'W. D/F report. Unreliable fix. (D.D.I.C. 1843/15 to C. in C., W.A.) HIGHLANDER informed (C. in C., W.A. 2001/15)
- 0527 MZKT 5332 aircraft dropped bombs on suspicious oil patches with air bubbles rising from them in track of convoy. (H. C.C. 1305/15)
- 1157 48.50'N 14.28'W (250 miles S.W. Cape Clear) CANTON reported p.s. doubtful. CANTON 1057/15)
- 2330 → 62.36'N 15.9'W (200 miles S.E. of Reykjavik) by ANDANIA
- 1209 47.N 12.W Position indefinite A.I. (I.C. 0483/40)

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SaturdayU-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MININGSubmarines Attacked

- 0500 Gulf of Sollum (Capt. S.I. to PARTHIAN)
- 1157 Periscope 119 49.N 15'W 26 doubtful ??
(CANTON to A.C.F.A. 1157/15)
- 1508 50.20'N 11.30'W. Unidentified unit
probably U-Boat. (D.D.I.C. 1843/15 to
C. in C., W.A.)
- 0445 347° Cape Wrath 78 miles By aircraft
two 100 lb. H.E. bombs fell a few yards
from periscope. Estimate that sub-
marine was definitely hit, and 2 large
brown patches and a pale blue patch
appeared on surface about 7 minutes
afterwards. (Air Min. D.S. 332)

MediterraneanSubmarines Reported

French Consul Genl. Tetuan reports
Italian submarine at Ceuta is damaged.
Probably the one attacked by WATCHMAN
0400/12 and which attacked VEDETTE 0131/
14 from Territorial Waters. Request
representations as to internment. (F.O.I.
C. Gibraltar 1616/15 to Admty)

Later reported to be leaving Ceuta to-
night (I.C. 0483/40)

- 2035 Submarine at 35.54' 40 W (Oran W/T
2035/15 to all ships)
- 1525 D.F. at 1525 B.S.T., possibly Italian
U-Boat (D.D.I.C. 2002/15) Bearing
Scarborough 217° (1) (F.O.C.N.A. 2144/
15)

Submarines AttackedSubmarine sunk

VOYAGER, H.M.S., killed a submarine
off Alexandria night of 13th June. (C.,
in C., Med. 1453/15 to A.C.N.B)

- 0500 Italian U-Boat attacked 31.35'N 25.
11'E (Gulf of Sollum) (I.C. 0483/40)



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16.6.40.
Sunday.

SITUATION REPORT

Raiders.

NEWCASTLE and SUSSEX are proceeding to patrol along the latitude of Scapa to the westward between 15° W. and 20° W. to intercept possible enemy raiders breaking out.

A/S Tr. JUNIPER lost

A/S trawler JUNIPER, which left the Narvik area 6/6 in company with OIL PIONEER is now overdue and must be presumed lost. She may be the "modern U-boat chaser" claimed by the Germans 9/6 to have been sunk with OIL PIONEER.

Iceland

1000 Canadian troops in EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA escorted by EMERALD arrived at Reykjavik at 1700/16.

Submarine off Iceland

A Coastal Command aircraft reported a submarine 7 miles west of Sudrunaes (near Reykjavik) at 1830/16.

Mining

A number of raids took place in the areas North Foreland, the Downs, Beachy Head, St. Catherines Point and Poole, which were all considered to have been laid by minelaying aircraft. Magnetic mines may have been laid by enemy aircraft in the Downs and Poole areas during the night 15/16. Both areas were closed early this morning. (I.C. 0483/40). Poole was reopened in the evening.

The 20th Flotilla, ~~REVIOT~~CRANK and PLOVER completed further extension of the East Coast mine barrier at 0600/16.

Convoy U.S. 3

The third Australian Troop Convoy arrived in the Clyde 1420/16.

France

Admiral Ouest reports that magnetic mines may have been laid off Brest during the night 15/16, and the port was closed early this morning. Meantime, Quiberon is being used. Caen and Cherbourg are open.

St. Nazaire was bombed at 1000/16.

ARETHUSA and BERKELEY have been sent to Le Verdon and Bordeaux in readiness to embark the British Embassy staff and other Allied officials if necessary.

The British Govt. this evening offered to conclude an act of Union with France, with the object of assisting her.



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SITUATION REPORT

Air Attack on
Trondheim

Air reconnaissance of Trondheim at 1450/15 reported one cruiser beached, SCHARNHORST and 2 destroyers and 2 merchant vessels. One of the aircraft did not return. Bad weather prevented the reconnaissance and attack arranged for today on these ships.

Italian Hostilities

Air raids on
Malta

Two air attacks were made on Malta today. Apart from 1 hit on a slipway little damage was caused. 3 Gladiator aircraft did gallant work in scattering formations. The bombers were escorted by fighters for the first time. The 4 Gladiators at Malta are being conserved as much as possible but cannot be expected to last long under present pressure, and the Governor has asked for some Hurricanes to be sent.

Submarines
to leave Malta

The C. in C., Med. has informed the French C. in C. Med. that it is not practicable to maintain submarines at Malta, on account of air attacks. He proposes to base the submarines from Malta, on Alexandria.

Mersa Matruh
bombed

The Italians bombed Mersa Matruh heavily but ineffectively. Sollum and Sidi Barrani were also bombed.

A reconnaissance of Tobruk observed the SAN GIORGIO still aground.

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Policy

The Netherlands Govt. in London have ordered the Netherlands East Indies Govt. to observe neutrality. Dutch Naval C. in C., is perplexed by this decision. (Consul General Batavia Cpt. on Staff Singapore 0431/16 to C. in C. China.)

Defence of U.K.

Request War Office be informed that 9.2 Battery at East Weare should be brought into state of readiness in case of emergency. (P.O.I.C. Portland 1208/16 to Admt)

Port Schemes

To be prepared for Weymouth and Portland, Exmouth, Teignmouth, Torquay, Brixham, Dartmouth, Plymouth, Fowey, Falmouth. C's in C to report and initiate action at any other ports considered necessary between Swanage and Land's End (D. of L.D. 1845/16)

Movements

DIMAND

Hospital ship 17 miles S. of St. Catherine's at 1700 northbound (VIVACIOUS 1715/16)

Submarines

Positions and movements 0600/17 (V.A (S) 1859/16)

Operations

North Sea,
Anti-raider
Patrol

NEWCASTLE to take SUSSEX under his orders and proceed with moderate despatch to patrol in latitude 59° 00'N., between 16° 00' W and 20° 00'W., using aircraft to cover as large an area as possible. Object to intercept possible enemy raiders breaking out. Maintain patrol at 20 knots zigzagging (C. in C., H.F., 0109/16)

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CLANFERGUSON, MARGOT, GOVERNOR, TERESIAS are to be sailed for St. Nazaire with all despatch. (C. in C., W.A. to S.T.O's Avonmouth and Newport, 0044/16)

Admiral Ouet reports at 0020/16 that entrance into Brest is probably mined. (C. in C., W.A. 0254/16)

Brest closed owing to mines. Proceed with E.F. 2. to Quiberon Bay. Detach one destroyer to patrol off Brest and divert to Quiberon Bay other British ships. (C. in C. W.A. to WOLVERINE, 0439/16)

Following received from French Admiralty: Le Goulet de Brest. The channel of La Coubre has been magnetically mined. I have given orders to Cherbourg to send six sweeping outfits and place them under orders of Admiral Ouet for use on the Atlantic Coast. I ask for British assistance (a) for Brest by agreement with C.W.A. and (b) for Cherbourg by agreement with C. in C., Portsmouth in case of enemy mining activity at this port and the sweeping requirements remaining being insufficient. (D.O.D. (H) to C. in C. W.A., C. in C., Portsmouth, /16)

Brest expected to be open this afternoon 16/6. Ships routed to Brest act accordingly keeping outside 50 fathom line until given permission to enter (C. in C., W.A. 1459/16)

At present numbers for evacuation from La Pallice total 2,800 all ranks including U.A.I.M.S. and R.A.F., all from vicinity of Marseilles. Eagle cannot give date for embarkation. Extra parties will only be embarked La Pallice if other ports become unusable. (L. of C. to War Office 1520/16)

Some 300 Belgians including ministers and diplomats have decided to leave France and are proceeding to Nantes. They should be given assistance and passage arranged to U.K. (D.O.D. (H) 1602/16)

Admiralty may use Channel Islands for transhipment troops disembarked from St. Malo in event existing measures proving inadequate. Comdr. Howard Johnston sees you today to ask you arrange all possible boats ready proceed to St. Malo. (War Office to Generals, Jersey and Guernsey, 1715/16)

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Operation Ari⁰¹- Contd.

Use destroyers to ferry troops to transports if necessary. D.9. inform St. Nazaire. (C. in C., W.A. 2013/16)

7 British Oilers and 6 others all full are at Quiberon Bay. (WOLVERINE, 2130/16)

Proceed St. Nazaire with all despatch (MACKAY to VANOC, 2141/16)

Sailed HIGHLANDER 1912 for St. Nazaire (A.C.W. A. 2144/16)

Sailed from Fowey for Brest 2020 G.L.T. trawlers LADY ESTELLE, CAPSTONE, SAUTHERNESS, AVON, OSWALDIA (C. in C., W.A. 2227/16)

HIGHLANDER has been diverted for other duties. Take HARVESTER under your orders and continue to sweep until further orders. (A.C.W.A., 2236/16 to PUNJABI)

Sailed for Brest 1945/16 G.L.T. motor barges PENIE JEP, SPITHEAD, LEWES CASTLE, LEONARD PIPER, CASBY. (C. in C., W.A. 2253/16)

TRELAUNY, BRITTANY, CITY of EVANSVILLE and PORT MONTREAL are to be sailed for Loire via Quiberon Bay a.m. 17/6. (C. in C., W.A. 2354/16 to D.S.T.D.'s Avonmouth and Falmouth)

PRINCESS JOSEPHINE CHARLOTTE is to be sailed for Brest via Quiberon Bay (C. in C., W.A. 0014/17 to S.T.D. Falmouth)

ARETHUSA to prepare to evacuate Embassy etc.

My 1519/15 ARETHUSA to be prepared to evacuate staffs of British Embassy, of British Missions with Polish and Belgian Govts., of the Dominions Legations, and of Polish and Belgian Govts. if this becomes necessary. If ARETHUSA remains at Le Verdon, BERKELEY is to remain at Bordeaux. (D.O.D(H)0002/16)

BERKELEY

Your 1229/15 Intend to arrive 1045 (BERKELEY 1013/16)

Report earliest you can arrive Le Verdon. Utmost despatch necessary (D.O.D.H 1642/16 to ARETHUSA)

Your 1642/16. 2030 today Sunday (ARETHUSA 1716/16 to Adnty.)

Arrived Bordeaux* 0130 (BERKELEY 0215/16 to Adnty.)

GALATEA

Sailing has been postponed but she remains at short notice for this movement. (D.D.O.D. 2322/16 to ARETHUSA)



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Operation ^{April (continued)} ~~1940~~

ANTWERP

Transport with 1100 troops in position 150
50.N 3.W 23 miles (FERNIE 0115/16)

ETTRICK
KONIGEN BRISA
LADY OF MAIN

Proceed to Quiberon Bay forthwith to embark
personnel from Loire (C. in C., W.A. 1926/16)

Use Destroyers to ferry troops to transport
if necessary. D.9. inform St. Nazaire. (C. in C.
W.A. 2013/16 to Capt. D. 9.)

Norway

Patrol off
Fro Havet

TRUANT leaves May Island 2300/16 to patrol
off Fro Havet (V.A. (S) 1901/16)

Iceland

Plans

Enemy to be prevented from establishing bases
for light naval forces and aircraft in Ice-
land. Steps being taken-details.
Further additions to forces needed, in-
cluding coast defence and A A guns. 9 more
patrol vessels or trawlers required.
Aircraft required: 6 flying boats, 2 landplane
squadrons.
Considerable work and time taken up with
Government and internal security problems.
(Alabaster 0229/16)

A/S Protection
needed

Reykjavik

1850/16 and T.O.R. 2058 from aircraft duty C
and my own observation consider it essential
that further A/S protection be provided for
Reykjavik immediately in view of presence of
British ship with troops on board. Suggest
that local small craft be requisitioned and
organized to supplement inner (waters) if
necessary with Icelandic personnel and other
energetic measures taken locally. (EMERALD
2130/16)

HOME COMMANDS

AIR

British Air Activity

Recognition
Signals

From Air Ministry 381 15th/6. In future the giving of incorrect recognition signals of the period will be treated as hostile act and aircraft concerned will be engaged unless subsequently clearly recognised as friendly. Fighter pilots will act on same principle although responsibility for recognising aircraft as enemy before opening fire will continue to rest with fighter pilots. 1825/15 (R.A.F.A.S., 1030/16 to Birtwad, Nyeres.

3- E Boats
attacked

3 aircraft of Coastal Command attacked 3 E-boats in 52.0'N 4.5'E (off Hook of Holland) at 2100/16. Severe A/A fire was encountered and the aircraft made no hits. (I.C., 0484/40, D.C.N.S)

Balta

To be additional to Sullom Voe and to be left in state capable of being used by Walrus aircraft at about 3 days notice (A.C.O.S. 1215/16)

Prohibited
Area

Along E and S coasts should be extended to Lizard in view of reports of enemy aircraft flying over coasts of Devon and Cornwall by day and night. (C. in C. W.A. 1914/16)

Enemy Air Activity

Recent information shows enemy aircraft have been passing over coasts of Devon and S. Cornwall both by day and night. Propose that prohibited area be extended from Portland to Lizard and all Training Flights to be prohibited at least during night. (C. in C., W.A. 1914/16 to Admty)

ss. TYNWALD

British (2370 tons) attacked by aircraft about 2225/16 when about 5 miles S. of St. Catherine's Point, I. of W. (TYNWALD: Recd. 2227/16)

St. Nazaire

Enemy aircraft carried out bombing raids on St. Nazaire at 1000 and 1730 (I.C. 0484/40)

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Mining

Gironde

One pair LL trawlers to be sailed with all despatch to the entrance to the Gironde. (D.M.S., 1416/16 to C. in C., W.A.)

St. Nazaire

Entrance to St. Nazaire and Loire prohibited except to demagnetized ships (Marine Brest 1520/16 to Admty)

Brest Open

Brest reported clear of mines (C. in C., W.A. 1934/16)

Gironde

Le Goulet de Brest and La Coubre channel River Gironde have been magnetically mined. (D.O.D.H. 1652/16 to C. in C., W.A.) BERKELEY to investigate La Coubre and report (B.D.D(H) 1447/16) One pair LL Trawlers to be sailed with all despatch to Gironde (D.M.S. 1416/16) It may become necessary for us to do all minesweeping at Ports mentioned (B.W.L.C. H.Q. L of C. 1235/16 to C. in C., W.A.)

Sailed 1612 for Gironde LL Trawlers INVERMOUTH and GEORGETTE (A.C.W.A. 17282/16 to Admty)

Le Verdon

3 aircraft dropped mines near Le Verdon at 0010/16. Not known if any dropped between Le Verdon and Bordeaux. (BERKELEY 1810/16 to Admty)

Gironde Closed

Entrance to Gironde forbidden (F.O.C.H.A. 1826/16 to Adty.)

Poole Closed

Poole closed (R.N.O. Poole 0120/16)

Downs Closed

Downs closed owing to enemy minelaying (N.O.I/C Ramsgate 0055/16)
2 Magnetic mines found in the Downs in searched channel E of Deal. Danger area declared outside Ramsgate. (I.C. 0484/40)

Poole Opened

Channel swept, Port of Poole now open (R.N.O. Poole 2115/16)

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Units

SCHARNHORST at Trondheim 15/6.
Cruiser probably NURNBERG at Trondheim 15/6
ADMIRAL SCHEER undocked at Wilhelmshaven 6/6.
LUTZOW believed at Kiel badly damaged
Cruiser KOLN possibly at Hamburg repairing.
Cruiser EMDEN repairing probably at Kiel.

UnlocatedGREISERAU

Cruisers HIPPER and PRINZ EUGEN, both reported at Trondheim 10th June, 1 reported still there 12th June.

Cruiser LEIPZIG

Aircraft Carrier GRAF ZEPPELIN

(D.O.I.C. 1701/16 to A.I.G. 45)

Unknown enemy unit reported at 2143/16 in approx 58.50 N., 3.35' E., 70' W of Stavanger (I.C., 0484/40)

3 E-Boats

Three E-Boats at 52.N 4.05'E Course 090 (A/C 2100/16 and 2115/16 to Birchan Newton)

Transport
Sunk

One screened oil transport sunk off Lister 16/6. Screening vessels will be towing sweep wires. Enemy convoy route passes through SALMONS patrol position. One screened oil tanker passed northward 14/6 (TETRARCH 2301/16)

ShippingSuspicious
Vessel

Master BLAIRSPEY reports unknown vessel believed Dutch acting suspiciously showing red light in convoy. Left convoy off the Stack at 0040/16 and proceeded to Liverpool. (I.O.I.C. Greenock 2311/16)

BRITA
THORDEH

Expected to sail Petsamo for America 18/6 with survivors of HUNTER etc., to be intercepted (D.O.D.(H) 1251/14, VAMP 1528/14, D.W.I. 1333/15, 1931/15, VAMP 1155/16, 1215/16 D.O.D.(H) 1420/16)



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Miscellaneous

WASHINGTON

Left Galway for New York 15/6 with evacuated Americans. Important she should proceed without any form of interruption. (Hd. of M. 1055/16)

French Ships Captured

Germans claim to have captured following ships under construction in the Naval dockyard at Caen, Le Havre and Dunkirk:-
2 Reconnaissance vessels, 2 minesweepers, 5 tankers, 9 submarines. (Berlin W/T 1621/16)

Scapa

State of Defences (R.A. Scapa 1814/16 to Admty)

WEATHER

<u>Area</u>	<u>Wind</u>	<u>Visibility</u>	<u>Outlook</u>
<u>North Sea</u>	North N.W., Moderate South N.W., Moderate	Very good, poor to moderate, fog patches.	Similar Improving slowly
<u>Channel</u>	Northerly light to moderate	Good to very good	Similar
<u>Western Approaches</u>	Northerly, moderate Fresh locally	Very Good	Similar
<u>W. Coast</u>	Light, variable	Moderate to good.	N.W. Moderate Visibility Mod. to poor.

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CASUALTIES & DEFECTS

AIDANIA

(Torpedoed 15/6) Icelandic ship
SKALLAGHIMUR in position 62. N., 14.36'W.,
asked to close AIDANIA (FOREAR, 0156/16)

BRIKA

Ashore Haisborough Sand, North Liddle, re-
quires assistance. (BRIKA 0719/16)

Foreign Stations

THORSHOLM

By 0958/16 THORSHOLM arrived Cape Town
(S.O. (i) Capetown 0908/18)

FOREIGN STATIONS

North Atlantic

Gibraltar

Arrangements made for 1200 women to be evacuated to Casablanca pm/17 in British transport MOHAMED ALI EL KEBIR. No other shipping available (F.O.C.N.A. 2310/16).

Defence works proceeding as quickly as possible (Governor and C. in C., recd. from W.O. 0805/17).

South Atlantic

Italian Cable to be cut.

Your 1820/13. Instruct CABLE ENTERPRISE to cut Italian cable northward of Fernando Noronha. Cable and Wireless informed. (Hd. of M. to C. in C., S.A. 0100/16) Reply. Re N.S.O. (1) Freetown 1907/15 suggest NORSEMAN cut this cable observing that she arrives Pernambuco 17/6 (C. in C., S.A. 1302/16).

Troop Convoys

It is desired to expedite to the utmost arrival in U.K. of regular troops now in Convoy B.C. Request you will consider sailing ASKA, KARANJA, and KENYA onwards from Durban without waiting for other ships to complete transfer of troops, and dividing the convoy into a fast ~~xxx~~ group consisting of ORION, REINA DEL PACIFICO and STRATHEDEN, and a slow group, with one 8-in. cruiser as escort for each group. (D.O.D.(F) to C. in C., S.A., 0045/16).

Offer by S.A.

Re letter 5/1/40. Adty. suggest one or more 72 ft. Local Defence boats be built at Durban and shipped to U.K. "Delay in replying is regretted". (Hd. of M. 1620/16).

Spanish Patrols

18 June Spanish patrols appear to have been established near Algeiras and Ceuta (S.O.(I) Gib. 1229/18).

C. in C., S.A.
1915/16

See Mediterranean.

Australian
troop convoys

Diversion to Cape route has made it necessary for Adty. to assume control of escort arrangements for them, both in order to meet requirements over whole convoy route and because only Adty. can handle political questions which arise with Dominion Govts.



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South Atlantic

8 in. cruisers

In addition to convoys B.C. and C.M. other troop movements between U.K. and India are under consideration, and it is therefore improbable that we shall be able to station any 8-inch cruisers in South Atlantic in the near future. (D.O.D.(F) 1643/16 to C. in C.S.A.)

Security measures - shipping

Security measures with regard to shipping at Freetown (C. in C., S.A. 1023/16).

Convoy B.C.

Sailing of reconstructed Convoy B.C. from Durban to Freetown as follows (C. in C. S.A. 1305/16).

Mediterranean

Policy

Submarines

Not practicable to maintain submarines at Malta, on account of present air attacks. I propose to base on Alexandria force submarines from Malta, and patrol in progress. Asking French C. in C. Med. try consider removal of line separating areas 1 and 2 down to 15° E. and submarines from Malta to be turned over to C. in C., Med.'s Command (C. in C. Med. 0031/16 to French Naval C. in C., Med.)

Spain

Admiral Africa reports Spain has abandoned neutrality and adopted policy of non-belligerency which is understood to mean more hostile attitude and possible use of Spanish bases by Italy. Extreme vigilance and care should be taken to respect territorial waters which extend 3 sea miles. Message ends. Request confirmation (C. in C. S.A. 1915/16)

Neutral Ships at Alexandria with Cargoes for Neutral ports in Mediterranean.

} Policy as to Adty. 1554/15 (C. in C., Med. 1501/16 to Adty.) List of (R.A. Alexandria 1414/16 to Adty.



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Mediterranean

Operations

French destroyer sunk Transocean Copyright 0245/16 states that on date not given Italian destroyer CALATAFIMI engaged 4 French destroyers and sank one of TARTU class.

British Positions At 1300/16. (D.C. 0755/16).

Operations against Balearic Is. Italy demands use of Spanish ports Report from Spanish Supreme General Staff that General Gambara has been selected to command Italian expeditionary force to Spain and that operations are to be conducted against Balearic Is. C.2. Above conditional on events. N.A. Madrid has confirmation from 3 reliable sources that Italy has 3 times asked for use of certain Spanish ports including Balearic Is. and has been refused. Second occasion was by Gambara just before leaving, third occasion was on 12/6 (N.A. Madrid 1217/16)

Durazzo Split reports 6 large Italian transports discharged about 14000 troops at Durazzo 11/6 (S.O.(I) Alexandria 1231/16).

Absence of enemy aircraft Your 0314/15. (a) GLOUCESTER and LIVERPOOL sighted by one aircraft at Tobruk and were shadowed. No other hostile aircraft seen, though Fleet spent 12 hours within 100 miles of North African coast. (b) CALYPSO may have been sunk by one. Two contacts and one ~~sighted~~ sight report close to Alexandria on return. Not known if genuine. (C) No. (C. in C., Med. 0025/16 to Adty.)

C. in C. Tel 1405/16 re. information re. 13 ships by ...

Shipping

Special Warning 88. Italian Govt. announces that within thirty miles from hostile coasts all M/Vs bound for hostile ports will navigate at their own risk; but this does not affect transit of neutral ships across the Strait constituting oblige passages for navigation. (Radio Washington 0435/16 to All Ships).



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Mediterranean

Air.

Raids on
Malta.
Fighters needed.

2 air raids on Malta today. 0600-0720 G.M.T. and 1235-1306 G.M.T. Damage (slight). Forces engaged. "Institution of escort by enemy although compliment to our Gladiators emphasises effect provision of Hurricanes likely to have. 4 Gladiators being conserved as much as possible but cannot be expected to last long under present pressure". (H.Q. Malta 1715/16, F.O.I.C. Malta 2055/16, Governor Malta 1135/16).

Mining

Brindisi

A British minefield has been laid south of Brindisi.

East Indies.

Australian
Destroyers
East Yessels

Subject to your views it is considered that PARRAMATTA and YARRA both A/S fitted, should join Red Sea Force, thus making it possible to release DERBY and HUNTLEY for service in Medit. should circumstances require. (Hd. of M., to C. in C., E.I. 0459/16).

Kamaran
Aerodrome

Obstructed, but removable on notice given. (F.O.4 C.S. 0530Z/16).

British Consul General from Addis Ababa and Staff and French Consul General are at Jibuti. If possible DERBY should embark them and land them at Aden. (Hd. of M. 1655/16 to N.O.I.C. Aden).

America and West Indies

BEARN
JEANNE D'ARC

Left Halifax early am/16 (D.C.N.S. 277).

VILLARPEROSA

Italian. May leave Wilmington for another port on or after 17/6. Search northwards as far as Wilmington and then patrol off Cape Fear (C. in C., A.W.I. 1232/16 to DIOMEDE).

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16.6.1940.GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPSMediterraneanINGO

Arrived Zelenika, Yugoslavia, 15/6 and expected to leave on 20/6 with bauxite for Trieste. (S.O.(i) Alexandria 1231/16)

ChinaAUGSBURG

At Dairen. German Captain refused to hand over ship to Dutch representative and legal proceedings appear to be impending. (Postal censorship, I.C., 0484/40)

ITALIAN MERCHANT SHIPSNICCOLO CDEHO

6005 tons, reported in Press to have been captured by the French. (Unconfirmed) (Ship was at Marseilles 6/6, homeward bound)

ADIGE

(1006 tons) reported in Press to have been taken into Malta 11/6 and 12/6 respectively, and seized. (Unconfirmed)

POLONICE

(1375 tons) (POLINICE was on passage from Varna to Rhodes, left Varna 4/6. Previous movements of ADIGE not known)

AEGUITAS

Arrived Ceara 15th June with coal for Rio de Janeiro (N.A. Rio 1219/16)

VILLAPEROSA

See A & W.I.

FUSIJARA

Arrived Bangkok midnight 11/12/6 I.C., 0484/4

ADA

Arrived Kobe 13/6

APOLLO

Arrived Las Palmas 12/6

BALENAPESCE SPADASARDELLA

Trawlers, arrived Horta, Azores from Newfoundland.

VILLAPEROSA

At Wilmington, U.S.A. may leave 17/6

SALVATORE PRIMO

Reported at Teneriffe 16/6

EOLO

Reported at Huelva 16/6

RAFFIO

Reported at Cartagena, Spain 16/6

LE TREMARIE

Reported at Valencia 16/6

EFERA

Previously reported Corunna, now reported arrived Fiume on 10/6



U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MINING

Ships Attacked

- JAMES STOVE
sunk Norwegian tanker (8215 tons) on charter to Anglo-Saxons Petroleum Co. sunk by Italian submarine at 0530/16 in position 12.35 N., 45:03 E., (21 miles S. from Aden) near end of old swept channel. Crew believed safe. 15 minutes warning was given No S.O.S. was made. (C. in C., E.I. 0636Z/16, S.N.O. Red Sea 1038Z/16)
- WELLINGTON STAR
sunk Torpedoed 1108/16 at 42:39 N., 17:01 W. (245 miles W. of C. Finisterre) WELLINGTON STAR 1110/16) ARABIS and CALENDULA to close position (C. in C., W.A. 1247/16). Reported sunk. I.C., 0484/40 says 268° Finisterre 345'.
- ATHEL PRINCE
(torpedoed 12/6) Arrived at Falmouth (? date)
- EARLSPARK
(torpedoed 12/6) ENCHANTRESS picked up 32 survivors 39:47 N., 11:18 W. Captain and 5 of crew lost. Torpedoed 1115/12 in 41:26 N., 11:24 W. having left convoy 0630/12. Large submarine was seen. (ENCHANTRESS 2045/16).
- BRALANTA sunk Norwegian (9608 tons) sunk 0500/16 by submarine off Aden. Crew saved. (D.C.N.S. 277). No MS
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Submarines Reported

- 2330/15 A.F. message 62:36 N., 15:09 W. at 2330/15. (D.C., 0046/16).
- 0050 (see ANDANIA, torpedoed 15/6). Submarine still in the vicinity (ANDANIA, 0050/16).
- 0659 Off Bergen. Position indefinite. A.1 (O.I.C. 0483).
- 1910 43:00 N., 14:00 W. D/F report. Unknown Unit probably U-boat. Unreliable fix. (D.D.I.C. 2030/16 to F.O.C.N.A., C. in C., W.A., 2053/16, 2147/10).
- 1830 Am over enemy submarine at 282 Sudraenes 7. (Aircraft 204 Sqdn., N.O.I.C. Iceland 2042/16)
- 2000 51:18 N. 2:50 E. (off Ostend)(Aircraft H.Q. Chatham 2145/16).



U-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MINING

Submarines Reported (Contd.)

2143 58:50 N., 3:35 E. Unknown Enemy Unit.
Reliable fix. (D.D.I.C. 2208/16).

Estimated
Dispositions
for 16/6/40

3 operating in Western Approaches.
1 operating in Finisterre Area.
1 outward bound, Southwest Bantry about 1600
hours.
1 homeward bound North North Rona about dawn.
1 about 54 degrees North 13 degrees West.
(H.Q.C.C. 1805/15).

Submarines Attacked

2200/15 A/S trawler ARAB reports having made depth
charge attack on suspicious contact at 2200,
position from 5 A buoy 149° 2.6 miles.
Much oil, position marked by Dan buoy.
(C. in C., Nore 0035/16). 52:26 N., 1:56 E.,
110° Lowestoft 7'. (I.C., 0484/40).

Mediterranean

Submarines Attacked

Ceyta

Aerial reconnaissance conformed presence of a
submarine in Ceyta am/16. F.O.C.N.A.
considers she was attacked and driven in,
damaged, by our A/S patrol, while attempting
to pass the Straits (D.C.N.S. 277).



SITUATION REPORT

France

At 1230 the French Premier, Marshal Petain, announced that the French would try to cease fighting and that last night he had asked Germany for terms for "putting an end to hostilities."

At 2130 the French Foreign Minister, M. Baudouin, stated in a broadcast that although France had asked on what condition peace could be made, she had not abandoned her arms, and that the French would sacrifice their existence rather than their honour.

Plans to withdraw the whole B.E.F. from France if necessary were made on 15/6 from Cherbourg, St. Malo, Brest, St. Nazaire and La Pallice. These plans were put into operation early on 17/6; and by 1200/17 33,790 men had been landed in England.

Evacuation figures up to midnight 17/18/June were as follows:-

41,770	fit.
732	wounded.
71	guns.
595	vehicles.

A large number of H.M. Ships and transports are taking part in the operation. 14 ships were to leave the Loire pm/17 from the Falmouth area and S.S. MADURA with 180 Embassy Staff and 800 refugees was due to leave for the Bristol Channel. At 1800/17 23,245 had been landed in the Portsmouth area alone.

All British troops, about 30,000 in number were evacuated from Brest by 2300/17. Evacuation was not seriously interfered with, except at St. Nazaire which was continuously bombed during 17/6. S.S. LANCASTRIA (16,243 tons) was sunk at 1600; she had troops on board, which were transferred to ORONSAY; the number of casualties is not yet known. ORONSAY was hit at 1350 but left for Plymouth at 1830. H.M.S. WESTCOTT was holed at 1500 in collision with S.S. NYROCA and can only steam 8 knots. S.S. CHAMPLAIN (French 28,124 tons) was sunk by mine or torpedo off the entrance to La Pallice at 0945/17: she was not taking part in the operations.

Entrances to the Loire and St. Nazaire are open to demagnetised ships. The Gironde and Brest are temporarily closed (0715/17) Caen is closed.

Havre

It appears that a German Naval Authority has been established at Havre (I.C., 0484/40).

SITUATION REPORT

Aircraft
attack on
Enemy Destroyers
off Norderney

An aircraft of Coastal Command sighted 6 stationary destroyers off Norderney at 2300/17 and attacked with 4 bombs. The pilot estimated a hit on one destroyer.

Abortive raid
on Trondheim

12 aircraft left Shetlands at 0930/17 to attack enemy naval forces at Trondheim, but were all obliged to return owing to bad weather, except 1 aircraft which reconnoitred Sogne and Oster fiords, north of Bergen. 2 M.Vs were attacked at 1015, without success.

Enemy Air
Activity

On 17/6 the main effort of the German Long Range Bomber force was concentrated against shipping off Brest and the mouth of the Loire.

Aircraft
brought down
by ships

Analysis of ships' report shows that during the evacuation of Dunkirk ships engaged destroyed 35 enemy aircraft and at least 20 others were seen to be damaged and in distress, between 0300/27/5 and 2000/1/6.

Mining

The Thames Estuary outer searched channel was reopened. There were a number of air raids during the night 16/17 between Dover and Portland. It is considered they were made by minelaying aircraft (D.C.N.S. 277) 3 aircraft mines were dropped in Weymouth Bay. Portland was temporarily closed but was reopened during the forenoon. Two magnetic mines were exploded off Poole.

Italian Hostilities

The Italians bombed Sidi Barrani twice and Bug Bug once (Medit. Coast near Libyan frontier) Malta was bombed 4 times. There were no casualties and little damage.

On 16/6 and night 16/17 Blenheims bombed El Aden. El Uhubbi was bombed 16/6. On the night 16/17 naval oil tanks at Tobruk were bombed.

~~C. in C. Med. has given orders that submarines are to sink Italian tankers at sight without warning.~~



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Monday.SITUATION REPORTItalian Hostilities (Contd.)Air Raids on
Malta

Malta was raided 4 times today, Ta Kali aerodrome and the water reservoir being amongst the objectives attacked. There were no casualties and little damage. Gladiators attacked and hit one enemy aircraft several times.

Enemy units
off Cyprus

4 enemy light craft were reported N.E. of Cyprus at noon/17. Forces were despatched to positions west and south of Cyprus to intercept them.

Submarine off
Malta

DIAMOND dropped ^{d.c's} aircraft on a submarine contact off the Grand Harbour, Malta early am/17. F.O.I.C. Malta considers the attack successful.

U-Boat Campaign

U-boats are at present operating against our trade routes in the Atlantic and Western Approaches on a scale equal to their maximum at any time during the war. This scale of attack will require all their larger submarines and probably several smaller ones to maintain it. If maintained, this would indicate that the maximum number of U-boats available to take part in seaborne invasion at any time would be a majority of the small ones (say about 20) (J.I.C. Summary No.43).

U-boats were reported today off Iceland, Finisterre, Ushant and Malta.

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Defence of U.K.

Portsmouth

Military defence very weak on land side, especially when Naval Battalion withdrawn at end of this month. (C. in C. Portsmouth 1353/17 to Admty)

Newhaven)
Littlehampton)

Block-ships now in place as Gate Vessels at both ports (C. in C., Portsmouth 1917/17 to Admty)

Invasion

Reported that 6000,000 Italian Troops are being moved to Germany for use against U.K., also 400 to 500 aircraft.

The use of these Troops in this way is considered most unlikely, but the aircraft might be so used. (J.I.C. Report)

Orkneys

Admty. 1615/10. 2 Additional blockships required. Table cloth net arriving. Other protection against E-Boats (A.C.O.S. 1150/17)

Harwich

Request you will take steps to meet military wishes with regard to guarding or closing entrances to Rivers Crouch, Blackwater, Colne, Stour, Orwell and Hamford Water. (Hd. of M. to F.O.I.C, Harwich, 1623/17)

Boston

Propose to block Boston Harbour entrance and remove buoyage in Lynn and Freeman Channels forthwith. (F.O. Humber, 1614/17)

Poole

SS EMPIRE SENTINEL and TYR detailed as emergency blockships. (D.L.D. 2113/17)

3-mile limit
for Shipping

G.S.O.1., Coast Defence, Eastern Command, represents difficulties from British and Foreign ships cruising past coastal batteries by day at 800 yards. Suggests all shipping be ordered to keep 3 miles from coast. Concur in this proposal. (C. in C., Nore, 2007/17)

Troon
Ayr

Proposal to appoint R.M.O's to Irvine, Troon and Ayr. Request report. Appointments to Inverness, Buckie and Macduff are being made. D. of L.D. to C. in C., Rosyth, 1319/17)



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Defence of U.K. Contd.

West Coast

Proposal to appoint R.N.O's to west coast (list of 20, from Strangford and Greenore to Teignmouth and Exmouth) Request report. Appointments to Torquay and Fishguard are being made. (D. of L.D. to C. in C. W.A. 1315/17)

Minelaying Policy

C.in C., H.F.'s views (C. in C., H.F. 2251/17) See Operations Volume.

Movements

ARK ROYAL

Sailed from Scapa at 1600 screened by FEARLESS, FAULKNER, and ESCAPEE (F.O.C.O.S. 1700/17 to Admty)

ARK ROYAL)
HOOD)

Are to be sailed for Gibraltar as soon as possible proceeding with despatch. (D.O.D. (H.) 2000/17 to C. in C. H.F.)

REVENGE

To proceed Devonport for docking and short refit. Is required for further service on 3/7. (D.O.D. (F) 2248/17)

Submarines

Positions and Movements. (V.A.S. 1837/17, 2354/17)

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Refugees

Following from Naval Attache. 14 ships sailing from Le Verdon p.m. 17/6 for Plymouth 1200 British refugees. British MADURA with 180 embassy staff and 800 refugees sail same time from Le Verdon for Bristol Channel. Ships are being routed coastwise to Ushant and then direct. Life-saving accommodation has had to be exceeded. Request escort if available. (ARETHUSA to A.C.W.A. 0017/17)

Transports

Sailed French ships PRECHAC, VILCRAIN, JAUARY, SAULUR, ARSENIER and SAINT-CLAIR escorted by French trawlers ASPIRANT BRUN and TELLERAIRE II for Brest. (F.O.I.C. 0019/17)

S.N.O. Brest

Act as S.N.O., Brest. On arrival get into touch with B.N.L.O. and French authorities. CUTTY SERRK with special parties should be in port. Party for Brest is to be transferred to BROKE and CUTTY SANK sailed for St. Nazaire. Apparently all British troops have been evacuated but situation as regards stores and M.T's is not clear. Important that all British Stores should be evacuated if possible. Certain LL minesweeping equipment may be in French trawlers. Endeavour to obtain or destroy this, also specifications of the gear. Reported that 7000 Belgians arrive p.m. 18th for evacuation, also that French and Polish troops from Norway under Gen. Bethouart may wish to leave (C. in C. W.A. to BROKE, 0324/17)

Tankers reported at Brest (D. of S.T. 0330/17)

Your 0013/17 Meeting postponed. Remain where you are for the present. (C.O.D.H. 0137/17 to ARETHUSA)

Enemy Mining

Suspect considerable magnetic mining of River Loire during night. One of 2 LL trawlers under repair. Request aeroplane sweep be carried out forthwith of buoyed channel St. Nazaire to seaward. (S.N.O. St. Nazaire, 0332/17)

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Contd.

S.N.O. St. Nazaire's 0332/17. Aeroplane sweep would be unreliable against latest German mines. Request second pair of LL trawlers be sent to St. Nazaire. (D.M.S. 0812/17 to C in C., W.A.)

Brest Open

My 1459/16. Brest reopened p.m. 16/6. Ships routed to Brest must enter harbour as soon as possible. Adm. Ouest inform Capt. Bissett. No sign of liner. British BELLEPHON only ship arrived. (MACKAY, 0745/17)

Direct all ships for Brest into harbour (list) (C. in C., W.A. to WESTCOTT, 0834/17)

S.O.C. in C.,

C. in C., requests provisional arrangements be made for a destroyer to be at St. Nazaire at 2130 today to convey him and staff to U.K. Approx. numbers 12 officers 20 other ranks. (B.N.L.O., H.Q. L of C., to C. in C., W.A., 0915/17)

Transports
Required 18/6

Request 4 troopers and 4 mechanical transport davits light tomorrow Tuesday. (D.S.F.O. Cherbourg 0951/17)

H.M.S. BEAGLE to return to Loire forthwith. WHIRLWIND escorts BATORY to Plymouth. (C. in C., W.A. 1029/17)

Transports urgently required here. (Capt. D 9 1054/17)

St. Malo

Nantes says he does not want me and staff. No reply from Bordeaux. Last S.R. steamer leaving today. Am coming in it with staff. Practically all British subjects have left. Codes and Cyphers destroyed. (St. Malo, 1106/17 to F.O.)

Brest
Reopened

My 1459/16. Brest reopened p.m. 16/6. Ships routed to Brest must enter harbour as soon as possible. (C. in C., W.A. to all ships, Area B, 0739/17)

WOLVERINE

Your 1336/16. WOLVERINE is at Quiberon Bay. Capt. D. 9. to A.C.W.A., 0351/17)

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Milford Haven

Convoy of 19 ships all full ready by noon. Intend to sail them unescorted to Milford Haven. FRANCONIA temporarily out of action due to near miss. Empty ships are being sent as required. (WOLVERINE to Capt. D. 9. 0618/17)

Am now in communication with S.W.O., St. Nazaire, S.P. 02218(8) D is not held in HAVELOCK (Capt. D. 9., 0411/17)

Your 0618. You are to escort this convoy taking H.M.S. AGATE and trawler CAMBRIDGESHIRE with you. (S.W.O.A., Loire to WOLVERINE, 0830/17)

Quiberon Bay. Sailed convoy 26 ships including oiler and collier. (Route) (WOLVERINE, 1245/17)

Brest
Situation re
disposal of
French M.V's.

Letter from Captain Bissett at Brest reports French Authorities almost oblivious of situation and all awaiting guidance from higher authorities, who were moving across S. of France all yesterday. They have no ideas whatever as to evacuating any of their warships or M/Vs. There is no antagonism but merely laissez faire. If an evacuation is at all likely I should like as many destroyers as possible here to assist and would suggest the destruction of as many M/V's as possible either by torpedoing them on our way out or by an aircraft raid very soon after the armistice. It would be criminal to leave so many good ships to the enemy. (C. in C., W.A. 1145/17 to Admty)

LL Equipment
etc.,

Re obtaining or destroying Asdic gear also LL M/S equipment supplied to French Trawlers. (A.C.W.A. 2317/17 to VANQUISH) Most important that all possible drawings of French naval ammunition and at least general arrangements drawings of gunmountings should be sent in naval ships leaving France. (A.C.N.S. (H) to B.N.L.O., Brest, 1745/17)



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Brest

Sufficient ships have now arrived. (Brest W/T, 1109/17) Join Capt. D 9 at St Nazaire (C. in C., W.A. to WREN, 1129/17)

Tankers

Consult French Authorities and instruct all tankers now at Quiberon Bay and not required by French to Proceed Milford Haven for orders forthwith. (D. of S.T. to Consul, Nantes, 1305/17)

Essential that no delay shall occur in loading E.T. vessels (C. in C., W.A., 1311/17 to S.N.O.'s, Brest and St. Nazaire.

Code Words, Convoys

Operation Ariel. Code words allotted to convoys for U.K.:— From Brest, Piano, Motor, Boxer, Rivet, Piano 2, Motor 2, etc., From Loire, Stable, Ponjo, Motto, Olive, Stable 2, Pojo 2, etc., (C. in C., W.A., 1312/17)

G.O.C.

Detail a Destroyer to bring a General Officer and Staff from St. Nazaire to U.K. sailing 2130/17 (C. in C., W.A., 1336/17 to D. 9.)

Armistice Report

Am informed French Govt. signed armistice 1230 today. Have not been able to confirm yet. (ARETRUSA) (1442/17)

HAVELOCK (damaged. Pink list 17/18 June.)

Starboard engine out of action after fouling buoy. Intend HAVELOCK should return to U.K. forthwith. Am transferring to HIGHLANDER as S.N.O. afloat, Loire. (Capt. D. 9. 1417/17)

Clearing Shipping

Following signal has been sent to M.C.S.O's in French Atlantic ports—

"If it becomes necessary to sail all shipping in French ports it should be dealt with in two main classes.

- (a) ships normally on short sea routes;
- (b) Ocean going ships.

Ships in A class whether loaded or light should proceed Belfast and Clyde in equal number.

Ships in Class B, if empty or loaded with coal should proceed Hampton Roads or Sydney, Cape Breton, if loaded with other

/cargo.....

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cargo or unseaworthy for Atlantic passage or short of bunkers should proceed Belfast and Clyde in equal numbers bunkering en route if absolutely necessary. Tankers if loaded or partially loaded should proceed Falmouth, if empty to Cape Town. In case of doubt use your discretion bearing in mind that object is to clear all repeat all Shipping British Allied and Neutral" You should use your best endeavours to obtain full French co-operation. (A.C.M.S. (T) 1111/17, to B.N.L.O., Bordeaux)

Shipping to be cleared

My 1112/17 Take action now to clear all shipping except that acting under orders of C. in C., Portsmouth in Operation. Ariel. (D.T.D., to B.N.L.O's. and Consuls, Brest Cherbourg, etc., 1425/17) Have patrolled off Brest and Ushant. No sign of large transport or other ships entering. Have intercepted 5 store ships from south and several from Brest homeward bound. Intend closing Brest to find personnel ships. (WINCHELSEA, 1823/17) Have all M.T. and stores from Brest been embarked? (C. in C., W.A. to ~~HACKAY~~ 2331/17)

Loire Evacuation to be completed tonight.

French state embarkation in Loire will be completed tonight. Confirm that this is correct and includes personnel and stores and M.T. (C. in C., W.A. to D. 9. for S.N.O. St. Nazaire, 2342/17)

All B.E.F. to withdraw

It has been decided that whole of B.E.F. is to be withdrawn immediately. It is hoped that all troops from Brest and St. Nazaire (D.M.I. adds St. Malo) will be ready to embark tonight 17th. Troops from La Pallice will not be ready until 18th. 13 trawlers should arrive Brest ~~from~~ p.m. 17th 6 motor lighters a.m. 18th. 8 trawlers arrive Loire 0800/18, 4 coasters and 4 M.T. ships a.m. 18th, 5 coasters approximately 1600/18 ETRICK should be at La Pallice and 2 fast channel steamers leave U.K. for there p.m. 17th. Every possible means is to be employed to speed up evacuation including requisitioning of any craft available locally. S.N.O. St. Nazaire endeavour to pass to S.N.O., La Pallice. (C. in C., W.A., 1851/17, to S.N.O's Brest and St. Nazaire, etc.)



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Hospital carrier ST. JULIAN to be sailed for Brest forthwith, (C. in C., W.A., 1853/17)

Belgian Troops

Belgian Govt. state about 7,000 officers and men should be ready to embark tonight monday. Request confirmation. They are to be embarked in any ships for U.K. (C. in C., W.A. to MACKAY 1907/17)

Your 1707. No confirmation re any Belgians before leaving Brest at 2130/ (S.N.O. Brest in MACKAY, 2223/17)

30,000 Embarked

Situation report 1930. Total embarked approx. 30,000 All big ships sailed independently. MACKAY and trawler will take off small number remaining. Anticipate leaving 2200 (S.N.O. Brest 1929/17)

G.O.C.

Following received. Request arrangements for evacuating G.O.C. may be signalled. S.N.O., St. Nazaire, to C. in C., W.A. 1930/17)

Demolition

Army detachments (specified) will endeavour to destroy all British and French oil stocks in area St. Nazaire, Donges, Nantes before embarking. Request you give every possible assistance. (W.O. to Senior Brt. Army Officer St. Nazaire 1935/17)

Withdrawal of Belgian Troops

Admty. 1614/17. Belgian Govt. has requested that a number of officers and men mostly of 1940 class should be withdrawn from France to U.K.

2. It is understood that about 7000 will be ready to embark from Brest and up to 5000 from Bordeaux tonight: the Bordeaux party includes 500 Dutch 500 Belgian pilots and machines.

3. Obtain confirmation through H.L.O's and make such arrangements as appear practicable observing that Belgian ships are being employed for Operation Ariel. (V.C.M.S.(H) 1716/17 to C. in C., W.A.)



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Communications

Your 1742 (Whether messages can be accepted for British Embassy and B.N.L.O.) Yes. Am returning to Bordeaux. (BERKELEY 193(/17))

Polish Minister

President of Poland and Minister of Foreign Affairs accompanied by British Ambassador to Poland and staff now on board. (ARETHUSA, 2029/17)

Prisoners

Adnty. 1804/17, 200 German Air Force prisoners arriving at Bordeaux. Report when these prisoners have been embarked. (C. in C., W.A. to ARETHUSA, 1955/17)

Cherbourg

Position at Cherbourg uncertain at present but adequate shipping being provided if possible tonight. (D.N.I. 2020/17)

Situation Brest 2300

1. Evacuation of troops completed with departure at 2145 of MACKAY and 3 trawlers and at 2500 of remaining 3 trawlers with stragglers.
2. Harbours cleared of all shipping except French in accordance with Adty. 1425/17
3. Appears fair possibility of part at least of French Naval Force in theatre affected will be sailed in time to avoid surrender to enemy.
4. Intend remaining Brest as long as there is any hope of bringing out French forces, in particular RICHELIEU, now about a month from completion.
5. Retention LL trawlers essential for this purpose in view of second aircraft mine-laying raid now in progress (Admiral Oust 2325/17)

Appeal of Polish President General Sikorski to make every effort to save Polish army. (ARETHUSA 2052/17)

Air Protection

Fighter protection. Cherbourg and Brest. Details. (Air Ministry, 1940/17)
3 squadrons of fighters are now at Nantes (C. in C., W.A. to D.G. 2016/17)

Army and R.A.F. leaving Rochelle approx. time 0030/18 aboard THISTLEGLAN and PHILIP.M. Request naval escort. W/T station closed down. (Dacre to Air Min., 1945/17) (D.C., 2555/17)



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La Pallice

Evacuation La Pallice expected to be completed by 0200/18. THISTLEGLIEF and PHILIPPA sail in company for Falmouth (route) (Rochelle, 2000/17)

STURDY to join MACKAY at Brest (C. in C., W.A. 2011/17)

G.O.C.

Your 735. Explain situation to General. If he still wishes to use a destroyer, comply. (C. in C., W.A. to D. 9. 2024/17)
Situation report at 1800/17. A (1) 18196 (2) 1697 (3) 3352 etc., (C. in C., Portsmouth 2027/17)

D.9., Brest

Have ordered WINCHELSEA to join Capt. D.9. at St. Nazaire. No further destroyers required at Brest. (S.N.C. Afloat, Brest, 2027/17)

Am proceeding to join D.9. 12 ships of unknown nationality anchored in Anse de Bertheau (WINCHELSEA 2100/17)

In MACKAY. Your 2036 arrived too late. All ships sailed from Brest. British ETRICK not yet seen. (S.N.C. Brest to C. in C., W.A. 2217/17)

Divert any small ships proceeding to St. Malo to Cherbourg. (C. in C., Portsmouth, 2230/17 to FOXGLOVE, ROSEMARY)

Your 1655/17. ASPIRANT BRUN, TELEPAIRE 2 and convoys are to proceed to Brest as originally directed. (Admiral West to C. in C., W.A. 2328/17)

Norman...Force to be withdrawn

Following signal received. Personal from S of S. to General Brooke. French Army has been ordered to cease fighting. (Note it is thought this statement is incorrect)

Norman Force should now withdraw for evacuation Cherbourg.

You alone can decide degree evacuation material possible in accordance information obtained by you. There is of course no question of an Armistice as regards British troops. (D.C.D. (H) to C. in C., Portsmouth & W.A., /17)

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Poles ex Narvik

My 2306/17. Following from C.I.G.S. for General Brooke. Would like you to call at Brest and see S.H.O. who has been asked to ascertain if French and Poles ex Narvik are still there and want embarkation to U.K. Also ascertain if any further evacuation of personnel, vehicles and stores is possible. (D.O.D. (H) to D. 9. /17)

Direct any small ships proceeding to St. Malo to Cherbourg. (C. in C., Portsmouth to FOXGLOVE, ROSEMARY 2230/17)

Your 1655/17. ASPIRANTBRUN, TEMERAIRE 2 and convoys are to proceed to Brest as originally directed. (Admiral West, to S. in C., W.A. 2322/17)

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HOME COLLARDS

Operations- France

Situation re
disposal of
French Ships

Capitaine Bos, my Liaison Officer, returned from Brest this morning. He is truthful and loyal to Admiral Ovest and myself. Admiral Ovest will not act unless ordered by Higher Authority. All the navy will obey. He would like his Navy to continue fighting. Ordinary Frenchmen believe that we evacuated Dunkirk without consulting French and are now doing the same. It is evident that any demolition work will be in the face of strongest possible French opposition and if attempted before evacuation would result in sacrificing the remainder of our army. RICHELIEU could be subsequently torpedoed.

JEAN BART is in a lock and therefore immune. The French might possibly scuttle their ships, but the idea is repugnant to them. (C. in C., W.A. 1251/17/ to V.C.S.S.)

Dieppe

Following from Cdr. Howard Johnston begins French objecting to demolitions. Armed guard preventing access all objectives including Dinan oil. Will do my best. Ends. (WILD SWAN 0545/17)(to Adty)

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HOME COMPLAINTS

Iceland

Asking to retain Sunderland to visit Seydisfiord and other parts of coast soonest possible. (Alabaster to W.O., recd. from W.O. 0730/17)

Strength of Garrison recommended. (Alabaster 1806/17)

Air Force
to be
established

Arrangements being made to establish squadron of 6 I.E. and 3 I.R. Walrus amphibians in Iceland to operate from fiord in vicinity of Reykjavik. Aircraft, stores, etc., will proceed in ARGUS, expected to sail 22-23/6 (Hd. of Air, 2004/17)

Operations- U.F.B.'s.

VIVACIOUS

Attacked by U.F.B.'s., one torpedo missed ahead. (VIVACIOUS, 2359/17) 7 miles E of Dungeness (I.C. 0425/)

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Air.

British Air Activity

Routine flights to France to cease forthwith.
(Air Ministry, 1601/17)

6 destroyers
attacked.

Six stationary Destroyers attacked at 2305/17 in
position 53° 44' N. 7° 14' E. One direct hit.
(Chatham, 0140/18)

A/C's brought
down by ships.

Analysis of reports from ships engaged in evacuation
of Dunkirk has established that 35 enemy A/C's were
destroyed and at least 21 of these were seen to be
damaged and in distress, all as a result of ships'
gunfire between 0300/27/5 and 2000/1/6. (VA. Dover
1834/17)

Bergen

Two M/V's VEGA and VENUS attacked by A/C at Bergen.
No hits (O.I.C. 0485)

Attack on.
Trondheim

Six Hudsons, six Beauforts, escorted by six Blenheims
have proceeded from Sumburgh to attack enemy ships at
Trondheim. (C. in C. Rosyth 0934/17 to C. in C. H.F.)
Not seen owing to low cloud (Donibristle 1520/17).

Patrols.

My 1524/4 and my 0002/8, Patrol S.A. will also be
flown at dawn as well as at dusk. Patrol S.A.2 has
been extended, northern limit now being 065 degrees
from M B H I 4800 to 60 miles from Norwegian Coast,
and is being flown by five aircraft instead of three.
My 1526/4 owing to shortage of aircraft, S.12 and
W. 2 cannot always be flown. Unless referred to in
the daily air search signal, it can be assumed that
they will not be in operation. (C. in C. Rosyth,
1826/17)

Enemy Air Activity.

St. Nazaire.

Bombing St. Nazaire (HIGHLANDER 1352/17) (D.9,1615/17)

Enemy
activity
during 17/6

Enemy air activity during 17th, except for the usual
North Sea Meteorological Flight, was confined to the
Channel and French Coast Area. R/C flights at Brest
and the mouths of Loire and Gironde kept our ships
under constant observation. St. Nazaire was bombed
twice, and Le Verdon once by one A/C. Shipping
engaged in the evacuation from the French West Coast
was also bombed, ORONSAY (20,043 tons British) being
hit and slightly damaged and LANCASTRIA (16,243 tons
British) hit and seriously damaged. The Norwegian
ANNAVORE (3324 tons) was also attacked by A/C 7 miles
S.W. of Lefour, but escaped damage. (I.C.0485/40)

ORONSAY
damaged
LANCASTRIA
damaged

Le Verdon

1 A/C bombed. (BERKELEY, 1942/17)

FRANCONIA

British (20175 tons) under Govt. Charter attacked by
A/C at 0618/17 and damaged by near miss. (WOLVERINE
0618/17)

LANCASTRIA

(Cunard & White Star 16243 tons) under Govt. Charter



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Air

Enemy Air Activity.

was hit by bomb 1602/17 while embarking troops at St. Nazaire and was reported to be sinking. (HIGHLANDER 1603/17) *See also p. 657*

ORONSAY

(Orient Line 20043 tons) under Govt. charter was hit by a bomb 1352/17 at St. Nazaire but was able to sail at 1830/17. (HIGHLANDER 1352/17). Have lost contact with ORONSAY. Last seen 2329/17 at MZ00/2217. (HAVELOCK 0500/18 to C.in C. W.A.)

AVOCRE

(Norwegian 3324 tons) attacked by A/C's off St. Nazaire 1535/17. Not damaged (IC. 0485/40).



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Mining

Loire.
L.L. trawlers
required.

Suspect considerable magnetic mining of River Loire during night. One of 2 L.L. trawlers under repair. Request aeroplane sweep be carried out forthwith of buoyed channel St. Nazaire to seaward. (S.N.O., St. Nazaire, 0332/17).

S.N.O. St. Nazaire's 0332/17. Aeroplane sweep would be unreliable against German mine. Request second pair of L.L. trawlers to be sent to St. Nazaire. (D.M.S., 0812/17)

2 Mines have been exploded off St. Albans Head and 2 off Poole.

Portland

3 aircraft mines were dropped in Weymouth Bay last night and others are suspected in the harbour. Portland was closed (I.C. 0484/40) (F.O.I.C. Portland 0112/17). Port is open. (F.O.I.C. Portland 1102/17 to Adty.)

Texel

Further evidence supports the probability of mines 40 miles N.W. of Texel and a danger area has been declared (I.C. 0484/40). See 6/6.

Thames Estuary

The area where 5 German moored mines were found 13/6 has been searched without further result and QZX 104 cancelled (I.C. 0484/40).

East Coast
Barrage

Line B.S.16 is about to be laid. Position. (D.O.D.(M) 1243/17).

Brest

Closed owing to probable mines (C. in C., 2nd Region 2210/17).

Enemy Intelligence

3 trawlers

3 trawlers in line astern 52:15 N., 2:42 E. Aircraft report. (Chatham A.C.H.Q. 0545/17 to H.Q.C.C.)

Suspicious M.V.

Suspicious M/V reported by aircraft 70' S.W. of St. Kilda (Donibristle 0645/17 to Adty.)

U-boat off Helder

2 small tenders and 1 U-boat at 1450/17 11 miles W. of Helder. (I.C. 0485/40).



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Enemy Intelligence (Contd.)

3 M. Vs.

3 unidentified M.Vs at 2305 at 53:42 N.,
7:16 E. (I.C. 0485/40).

12 Naval vessels

12 vessels of naval appearance, 10 stationary and
2 moving towards Elbe, between Langeroo and
Wangeroo at 2340/17. (I.C. 0485/40).

Pocket battle-
ship off Elbe

1 ship, believed Pocket Battleship, anchored in
Mouth of Elbe at 2350/17. (I.C. 0485/40).

Some time has elapsed since German Main Fleet
has been sighted, except units at Trondheim.
Particular emphasis is therefore attached
to R/C requirements of 1st priority and to a
R/C of Stettin where a sea-borne expedition
can now be prepared in complete secrecy.
(I.C. 0485/40).

Amphibious
Tanks.

A.4 report emanating from high Fifth Columnist
German in this country that over 100 tanks
of 170 tons Amphibious type are being erected
on Belgian Coast. (B.N.A., Buenos Aires,
1745/17).

1 Cruiser &
4 destroyers
off Narvik

Enemy cruiser and 4 destroyers position Narvik
2020/17, course 250. 8 knots. (Aircraft
204 Sqdn., 2030/17, C. in C., Rosyth, 2030/17 to
Submarines on patrol).

M.T.B. attack

1 enemy M.T.B., 7 miles east of Dungeness.
(VIVACIOUS, 2350/17). My 2350, 1 torpedo
missed ahead (VIVACIOUS, 2359/17).

1 M.T.B.

1 M.T.B. bearing 180 degrees St. Catherines
Pt. 4. (Portsmouth, 1620/17).

Norwegian Warships

Request report on state, armament, etc., to
enable decision on future employment to be made.
(D.O.D.(H) 1308/17).



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Shipping

Until further orders, no more merchant shipping of any nationality employed commercially is to be sailed for French ports. (D.T.D., 1110/17).

If it becomes necessary to sail all shipping in French ports, Short Sea Traders should proceed to Belfast and Clyde in equal numbers. Ocean-going ships empty or loaded with coal to Hampton Roads or Sydney, Cape Breton; if loaded with other cargo, unseaworthy, or short of bunkers, to Belfast and Clyde in equal numbers. Tankers, if empty to Capetown, otherwise to Falmouth. Object is to clear all shipping, British, Allied and Neutral. (D.T.D. 1112/17 to B.N.L.O., Brest). (see also Operation Ariel).

Suspicious
Ships

Ships sighted by aircraft 56:50 N., 10:00 W., 210/9/0405 to be regarded with suspicion (Donibristle 0645/17).

Some Swedish and Finnish Cellulose ships have agreed to proceed from Bergen to Germany under their own crews. They leave Bergen tonight in small groups. (O.I.C. 0485).

Adty. Message ^{for} (B.R.) Ships are not to proceed to French ports. Ships bound for French ports should call at a convenient British port on their route. (D.T.D. to all British M.V.'s, 1516/17).

Broadcast from all G.B.M.S. Stations under your control.

Merchant ships of all nationalities are warned that as French Broadcasting stations are now under German control they should disregard any messages or instructions issued by such stations. (D.T.D. to all stations, 1914/17).

All ships other than French diverted to Falmouth from OGF 34 and having coal cargoes on board are to be sent to London. Report names of ships arriving from this convoy and those ordered as above to London. French ships are to be held pending further orders. (D.T.D. 0040/18 to H.C.S.O. Falmouth).



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Ships in
French Atlantic
Ports

A.C.N.S.(T) 1111/7. See Operation Ariel. (307)

Miscellaneous

Finnish Merchant Vessel MATHILDATHORDEN leaves Petsamo 18th June for Halifax and New York with about 40 survivors from H.M.S. HUNTER and 30 R.A.F. fitters. Personnel should be removed at sea if possible or ship taken to a convenient port to do this. (F.O.C.N.P. 1251/17, to N.P.)

Russian
movements

Motala Radio reported 2200/17 that Russian Battleship OKTABRYSKAYA REVOLUTSIYA has arrived at Tallinn in company with other Naval units.

There has been considerable Russian Naval activity in the Baltic in the past week and Russian Warships are also reported from Meza and Zibau. (N.I.D. VI).

Weather

	<u>Wind</u>	<u>Weather</u>	<u>Visibility</u>
0645/17			
North Sea			
(a) N. Half	Light and variable.	Cloudy.	Mainly good.
(b) S. Half	N. or N.E., moderate to fresh.	Cloudy with drizzle and fog patches in S.W. of area.	Moderate to good.
Horn's Reef	E.N.E., light to moderate.	Cloudy.	Mainly good.
Channel	N.N.E., moderate.	Overcast or cloudy with occasional drizzle. Patches of fog (thin) or haze.	Moderate.
W.Approaches	N. Light to moderate.	Fair to cloudy.	Good.

CASUALTIES AND DEFECTS

Home Commands

HAVELOCK

Starboard engine out of action, intending return her to U.K. forthwith. Am transferring to HIGHLANDER as S.N.O.A. float Loire. (Captain D.9 1417/17 to Adty.)

MURMANSK

Armed trawler. Grounded and abandoned at Brest during evacuation of B.E.F.

GLORIOUS)
ACASTA)

Request survivors be interrogated if they can corroborate that ACASTA scored one hit on fore part of an enemy cruiser. (C. in C.H.F. 1428/17)

Foreign Stations

RICHARD DE LARRINAGA

British reported 12/6 as being 8 days overdue at Buenos Aires, had by then arrived at that port and sailed again for Bahia Blanca, cleared from there 14/6 for Freetown.

WESTCOTT

Collided with S.S. NYROCA during afternoon and was holed. Speed reduced to 8 knots. (Scapa W/T, 1459/17, 1530/17)

ITALIAN MERCHANT SHIPS

MADDA

5181 G.T. arrived Teneriffe 17th June (I.C. 0485/40)

FELCE

Seized at Haifa with 8250 tons phosphate in bulk (C. in C.Med. 0942/17)

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North Atlantic

Convoy Positions HX53. (D.T.D. 1318/17 to C.O.A.C. Halifax).

French Convoys and Patrols Positions (D.C. 0825/17 to C. in C., W.A.)

British Submarines Positions at 0600/18 (V.A.S. 1837/17).

Lisbon

Until situation here clarifies, request only urgent secret matters should be sent to me. Am destroying non-essential matter now. (N.C.S.O. Lisbon, 1130/17).

Canary Islands

Requesting geographical position of aerodromes in Canary Is., and appreciation of situation there. (S.O.I., Gibraltar to D.N.I., 1712/17). Replies (Madrid, 2119/18, D.N.I., 1470/18).

Tangier affair regarded as Spanish victory and is fermenting demand for Gibraltar. More reasonable opinion considers Spanish entry into war as impossible, yet enthusiasm for it among Falangist Youth. All agree that whatever Italian-German demands, will be readily granted Gibraltar being promised in return. From trustworthy source it is stated all British will be expelled from island. (Palmas, Majorca, to Humdrum, London. 1930/17).

Have instructed Barcelona sail British ships PINTO and CORTES and Dutch THESSABILITIES to Gibraltar forthwith in territorial waters. (F.O.C.N.A. 1940/17). Cancel my 1836/17 (F.O.C.N.A., 2202/17).

Spain and Gibraltar

Suggestions for flying boats to fly to Malta if Spanish attack on Gibraltar materialises. (H.Q., Med., to Air Ministry, 2330/17).

Report of forthcoming attack on Gibraltar

French N.A. has received report from French Consul Heulva that Portuguese Consul has informed his Govt. that attack on Gibraltar is imminent by Italian and German aircraft and Spanish ground forces. Attack is only waiting arrival of specially powerful explosive known as T.4 coming by Italian submarines.

In my opinion this is a (? confirmation of version of enemy plan involving some unauthorised Spanish elements. I cannot grade accuracy of source. I have taken steps to see.....



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Report of forthcoming attack on Gibraltar (Contd.)

see that Spanish authorities are privately informed (N.A. Madrid 1229/17).

Intelligence points to Spain opening hostilities very soon by heavy attack all arms on Gibraltar probably with aid Italian air and ground and German air forces in which event all seagoing units Navy would leave Gibraltar immediately. Plans made to evacuate R.A.F. to Port Lyantey in accordance with H.Q. Med. instructions in these circumstances now likely to prove useless in view French situation. Suggest only alternative to preserve 202 Sqdns. for aircraft to fly direct to U.K., remainder personnel and equipment to follow by any ship available. Would appear Swordfish must be abandoned as provision suitable shipping highly improbable (200 Group 1755/17).

South Atlantic

Disposal of French Naval Units.

B.N.L.O. Dakar reports Admiral at Dakar has received telegram from Admiral Darlan ordering him to continue. Admiral at Dakar stated even if later this order is reversed navy at Dakar will join British. Suggest arrival of CARNARVON CASTLE or MOOLTAN be hastened as presence of British warship would make good impression and help to maintain morale.

British M.L.O. reports shore battery and A/A personnel have offered their services and equipment to British. (C. in C., S.A. 2359/17).

Disposal of French Colonial Troops

Re disposal of British transports with French Colonial troops on board. (C. in C., S.A. 2231/17, 2239/17).

Your 1916/15, re Senegalese native troops to Brest. British CITY OF MARSEILLES is being sailed with accommodation for 450 troops under cover, balance on deck if necessary. Arranging if possible British CITY OF SIMLA to carry balance in addition to 700 troops mentioned in your 1845/12 by not fully loading cargo on coast. (N.O.I.C., Capetown, 1505/17, to Transports, London).

KIRRIEMOOR

A.C.N.Bs 1141/22/5. KIRRIEMOOR due Capetown 14/6, not arrived. (S.O.I., Capetown, 1618/17).



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Mediterranean - Policy

Ships for Dardanelles

Until certain that Turks mean to assist us fully by exercising contraband control in Straits, I do not intend to send on ships now awaiting passage from Egypt with military and road-making materials for Dardanelles. (C. in C. Med. 0143/17 to Adty.)
Reply. Your 0143/17. Your action is approved. (1 S.L. 2344/18 to C. in C. Med.).

not
Italian Tankers to be sunk on sight.

Italian tankers are to be sunk on sight without warning. (C. in C., Med. 1041/17 to Capt. S.1)
Cancelled (C. in C., Med. 1809/18).

Mediterranean - Operations

Cable cut

Ref. my 1417/15 (re Northern 2 cables between Malta and Bona) cable cut between Pantellaria and Cape Bon. (S.O.I. Malta 1405/17 to D.N.I.)

Envelope B.S.2 Appendix 1, Area 2. Add new zones N and O (details) (C. in C., Med., 1321/17).

British positions 1300/17 (D.C. 0922/17).

N.O.I.C. Haifa

Request his appointment be extended to N.O.I.C. Palestine Ports. (C. in C., Med., 1817/17).

Martial Law, Egypt.

Reference draft proclamations to impose British martial law in Suez Canal Area or over Egypt generally. Army Council with concurrence of Admiralty and Air Ministry have directed that for purpose of internal security powers to be exercised by G.O. C. in C., Egypt under martial law should cover all Members of H.M. Forces in Egypt including those not directly under his command. Any directions given by the G.O. C. in C. for the purposes of internal security are therefore to be complied with by Naval Authorities if martial law is declared. (1327/17 to C. in C., Med., Head of M.)



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Mediterranean - Air.

British Air Activity

Understand refuelling facilities can no longer be guaranteed available at Tunis, El Djem or virtually east of general line Tebessa. Would appreciate confirmation. (H.Q., R.A.F., M.E., to 5th Air Army, Algiers 0942/17).

Tobruk bombed

Tobruk naval oil tanks bombed night of 16-17/6 (H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. 1846/17).

Enemy Air Activity

Air raids on Malta

4 raids, first by 10 aircraft, dropping 38 bombs line Corradino to Luga. Gladiators attacked and hit one enemy several times. Damage slight raids 2 and 3. Attacked DIAMOND, hit by splinters, no casualties. Raid 4 on Takali 15 bombs dropped (F.O.I.C. Malta 2005/17 H.Q. Med. to Air Min. 1755/17).

Mediterranean - Mining

An Italian minefield exists in 32:19 N., 24:8 E. (off Tobruk). Limits not known, but direction probably 080° - 260° (I.C. 0484/40)

In view of the rapidly changing minelaying situation on the Medit. Station, this Station can no longer be regarded as "contiguous" to the Home Station. H.M. Ships will be supplied with QK Messages but not repetition not QB Messages. Merchant vessels will be routed to Gibraltar if they are required to enter the Medit. (Head of M. 2048/17 to C. in C. Med. etc.)

Mediterranean - Enemy Intelligence

4 light craft

Four enemy light craft reported at 35:35 N. 35:35 E. off Latakia, Syria, at 1200/17, course 180. (O.I.C. 0485) (C. in C., Med., 1736/17).



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Mediterranean - Enemy Intelligence (Contd.)

Submarines
Navarino

Reference orders detain in port all British ships I presume movements between Greek ports either by night or mostly in territorial waters are permitted. Have received C.3 report that Italian Submarine patrol is off Navarino. There are 2 British ships lying at Kalamata awaiting instructions which could be ordered to Navarino to await mythical convoy if you wish a bait. (Athens, 1300/17)

Mediterranean - Shipping

Orders to
Shipping

Your 2305/15. Eastbound British ships sheltering in North Africa ports should proceed Gibraltar in westbound convoys. British MASIRAH and British GLEN HEAD should remain at Bizerta. (C. in C., Med., to B.N.L.O., Bizerta, 2059/17).

All British, allied and neutral shipping in Southern French ports should be sailed soon as possible during dark hours via Spanish territorial waters to Gibraltar, subject to my OC41/17 to B.M.L.O. Toulon only. (D.T.D., 1545/17).

My 1545/17. Following require to be shipped to U.K., using any shipping available. 400 British civilians awaiting repatriation at Marseilles. British Consul Nice repeats that 3,000 British civilians there wish to be evacuated. (D.T.D., 1953/17, to M.C.S.O., Marseilles).

Your 1501/16. The intention is to hold temporarily all cargoes for neutral ports in the Mediterranean until M.E.W. has arranged with Neutral Govts. concerned to report their safe arrival. Ships with cargoes solely for Turkey should be excluded from my 1554/15 and may be released now. Instructions for Alexandria apply to Port Said so far as it is practicable to enforce them there. As regards other Eastern Medit. ports under our ~~REE~~ control shipments for Medit. neutrals have already been stopped by instructions from Colonial Office to revoke and cease issuing export licences for Medit. neutral countries other than Egypt and Turkey. (D.E.W.D. 1301/17 to C. in C., Med.).

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East Indies.Convoy B.N.1.

Your 1159/16. Convoy B.N.1 leaves Bombay 0230Z 23/6. Route. Should pass Perim at dusk 4/7. F.O.C.R.I.N. to C.-in-C., E.I., 1121Z/17).

Hospital Carrier.

Air HQ. concerned with evacuation of invalids and casualties from Aden and Berbera to India which might be required at any time. Understand hospital ships, British ship VITA not ready until early July. If occasion arises intend to offer Italian ESQUILINO to them as hospital carrier, manned probably by Norwegian crew ex Norwegian ship JAMES STOVE, accommodation about 300 passengers. (S.N.C., Red Sea, 1238Z/17.)

CATHAY for S.A. Station Admiralty 2359/14, transfer of A.M.C. to S.A. station. Intend to transfer CATHAY. (C.-in-C. EI 1227Z/17).

Destroyers, Minesweepers Admiralty 0459/16. Would welcome H.M.A. ships PARRACATTA and YARRA as reinforcement to Red Sea Force but would not like to lose DERBY and HUNTLEY which are most suitable and frequently only available ships for local minesweeping at Aden. (C. in-C. EI 1231Z/17.) *Reply: 1631/20, p. 240.*

ChinaRelations with French

For information. H.M.S. DAUNTLESS arrives Saigon 20th June. Pending instructions intend visit to stand. Am prepared to proceed by air to Saigon at short notice to confer with French ~~XXXX~~ Admiral but am awaiting further developments before deciding. General Officer Commanding is prepared to accompany me to Hanoi to confer with French General (s) ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ if War Office considers it advisable. If visit concurred in should be grateful for indication of line we should take. Adty. pass War Office. (C. in C., China, 1506Z/17)

Situation

G.O.C. has shown me War Office Tel: 74123 of 16th June. While watching closely the situation in the Far East I see no reason as yet to alter refitting programme and I intend to refit H.M.S. DURBAN at Hong Kong early in July. Estimated time 7 weeks. (C. in C., China, 0500Z/17).



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FOREIGN STATIONS

America and West Indies

Oil Tankers

Your 1604/16. Consider Bermuda more suitable than Jamaica, and up to 15 tankers could be detained at Bermuda. If reserve required in Caribbean Sea, propose Jamaica for about 10 tankers. Consider Trinidad too exposed to attack. (C. in C., M.A. & W.I. 1002/17 to Adty.)

Dispositions

In view of major crisis consider effort to catch odd Italian ships causing too much dispersion and that we should now conserve our effort. Am withdrawing my ships to bases so as to be ready for next phase. (C. in C., A. W.I., 1311/17).

French Warships

Canadian S.O.(I) Halifax 0855/16. Understand from attitude of French Officer on leaving that they would be prepared to put into a British port if order to do so. (C.N.S., Ottawa, 1101/17). (Refers to departure of Fr. Training Cruiser JEANNE D'ARC & Fr. Aircraft Carrier BEARN).

Examination Service

Will be established in the Strait of Canso on 22/6 (Ottawa W/T, 1606/17).

Tankers

Your 1604/16. Under present conditions estimated a total of 80 ships can be held in Halifax, Sydney C.B., and St. John N.B. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 1856/17 to Adty.)

S.S. ELPIS (GREEK) FLYING GREEK FLAG AND NAME ON SIDES

GROSS TONS & ARMAMENT: 3681; no armament.

DATE AND TIME: June 16 - 17. Ten minutes past midnight; full moon.

POSITION: Latitude 43°48'N. Longitude 14°04'W. 216' from Spain.

SPEED: 3 knots; stopped ship on sighting S/M.

ROUTE: San Lorenzo via St. Vincent to Wrenmouth.

CARGO: Wheat

IN CONVOY: no

ESCORT: none

FATE OF CREW: 26 all told; all saved.

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Fresh N.N.E. wind, choppy sea, worse later in boats.

REMARKS:-

At above time and position large enemy S/M surfaced 150 metres away on port side. Crew immediately started to abandon ship and boats lowered. S/M then signalled by Morse lamp using English letters "Abandon Ship." No time was lost. The two boats got away in good order. The Captain and the wireless operator stayed in the ship for about 5 minutes and sent out distress signal and position three times before getting into boat. The ship was then torpedoed amidships (one torpedo) and went down in a few minutes. The S/M was on the surface only 100 metres away. S/M did not "speak" the boats and submerged after ship had sunk.

Boats steered E. towards Spanish coast and were picked up by British ship S.S. MERKLAND on 18th in 14°10'N. 11°20'W. The S/M resembled diagram of U-45.

DATE: 26th July 1940.

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MINING

Ships attacked.

- ELPIS Greek attacked by submarine 43°46'N 14°4'W at 0456 (C. in C.W.A.0535/17) *Sunk (I.C. 0483/40)*
- CHAMPLAIN French (28,124 tons) mined 0945/17 off Sunk La Pallice and sank. (S.N.O. La Pallice, 1000/17) Sunk by mine or torpedo 46°10'N 1°14'W (I.C.0485/40)
- CANTON A.M.C. Missed by torpedo at 1734/17 at 54°26'N 11°16'W. (328° Slyne Head 74') (CANTON, 1734/17). Believed 2 submarines in company (CANTON, 1746/17)

Submarines reported.

- 0109 43°46'N 14°4'W (about 270 miles W of Cape Finisterre) reported by Greek SS ELPIS (ACWA 0251/17) (See Ships attacked) (ELPIS 0122/17) Cancel my 0251. Position incorrect CALENDULA in touch with ELPIS (ACWA.0534/17)
- 0425 47°N 15°30'W (312° Finisterre 360°) (O.I.C.0484)
- 0707 45°30'N 15°W (O.I.C.0484)
- 0910 47°30'N 8°W (248° Ushant 130') (O.I.C.0484)
- 2005 35°55'N 14°32'E (off entrance to Grand Harbour, Malta) by DIAMOND
- 2012 60°N.15°W. Unknown Enemy Unit, probably U-Boat. Unreliable fix. D/F report. (D.D.I.C.2112/17 to V.A.N.P.)
- 0129 43°46' N., 14°04' W., 283° Finisterre 218'. Greek ELPIS reported U/B. (I.C., 0484/40)
- 1921 32°2'N 30°0'E (25 miles N.W. Risetta) by STUART
- 0830 and 0910 47°30' N., 8°W., 248° Ushant 130'., position indefinite. (I.C., 0484/40)
- 0825 43°53'N 13°59'W (about 220 miles W. Finisterre) (a/c report)



U-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MINING

Submarines reported. (Contd.)

- 1510 48°25'N 6°45'W (about 65 miles W. Ushant)
(a/c report) (C. in C.W.A.1551/17)
- 1734 CANTON reported 2 submarines 54°25'N 11°16'W

Estimated dispositions -

- 2 in Finisterre area
- 3 in Western approaches
- 1 S.W. of Ireland outward bound
- 1 N. of Scotland homeward bound
- 1 N. of Shetlands homeward bound
- 1 off W. of Iceland and possibly 1 S.E. of Iceland
- 1 in Bergen area
- 1 Italian, probably between Gibraltar and Madeira
(I.C., 0484/40) (D.D.I.C. 2024/17)

- 1450 11 miles W. of Helder (By A/C) (I.C. 0485/40)
- 1413 48°45'N 13°30'W (227° Fastnet 225') Position
very indefinite. (I.C. 0485/40)
- 1905 51°15'N 3°52'W (314° Lynton 1½') Seen from
shore. (Course N.E. (I.C.0485/40)

Submarines attacked.

- 0825 43°53'N 13°59'W by A/C (O.I.C. 0484)
Six bombs dropped and hits claimed (Cab.War
Record 289) (C.in C.W.A. 0944/17. 2204/17)
- 1510 48°24'N 6°45'W (268° Ushant 65'). Bombed by
A/C. and two Destroyers ordered to attack.
(O.I.C. 0485) 2 Direct hits claimed (Cab.War
Record 289) (C. in C.W.A. 2359/17 to Admiralty)
- Details of attacks at 0825 and 1510 (C. in C.W.A.,
2058/17)

Mediterranean

Submarines Reported.

- 1921 32°02'N 30°E (330° Rosetta Mouth 35') Reported
by STUART. (O.I.C. 0485)
A Greek ship arriving Syra 16th June met two
submarines between Milos and Crete and a third

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SITUATION REPORT.

Withdrawal of
troops from
France.

Part of the French armies are still fighting.

H.M. Consuls at French possessions have been instructed to assure local French authorities that we will do all in our power to assist the French possessions to defend themselves. (D.N.I. 1755/18).

Withdrawal of the 140,000 British troops in France is proceeding from ports on the North, North West, and West coasts.

At Brest, evacuation of personnel was completed by 2300/17. Demolitions were to be carried out by the French. The Germans entered Brest at 1900/18, and stores and motor transport had to be left behind. The armed trawler MURMISK grounded at Brest during the operations and had to be abandoned.

All personnel was evacuated from Cherbourg and St. Malo by 1600/18 and demolitions completed. At St. Nazaire, S.N.O. left in WINCHELSEA at 1315/18 with Brigadier Gill and staff; a number of Belgians remained to be evacuated at night. All A.A. guns, tanks, and the best equipment were withdrawn. Ships were sailed for La Pallice and Bordeaux, in readiness for evacuation there. ARETHUSA is at Le Verdon and BERKELEY at Bordeaux.

Up to midnight 18/19 the total landed in the United Kingdom was 82,014.

French Naval
Forces.

See Adty.1850/18 in Operations Volume.

Every effort is being made to persuade the French Government to order the French Fleet to British ports or alternatively to sink itself before armistice terms are discussed.

Council and Ministers have agreed unanimously to refuse any terms which include surrender of French Fleet. (D.N.I. 1755/18).

The battleship COURBET was off Ushant at 2215/18, steering north. The battleship PARIS is proceeding to Plymouth. The new battleship RICHELIEU sailed for Dakar at 1747/18 from Brest.

All French naval forces are believed to have left Cherbourg.

Admiral, Ovest, in LE HARDI has left Brest for Dakar. All French naval forces ready to steam at Brest, Lorient and St. Nazaire, were to leave before tonight for Casablanca, including the new destroyers EPÉE and MAMELUCK at Lorient.



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It was intended to try to take the uncompleted battleship JEAN BART out of St. Nazaire, empty of fuel, during the night of 18-19. She is to be refuelled at sea and sailed for Casablanca.

All French a/c. ready to fly have left Brest for Hourtin, south of the Gironde.

Admiral, Ovest, intends to sail for British ports any French M.Vs. which have not enough fuel and water to go to Casablanca.

A French convoy of six fully-loaded store ships on passage from Greenock to Brest, escorted by two armed French trawlers, has been diverted by Admiral, Ovest, to Milford Haven.

ARK ROYAL and HOOD

ARK ROYAL and 4 destroyers left Scapa 1545/17 to R.V. at 2000/18 with HOOD and screening destroyers from Clyde, 250 miles west of Malin Head (N.Ireland). HOOD and ARK ROYAL are then to proceed to Gibraltar with despatch.

Action with E. boats

VESPER and VIVACIOUS were in action with 2 German E boats off Dungeness about 0230/18. One torpedo was fired at ~~VIVACIOUS~~ and missed. The enemy escaped.
VIVACIOUS see p. 341

Enemy Cruiser off Narvik.

A Sunderland A/C on reconnaissance in the Narvik area 2030/17 reported an enemy cruiser and 4 destroyers off Narvik proceeding on a westerly course at 8 knots.

Enemy Transport sunk.

TETRARCH reports that on 16/6 she sank an escorted southbound transport off Lister Light.

British AIR Activity.

Normal patrols were flown. A new anti-invasion patrol of Lysander a/c is being flown at dawn and dusk between Sheerness and Selsey Bill from p.m. 18/6. 6 Hudsons left at 0900/18 to attack the 6 destroyers sighted and attacked yesterday off Norderney; and were later ordered to investigate a bomber pilot's report that a battleship was anchored at the mouth of the Elbe. No ships were sighted except 15 barges off the docks at Norderney.

Three Blenheims carried out a reconnaissance of Stavanger. Seven M.V.'s of about 2,000 tons each were observed.

Coastal and Fighter Commands provided air protection for the evacuation of British forces from France during the afternoon.

Enemy Air Activity.

Chatham was raided at midnight 18-19/6. Two bombs were dropped, one into the mud between R.N. Armament Depot at Upnor and the training ship ARETHUSA, and one on to a disused barge shed. 8 bombs fell near Hole Haven oil depot, and a number near Shell Haven, where the pumping station was set on fire. Bombs were also dropped on Southend.

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Nine enemy A/C were brought down by our fighters, and three by other means. Four others were possibly destroyed.

Mining

Brest is closed.

A magnetic mine was exploded off Portsmouth and one off Lowestoft.

5 Hampdens laid mines in the Estuary of the Elbe during the night of 17/18 June.

Attacks on Shipping

At 1654/18, the British ship NIAGARA (13,4⁴15 tons) was sunk by an explosion, origin unknown, off North Island, New Zealand. A mine was swept up near the position.

Italian Hostilities

Malta was raided at 0915. One bomb was dropped, which exploded about 10 minutes after contact. No damage was done.

A/C reported that the damaged Italian submarine was still at Ceuta.

The Governor and C in C. reports that the number of A.A. guns at Gibraltar is quoted in derision in the Spanish Press.

He suggests that the promise of even a small expeditionary Force to North Africa might do much to stimulate the French to carry on the struggle there and might also restrain Spain.

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Movements

Home Fleet

Fleet is at 2 hours' notice for steam (C. in C., H.F., 1040/18).

NEWCASTLE)
SUSSEX)

Return to Scapa with despatch (C. in C., H.F. 0954/18).

GALATEA)
IMOGEN)
GRIFFIN)

To be sailed for Plymouth with despatch (D.O.D. (H) 0105/18 to C. in C., Portsmouth) Arrived 0930 (C. in C., W.A. 1018/18).

CORFU
CANTON

Your 1610/17. Vessels should remain under operational control of C. in C., Western Approaches unless current operations are suspended or until ships are required to proceed to Freetown. (D.O.D. (H) 1729/18 to V.A.N.P.).

Submarines

Positions 0800/19 and movements (V.A. (S) 1944/18)

HOOD &
ARK ROYAL

Sailed from Clyde 0407/18 escorted by FRASER, RESTIGOUCHE, SKEENA, ST. LAURENT, and WANDERER to R/V with ARK ROYAL in accordance with C. in C. H.F. 2314/17 (F.O.I.C. Greenock 0407/18).

My 2000/17. ARK ROYAL and HOOD are required at Gibraltar as soon as possible. (D.D.O.D. (H) to V.A.A.)

No further air escort available (C. in C., Rosyth 1046/18 to ARK ROYAL).

Disposal of French Fleet

Following from B.N.L.O. Cherbourg. Admiral Nord proposes to send all warships and seaplanes based at Cherbourg to Portsmouth if peninsular line is forced. It is now being attacked T.O.O. 0036/18. Ends. (C. in C., Portsmouth 0207/18).

Cherbourg

Pass to French Adty. from F.N.L.O., British Adty. We are informed that as defences of the Carentan Line have been forced and as it seems impossible to resist more than a few hours longer, Admiral Nord has taken dispositions to evacuate to England the Fleet under his orders. (For F.N.L.O. 1236/18 to B.N.L.O. Bordeaux).



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Admiral West has decided to evacuate forces Maritime Ouest TOR 1001/18 (A.C.W.A. 1243/18 to VANQUISHER)

? All ships left Brest. (COURTIER 2155/18)

Brest Force

BROKE reports French Naval Force leaves this evening for Port Mollendo, North Africa. Admiral West Mollendo in LE HARDI. Demolition intended for 2359. 1556. Ends. This includes RICHELIEU (C. in C., W.A. 2055/18).

RICHELIEU

RICHELIEU has sailed with Admiral West (BROKE 1747/18).

V.C.N.S. 1850/18 to All C's in C. and S.N.O.'s concerned. see Operations Volume.

RICHELIEU
PARIS

Evacuation from St. Malo and Cherbourg completed 1600. Enemy in Brest at 1900 - situation of French Naval Forces in these ports not fully known, but RICHELIEU sailed at 1747 with Admiral Ouest in LE HARDI for Dakar and PARIS proceeded Plymouth. All French Naval forces believed left Cherbourg. (D.C. 2022/18).

Brest Forces
to sail for
Casablanca.

Information collected from Admiral Ouest (Brest) at 1600 B.S.T./18.

1. All French naval forces at Brest, Lorient and St. Nazaire ready to steam will be sailed before tonight for Casablanca except RICHELIEU which will sail to Dakar. EPEE, MAMELUCK (new destroyers) will leave Lorient tonight.

JEAN BART

2. Intended to try to take out of St. Nazaire tonight JEAN BART empty of fuel. Will refuel at sea and sail for Casablanca.

3. Admiral Ouest was informed of presence of tugs and demolition party, but stated all arrangements made and no assistance required.

M. Vs

4. French M.Vs who have not enough fuel and water to go to Casablanca to sail for Milford Haven, Falmouth or Plymouth.

6 Store ships

5. Plans for demolition at Brest and Lorient are ready. Order for execution is to be given at any moment today. (C. in C., W.A. 2254/18).

COURBET

Off Ushant, steering North (MACKAY 2215/18 to A.C.W.A.)



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France

Evacuation of B.E.F.

WHIRLWIND

Sailed for Girande (C. in C., W.A. 0254/18).

Stores to be evacuated from Brest.

BROKE act as S.N.O. Brest. Apparently all British troops have been evacuated but situation as regards stores and M.T.'s is not clear. Important that all British stores should be evacuated if possible.

Certain L.L. M/S equipment may be in French trawlers, endeavor to obtain or destroy this, also specifications of the gear.

Reported that 7000 Belgians arrive pm/18 for evacuation. Also French and Polish troops from Norway under general Betho~~art~~ may wish to leave. (C. in C., W.A. 0324/18 to BROKE)

Personnel only to be embarked

Your 2331/17. Final instructions from G.H.Q. after several reversals of policy during Monday forenoon was Personnel only to be embarked: About 25 guns were embarked. (S.N.O. Brest in MACKAY 0031/18 to C. in C., W.A.)

Brest - minesweeping

Your 2325/17. Every assistance will be given. 3 large Tugs have been sent St. Nazaire. L.L. Sweepers ordered to remain at Brest. BROKE is now S.B.N.O. at Brest. Please communicate your requirements. (C. in C., W.A. 0425Z/18 to Ad. Ouest).

Air raid

Enemy bombing Berthaume (BROKE 0607/18).

Cherbourg area

157 Infantry Brigade began arriving Cherbourg Area about 1800/17, apparently not followed up by enemy. Numbers evacuated to midnight 17/18:

Fit	41,770
Wounded	732
Guns	71
Vehicles	595

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145 Heavy Bombers employed during night. Two missing. (W.O. Summary to 0700/18).



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France (Contd.)

Brest &
Le Pallice
closed

Brest and La Pallice closed. Mines probable (A.C.W.A. 0714/18 to Ships)

Embarkation of Personnel will be complete pm/18 but no stores and no M.T. and no shipping available for either. (S.N.O. St. Nazaire 0730/18 to C. in C., W.A.).

→ Last Shipment

Close Cherbourg. Be ready to go alongside Quai du Honet to evacuate last shipment of about 800 troops and naval demolition party 50 and to provide covering fire. (C. in C. Portsmouth 1107/18 to SABRE and FERNIE).

St. Malo
evacuated

St. Malo evacuation complete. Preparing demolition Closing down wireless. (C. in C., Portsmouth 1325/18 to FOXGLOVE).

All M/T and Store ships crammed to capacity with Personnel; all holds in use and men short of food and water. If these conditions can be accepted propose detail BAHARISTAN with 2500 troops on board. (S.N.O. St. Nazaire 1440/18 to A.C.W.A.).

Impending
attack on Brest

Reported Germans making special efforts reach Brest quickly. Inform Admiral Ovest. (C. in C., W.A. 1442/18 to BROKE).

In view impending attack on Brest request you will leave Harbour Gate open. (A.C.W.A. 1444/18 to Admiral Ovest).

Nantes.
No fighters

Understand there are now no fighters at Nantes (C. in C., W.A. 1514/18 to D.9).

→ Cherbourg
Evacuated.

Evacuation of Cherbourg and demolition completed satisfactorily. (FERNIE 1720/18 to C. in C. Portsmouth).

S.N.O. St. Nazaire evacuated Port at 1315/18 with Brigadier Gill and Staff. (S.N.O. St. Nazaire in WINCHESTER 1817/18 to A.C.W.A.).

Operation Ariel^a completed. All Personnel evacuated Cherbourg and St. Malo. Demolition completed. (C. in C., Portsmouth 1823/18 to Adty.)

Cable to be
destroyed

French cable company report Germans are marching into Brest. Cable will be destroyed at 7 p.m. (C.T.C. to Adty. Recd. 1921/18)



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Operations

France (Contd.)

Polish Army

ARETHUSA's 2052/17. Every effort is to be made to evacuate these troops. W.O. ~~etc~~ endeavouring to trace their whereabouts. (D.O.D.(H) 1338/18 to C. in C., W.A.).

Refugees

Can only embark 200 of 600 refugees expected this afternoon unless I can use Dutch and Norwegian ships. If present flow of refugees continues I must ask for ships to be sent here. Can you give me estimate of total number to be expected. (ARETHUSA 1342/18 to BERKELEY)

Have now requisitioned Dutch ship BENNEKOM for refugees. She can accommodate 400 (ARETHUSA 1444/18 to BERKELEY)

→ WHIRLWIND

Expects arrive Le Verdon at 0500/19. (C. in C. W.A. 1705/18 to ARETHUSA).

SOBIESKI
KOMNIGIN
EMMA

Sail SOBIESKI and KOMNIGIN EMMA for Mouth of Gironde forthwith, to make contact there with British Warships. (C. in C., W.A. 1759/18 to D.S.T. Plymouth) O.

Czech troops

One Czech Divn. with A/C total 12,000 is at Agde near Montpellier, Marseilles. Endeavour contact its General Inger at Bezier and inform him that if he can reach Bordeaux before enemy troops interfere with route, transport to U.K. will be provided. (C. in C., W.A. 1951/18 to ARETHUSA).

Have you enough tonnage for evacuation Gironde? (C. in C., W.A. 1943/18 to ARETHUSA).

Sailed MADURA for Falmouth and NARIVA for Bristol Channel. Intercept and escort (ARETHUSA → 1925/18 to WHIRLWIND).

Operations

*Seizure of
Swedish
Destroyers.*

Four Swedish destroyers FSILANDER, PUKE, ROMULUS, and REMUS probably accompanied by supply ship PATRICIA and tanker CASTOR left Queenstown 15th June and will probably call Faroes to refuel from CASTOR. (Hd. of M. 1645/18 to N.O.I.C. Faroes).
Advising Northern Patrol. (F.O.C.N.P., 1851/18)

To be seized under rights of Angary. See p. 362.



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AIR

British Air Activity

R/C of Stavanger

3 Blenheims leave Sumbrough shortly for r/c of Stavanger (C. in C., Rosyth, 1054/18)

Identification Signals

Measures to safeguard and to conserve stocks of pyrotechnic signals (Air Min. 1229/18)

Marx and Borkum air bases to be attacked

At first convenient opportunity you should undertake heavy attack with night bombers on Marx Aerodrome and Borkum Seaplane Base with the object of reducing scale of mine laying now being carried out from these two air bases against our Naval Bases and ports on the East and South Coast. (Air Min. 1315/18 to Bomber Cmd.)

R/C's of Norway coast

2 Blenheim aircraft leave Sumbrough as soon as possible to R/C Norwegian coast from 60°N to Lister (C. in C., Rosyth 1758/18 to C. in C., H.F.)

Following R/C's ordered in addition to my 1928/18. Trondheim and Fiords down to 62°N; Bergen and Fiords up to 62° N coasts and Fiords between Bergen and Stavanger; and Aarlborg (C. in C., Rosyth 1930/18 to C. in C., H.F)

Prohibited Area

Existing S. Coast Training Area cancelled Whole of English Channel to Lizard and ten miles inland from 3.30'W to 5.20' W is now a prohibited area except specified Training Area for day use only. (Air Ministry 1329/18)

0510

3 destroyers, stationary, attacked by aircraft, 53.45'N., 7.10'E., 5' N.W. Bordeney. No hits. (I.C., 0486/40)

0512

6 destroyers, stationary, attacked by aircraft 53.43'N., 7.12'E., 5' W by N., Bordeney. No hits. (I.C., 0486/40)

Invasion Patrols instituted

Lysander aircraft will carry out Dusk and Dawn Invasion Patrols along Coast Sheerness to Selsey from dusk 18/6 till further notice (D.C.1651/18 to C. in C., Home)

Enemy Air Activity

Raids on England ~~on~~ night (17/18)

See Situation Report.



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Enemy Intelligence

NURIBERG &
4 Minesweepers

Aircraft 2030/17, HIPPER class cruiser accompanied by 4 destroyers were 10 miles W. of Narvik apparently steering for exit from Ofot Fiord. (C. in C., Rosyth, 0554/18) (Donibristle 0514/18) Cruiser appears definitely of NURIBERG or LEIPZIG class (C. in C. Rosyth 2250/18)

The BLÜCHER class and 4 destroyers sighted by aircraft off Narvik have been identified from photographs as the NURIBERG and 4 of the latest M class minesweepers. (I.C., 0486/40)

Destroyers and
40 M.V.'s

2 aircraft reported at 0510 3 destroyers stationary 53.45'N 7.10'E, 6 destroyers 53.43'N 7.5'E and 40 small merchant ships all under 500 tons anchored off Emden at 0512. Further reconnaissance is being carried out (D.O.D. (H) 1000/18, to C. in C., H.F.) 3 destroyers were attacked, no hits (A.C.H. Chatham 0835/18)

E-Boat

RT intercept indicates presence of E-Boats towards Havre (C. in C., Portsmouth 0016/18)

VIVACIOUS
attacked by
E-boat

VIVACIOUS attacked by one E-boat at 2350/17 seven miles East of Dungeness. One torpedo missed ahead. VESPER on patrol sighted two, possibly four, E boats at 0114/18 near No 10 Buoy. Enemy retired to southward at high speed pursued by both Destroyers. Lost touch at 0150. (V.A. Dover 0900/18 to Adnty)

P.D.U. Sortie at 1200/18 shows one M.T.B. at Eastern Arm Avant-Port, Boulogne. (P.D.U.I. 2027/18 to N.I.D.)
R

M.T.B. had left Boulogne by 1945/18 (P.D.U.I. 0830/19 to N.I.D.)
R



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Enemy Intelligence, Contd.

- 1200. 1 E-boat, E. Amr Avant Port, Boulogne.
(I.C., 0486/40 had left by 1945/18)
 - No hostile craft in Havre, Fecamp, Dieppe etc., (I.C. 0486/40)
 - 2315 1 E-boat, 4 bombs dropped, near misses, entering Harlingen, Zuider Zee. (I.C. 0486/40)
 - 1323 7 M.V's, Stavanger (I.C. 0486/40)
- 6 destroyers and 19 merchant ships were reported by aircraft off the German Frisian Islands between 2305 and 2340. 1 large warship was reported anchored between Heligoland and Cuxhave at 2350 (I.C., 0486/40)



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HOME COMMANDS.

Shipping.

Insurance.

Government will cover all Allied or neutral vessels obeying Admiralty. 1112/17. (D.T.D.0346/18).

Routing to Med.

In view of the rapidly changing minelaying situation on the Mediterranean Station, this Station can no longer be regarded as "contiguous" to the Home Station. H.M. Ships will be supplied with QK messages but not repetition not QB Messages. Merchant vessels will be routed to Gibraltar if they are required to enter the Mediterranean. (H. of M. 1400/18. 5 C.C.W.A)

Shipping bound for France.

Neutral and Allied Shipping bound for France and met at sea is to be sent to a C.C.Base or U.K. Port for detention and enquiry. (Admiralty A Message 1314/18).

ORONSAY.

Arrived 1547 (C.-in-C. W.A. 1917/18 to Adty.)

Greenland Ships.

(See America and West Indies.)

HOME COMMANDS.

Miscellaneous.

French Cables.

Request sail ALERT when Escort available to divert Havre/Newfoundland cable into Penzance, to cut both Havre/Waterville cables in mouth of English Channel, and to repair Porthcarno/Lisbon cable 95' from Porthcurno. (DDODH. 1907/18 to C.-in-C. W.A.)

0500 B.S.T.

WEATHER.

North Sea.

<u>Wind.</u>	<u>Visibility</u>	<u>Outlook.</u>
N.E. fresh in South East, variable light or S.W. moderate in North.	Mainly good, haze in South.	Similar. Visibility improving in South.

Channel.

N. or N.E. moderate.	Good or very good.	Similar.
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Horns Reef, Dutch coast, Ska errak.

N.E., moderate or fresh.	Good.	Similar.
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Further north.

W. or S.W. light or moderate.	Good or moderate.	Visibility deteriorating.
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Tuesday.

CASUALTIES AND DEFECTS

SS OREGON

(British 6008 tons) reported overdue
12/6, arrived Las Palmas 13/6 (D.S)

MARIA CHINDRIS

Greek, Damaged by collision with
ELISABETH LENSEN. Towed into Falmouth.
(C.C.S.O. Falmouth, 1134/18 to M.E.W.)

SCIENTIST

British (6199 tons) left Durban 27/4,
overdue, presumed lost.

HAXBY

British (5209 tons) left Clyde 8/4 for
Corpus Christi, overdue, presumed lost.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Operation Aerial.

(Evacuation of British troops and material from Cherbourg and St. Malo).

While operation was successfully completed during the afternoon 18/6, Fighter patrol maintained over the area was the principal factor in this success.

FERNIE and SABRE bombed as the operation was drawing to a conclusion. (MO.11853/40)

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Shipping Detained.

North Atlantic.

(a) Orders for all Norwegian Ships to proceed to British ports and detaining of French ? Convoy 16th June at Gibraltar have given very bad impression here. No corresponding orders have been received from French Admiralty.

(b) Norwegian ~~ship~~ {MANNY} sailing from(?) Oran 20th June with urgently required stores announces intention to quit Convoy for British Port. Intend to instruct Master to proceed direct to Oran unless he receives further orders. (B.N.L.O., Casablanca 1727/18, to F.O.C.N.A.).

Mediterranean.

No. 767 F.A.A. Sqdn, from Toulon, request approval send them Gibraltar via Arzet (B.N.L.O., Bizerta, 2143/18).

GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPS.

China.

Took 476 tons of fresh water during May. (A.2.) Harbour Master stated ship unlikely to move near future.

Further negotiations reported for sale of 2 ships to Japanese. Yokohama, ELBE fitted to take additional 300 tons of oil fuel, loading provisions. (Capt. O.S. Singapore, 08262/18).

SCHARNHORST,
Kobe.
ELBE,
Yokohama.

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MINING.

Ships attacked.

Trawlers.

Two Spanish trawlers are reported to have been torpedoed and sunk on 18/6, position not known. (I.C. 0494/40)

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Your 1940/17. Gibraltar-Oran convoy of 7 ships due to leave 0600/19. Should it be sailed? (F.O.C.N.A. 1136/18)

French Attitude

French Govt. have proposed to Rogués that he should continue the fight. Suggest the promise of Expeditionary Force even small to North Africa where French are weak might go long way to stimulating French to carry on there. Might also restrain Spain (Governor Gib. 1155/18)

Gibraltar

No further indication of imminent attack by Spaniards and warning should be obtainable. All arrangements made to clear harbour quickly in event of heavy gunfire attack. (F.O.C.N.A. 1134/18 to Admt.)

South AtlanticHERMES

Proceed to Dakar at best possible speed (C. in C., S.A. 0240/18) Revert to control of C. in C., S.A. (D.O.D (F) 1445/18)

DELHI

Proceed to Dakar if fuel permits and come under orders of C. in C., S.A. (D.O.D. (F) 1445/18)

PATROCLUS

After refuelling at Gibraltar is to be sailed to rejoin Northern Patrol (D.O.D.(F) 1445/18 to C. in C., S.A.)

Dakar

Civilian morale poor and natives indifferent. If necessary shall attempt garrison Dakar Peninsular with loyal troops. Airport, Oil Tanks, and Docks can easily be destroyed from sea. Ample water, but food supplies would have to be sent. (B.L.O. Dakar, 0015/18 to War Office)

Fayal

German Nationals say Fayal will be German territory by next October. Fact. (F.C. Horta 2220/18)

FOREIGN STATIONS

Mediterranean

Operations and General

Disposal of
French Fleet

Admiral Godfroy commanding French force here expressed horror at idea of handing French ships over to Germans; said he would sooner scuttle them. He also asked if there was no possibility of continuing fighting under British Flag. Also said morale of French sailors was high. I have highest opinion of Godfroy. (C. in C., Med. 1345/18)

AA guns for
Gibraltar

It is hoped to evacuate certain R.A.F. personnel and Equipment including 13 three inch and 4 Bofors A/A Guns. If successful, serviceable Guns, Stores, and Ammunition with necessary Personnel should be disembarked at Gibraltar for Local defence. (D. of L.D. 1834/18 to F.O.C.N.A)

Results of
Operations

A/S operation by destroyers mentioned in my 1445/16 resulted in 1 and possibly 2 U-boats being attacked 40 miles N. of Alexandria. Result not yet known.
2. As result of report by French aircraft of 4 unknown enemy units off coast of Syria 1200/16 14th D F were ordered to vicinity of Kaso Straits and 1 Divn. 2nd D.F. to position 60 miles S. of Cape Guyda (Crete) and GLOUCESTER to near Rhodes. Flying boats cooperating, no result yet.
3. Operation planned.
4. Re Adty. 1936/14 and more extended operations. (C. in C. Med. 1549/18, 1701/19)

Enemy Air Activity

Malta

Raid from 0915 to 0925 G.M.T. by one aircraft which dropped one bomb at Hal Far. Bomb exploded about ten minutes after contact. No damage (H.Q. Malta 1613/18 to Air Ministry)

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Mediterranean, Contd.

Mining

Mines laid by enemy submarines have been well outside 100 fm. line. It is suspected they are in as much as 200 fathoms. Mines are known to be in 40.12'N., 17.29'E and also on lat. 40.13'N somewhere between 17.00 'E., and 17.31'E. (off Taranto). (I.C., 0486/40)

Shipping

British vessels or vessels under Allied control in Algerian Ports are to sail for Gibraltar as early as possible, in convoy if available but failing this independently using darkness and Spanish territorial waters. (D.F.D. 2308/18 to N.C.S.O. Algiers)

My Memo D727/5 of 30 May. Coastal Traffic to recommence using inshore route and cover of darkness. Escort will be provided for oiler and A.S.I.S. Other M/V's may be included in Oiler and A.S.I.S. convoy if of similar speed. Not thought that Aegean Convoy will be run for at least ten days. (C. in C. Med. 0019/16, Recd. 1313/18 to S.E.N.C. Suez Canal Area)

China

Shipping

Is your 1516/17 (ships not to proceed to French ports) intend to apply to ports in French Indo-China and is your 1940/17 (all French ships to proceed to nearest British port) intended to apply in China Station. (C. in C., China 0150/18 to Admtg) Reply. Use your discretion (A.S.I.S. (T) 1406/18)

Your 0150/18. Cancel my 1406/18. Yes. (D.F. 1848/18)

Incident at Ichang

Japanese aircraft flew low over river and sprayed British property 1100/17 killing and wounding many refugees. (M.L.O. Shanghai 08042/18)

Gunboats

CRICKET and TERN are being withdrawn for service elsewhere; but no present intention of withdrawing PETEREL who is permanent S.N.O. Shanghai. (C. in C. China 1112/18 to B. Ambassador, Tokyo).



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America & West Indies

Greenland
Ships

Admiralty and Ministry of Shipping suggest that GERTRUD RASK and GUSTAV HOLM owned by Greenland Government be allowed to continue to sail in Greenland waters flying Greenland flag. Neither ships nor Govt. have link with Copenhagen. (Hd. of M., 1518/18, to C.M.S., Ottawa).

New Zealand

Possible
Raider

The presence of mines in position 35.53'S 178.54'E., off Auckland, N.Z., indicates the possibility of a raider at large in the Pacific. (I.C., 0486/40)

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GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPS

FREIEMUELS
LEICHTMUELS
WICHTMUELS
BRUNNEN
BRITZA

Refuging at Trieste. Reported re-
quisitioned by Italian Govt. immediately
previous to their declaring war. (I.C.
0485/40)

BRITZA

Reported to have arrived Sibenik, Yugoslavia
18/6 for bauxite destined for Germany via
Trieste. (I.C., 0486/40)

ITHAKA

Arrived Galatz 18/6. (I.C., 0486/40)

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TuesdayITALIAN MERCHANT SHIPSCONTE ROSSO

Was delayed sailing from Ancona 14/6, will leave 20/6 with British Embassy staff on board (I.C. 0485/40)

CONTE
SILVANO

(24,416 tons) at Balboa. A.P. Co. have instituted proceedings for arrest for debts U.S. Marshal is on board. (I.C. 0485/40)

{ CATERINA at Braila)
{ MADRE)
{ ABBONDIA at Galatz }

Proceedings instituted for arrest by A.P. Co. (I.C. 0485/40)

ESQUILLINO

Captured at Aden 12/6, may be manned by Norwegian crew ex JAMES STOVE and used as hospital ship for evacuating casualties from Aden if need arises. (I.C. 0485/40)

SANTAROSA

From postal censorship it would appear that this ship is at Norfolk, Va., and has been sequestered for American debt. (I.C. 0485/40)

MAR GLAUCO

Arrived Hampden Roads, 14/6 (I.C., 0486/40)

TORCELLO

Tanker, left Varna 14/6 for Batumi. " "

CAPO ARMI

Reported to be at Braila and not Istanbul as previously reported. " "

CAPO FARO

Previously reported Istanbul, did not arrive there, believed turned back to Italy. " "

ESPALLO

Tanker, at Cartagena, Colombia reported to have taken water, but sale of oil fuel refused to her. " "

MADA

Reported stranded on Tenerife I. 14/6, now reported as having arrived Tenerife port. " "

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TuesdayU-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MININGShips AttackedSS FLENSBURG
escapedChased by submarine 51.3°N 4.40°W 0838
(Lands End Radio de G.K.U. 0841/18)
escaped (Portishead Radio 0955/18)~~W. T. ...~~~~British (1000 tons) sunk 1654/18 by ex-
plorer, origin unknown, off North Island,
New Zealand (D.S.)~~NIAGARABritish (13,915 tons) sunk 1654/18 in
35.53°S 174° 54'E, at mouth of gulf of
Hauraki, 60 miles N. of Auckland, New
Zealand. An area of 7 miles radius has
been declared dangerous and a mine was
swent up in 35.50°S 174° 54'E (NZNB 0536Z/
19) (Navy Office, Wellington 1750Z/18)Submarines Reported

0838 51.9°N 4.50°W (5 miles W Lundy I.) by
Dutch FLENSBURG.

1749 By D/F probably U-boat 46.30°N 9.0°W
BST unreliable fix (D.D.I.C. 1846/18)

1012 51.6°N 4.39°W. WITCH, ACHERON to attack
(C. in C., W.A. 1025/18)

0230 Unknown submarine sighted by coasting
schooner ALACONA about 200 miles E of
Halifax (D.C.N.S. 280)

1624 103° Belle Isle 7 miles. Submarine
tracking ARANDORA STAR. (Portishead W/T
1624/18) Cancel by 1624. Escaped. (ARANDORA
STAR 1657/18) 47.18 N., 2.55°W. (I.C.
0486/40)

1945 138° Lands End probably between 47° N and
49° N. D/F report (D.D.I.C. 2045/18 to C.
in C., W.A.)

2100 CITY OF DERBY suspects U-Boat astern at
51.30°N 6.40°W (C. in C., W.A. 2309/18 to
VOLUNTEER)

1716 46.30° N., 9.00°W., 234° Ushant 180°.,
indefinite position (I.C., 0486/40)

1623 50.38°N 06.33°W (C. in C., W.A. 1630/18 to
ACHERON)



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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MINING

Submarines Reported (Contd)

Estimated U/B Dispositions

- 1 in Finisterre Area
- 3 in Western Approaches; one of them may be farther south.
- 1 S.W. of Ireland homeward bound.
- 1 in 54.26'N, 11.16' W at 1734/17 probably outward bound.
- 1 in about 60. N 15. W ay 2012/17 possibly homeward bound.
- 1 N. of Shetlands homeward bound.
- 1 in Norther part of North Sea homeward bound
- 1 Italian possibly between Gibraltar and Madeira

(D.D.I.C. 1202/18)

0300/16
1225/16

On June 16, 0300, unknown submarine sent boat ashore Ribeirinha, North Coast, San Miguel, with two men who returned to submarine after 15 minutes ashore. At 1225/16 submarine seen on surface eight miles south Feteiras, San Miguel, source A. zero (Lisbon, 1221/18)

Submarines Attacked

1523

Submarine attacked by ASIATIC at 50.38'N. 5.27'W Help. (Lands End Radio 1524/18) submarine sighted again, gun crew now firing (ASIATIC 1602/18)

54.26'N 11.15'W attacked by aircraft, reported by CANTON (A.C.W.A. 1319/19)

Mediterranean

Submarines Reported

1800

38.N., 3.25'E 065° Cape Matifon, indefinite position (I.C., 0486/40)

Submarines Attacked

? time

By aircraft in 12:35 N., 45:20 E., 120° Aden 30'. (I.C., 0486/40)

*Sahila
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SITUATION REPORT

France

Withdrawal of Troops Cotentin Peninsula

Evacuation of Brest was completed at 0030/20¹⁹ when BROKE left with Polish troops and stragglers. She reported the French demolitions largely effective and that all French warships had left the harbour except 2 submarines, scuttled. BROKE and STURDY are escorting 2 French submarines with escort vessels PESSAC and SAUTERIE, to Plymouth.

Gironde Area

GALATEA has sailed from Plymouth for Arcachon to relieve ARETHUSA who has left Le Verdon with surplus personnel. BEAGLE has sailed for Bordeaux with a demolition party and stores.

Several magnetic mines were laid during the night 18/19 and one French merchant ship was sunk today.

Marseilles

At 1845/19 Adty. ordered all British merchant ships in ballast which could reach Marseilles within 48 hours, to proceed to that port forthwith.

Disposal of French Fleet

COURBET and 2 destroyers were patrolling off Isle of Wight pm/19.

PARIS

French Battleship arrived Plymouth 1425/19 (C. in C. W.A. 1554/19 to Adty.)

French Naval tugs ATTENTIF and CHAMPION, transport MEKRES, Despatch Vessel SUIPPE arrived Plymouth (F.L.O. Plymouth 1115/19 to F.N.L.O. London)

Norway

German forces are reported to have occupied Kirkenes on 15/6.

Russia

A report to the War Office speaks of German troops and tanks from Norway and Denmark being landed in East Prussia. Political indications show some degree of tension to exist between Germany and Russia. Soviet warships and transports arrived on 17/6 to occupy Estonian islands. (W.O. Intelligence Report).

ATTITUDE OF FRENCH

19.6.40
Wednesday

Last evacuee ship to Casablanca had very cold reception from French authorities and residents, believed due to propaganda attributing French collapse to our failure to support adequately. This strengthens my 1905/18 recommending reinforcement of North Africa by British troops. If North Africa is to be held it seems essential to strengthen both numbers and morale.
(Governor Gibraltar 2300/19 to War Office).

Tangier zone now completely under Spanish control including Gestapo police methods. Frequent rumours they will soon invade French Morocco, known to be weakly held. I recommend therefore a re-inforcement of French Morocco to stiffen defence, and also as possible threat to occupy Spanish Morocco and Canary Islands in answer to Italy's threat to occupy Balearics or Spain's entry into war.
(Governor Gibraltar 2300/19 to War Office).

Ref. my 1906/19. Order by Darlan for Fleets to report North African or British ports whichever nearest is expected to be carried out. Am doubtful of attitude of Nogues owing to political ties and his badly equipped forces. I formed impression Nogues is a tired man. Feelings of subordinate commanders reported favourable to us. My suggestion of immediately military assistance would not doubt strongly influence his decision.
(Governor Gibraltar 2345/19 to War Office.).

HOME COMMANDS

Policy

M.V.'s to be
attacked at
sight

Any M/V in the North Sea in or to E. of East Coast Mine Barrier, and any M/V to E. of 2° E. when N. of Lat. 58° N. is to be attacked at sight; except M/Vs of whose movements submarines will be informed in advance and except fishing vessels. (NA(S) 1534/19 to S/m's in para 12.)

Defence of U.K.

Orwell and
Stour patrol

Armed M.B. patrol has been established on open beaches of Rivers Orwell and Stour to prevent landing of troops from sea-planes. Appears necessary to order engagement of all aircraft attempting to land on these waters. Request confirm with Air Ministry. (C. in C., Nore, 0049/19 to Adty.)

Landing grounds

Military are undertaking the immobilisation of Landing Grounds near F.A.A. aerodromes. (D. of L.D. 1740/19).

Re examination of shipping approaching the Cumbraes. (F.O.I.C., Greenock, 1902/19).

Movements

ARK ROYAL,
HOOD, FOXHOUND

Amended route (A.C.W.A. 1216/19).

Submarines

Positions 0600/20 (V.A.S. 1718/19).

Dutch Warships

T.B.Z.5 and submarines O.21 and O.22 sailed for Belfast, expect to reach point of arrival 0720/20. (N.O.I.C. Milford Haven. 1330/19).

Submarines - Dispositions

In view of possibility of enemy basing large units of his fleet on west coasts of France and Spain, have considered the redistribution of submarine flotillas that might be necessary.

Evident submarine patrols may be required off Brest, Vigo and Straits of Gibraltar. Necessary to base one or more flotillas on west or south coasts of England or Ireland. Most suitable harbours appear to be Milford Haven and Queenstown. Most suitable flotillas to move are 2nd and 3rd. Can be moved at short notice and neither need depend on shore accommodation. Both FORTH and MAIDSTONE have good.....

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Submarines - Disposition (Contd.)

good A/A armament.

If both flotillas removed from North Sea, submarines required to operate there could be based at shore submarine depots at Dundee, Blyth and Harwich. TITANIA will be available shortly and could act as depot at Rosyth. (Further details of berths, training, etc.) (V.A.S., 1919/19).

Disposition of French Fleet

OURAGAN

Destroyer in tow of POMEROL (X) who has engine trouble. IMOGEN, GRIFFIN try to locate and replace escort. Probable position 0600 48:57 N., 5:3 W. course 020° (C. in C., W.A. 0551/19). Located. IMOGEN, GRIFFIN escorting to Plymouth. Expect to arrive 2100 (IMOGEN 0916/19).

JEAN BART

French Battleship JEAN BART and 2 French destroyers, Admiral Ouet in French destroyer LE HARDI sailed for Casa Blanca. Understood French have dealt with demolition of destroyers before German arrival. Intended to return to Plymouth. Oil fuel remaining 150 tons. Position of French Battleship JEAN BART 0800 046° 57' N. 002° 42' W. VIVA II patrolled entrance during JEAN BART exit, have lost touch, please instruct her. (VANQUISHER 0915/19)

Submarines

Have intercepted French Submarines MINERVE and JUNON in tow off Pierres Noires, escorted by PESSAC and SAUTERNE. Am escorting ships to Plymouth. Have ordered STURDY join me to take over tow of JUNON as her tug is short of coal. Expect to arrive at about 0200/20. (BROKE 1025/19).

Destroyer

Cherbourg morning many small French vessels off Nab Tower and Isle of Wight with some troops on board. French submarine being towed between Nab Tower and Portsmouth. 0415 destroyer seen leaving Cherbourg Harbour heading North. Did not reply to A/C Challenge. (Chatham, 0627/19)

Operation XD

Parties Q & R are assembling 19/6 at Devonport etc. (D.O.D.(H) 0100/19).

WAR DIARYHOME COMMANDS.19.6.40.
Wednesday.Operations
French CoastPolish troops.

Ships to embark 3rd Polish Division.
sent St. Nazaire. Other ships for
Polish troops being sent to La Pallice -
Gironde area for redirection at your
discretion. Inform General Sosnkowski
at Polish H.Q. (C. in C.W.A. 1649/19
to B.N.L.O. Bordeaux).

Operations.Iceland - Force Profit.

My 1400/19. Orders are being issued
for ~~Force Profit~~ to embark in ARGUS on
June 22nd - 23rd. Role of ~~Force Profit~~ ^{Profit} ~~Force~~
will be

- (1) Local reconnaissance, including A/S
- (11) Limited army co-operation in event
of enemy landing.
- (111) Co-operation with Northern Patrol
if specially demanded.

(Head of M. 2036/19 to C. in C.H.F.).

HOME COMMANDS

France.

Bordeaux
Demolitions

Admiral Burges Watson in BEAGLE sailing for Bordeaux pm/19 with demolition party and stores on board. Expect to arrive 0930/20. (C. in C., W.A. 1724/19 to ARETHUSA).

Sailed - see next page.

Operation Ariel

Explosion in
Gironde

Heavy explosion estimated 20 miles North West from entrance. Shall I enter river? (WHIRLWIND 0208/19 to ARETHUSA).

Reply. Your 0208 no. Comply with My 1925/18. If you cannot locate both ships after daylight investigate position of explosion in case one of them was sunk. (ARETHUSA 0422/19 to WHIRLWIND)

* Orders to WHIRLWIND to intercept and escort MADURA and MARIVA.

ORMONDE

Proceed to La Pallice, Gironde in accordance with previous orders. Report to British warship in vicinity. (C. in C., W.A. 0216/19).

Czech Division

Following received from A.C. addressed ARETHUSA: One fully equipped Czech Division with aircraft totalling 12000 (-) General Inger is at Agde near Mont Pellier. General is at Bezier. Endeavour to contact General inform him if he can get to Bordeaux Area before Enemy Land Forces interfere with route transports to United Kingdom will be provided. 1951/18 Ends. Pass to Naval Attache for necessary action. (ARETHUSA 0331/19 to BERKELEY).

Brest
Demolitions

Left Brest 0030. Demolition largely effective. All French warships out of harbour except for 2 submarines scuttled. Evacuation of French troops was still in progress. One section of demolition party has not regained contact with ship but it is probable it has got away by boat. Am now leaving Bertheaume for Plymouth. 180 Polish troops on board, 20 British stragglers and 20 civilians including 12 women. A/A at 0700 indicated Brest not yet in enemy hands. (BROKE 0834/19).

Code Words

Cancel my 1312/17. Code words for convoys for U.K. PIANO, MOTOR, BOXER, RIVET, from Loire Area, STABLE, PONGO, MOTTO, OLIVE, STABLE, from La Pallice - Gironde area. (C. in C., W.A., 1753/19).

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Wednesday.HOME COMMANDSOperation Ariel (Contd.)Lorient

Comdr. Rutley, ex S.N.O., Lorient, reports Lorient all clear. (N.O.I.C., Falmouth, 2321/19).

→ GALATEA
ARETHUSA

GALATEA to be sailed with all despatch to relieve ARETHUSA who sails tonight for U.K. She should proceed to and lay off Arcachon, where BERKELEY is being sent. (D.O.D.(H), 1354/19).

D.9

My 2103. Capt. D.9 is to return to Plymouth in HIGHLANDER. (C. in C., W.A., 2238/19).

Refugees

List of 5 merchant ships sailed 19/6 Le Verdon for Falmouth with refugees, including Polish and Dutch. (ARETHUSA, 1546/19).

La Pallice

Situation La Pallice, MAID MARION in company. British S.N.O. has left with last of British troops. No news of any further British troops expected. There were a few Polish soldiers in town this morning and investigating the possibility of embarking them. (MACKAY 1321/19).

St. Nazaire

Unconfirmed report states all refugees embarked from St. Nazaire. Probable Germans have now arrived there. No bombing today. (VANQUISHER 1131/19 to HIGHLANDER).

Essential Gironde and La Pallice be kept clear of mines. L.L. vessels to be retained. Further L.L. vessels are being sent. (C. in C., W.A. 1936/19 to ARETHUSA).

Polish Govt. is to be evacuated in some convenient ship. This is important. (C. in C., W.A. 1954/19 to B.N.L.O. Bordeaux).

→ GALATEA
BEAGLE †

Sailed 1710. (C. in C., W.A. 2034/19 to Adty.)

St. Nazaire

Divert following to St. Nazaire: British OTRANTO, ORONTES, ARANDORA STAR, ST. HELIER, ETRICK. (C. in C., W.A., 1731/19).

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HOME COMMAIDS

Operation Ariel (Contd.)

Czech Divn. ARETHUSA's 0331/19. Impossible to contact Czech General who will submit arrangements. Apply Marseilles. (B.N.L.O., France, 1026/19).

Polish Govt. To be evacuated in some convenient ship. This is important. (C. in C., W.A. 1954/19 to B.N.L.O. Bordeaux).

France

Brest Your 2021/18. French Adty. inform me Brest is in French hands and Admiral Ouet has not left port. (B.N.L.O. Bordeaux 2250/19 to Adty.)

Mining French Ports. Request very early consideration to laying magnetic mines in French ports immediately they are evacuated and before enemy is established in them. (C. in C., W.A. 2053/19).

Codes Compromised Anglo-French call signs, Anglo French code, and recording table no 3 are all probably compromised. Anglo-French code should be used with caution. (H.I.D. 1916/19).

Cables The cutting of Brest-Fayal and Brest-Cape Cod cables have become of greater urgency than those ordered in my 1907/18 and should be undertaken with ALERT as soon as escort can be made available. (D.D.O.D.(H) 1943/19 to C. in C., W.A.)

E-Boats off Dungeness

ROSEBURN British 3103 tons. Attacked by 4 E-boats off Dungeness at 2330/19. 3 torpedoes passed down her side and the fourth hit the stern. Ship was also gunned. E-boats made off steering 150 degrees. Destroyer patrol searched unsuccessfully. Ship is now in tow of tug. (V.A. Dover, 0744/20).
Was beached off Dungeness.

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HOME COMMANDS

Operations

Seizure of Swedish destroyers.

My 1645/18. H.M. Govt. have decided to seize Swedish destroyers under the right of Angary. Adequate force should be sailed for Faroes as soon as practicable. (D.O.D/H) 1547/19 to C. in C., H.F.).

Your 1645/18. Vessels named have arrived negative Tanker CASTOR (N.O.I.C. Faroes 1325/19 to Adty.)

• Captain D. G.
R.S.G. Nicholson

TARTAR, MAORI and MASHONA have been diverted to proceed to Faroe Islands. (C. in C., H.F. 1707/19 to R.A.(D).) *Bar. Am. RHC Halifax*

Keep vessels in harbour on some pretext till arrival of TARTAR, MAORI and MASHONA due about 0300/20. Ships should not be given fuel. (C. in C., H.F. 1832/19 to N.O.I.C. Faroes)

The right of Angary applies only to property, and not to personnel (C. in C., H.F. 1933/19 to D.6).

Submarines

TETRARCH

Jaederens

TETRARCH reports while on patrol between ~~and~~ and Lister sighted 14/6, one screened southbound transport off Lister. Nothing further sighted except unscreened coastal traffic passing close inshore. (V.A.S., 1326/19).

Iceland

Seaplane Operation of establishing squadron of 6 I.E. and 3 I.R. Walrus amphibian aircraft in Iceland to be referred to by code word Profit. (Hd. of Air Branch, 1400/19).

HOME COMMANDS

Air

British Air Activity

Willemsoord
dockyard to be
bombed

Recent photographs indicate that Dutch Dockyard at Willemsoord has fallen intact into enemy's hands. There are large workshops, storehouses, etc., which must be of much value to him. They provide admirable air targets, being compact, on the sea front and separated from the town. The basins probably contain a number of "E" boats. Bombardment from the sea may be possible but the coast defences are likely to be too strong. It is considered very desirable that Willemsoord Dockyard should be bombed before the enemy has had an opportunity of developing the defences of the base. (A.C.N.S.(H) 0129/19 to Air Min.).

Reconnaissance

Arranged for tomorrow 20th (C. in C., Rosyth 1958/19).

Ymuiden

South side of Inner Harbour bombed at 2210/19. No A/A fire and no enemy activity observed. (A.C.H.Q. Chatham, 0320/20).

Texel

Bridge bombed at 53:10 N. 4:53 E. at 2225/19 and 2235/19. One hit. (A.C.H.Q. Chatham, 0343/20).

Den Helder

Bombed seaplane base 0320. Large fire started. (Chatham, 0740/19).

Enemy Air Activity

ORMONDE

British, 14,982 tons, attacked by aircraft at 1754/19 (? position). (Aircraft attack signal intercepted 1754/19).

TRELAWNEY

Distress, air attack, St. Nazaire Roads, attacked 1007. (Lands End Radio, 101 /19) British, 4689 tons.

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HOME COMMANDS

Mining

Reinforcement
of E. Coast
Barrier.

TEVIOT BANK and PLOVER, escorted by INTREPID and ESK, are carrying out Operation B.S.16, minelaying in the East Coast barrier. (V.C.M.S.).

Gironde

Several magnetic mines laid last night. One French M/V sunk am today and one other mine exploded prematurely.

Enemy Intelligence

Wilhelmshaven

PDU sortie HNA/044 dated 19/6 to Wilhelmshaven largely failed through camera breakdown but photographs show roadstead off and immediately to north of Wilhelmshaven Harbour clear of shipping at 1400 hours. (O.D.U.I., 1918/19).

Boulogne

Three E.boats in Outer Harbour at Boulogne at 1000/19. (I.C. 0487/40).

NÜRNBERG

8" cruiser reported off Narvik at 2020/17 is now identified as NÜRNBERG (D.D.I.C. 1749/19 to AIG45).

Norway

Information (B.3) from French and Swedish sources of German naval bases in Norway, and (B.2) of Swedish defences. (N.A., Stockholm, 1949/19).

Shipping

SIANTAR

Dutch, 8667 tons, left Sabang for Europe on 8th May and has not been heard of since. (D.S. 289).

BRITVA
THORDEN

Search for (V.A.M.P. 1045/19 to Northern Patrol).

3 mile limit

Your 2007/17, 3-mile limit for all shipping along East Coast. This matter is under consideration and no action should be taken on proposal pending decision. (D.T.D. 1548/19 to C. in C., Nore).

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Belgian Ships Until further orders detain on some pretext or other all Belgian ships wherever bound. (D.T.D. 1351/19 to M.C.S.O.'s).

Weather

<u>Area</u>	<u>Wind</u>	<u>Visibility</u>	<u>Outlook</u>
North Sea	Northerly, light to moderate.	Very good.	Similar.
Channel	N.E., light to moderate.	Good to very good.	Similar.
Western Approaches	N.N.E., light to moderate.	Very good.	Similar.
Horns Reef	N.W., light to moderate.	Moderate to good.	Similar.

CASUALTIES & DEFECTS.

MURMANSK Trawler grounded at Brest and abandoned. All crew brought back. (C. in C., W.A. 0542/19).

M.V. PETER Norwegian tanker, ran on rocks on approaching Falmouth and is leaking badly. (C.C.S.M. Falmouth 0925/19).

ROSEBURN Reports having been attacked by 4 E-boats off Dungeness; hit by one torpedo. E-boats made off steering 150° (I.C. 0487/40) See Operations.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

F.A.A. Aircraft are not to use Gibraltar landing ground except in emergency.
(D.N.A.D. 1834/19 to F.O.C.N.A.)

Horta All normal. (Vice-Consul, Horta, 2240/19).

Las Palmas Situation unchanged, messages normal.
(Las Palmas 1205/19).

Shipping, Gibraltar. Owing to possibility of emergency sailing from Gibraltar of all shipping request instructions for routing without reference to Admt. (List of ships). Other vessels expected from French ports in accordance with Admt. message B.R. All British and Allied ships are being bunkered for 2,000-mile voyages and issued with emergency Admt. route instructions to Milford Haven. Harbour is already becoming congested.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1258/19).

(not trace)
My 2020 (APAPA to sail for Liverpool with valuable cargo). French authorities prepared to follow my wishes regarding sailing APAPA. After consulting Consul-General Rabat I am at present delaying ship until evening 20/6. Shall send her to Gibraltar (Casablanca, Maroc, 1537/19).

My 1542/19 (personal circulation). Convoy includes British BARON RENFREW for Algiers and Egyptian GEORGES MABRO and Danish HILDE for Oran.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1900/19 to Admt.)

South Atlantic.

French troop movements. All evidence to date points to established resolve of French West African Colony to join with us whatever happens. Intend therefore to allow French troop movements on coast to continue as arranged as interference may exasperate local authorities and breed an atmosphere of distrust.
(C. in C. S.A. 0951/19).

Your 0951/19. Concur in your policy. Disembarkation of French native troops in French European or U.K. ports is impracticable. Request you arrange that British liners concerned in homeward berth should discharge these troops and resume their voyages to U.K. with least possible delay.
(D.O.D.(F) to C. in C. S.A. 2030/19).

FOREIGN STATIONS.South Atlantic (Cont.)French
Guinea.

Governor requests formal assurance that those French oversea colonies who continue fighting as our allies should be regarded as French territory and considered as France itself. (C. in C. S.A. 2001/19).

French
Ships.

Request you instruct Waring of Freetown that no deliveries of bunker oils should be made to French ships without confirmation in each case from London. (D.T.D. 1853/19 to C. in C. S.A.).

Troops.

My 0951/19. ACCRA is sailing for Dakar, troops on board are unarmed and untrained. Polish ship POLASKI under French charter is sailing for Konakri and Port Bouet with 95 wounded, mostly invalids. (C. in C. S.A. 2323/19).

Mediterranean.French
attitude.

French Deputy Chief of Staff here tells me not one of the Staff would not be ready to sign engagement to continue the war and even join the British Army. He added that if British Govt. will hold as at present at least one million French from all parts of world and especially from N. Africa will be fighting beside British next spring. (No.8. Mil.Mission Beyrouth 1405/19 to War Office)

Spain.

Spanish situation, general uneasiness. Some evidence that military leaders for fear of British blockade are prepared to go to considerable lengths to avoid Spain entering war. Franco at present shares this view. Fate of French Fleet will affect attitude. Only extreme Fascist elements want to join in now. Military preparations almost entirely defensive. Army short of supplies. Petrol estimated only sufficient for three months' requirements. Food shortage grave. Navy unprepared and undermanned. Present dispositions normal. (N.A., Madrid, 1631/19, to C. in C., Med.)

Gibraltar. Situation normal. (Governor, 2300/19)

Situation as regards French is as follows :-

An Order of the Day dated 19 June has been received by Admiral Godfroy from Admiral Darlan stating no Armistice yet signed and that all Naval are expected to fight on, to fall back on North

(Africa)

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Africa if necessary, and to blow up or scuttle themselves in emergency. Order is based on one issued by Petain. But B.N.L.O. Bizerta is doubtful about intention of Army and Air Force in Tunisia.

All French Services at Beirut have met and decided to fight on, basing this on a message from Darlan to fight to the end, and have asked their decision be conveyed to General Wavell and myself.

In general therefore all French Mediterranean Forces appear intended to continue the fight. I have sent suitable message to Senior Officers concerned giving them my sympathy and assuring them of all the support in my power.

The lodging of money at a bank in Alexandria for French Fleet by British Admiralty has created an excellent impression. (C. in C. Med.1815/19 to Admiralty.)

French Evacuation.Marseilles.

British Government are offering shipping assistance to French authorities for evacuation from Marseilles to N. African ports. On assumption that offer will be accepted, all available British shipping in Southern French Ports, except that required for R.A.F. and military unit referred to in my 0041/17 to B.N.L.O. Toulon, is to be placed at their disposal. All British ships in ballast which can reach Marseilles within 48 hours have been ordered to proceed there. Importance is attached to evacuation of 6,000 Czech Troops and light equipment who have been directed to contact you and may arrive P.M./20th.

(D.O.D.(F) 2011/19 to D.S.T.O.Marseilles)

Mediterranean OperationsSubmarine Sanctuary.

Amending his 1235/27/5, sanctuaries for submarines. (C. in C., Med., 1445/19)

Q.B.Messages

Commenting on his 0017/16. Suggests prefix Q.B. is used by C. in C. to promulgate secret messages on whole of Mediterranean Station and that prefixes Q.B.A., Q.B.B., and Q.B.C., be retained for confidential messages issued by S.O.I., Gibraltar, Malta and Alexandria respectively. Request remarks. (D.M.S., 1343/19 to C. in C. Med.)

Air.

Hope you will press for 6 Hurricanes promised by Air Ministry on 17th. to be sent here before too late for them to re-fuel at Marseilles. Most important for civilian morale here. (Governor Malta 1055/19 to War Office).

There are 12 Swordfish of 767 Squadron on N.Coast of Africa. Request you arrange with B.N.L.O. Bizerta for as many as possible to be flown on to ARK ROYAL near Gibraltar from any suitable aerodrome

/in

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Air

in French Algeria or Morocco. (D.N.A.D. 1858/19 to V.A.A.)

Enemy IntelligenceEnemy Units

Two important units of Eastern Squadron near Dodecanese at 2100. D/F report. (Capt. ST. ANGELO 2306/19 to C.in C. Med.)

My 2306/19. Further bearings do not confirm. 50 U was a mis-read call sign. 4 S D and another vessel using call sign. 2 O G were off Sapienza Island at 2100/19. Admiral Beirut informed. (Capt. O.S. NILE, 0635/20)

Shipping

My 1545/17. Any ships not yet sailed should be retained pending further instructions (D.T.D.0420/19 to N.C.S.O. Marseilles)

My 0231/19 and tels. 27 and 28 June 13 to F.O. It appears Turkey might be induced to institute some form of contraband control if diplomatic relations are broken off. Could be suggested that such control need not be exercised against U.S.S.R. ships. Might also be worth stressing that failure to take any action (? at the beginning) only help Allies whom Turks profess support but inflicting severe disadvantage on them. (C.in C., Med., to admt., 0345/19)

Evacuation
from
Marseilles.

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2. All British ships in ballast who can reach Marseilles within 48 hours have been ordered to proceed there.

3. Important to evacuate 6,000 Czech troops and light equipment who have been directed to proceed to contact you and may arrive p.m./20. (D.O.D/F) 2011/19 to D.S.T.O. Marseilles)

East Indies.Protection
of British
Somaliland.

My 1911/15. I understand troops and guns very urgently required in British Somaliland and arrival may make difference between holding and withdrawal. If this is so, I am prepared to accept earliest possible arrival of transports at Berbera, protection being given without weakening convoy escort and by 2 lighters which A.O.C. Aden can provide (C. in C.E.119412/19 to Adty.)

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WednesdayEast Indies (Ctd.)

Dispositions. KENT at Durban to escort convoy C.M.
 CERES and CATHAY to escort convoy B.N.I. from
 Suez Canal to 55° East, then CERES to reinforce
 Red Sea Force and CATHAY to proceed Freetown.
 ANTENOR in Ceylon Area, to proceed Bombay for
 convoy escort duties on arrival of WESTRALIA at
 Colombo.
 RANCHI in Madagascar area patrolling. COLOMBO,
 CARTHAGE and French CARAIBE in Mombasa area.
 (C. in C.E.I., 1519Z/19)

Hospital
Ships.

Situation. F.O.C.R.I.N. asked to confirm list and
 particulars. (C. in C.E.I., 1056Z/19)

China.

Intend to keep an A.M.C. on patrol off Yangtse
 for the present as it may also prove of use if
 H.M. Government decide to evacuate troops from
 Shanghai (C. in C. China 1529Z/19)

Attitude
to Dutch.

Your 0955Z/12 and 0655Z/13. It is of great
 importance that no pretext should be afforded
 Japanese for any form of intervention in the war.
 In order therefore to obviate possibility of
 Japanese regarding present degree of collaboration
 between Dutch and ourselves as being directed
 against them you should avoid giving any appearance
 of close co-operation with the Dutch naval
 authorities and take the earliest opportunity of
 reducing extent of the present conversations as
 distinct from Intelligence vide D.N.I's 1954/13.
 In carrying out the above instructions you should
 proceed as tactfully as possible since it is
 important to avoid giving Dutch the impression that
 for reasons which might probably be obvious we no
 longer desire to co-operate in helping them in
 emergency to safeguard their interests. Such
 impression might in the prevailing circumstances
 have the undesirable effect of making the Dutch
 susceptible to German and Japanese approaches. In
 no circumstances should action be taken which
 involves British and Dutch warships carrying out
 combined operations such as minelaying unless
 approval to do so is received from the Admiralty.
 (Adty. 1057/19. to V.A. Malaya.)

Shipping.

Admty. 1406/18. Normal coasting trade with Indo-
 China may continue. Sailing of other ships is to
 be referred to me for decision. (C. in C., China,
 0428Z/19)

New Zealand.HECTOR

Your 1229/17, re degaussing of HECTOR. It is not
 desired to release D.G. cable which has been
 freighted to New Zealand, having been purchased by
 Admiralty from U.S.A. (N.Z.N.B., to C. in C. East
 Indies, 1417/19)

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WednesdaySouth AtlanticFrench West Africa

Your Tel. 28 June 19th. Do all you can to impress on Governor-General Brazzaville necessity to remain at his post and retain colony for France. Inform him that Governor-General, Afrique Occidentale has issued following proclamation. "In these critical hours through which we are passing I have the greatest satisfaction in proclaiming that never has the morale of the people of French West Africa been so high. Everywhere the keen desire of the Federation is evident to fight fiercely with all its force to final victory. Close the ranks and remain confident." Signed, Cayla, Governor-General French West Africa and Dakar. I have also ascertained that Governors and Military Authorities in other French West African colonies intend to remain and fight on in every eventuality. I will endeavour to provide naval protection when possible.
(C. in C.S.A., 2317/19 to Consul-General Leopoldville).

WAR DIARYFOREIGN STATIONS.19.6.40
WednesdayMediterranean
Operations.Kaso - Scarpanto Straits

Would Admiralty be prepared to issue an announcement that the Kaso and Scarpanto Straits are closed to navigation and that any ship using these passages is liable to be sunk at sight? If this announcement could be made it would be the intention to keep a patrol as far as practicable between Crete and Cape Malea allowing ships to pass only if fully satisfied of their bona fides from clearances. All other ships would be turned back. Measures would also be taken to try and deal with Corinth Canal traffic. In the absence of control of the Dardanelles this appears to be the only way of interrupting Italian supplies from Black Sea and Aegean. There will still be channel East of Rhodes through which neutral traffic can filter but above proposal will impose some considerable delay, at least, on Westbound traffic.

The better alternative is to apply the sink at sight order to the Cape Malea - Crete passage as well but presumably this will be unacceptable for political reasons.

(C. in C. Med., 0231/19.)

French in Algeria.

Personal for C.I.G.S. from Dillon:-

After careful consideration I am persuaded that if French Government accepts German terms, whatever they are, Algeria, including troops therein, and Navy will continue hostilities. If this happens one thing they have most urgent need of is small arms and machine guns and Lewis guns to arm the many good natives with. No matter how old any number of rifles with a minimum of 500 rounds per arm will be welcome. If they could be sent very soon to Casablanca it would be best.
(No. 3 Mil. Mission, Algiers, 1315/19).

GRPA 105.

Overdue. (FO. Mella 1815/19) See Med. Volume.



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New Zealand (Ctd.)

Darkened
Ships.

Allied merchant ships are being instructed to steam without navigation lights in area 11. (N.Z.N.B., 0708Z/19)

ITALIAN MERCHANT SHIPS

AUCTORITAS
TERESA

No trace.
Correcting 1229/14. For ARABIA read AUCTORITAS, and for corrupt group TERESA. (C.in C.S.A., no 100/19)

CELLINA
LIBANO

Ships and cargoes seized in prize. (C.C.O., Gibraltar, 1710/19)

ANTONIO
LIMONCELLI

Arrived and left Maranhao 18th June. (S.O.I. Freetown 1629/19)

MONBALDO

Arrived Para. 18 June. (S.O.I. Freetown 1755/19 to Adty.)

CELLINA)
LIBANO)

Seized in Prize. (C.C.O. Gibraltar 1710/19)

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WednesdayU-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MINING.Ships Attacked.

SS. TUDOR Norwegian (6,607 tons) torpedoed and sunk 45°10'N 10°W. (108 miles N.W. of Finisterre) 0230/19. She was in same convoy as BARON LOUDON.

SS. THE MONARCH British 824 tons. Torpedoed 60 miles West of Belle Isle at 0040/19. (A/SWD 289, 20/6) Cargo of coal from Cardiff for France. 47°20'N 4°40'W (C. in CWA 0253/19)

4 Lifeboats Reported to have crew of torpedoed ship, attacked by submarine 1819 46°25'N 4°35'W (in Bay of Biscay).

BARON LOUDON^b
A In homeward bound Gibraltar convoy, torpedoed 45°20'N 11°21'W. 190 miles N.W. Finisterre. (SCARBOROUGH 0037/19) GARDENIA, CALENDULA, ARABIS sent to hunt. (C. in CWA 0234/19) (SCARBOROUGH, 1800/19)

A ship, name unknown, was torpedoed 120 miles S. of Ushant at 1812/19.

FLORIAN In convoy HQF 37, chased by submarine Chased 45°10'N 11°40'W. convoy scattered (Gib.W/TO255/19)

VILLE DE NAMUR Belgian 7463 tons. Torpedoed 120'S. of Ushant at 1430/19 (D.S.289) (P. 376)

ROSEBURN British 3103 tons. Torpedoed and shelled off Dungeness at 2330/19 (D.S.289) (Cleethorpes W/T. 2359/19) (Later reported E - boats - see Operations).

Submarines reported.

0920. U-boat reported 2 miles W. of Mull of Galloway, steering N., (B.2). (C. in C., Rosyth, 1502/19)

0300/16 One unknown submarine reported off San Miguel, Azores, at 030/16. (A/S.W.D., 288, 19/6)

1930 54°40'N 4°58'W Reported by C.G. 1 Course N. B.2. (I.C.0487/40)

0255 45°10'N 11°40'W (about 150 miles N.W. of Cape Finisterre) by FLORIAN.

0013 By D/F 188° from Lands End probably between 47° and 48° (C. in CWA 0013/19) PUNJABI, HARVESTER to attack (C. in CWA 0014/19)

1014 & 1509 By D/F 47°40'N 9°W. Unreliable fix (C. in CWA 1110/19)

0037 45°0'N 12°21'W (ACWA 0441/19)

0330 47°14'N 3°17'W ?Sighted by OSPREY (C. in CWA 0424/19)



U-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MINING.

Submarines Attacked.

1915 A/S trawler VICTRIX attacked a contact 17 miles N.E. of Belfast at 1915/19. At 2158 s.s. PATELLA reported sighting a U-boat 15 miles north of this position. GLEANER ordered to search. (A/S.W.D., 289, 20/6)

GALILEO Italian submarine GALILEO GALILEI after long hunt and attack surrendered off Aden and is being towed ?
GALILEI into harbour (C.in C.E.I.1456/19 1804Z/19). Of utmost importance to keep secret (1st S.L. 1856/19)
Surrendered.

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My 1804/19 MOONSTONE reports two D/C's brought S/M to surface, and S/M surrendered after four 4" hits at point blank range. 3 Officers and 37 Ratings captured and took passage in KANDAHAR and S/M under own power and with scratch crew expected enter Aden about 0300Z/20. (C. in C. East Indies 0609Z/20 to Adty.)

Mediterranean.

Submarines Reported.

1230 31°05' N., 28°27' E., off Ras ed Dhaba, N. coast of Egypt. A/C report (D.S. 289).

Submarines Attacked.

DIAMOND'S second submarine now considered certain (F.O.I/C. Malta 1945/19)

1230 Enemy submarine located at 1230/19 on sea bottom off Dhaba. Bombed by Blenheim of 211 Sqdn. Oil patch observed by a/c on sea surface at position of attack and the submarine periscope apparently broke surface. Submarine thought to be damaged, but no confirmation of sinking obtained. (H.Q., R.A.F., M.E., 2119/19)

WAR DIARYU-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MINING.19.6.40.
Wednesday.Ships attacked.ADAMANTIOS GEORGANDIS

Greek, 3443 tons, bound for Rosaro to Cork with grain, torpedoed and sunk 200 miles S.S.W. of Bantry Bay 49.35 N., 11.15 W. Not in Convoy (V.C.M.S. 296, 26/6) (I.C. 0493/40).

ALTAIR

Norwegian, torpedoed and sunk in 49.36 N., 11.32 W., 213° Fastnet 125'. (I.C.0493/40).

BRITISH MONARCH

British 5661 tons, in Convoy HG 3 Y, presumed lost. Master of ANDALUSIAN reported he had seen the ship sink, and no news of her received since the convoy was attacked a.m. 19/6 by enemy submarine (D.S. 295, 26/6).

BARON LOUDOUN

Torpedoed 0026/19 and sank 45° 0' N 11° 21' W. (Attacks on Merchant ships by enemy submarines.)

FLORIAN chased.

At 0037/19, SCARBOROUGH reported that a ship in an H.G.F. convoy had been torpedoed about 180 miles N.W. of Cape Finisterre, and that SCARBOROUGH was hunting. At 0255 it was reported that s.s. FLORMAN (?FLORIAN) in the same convoy had been chased by a U-boat and that the convoy had scattered. Three corvettes were sent to help SCARBOROUGH. (A/S.W.D., 288, 19/6).

Submarines reported.

Following received from S/S PATELLA. While in convoy in position 150 degrees Sandra light 15 miles at 2100 June 19 dense patch of fog descended and a submarine observed 20 feet ahead Conning Tower only visible. Submarine course 040 degrees and speed estimated 6 knots. Appeared to have come from centre of convoy made no signal and PATELLA endeavoured unsuccessfully to ram. Actually observed by Captain and 3 other officers. (F.O.I.C. Greenock, 1140/20).

Following from N.S.H.Q. Ottawa. "Report AMACONA on arrival Boston reports sighted U Boat in position 044° 04' North 064° 02' West at 0230 18th June. U Boat was motionless and 250 feet long. A pale green light was seen at one end." AMACONA is auxiliary coasting schooner. (C. in C.A.W.I., 1953/19, to Admiralty).

Submarines attacked.

1915

A/S trawler VICTRIX attacked contact in 54° 45'. 25" N., 5° 30' 50" W. at 1915. (F.O.I.C. Greenock, 2301/19.).



U-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MINING.

Submarines reported. (Ctd.)

1506 49°50'N 7°50'W seen by a/c. Al. (IC. 0487/40)

1945 D.F., Unknown enemy unit, probably U-boat
49°30'N., 8°30'W., unreliable fix. Al.
(DDIC 2018/19)

1554 41°N., 10°W., (196° Finisterre 118 miles)
Position indefinite A.l. (IC. 0487/40)

1712 46°25'N., 4°35'W. (D.D.I.C. 2126/19)

1430 108' N.W. of Finisterre. Attacked Norwegian
TUDOR (D.S.289)

1812 46°20'N., 4°25'W. Attacked Belgian VILLE DE
NAMUR. (D.S. 289)

2150 55°0'N., 5°32'W. A/C report. (D.S.289)

2158 Submarine reported 20 miles S.W. Ailsa Craig.
GLEANER to investigate.

2150 (N.O.I.C. Belfast 2227/19) (N.O.I.C. Greenock,
2254/19) Reported by PATELLA as 2158/I.C.
0487/40)

1130) 2 reports (D.4) of submarine off South Uist,
1230) 6 m. N. of the Sound of Barra. (C.in C.Rosyth
1630/19)

Possible dispositions :-

2 in Finisterre area, one in 45°10' N., 11°40' W. at 0255/19
the other may be farther west.

2 in Bay of Biscay

1 in Western Approaches

Possibly 1 S. of St. George's Channel

1 W. of Ireland homeward bound.

1 N.W. of Ireland, distance out unknown.

1 Italian, possibly between Gibraltar and Madeira. (I.C., 0486/40)

Note :- (D.D.I.C. 1106/19) U/B's were operating as far out as
17° W. on 16th and 17th June. (D.D.I.C., 1106/19)

1927- 2 unidentified submarines, one sighted at 2010 in position
2010. 56°50' N., 03°00' E., co. 080, speed 10-12 knots. Dived as
a/c approached. Submarine sighted at 1927 in position
56°21' N., 00°14' E., co. 275, dived on being sighted.
Submarine sighted again 56°18' N., 01°00' E., at 2210, co.
260, speed 8-10 kts. Thought to be same submarine as seen
at 1927. (Donibristle, 2330/19)

SITUATION REPORT

France

French plans

French have decided that on approach of enemy to Bordeaux President of Republic and some Ministers will proceed overseas to carry on Govt. It is possible Weygand will go too. (D.N.I. 0031/20).

The position of the French appears to be similar to that of the Dutch, namely that the army has been overwhelmed but the Govt. and the Fleet will continue to function from overseas.

Withdrawal of troops, Cotentin Peninsula

St. Nazaire has been evacuated. All British and 2,500 Polish troops have been taken off. 5 M.Vs have been sent to take off these and 5 destroyers are also to operate at the port.

S.N.O. has left La Pallice with the last of the British troops, and ships have also evacuated all the Polish troops there.

C. in C. Portsmouth reported at 0245/20 that 5000 Polish troops are reported fighting their way to St. Malo. He has ordered an air reconnaissance at dawn to ascertain if the Germans are still in possession of the town. SABRE is to proceed to Jersey and stand by to escort Dutch schools to St. Malo if it is decided to attempt to evacuate the Poles.

Gironde Area

GALATEA and BERKELEY arrived at Arcachon this morning. Evacuation proceeded from Arcachon and Bordeaux. BEAGLE arrived at Bordeaux this morning with demolition party. After completing demolitions at Bordeaux she is to proceed to La Pallice for the same purpose.

Enemy aircraft laid parachute mines in the Channels at 0030/20. A passage was swept for ARETHUSA (out-going from Le Verdon) and BERKELEY.

All British subjects not evacuated from the Garonne River have been advised to proceed to Bayonne. A ship has been ordered there by ARETHUSA to evacuate refugees. 5000 Poles and an equal number of French Air Force mechanics and pilots are awaiting evacuation there.

War Diary20.6.40.
Thursday.SITUATION REPORTFranceDisposal of
French Fleet

JEAN BART with 2 destroyers, and Admiral Ovest in LE HARDI are on passage to Casablanca. PARIS has arrived at Plymouth, together with several minor units, destroyers OURAGAN, MISTRAL and submarine SURCOUF.

Several minor units have arrived at Falmouth and in the Portsmouth area.

EMILE BERTIN has arrived at Halifax, COURBET arrived Portsmouth, also ~~destroyer~~ LEOPARD, ^{CRUISER} 3 submarines and other units.

Seizure of 4 Swedish Destroyers

4 Swedish destroyers which had put in to the Faroe Islands for fuel on their way from Italy to Sweden, were seized under the right of angary.

Evacuation of Channel Islands.

Women and children were being evacuated from the Channel Is. during the night 19/20.

Air.Raid on
Scheveningen

F.A.A. aircraft attacked 2 large barges in the basin at Scheveningen last night. A large fire was started, but it is not known if the barges were hit.

Raid on
Ymuiden

During the night 19/20, 2 Hudsons carried out an attack on Ymuiden docks, with apparent success.

Raid on England

Bombs were dropped in Yorkshire, North Lincolnshire and in the Southampton area, where 4 of the 7 ammunition magazines at Marchwood were destroyed together with one third of the stock of Oerlikon cartridges. At Cardiff 6 bombs were dropped at 0100/20 in the dock area, badly damaging S.S. STZESSO, but causing no casualties.

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SITUATION REPORT

Mining

Belfast is temporarily closed.

Magnetic mines have been found near Lowestoft and in the Harwich area. Other mines are reported from the Bristol Channel; 6 were detected near the position where the JAMES MC GEE was sunk.

Enemy aircraft laid mines at Bordeaux this morning. 2 mines have been swept off North Island, New Zealand.

Italian Operations

Italian
Submarine
Sunk

(DIAMANTE)

H.M. Submarine PARTHIAN sank an Italian submarine off the North Coast of Libya at 1530/20. She also attacked the cruiser SAN GIORGIO at Tobruk on 19/6 but without success, and reports greatly increased surface and anti submarine activity.

GALILEO
GALLEI
Captured

Italian submarine, with 3 officers and 37 ratings, has been captured after an action with MOONSTONE and taken to Aden. The C.O. and several officers were killed.

12 Swordfish aircraft of the F.A.A. arrived at Malta p.m.

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Thursday.HOME COMMANDSDefence of U.K.Scapa

Blockships EMPIRE SEAMAN and EMERALD WINGS being sailed for Scapa from Portsmouth as soon as possible. Tankers INVERLANE and PROTESILAUS are preparing and should be ready in about one months time.

Table-cloth net has proved efficient against British M.T.Bs but these have no effective propeller guards yet. (A.C.H.S.(H) 1542/20 to A.C.O.S.)

PolicyEmployment of Corvettes

As from noon/21 corvettes are to cease routine patrol duties and will be employed to reinforce close escorts of FN and FS convoys. Arrangements. (C. in C., Nore 2118/20 to F.O.I.C. Harwich) .

MovementsSubmarines

Positions and movements at 0600/21.
(V.A.S. 1747/20, 2341/20, D.C. 1843/20).

FORFAR

Orders (F.O.C.N.P. 1610/20).

MONARCH OF
BERMUDA

Leaves Clyde 0001/21 carrying Italian diplomats and with safe conduct from enemy. Route etc. (Hd. of M. 2019/20).

A/S Patrol off Tory Island.

Area N. and N.W. of Tory Island has lately become a happy hunting ground for U-boats. Today 2 have been reported and 1 merchant ship torpedoed while CARINTHIA and S.S. EROS were recently torpedoed all in this area. Although fully aware of the acute shortage of adequate A/S craft I consider it very important that a permanent patrol of A/S Surface Craft should be established there at least until the U-boat nuisance in the vicinity abates. At present, in the event of a U-boat being reported in this area, the nearest destroyer is probably in the Clyde, a distance of about 180 miles. Earlier in the war I suggested the possibility of dropping depth charges from aircraft. I would again suggest that this method of attack might well prove effective in the above area and that old type aircraft, unfit for North Sea Operations, might be used. (C. in C., Rosyth, 1629/20 to Adty.)

HOME COMMANDS

Operations - Coast of France

Polish troops 5000 Polish troops reported fighting their way to St. Malo. It is desired to evacuate them if possible. Dutch Schoots ordered to Jersey for this, and SABRE to proceed to St. Helier and stand by to escort Schoots to St. Malo. (C. in C., Portsmouth 0246/20 to SABRE)

Sailed ALDERPOOL with 4,000 Polish troops for Falmouth. (MACKAY 0600/20 to A.C.W.A.)

No more British or Polish troops in La Pallice. (MACKAY 0801/20).

No fighters available

Success of further evacuation from St. Nazaire and La Pallice depends on A/A fire as no Fighters are available. Request A/A cruisers be provided. (C. in C., W.A. 0832/20 to Adty.) Proceed to Bayonne. End 0616/20 (C. in C., W.A. 0927/20).

BATORY Polish Divn.

Polish Divn. is assembling at Le Verdon. Request all shipping be re-directed there. (B.N.L.O. Bordeaux 0943/20 to A.C.W.A.). French flag flying at St. Malo. 3 oil tanks still intact (A.C.H.Q. Chatham, 0810/20).

Bayonne

Requirements for shipping at Bayonne extremely urgent. Minimum 1000 Military and Refugees there now relying on transport. Garonne River handed over to French and Polish authorities. (B.N.L.O. Bordeaux 1032/20 to C. in C., W.A.) Carryout orders in my 0246 and 1119. (C. in C. Portsmouth 1246/20 to SABRE)

Polish army

Polish Army now assembling Levere 5000, La Rochelle 10,000. Request shipping be diverted accordingly. (Mr. Campbell, Bordeaux 1229/20 to A.C.W.A.)

F.O. 2nd C.S. to arrange evacuation as soon as possible provided no undue risk from air attack or magnetic mines. Polish Divn. at Le Verdon and 3000 French Air Force mechanics and pilots. (A.C.W.A. 1351/20 to F.O.C. 2 C.S.)

Am leaving for Perpignan with Ambassador today 20th (B.N.L.O. Bordeaux 1415/20 to Adty.)

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ThursdayHOME COMMANDSOperations - Coast of FrancePolish army

ARETHUSA expects arrive Plymouth 0600/21, with President of Poland and staff, British Ambassador at Poland, and staff British Embassies Warsaw, Brussels, Paris.
(C. in C., W.A. 2105/20 to Adty.)

Sail one destroyer forthwith to Port Vendres to transport H.M. Ambassador and party of nine to North Africa. (D.O.D.F. 2246/20 to F.O.C.N.A.)

Bordeaux

Wireless set is being dismantled 1600/20.
(B.N.L.O. Bordeaux 1400/20 to Foreign Office).

Endeavour to get in touch with B.N.L.O. Bordeaux and evacuate anyone he requires (F.O.C. 2 C.S. 1855/20 to BEAGLE).

Situation as to number to be evacuated.

Still obscure. Communication with Bordeaux open by road only no telephone or train.
BERKELEY in company (F.O.C. 2 C.S. 1920/20).

Le Verdon

ST. HELIER and LADY OF MANN to proceed Le Verdon for water and to embark any troops there unless otherwise ordered by F.O.C. 2nd C.S.
(A.C.W.A. 2211/20 to MACKAY, F.O.C. 2 C.S.)

List of ships which sailed for Falmouth from Le Verdon 19/6, 20/6 (ARETHUSA 1152/20).

Channel IslandsEvacuation

Please inform me at once Govt. Policy as to Channel Islands. If civil population to be evacuated Ministry of Shipping must take up ships. (C. in C., Portsmouth 1317/20 to Adty.)

Your 1317/20. Home Office has decided that it is not the policy to evacuate Channel Islands. Crown Officials are staying and it is expected that major portion of population will stay too. Arrangements in hand for evacuating 17,000 from Jersey and 13,000 from Guernsey. (D. of S.T. 2127/20 to C. in C., Portsmouth).

Your 1317/20. Island Govts. have been informed that we would be ready to receive in the United Kingdom such inhabitants of the Channel Islands as the Island Authorities wished to evacuate to this country under arrangements to be made and financed by them. (D.O.D.(H) 1527/20 to C. in C. Portsmouth).



SWEDISH SHIPS - SEIZED

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Thursday.HOME COMMANDSChannel IslandsEvacuation
(Contd.)

Your 1815/20 approved for Schoots to evacuate civilians from Jersey as Governor directs. (C. in C., Portsmouth 2137/20 to SABRE) .

Your 0948 am escorting transport. Please confirm that orders as to Dutch Schoots are cancelled. (SABRE 1025/20 to C. in C., Portsmouth).

SABRE reports there are still about 15,000 people in Jersey. S.T.O. requires all available small craft. 1112 Ends. (C. in C., Portsmouth 1222/20 to Adty.)

Seizure of Swedish Destroyers at Faroe Is.

Swedish destroyers should be boarded and informed H.M. Govt. have decided that to safeguard them against probable capture by Germans the Govt. has decided to seize them. Remove crews and bring them to Clyde, using force if necessary. Leave small care and maintenance parties in Swedish destroyers at Thorshaven. Treat Swedish crews with every consideration. (D.O.D(H) 0026/20 to D.6).

Oiler CASTOR arriving Thorshaven now. Request instructions this ship and Depot ship PATRICIA. (Capt. D.6 0540/20 to Adty.).

Your 0540/20. Destroyers only should be seized. Leave one of your destroyers to prevent their recapture by Swedes if satisfied this adequate; and ensure that tanker and depot ship do not use their W/T (D.O.D(H) 0721/20 to D.6)

My 0721/20. If Swedish crews can be accommodated in Tanker and Depot ship they should be put on board and released. Report whether you can steam Swedish destroyers to Clyde. (D.O.D(H) 20/6)

Your 0857/20. Yes. Consider this is best arrangement and request approval to do so. Senior Officer has requested this information regarding himself and I have approved it should they accede to my demand. (Capt. D.6 1002/20 to Adty.)

Proceed with Swedish destroyers to Scapa. (D.O.D(H) 20/6).

My 1002/20. Demand accepted. Am transferring crew to CASTOR and PATRICIA in anticipation of approval. (Capt. D.6 1101/20 to Adty.)

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Thursday.HOME COMMANDSOperationsNorway

Battle-Cruiser torpedoed At 1535/20, H.M.S. CLYDE in a position 60 miles north of Trondheim Fiord sighted one enemy battle-cruiser, one pocket battleship, and a destroyer proceeding in a N.W. direction. CLYDE attacked the battle-cruiser and made one hit. See Enemy Intelligence, 386.
CLYDE R. of P., see June 20, p. 489.

Iceland

701 Sqn., Force "Profit" Re accommodation (N.O.I.C. Iceland, 0029/20, D. of L.D. 1314/20, Alabaster, Reykjavik, 1348/20, S.O.I., Iceland 1401/20, D.V.A.D. 1831/20.

Fishing Craft Requesting they may be issued with British identification papers. (C. in C. H.F., 1824/20).

Air.British Air Activity

Reconnaissance at Christiansund and coastwise to Stavanger. 2 M/Vs observed at 58:00 N., 1:28 E., (Donibristle 1830/20).

Skuas for attacks on Norway

In order to resume air offensive operations in Norway request that a formation of nine skuas be sent to Hatston. It is realised that this may deplete I.R. Aircraft but as the type is no longer in production the time must come when replacements cannot be provided. There can therefore be little harm in anticipating this moment by employing some of the remaining aircraft in the type of offensive operation in which they have proved themselves to be so suitable. (C. in C., H.F. 1201/20).

Your 1201/20. Owing to recent loan of 38 pilots to R.A.F. and the recall of 7 others, it is impossible to form any further First Line Squadrons at present except those already approved for new construction.

801 Squadron now at Detling could be transferred to Hatston and re-equipped with 12 Skuas.

Request conformation that accommodation will be available at Hatston. (D.N.A.D. 1856/20 to C. in C., H.F.).

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Thursday.HOME COMMANDSAir.Enemy Air Activity

Raid on England Damage at Cardiff. (F.O.I.C. Cardiff 0259/20).
 Damage at Marchwood (C. in C. Portsmouth
 1033/20, (S.A.S.O.) F.O.I.C. Southampton
 0924/20. (Priddy's Hard, 0854/20).

S.S. ~~STLESSO~~ ~~=====~~ Damaged by air attack in Cardiff
 docks 0100/20.
 British (2290 tons). Reported sunk (Air Min.
 Daily Summary 337).

S.S. MALINES British (2980 tons) attacked 0115/20 by aircraft
 in Channel. Under Govt. charter.

BRULAIRE Fr. tanker, 7638 tons, attacked by aircraft
 47:10 N., 3:40 W. off Belle Isle, 1350/20.
 (Lands End Radio 1350/20).

BRITANNY Brit. 4722 tons, attacked by aircraft off
 Belle Isle, 14 59/20 (D.C.N.S. 291).

P.L.M. 16 Fr. 3574 tons, attacked by aircraft 45:46 N.,
 1:40 W. (off Rochefort) 1916/20, but proceeded
 on her course. (Lands End Radio 1820/20).

Use of Allied R.A.N.A.S. 1756/20.
marking on
A/c by enemy

Calais patrol Yesterday the Germans maintained a standing
 patrol over the Calais area. This probably
 indicates some activity which it is desired
 to conceal. (C.I.C. Report No. 20).

War Diary20.6.40
ThursdayHOME COMMANDSMining

Bordeaux. Enemy A/C laid parachute mines at 0030 this morning and it is believed Channel N. of St. George's Bank and also main channel near Talais Bank buoy are mined. (ARETHUSA 0501/20 to BEAGLE)

Enemy Intelligence

Main units sighted. One Battleship and one Battle Cruiser bearing 335 position 64°43' N., 9°53' E. (CLYDE 2234/20)

Battle Cruiser torpedoed. One Battle Cruiser, one Pocket Battleship, one Destroyer in position C.X.R.R.4353 course 335°. Attacked Battle Cruiser. One hit (CLYDE 2235/20 to Adty.) *Sailed 284*

7 destroyers. Five Destroyers course 90° my position 53°21' N., 5°4' E., (A/C report 1012/20) joined by 2 more. Attacked. Result not observed (A.C.H.Q. Chatham, 1445/20)

5 destroyers. Bomber Command A/C reports: Five Destroyers 53°48' N., 6°50' E.

2 Cruisers. at 0155/20, course W.15 knots; Two Cruisers and Two Destroyers 53°48' N., 6°40' E., at 0200/20, course W.; and three large ships type unknown at 51°50' N., 3°52' E. at 2343/19 (D.C.0710/20)

10 M.V's. 53° 20' N. 5°16' E., (A/C 1100/20)
6 vessels, 2 of which were warships 53°21' N., 5°12' E., 2340/20(A/C report) (I.C.0489/40)

Shipping.

RONWYN. British, 1766 tons.) Put out of action in Rochefort
HESTER. British, 1199 tons,) on 18/6 to prevent their use
JACOB CHRISTENSEN, Norwegian) by the enemy. (D.S. 21/6)
3594 tons

Adty.Mge.B.R. Instruction contained in Adty. Mge.B.R. no longer applies to ships bound for French Colonial ports outside the Mediterranean. (Adty.Mge.B.T. 1208/20)

Convoy routes Owing to U-boats operating further West than usual convoy is now routed through TF MH 00 00 and is not to disperse till that position has been reached (C. in C.W.A. 1311/20 to FOWEY)



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HOME COMMANDS

Shipping. (Ctd.)

Convoy routes (Ctd.)

To enable greater protection to be given to O.A. and H.~~A~~ convoys in the Channel it is proposed to institute the following:-

- (1) H.~~A~~^X Convoys, having the more valuable cargoes, route.
- (2) O.A. Convoys, route.
- (3) (4) Arrangements for ships joining.
- (5) Change to commence with convoys H.X.49 and O.A.172 (C. in C.W.A.2024/20)

A Message

Cancel 1940/17. British Merchant ships have now been instructed to inform all French Merchant ships met at sea that many ports in France are now occupied by the Germans and that they are therefore strongly advised not repetition not to proceed to such ports. Similar action is to be taken by H.M. Ships. (A.C.N.S.(T) 2302/20)

All ships bound up Channel, including those in Convoy, to pass Dungeness during daylight hours (A.C.N.S.(T) 1319/20)

WEATHER

	<u>Wind</u>	<u>Weather</u>	<u>Visibility</u>
<u>North Sea</u>	Northerly, moderate.	Cloudy. A few showers in central area.	Mainly good
<u>Horns Reef</u>	Northerly, Light to moderate.	Fair to cloudy	Good
<u>Channel</u>	Northerly, moderate.	Fair to cloudy	Good
<u>W.Approaches</u>	Northerly, moderate.	Fair to cloudy	Good

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ThursdayFOREIGN STATIONSNorth AtlanticSIVRI/LSAR

Minelayer, should be routed round Cape (V.C.N.S. 2051/20 to F.O.C.N.A.).

Sail one destroyer forthwith with despatch to Port Vendres to transport H.M. ambassador to North Africa. (D.O.D.(F) 2246/20 to F.O.C.N.A.)

South Atlantic

Your 1900/18. Air Ministry did not issue these orders. Presume they do not emanate from the French. Unfortunately no prospect of sending you Flying Boats in near future. (D.O.D.F. 0034/20 to C. in C.S.A.)

Mediterranean.General.Cannes.

1,000 British stranded. Immediate evacuation necessary. (Sharrocks, Cannes, 0810/20). (D.C. to F.O.C.N.A. 2220/20). Your 2220, in view of your 0144/21 have now no ship to send to Cannes. (F.O./C. Gibraltar 0620/21)

Works.

Do not hesitate to undertake immediately any works that in your opinion may be of value in present emergency. (Civil Lord to C. in C.Med. 1752/90) 2/

British and French policy.

Gist of telegram received today by Mittelhauser from Weygand. Owing to situation of Army and difficulty of feeding civilian population we have been obliged to approach German and Italian Governments. This does not mean cessation of hostilities and still less capitulation. Armies although sorely tried and separated are still fighting magnificently. Tell those around you that for moment there is no question of ceasing fire.

Para. 2. C.in C. and A.O.C.in C. flew here this morning to see Mittelhauser. Agreement in principle was reached over following (?decisions). (a) Mutual assistance between British and French air forces in Syria and Egypt. (b) Possible assistance and troops in Egypt. (c) Setting up of joint Middle East planning committee to include French staff officers. (d) Setting up of Anglo French War Council for Mediterranean. Visit was a great success and in all respects there appears to be common point of view.

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ThursdayFOREIGN STATIONSMediterranean.General (Ctd.)British and
French
policy (Ctd.)

Para. 3. Although in view of high morale at present existing likelihood of capitulation here seems remote I suggest broad preparation should be made now in Palestine to received large influx of French material and personnel in the event of the worst happening here. On all sides wish has been expressed to join British Army if necessary. General Massiet commanding expeditionary force here told me he would immediately join Foreign Legion if British formed one. (No.8 (Salisbury Jones Mission to W.O.1920/6)

Operations.Threat to
Bosphorous

Ambassador Ankara tel.572, 17/6 to F.O. Am in general agreement. Feel if Bosphorous were seriously threatened, primary interest to us to provide support to Turkey there. Desirable to avoid a definite commitment, but statement might be made that we should regard an attack on Straits as of first priority and certainly endeavour to send naval support. (C. in C. Med. 1817/20).

Crete

Vague rumour that Italians have demanded bases in Crete, also that Cretan Governor-General and Prefects left today for Greece. (N.A. Athens, 2013/20).

PARTHIAN unsuccessfully attacked Italian cruiser SAN GIORGIO in Tobruk harbour 19/6 (C. in C.Med. 2315/20). Air reconnaissance 20/6 reported 3 cruisers, 3 destroyers, 2 submarines at Marsa, Tobruk. The SAN GIORGIO is still aground (I.C.0489/40). One destroyer or flotilla leader at Bardia (31°45'N 25°10'E) (I.C.0489/40).

Air.Swordfish
for Malta.

B.N.L.O. 4th Region's 2143/18 request all 24 Swordfish aircraft or at least half of them may be flown to Malta where there is ample reserve. The aircraft will form a most useful striking force as well as being invaluable in defence of Island. They will also provide reserve for H.M.S.EAGLE. (C. in C.Med. 0827/19. to Adty.)

Mining.

Mines in position 300° R.E.T. 17 miles (Malta, 2055/20) (? Ras-el-tin, Alexandria.)

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ThursdayFOREIGN STATIONSMediterranean. (Ctd.)Enemy Intelligence

C.M.B's. Hitler has given four C.M.B's to Bulgaria, arrival
Bulgaria. expected shortly. (A.I.) (N.A. Athens, 1737/20).

Italian Yugo-Slav General Staff informs me that Italian
Fleet. Fleet is now at Taranto. (Belgrade 2035/20 to
C. in C. Med.)

East Indies

Orders for Governor Ceylon instructed by Colonial Office to
Shipping. delay sailing of French ships; and that Norwegian,
Dutch, Polish, and neutral ships may proceed to
French ports outside Mediterranean. Request
confirmation. May British ships proceed to French
India, Madagascar, Reunion. Consider Jibuti
should still be out of bounds. (C. in C.E.I.
0654/20 to Adty.)

PARAMATTA Are intended as reinforcements. DERBY AND HUNTLEY
YARRA will not be withdrawn unless the minesweeping
situation in Mediterranean renders necessary
(A.C.N.S.(F) 1631/20 to C. In C.E.I.)

Centre Peak I. Hut destroyed by H.M.A.S. HOBART's a/c. No
W/T submarines or E boats seen. (C.in C.E.I.0611Z/20)

GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPS

VENTA Latvian, 1886 tons, is now sailing under the German
flag. Had been detained by the Germans at Hamburg
on January 5. (D.S. 21/6)

MARITZA Last reported at Sibenik 18/6 was communicating with
Fiume and Venice at 0115/20 and was due at Pola
0800/20 (N/T Intercept).

CORDELIA V.C.Bourgas reports she loaded cargo 13/6 said to
contain war material sailed Batoum. Returned
Bourgas for bunkers just after with cargo still on
board sailed for Batoum 17/6. (Beyeglu 1757/20)

ITALIAN MERCHANT SHIPS

CONTE ROSSO Left Ancona 20/6 with staff of British Embassy.
Has been ordered into Catania in Sicily to await
the safe conduct of British Govt. for passage to
Lisbon. (D.S.)

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ITALIAN MERCHANT SHIPS (Ctd.)

MARZOCCO. 5106 tons, beached off Peterhead after scuttling herself on 10/6, has now been abandoned and hopes of salvage given up.

SERDICA. 1533 tons, was at Ferrol, Spain, on 18/6.

GUIDONIA 5060 tons, reported to have been arrested at Norfolk, Va., by Asiatic Petroleum Co.

MONBALDO 6214 tons, arrived at Para, Brazil, from Norfolk, Va., on 18/6

FRISCO 1582 tons, reported to have arrived at Ceara.

FORTUNATA. 2715 tons, which was reported to have been sunk by the French, the crew being landed at Teneriffe, is now said to have been towed into Santa Cruz, Canary Islands.

AMELIA LAURO Should be added to list of ships seized in British seized. ports 11/6. Ship was undergoing repairs at Immingham (I.C.0487 /40)

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Thursday
War DiaryU-BOAT CAMPAIGNShips Attacked-Contd.EMPIRE
CONVEYOR

British 5911 tons (formerly German GLORIA) with load of grain Montreal to Manchester torpedoed 56° 16' N., 8° 10' W., 1215/20. Sank 1¼ hours after. Explosion observed by flying boat which guided H.M.S. CAMPBELL which rescued survivors. Master, 2nd Engineer and 4 missing. H.M.S. SCOTT searched and picked up 1 body. (CAMPBELL Ref. No 104/03) Master 2nd Engineer and Cook lost. Rest landed Liverpool 21/6. (Minute Sheet and B. of T.) *See also next page.*

OTTERPOOL

British 4867. Torpedoed 2040/20. 15 survivors. (Minute Sheet)

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ThursdayU-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MININGShips Attacked.

- ANDALUSIAN torpedoes at 1404. 120' W. of Ushant (A.S.W.D. Report 289) Still being chased at 1500. Had been in Convoy H.G.F.34 with a general cargo for Liverpool. (D.C.N.S.291 says she was in convoy H.G.F.34) Chased 48°36' N., 7°51' W., steering 060° mean. (Landsead Radio 1501/20) Torpedoed 48°32' N., 8°3' W., (Landsead 1404/20). *false report, see 29/6*
- EMPIRE
CONVEYOR
Sunk British, 5911 tons, torpedoed 1230/20 and sunk 80 miles west of Mull. Four of the crew, including Master, missing. 37 survivors taken on board H.M.S. CAMPBELL. Was proceeding independently from Montreal to Manchester. (CAMPBELL 1911/20)
See also p. 392
- JAMES MCGEE
Sunk Panamanian, 9859 tons, mined and sunk off the Foreland, Bristol Channel. Bound from Trinidad to Brest, but had been diverted to Bristol Channel. (Nore W.K.1456/20)
- FELLSIDE
Escaped British, 3509 tons, chased by submarine 48°43' N., 8°19' W., 1951/20. Cargo of iron ore from Bougie for the Tees. Was in convoy H.G. 34. (Portishead Radio 1951/20)
- TILIA GORTHEM
Sunk Swedish (1776 tons) torpedoed and sunk by submarine thought to be Italian, 80 miles S. of Scilly. LEITH Picked up 11 survivors (D.C.N.S.292)
- OTTERPOOL
Sunk British, 4867 tons, torpedoed 1943/20 and sunk 124 miles west of Ushant, 45°N., 8°15'W. (Lands End T.O.R.2049/20)
- LABUD Yugoslav, 5334 tons, torpedoed off Fastnet (? time) Crew landed at Clonekilty.
- Trawlers U-boat reported 1009 52°40' N., 2°12' E., by trawlers which were attacked and set on fire (Chatham 1135/20). U-boat sighted submerging at 1030. (C. in C. Nore 1045/20).
- Your 1045 no burning trawlers in position. Consider report erroneous. 2 sets of 4 M/S trawlers near. (WILD SWAN 1319/20 to C.in C. Nore) See U-Boat Camp.

Swedish ship Torpedoed 0303/20 in 48°32' N., 6°20' W. (I.C.
name uncertain 0489/40)

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ThursdayU-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MINING (Ctd.)Estimated dispositions.

- 2 in Finisterre Area
- 1 in Bay of Biscay
- 2 in Western Approaches
- 1 in 56° 18' N., 8° 59' W., at 0805/20 and
- 1 in 60° 32' N., 5° 18' W., at 1030/20 may both be homeward bound.
- 1 Italian may be in Atlantic W. of Gibraltar but there are no indications of her whereabouts.
(D.D.I.C. 1226/20)

Submarines reported.

- 1500 27° 25' N., 15° 55' W., (35 miles S.W. Grand Canary) reported by French ^{steep} BOUGAINVILLE to have dived 8 miles distant. B.3. (K.0489/40)
- 2100/19 150° Sandra Light 158. Rep. by PATELLA in Convoy (F.O.I.C. Greenock 1140/20)
- 2050 B.S.T. Submarine presumed enemy 41° 22' N., 3° 10' W., (Oran Radio 2013/20)
- 2035 57° 50' N., 3° 38' E., by a/c. (C. in C. Rosyth 0040/21) Note Probably Dutch. (Donibristle 2340/20)
- 0505 60° 11' N., 3° 0' E., sighted on surface. (Donibristle 0735/20)
- 1004 See ships attacked.
- 0818 45' S.S.W. of Barra Head (A.S.W.D. Report 289)
- 0805 56° 18' N., 8° 59' W., (about 78 miles off Malin Hd.) by a/c.
- 1627 By D/F 57° N., 3° E., unreliable fix (D.D.I.C. 1700/20)
- 1030 60° 32' N., 6° 42' W., by a/c. BUTTERMERE AND WINDERMERE hunting (F.O.C.S. 1129/20)
- 1030 52° 40' N., 2° 12' E., (C. in C. Nore 1045/20 to VANESSA)
- 1208 30' North of Muckle Flugga (R.A.(D) H.F. to ZULU)
- 1210 56° 16' N., 8° 10' W., by A/C. (F.O.C.N.P. 1610/20, N.O. I/C Greenock 1542/20). Considered not same submarine as 0805 above (C. in C. Rosyth 1426/20)
- 1430 48° 32' N., 8° 3' W. ANDALUSIAN chased by submarine (Lands End Radio).
- 1416 57° 50' N., 5° E., D/F report. (D.D.I.C. 1440/20)

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ThursdayU-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MINING (Ctd.)Submarines reported. (Ctd.)

- 1130 56°16' N., 8°10' W. (D.D.I.C.1349/20 to Ships)
- 2330 B.S.T. By D/F 57030' N., 4°20' E. Unreliable fix (D.D.I.C. 0002/21)
- 1951 48°43' N., 8°19' W., (D.D.I.C.2237/20)
- 1304 48°32' N., 8°3' W. (D.D.I.C.2025/20)
- 1030 Reported by a/c , 60°32' N., 05°18' W., 130' W.S.W. of Muckle Flugga.
- 1835 48°50' N., 8°19' W., 140' off Ushant, reported by a/c (C. in C.W.A. 1906/20)
- 2150 Reported by s.s. CITY OF AUCKLAND, 5 miles N. of Toward Point, Clyde. (N.O. I/C Greenock 2351/20)
- 1730 13 miles S.E. Capo Carbonara (Scapa U/T Rec. 2126/20)
- 0949 By D/F 50°50' N., 12°30' W. Unreliable fix. (D.D.I.C. 1039/21)

Submarines attacked.

- 1030 60°32' N., 6°42' W., by A/C apparently surfacing but submerged immediately. Estimate 2 hits and submarine put out of action. (Donibristle.Recd. 1308/20, C. in C. Rosyth 1316/20, a/c 1030/20).
- 1915 Attacked by A/C at 62°28' N., 4°22' E. (C. in C. Rosyth 0040/21, Donibristle 2215/20)
- 1829 By A/C escorting convoy O.A.170, 48°50' N., 8°19' W., One bomb fell 0 yards astern, one 30 yards ahead. (A.C.H.Q. Plymouth 2235/20)

Mediterranean.Submarines reported.

Submarine at Ceuta Italian submarine still in Ceuta (A/C 1100/20)

Submarines attacked.

Submarine sunk PARTHIAN on date not yet known sank Italian submarine in 32°42' N., 23°49' E. (C. in C. Med. 2315/20) Time 1530/20 (I.C.0489/40)

(DIAMANTE)
Italian s/m.

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Thursday.U-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MINING.Ships attacked.OTTERPOOL.

Master of s.s. FELLSIDE, arrived Weymouth a.m. to-day, reports that while in unescorted convoy, s.s. OTTERPOOL was sunk by s/m in position 48.26' N., 8.11' W., at 2040/20. No survivors. S.s. FELLSIDE opened fire on submarine and considers hits were registered. (F.O.I.C., Portland, 1318/24).

HILDA.

Finnish (1144 tons) torpedoed 20/6 about 90 miles N. of Castro Urdiales on N. Coast of Spain. 11 Survivors landed.

ANDALUSIAN.

Reported torpedoed 20/6. Incorrect. Ship arrived safely.

EMPIRE
CONVEYOR
(Ex German
GLORIA)

Torpedoed 1045 and sunk 1200 in 56° 16' N. 8° 10' W. Captain and 2 missing, 2 slightly injured. (LD Form S A.)

S/M's reported.

My 1105. U-boat probably homeward bound passing 30 miles north of Muckle Flugga. BUTTERMERE, WINDERMERE also ordered to search. (R.A.D. H.F. 1208/20)

SITUATION REPORT

German Main Units Out.

German battle
cruiser torpedoed

At 2334²⁰ one enemy battle-cruiser, one pocket battleship, and a destroyer were sighted 60 miles north of Trondheim by H.M. submarine CLYDE, which attacked the battle-cruiser and made one hit.

Dispositions
made by C. in C.
H.F.

The following dispositions were made. 18th C.S. (MANCHESTER, BIRMINGHAM, SHEFFIELD and YORK) left Rosyth 0630/21 to rendezvous with NEWCASTLE and SUSSEX 80 miles E. of Scapa at 1500 and proceed towards Stadlandet. SUNFISH was ordered to Heligoland Bight, WILK to a position 30 miles S.W. of Lister, and SEVERN to Utsire. Battle-cruisers and battleships in Scapa were brought to one hour's notice. 3 Blenheim aircraft and a Sunderland were ordered to search for the enemy force.

At 1215/21 RENOWN and REPULSE, screened by 5 destroyers, left Scapa for the same rendezvous as the cruisers.

Battlecruiser
sighted

At 1115/21 a Hudson aircraft of Coastal Command on reconnaissance sighted and reported one battlecruiser and 6 destroyers off the entrance to Sogne Fiord steering a southerly course at 25 knots. This aircraft together with a Sunderland already searching in the area were ordered to shadow, while 6 more Hudsons were sent to attack.

At 1230/21 the 18th C.S. was still 60 miles away from the prearranged rendezvous with NEWCASTLE and SUSSEX and had altered course to the eastward at 30 knots.

Attack by Sword-
fish with torpedoes

3 Swordfish of 821 Sq.
3 Swordfish of 823 Sq.

At 1450/21 a Sunderland aircraft sighted and reported one Battlecruiser and 7 destroyers steering South at 20 knots. This aircraft continued to shadow, and between 1510 and 1520 6 Swordfish aircraft of F.A.A. ^{from} ~~attacked~~ ^{attacked} the battlecruiser with torpedoes. The battlecruiser was not hit, but one of the destroyer screen was possibly hit. Two of the Swordfish were shot down.

First air torpedo attack on a screened enemy capital ship in history (C.B. 3053(1))

Bombing attack

Meanwhile, 6 Beauforts and 6 Hudsons of Coastal Command had left Hatston, and between 1620 and 1650 these attacked the battle-cruiser (SCHARNHORST) with bombs, obtaining at least one hit near the stern. Four aircraft were shot down.

At 2100.....

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SITUATION REPORT

German Main Units Out.Bombing attack
(Contd.)

At 2100, after receiving a number of conflicting aircraft reports C.S. 18 considered that the enemy battlecruiser had probably entered Haugesund, and he therefore, decided, in view of the probability of heavy enemy air attack, to continue his search to the southward until midnight, and then to return with all his forces to Scapa. Enemy fighters had driven off our shadowing aircraft.

Battlecruiser again
sighted

However, at 2250 a final report was received from the pilot of one of the the Coastal Command shadowing aircraft that at 1930 the battle cruiser was, in fact, about 40 miles S.W. of Haugesund, steering South and at 20 knots, while 2 enemy cruisers and 5 destroyers were some 35 miles N.W. of her, steering north at the same speed.

2 Cruisers sightedC.S.18 turns
Northward

By this time the 18th C.S. was to the Southward of the SCHARNHORST, with the remainder of his force 70 miles to the north-westward; and at 2355 C.S.18 decided to carry out a final sweep to the northward with his ships spread 5 miles apart, before abandoning the search.

Our forces
withdrawn

From 2030 our forces were shadowed continuously and attacked by enemy aircraft; visibility was good, with a full moon and no period of darkness. At 0123, since it appeared that the battlecruiser had probably entered Stavanger or had possibly passed to the southward C. in C. H.F. ordered our forces to withdraw at high speed. Enemy aircraft continued to shadow them on passage. Fighter protection was given for the the return passage.

Withdrawal of troops from France

Evacuation of Polish troops from Bordeaux continued today. BERKELEY reported 700 Poles at LeVerdon and that at least 4,000 might be expected at Bayonne. SOBIESKY and BATORY have been sent to this area.

421 British and 6988 Allied troops were landed today at West Country ports. Up to 1200/21 the following had been evacuated:-

British fit	124,841
Casualties	2,193
Allied troops	4,410

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Evacuation of Channel Is.

On completion of the military evacuation, which was completed by 0700/21 (W.O. Summary), arrangements are being made to take off those civilians who wish to leave today.

Preparations for Invasion

There appear to be restrictions on the apparent use of the plentiful shipping known to be in German ports, which emphasises the desirability of reconnaissance of the North Sea exit from the Kiel Canal, the Belts, and Skagerrak (C.I.C. Report 22).

Photographs taken today show great constructional activity at Schipoland, barge activity in neighbouring canals.

At 0845/21 100 or more covered barges were seen lying between Maaslaais and Rotterdam, tied up in threes. They were estimated to be 300 ft. long. 6 barges were seen in the harbour at Maaslaais. At 1300/21 many similar barges were seen in the waterways at Krammer Volkerak, Baringvliet, and Costerscheide.

Air.R/C's

Normal patrols were flown during 21/6, and reconnaissance flights were made to the Heligoland Bight, Christiansund North, Trondheim and Aalborg.

Gunboat sunk

9 Hudson aircraft sank a gunboat and 2 M.Vs in harbour at Willemsoord (Texel) pm/21.

Coast battery attacked

A F.A.A. Squadron attacked a new ^{heavy} shore battery, believed ~~4.7 inch~~ guns, near Calais at 1420/21 and obtained 4 direct hits and several near misses.

2 Albatrosses shot down

6 Albatrosses of F.A.A. which were carrying out a search for M.Vs in the Texel area, became separated and were attacked, 2 being shot down.

Losses 21/6

C.C. 5 aircraft.
F.A.A. 5 aircraft.

Damage at Hamburg

It is believed that the shipbuilding yards of Blohm and Voss of Hamburg have suffered severely from British air raids. A number of damaged ships from these yards are reported to have been sent to Denmark for repair.

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Mining

Belfast is open again. Avonmouth is closed.
All ports East of Barry are also closed.

Miscellaneous

Portugal

Although the policy of the Portuguese Govt. is pro Ally the entry of Spain into war with us might force similar decision on Portugal.

ILLUSTRIOUS

New aircraft carrier left Devonport pm with destroyer escort, for Bermuda.

Italian Hostilities

Air raids

There were 5 air raids on Malta today, causing 34 casualties; the floating dock was badly damaged during a raid early am; its back was broken and it sank later.

Marsa Matruh was raided am/21. No appreciable damage was done and there were no casualties.

Bizerta was bombed on the night 19/20.

Bombardment of Bardia

A force consisting of ORION, NEPTUNE, SYDNEY and LORRAINE (French battleship) with destroyers in company, under R.A.(D) carried out a bombardment of military objectives at Bardia at 0600/21 and obtained good results. French cruisers SUFFREN, DUGUAY TROUIN and British destroyers carried out a sweep along the coast as far as Marsa-Tobruk at the same time, with no result.

Air attack on Tobruk

An air attack was made on Italian warships in Tobruk in conjunction with the bombardment at Bardia, resulting in heavy smoke rising from one large ship after the attack.

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FridayDISPOSAL OF FRENCH FLEET

Naval Chief of General Staff Algiers states practically all French Fleet now in British or French North Africa ports. General intention French fighting forces is to carry on war from Africa regardless of terms agreed to by French Govt. Naval authorities very anxious to continue co-operation with British. Morale of 3 services excellent. (B.N.L.O. Algiers, 1858/21).

HOME COMMANDSDefence of U.K.Northern
Ireland

Guns for Magilligan Point and Larne. (Belfast 1837/20).

West of
England

No order yet given for schemes for immobilisation for immediate use at ports on West Coast of England. No steps should therefore be taken at these ports at present which will in any way hamper the full use of all port facilities, and it is not intended at present to earmark any ships as blockships. (A.C.N.S.(H) 1721/21).

Folkestone

UMVOTI to be placed in position blocking Folkestone, but not to be sunk yet except in emergency. (D. of L.D. 1605/21).

Nore net
Defence

Additional defences in the form of sausage net to be laid across the river from the pile obstruction at Scar's Elbow, and across Lower Hope Reach, 1000 yards below Coal House Battery. (D. of B.D. to C. in C., Nore, 1552/21).

Orkneys

Considered that proposed controlled minefield between Shapinsay and Gairsay has assumed increased importance in view of probability of this entrance being rushed by enemy ships. Consider minefield should be completed at an early date. Further proposals for mine loops. (A.C.O.S., 1530/21).

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FridayHOME COMMANDSMovementsSubmarinesPositions 0600/22 and movements (V.A.(S)
2031/21 D.C. 2245/21, 0332/22).

ILLUSTRIOUS

With IMOGEN, GRIFFIN and ST. LAURENT left
Devonport pm for Bermuda.OperationsHome Fleet (to intercept SCHARNHORST)Raise steam at 1 hour's notice (C. in C.,
H.F. to RODNEY, VALIANT, RENOWN, REPULSE,
NEWCASTLE, SUSSEX, 0301/21).Cruisers at Rosyth to act under orders of
C. in C., H.F. (A.C.N.S.(H) 0315/21).

WILK

Proceed with despatch to 57:30 N. 6:0 E.
3000. (V.A.S. to submarines on Patrol,
0321/21).

SEVERN

Proceed with despatch to patrol off Utsire
(V.A.S. to submarines on Patrol 0323/21).3 Blenheims
to searchCLYDE's 2234/20 (position of battle-cruiser &
battleship). 3 Blenheim aircraft should
reach Trondheim about 0730/21 and will then
search towards position 64:43 N., 09:53 E.
Sunderland leaving Sullom Voe as soon as
possible to search to N.W. of this position.
(C. in C., Rosyth, 0330/21).

SUNFISH

Proceed with despatch by route 2 to 54:15 N.,
6:50 E. (R.A.S. to submarines on Patrol 0338/21).18th C.S.Proceed with your force in direction of 62:10 N.
04:15 E. NEWCASTLE and SUSSEX will R.V. with
you in position 58:50 N., 00:20 E. Report time
at which you will reach this position.
(C. in C., H.F. 0343/21 to F.O.C. 18th C.S.).
Reply, 1500 (C.S. 18, 0555/21).WALPOLE
GALLANTAs WALPOLE is only capable of 27 knots at full
speed am leaving her at Rosyth. GALLANT
accompanying me. (C.S. 18 to C. in C., H.F.
0545/21).

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FridayHOME COMMANDSOperationsHome Fleet (to intercept SCHARNHORST)Aircraft attack

Aircraft reports an engaging enemy ship in position 63:42 N., 9:30 E. at 0800. (Aircraft 254 Sqn., 0800/21). Submarines on Patrol advised (D.C. 0920/21). Cancel my 0920/21. Enemy reported were aircraft and not warships (D.C. 1048/21).

18th C.S.

Rosyth departures 0630/21. C.S.18 in MANCHESTER, SHEFFIELD, BIRMINGHAM, YORK, GALLANT in accordance with C. in C. H.F. 0343/21. (C. in C., Rosyth, 0939/21).

Battlecruisers

NEWCASTLE and SUSSEX sailed at 0930 to R.V. with you in 58:50 N., 00:20 E. at 1500. Battle-cruiser Sqn., screened by INGLEFIELD, FORESTER, ESCORT, ZULU and DIANA will leave harbour at 1130 and proceed towards same R.V., speed of advance six knots. If no further information is received, battle-cruisers are to alter course to 030° on reaching R.V. (C. in C., H.F. 1029/21 to C.S.18, B.C.1).

A/S Protection

RODNEY's Walrus is to proceed to give A/S protection to NEWCASTLE and SUSSEX to maximum practical distance. (C. in C., H.F. 1049/21) NEWCASTLE and SUSSEX left Scapa 0957. (F.O.C. O.S. 1105/21).

Route of cruisers

Own cruisers and destroyers pass through 58:50 N., 00:20 E. at 1500 today and proceed thence to 62:10 N., 4:15 E. (V.A.S. to submarines on Patrol 1106/21).

SCHARNHORST sighted

1 battle-cruiser, 5 destroyers bearing 220° distance 6 miles course 240° position 61:00 N., 4:14 E. (Aircraft 233 Sqn., 1115/2, corrected 1120/21). Enemy capital ship SCHARNHORST class, 6 destroyers, position 61:00 N., 4:14 E. course 190° speed 25 knots. (Aircraft 233 Sqn., 1120/21, Donibristle 1120/21) Advising submarines (C. in C., Rosyth 1144/21) Position of 6 enemy merchant vessels 53:00 N., 4:50 E. (Aircraft 206 Sqn. 1145/21). Estimated enemy capital ship will pass 18 miles off coast between Jaederens and Lister this afternoon, speed of advance 23 knots. (V.A.S. to SALMON 1156/21). Aircraft and Sunderland escorted by 3 Blenheims ordered to shadow. 4 Hudsons also sent to attack. (C. in C., Rosyth, 1156/21).

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FridayHOME COMMANDSOperationsHome Fleet (to intercept SCHARNHORST)

- Battlecruisers left. Scapa departure 1215, RENOWN, REPULSE, INGLEFIELD, DIANA, ZULU, FORESTER and ESCORT (F.O.C.O.S. 1220/21).
My position course and speed are 57:59 N., 01:08 W., 090° 30 knots. (C.S.18 1230/21).
- 18th C.S. in charge. You are in charge of this operation against enemy battle-cruiser.
- Swordfish leaving 6 Swordfish with torpedoes leave Hatston shortly (C. in C., H.F. to F.O.C. 18th C.S. 1237/21).
- Fighter protection Request fighter protection. (F.O.C. 18 C.S., 1240/21). Orders for it (Donibristle, 1345/21). My 1156/21. Add 6 more Hudsons and 9 Beauforts also being sent. (C. in C., Rosyth 1242/21) Expect air A/S escort about 1315. (C. in C., Rosyth 1244/21).
2 Blenheims leaving Sumburgh as soon as possible to make reconnaissance of Trondheim and 2 others to Bergen. Latter not to reach Bergen before 1500. (C. in C., Rosyth, 1258/21).
- 6 Swordfish left 6 Swordfish carrying torpedoes left Hatston 1245/21. Objective enemy battle cruiser and destroyers reported in aircraft 1120/21. Track to 59:17 N., 4:50 E. then search northwards for 40 miles, returning to Sumburgh (A.C.O.S., 1300/21).
- Intelligence for SALMON Estimate enemy capital ship will pass 18 miles off coast between Jaederens and Lister this afternoon, speed of advance 23 knots. (R.A.S., to SALMON 1309/21).
Aircraft confirms on landing enemy definitely battle-cruiser escorted by 6 destroyers. (C. in C., Rosyth, 1436/21).
- Re Aircraft 6 aircraft identity unknown, my position 58:49 N., 00:20 W. (Aircraft attached to RODNEY 1450/21). These were friendly (Scapa, 1540/21).
Re fighter protection being sent. (C. in C., Rosyth, 1458/21 to F.O.C.B.C.S.).
My 1408 (? 1458) Blenheims unable to take off owing to weather. (C. in C., Rosyth 1656/21).

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FridayHOME COMMANDSOperations.Home Fleet (to intercept SCHARNHORST)Enemy's position

Position course and speed of 1 battleship and 7 destroyers is 60:05 N., 03:59 E., 180°, 20 knots. (Aircraft 204 Sqn., 1450/21).
Submarines on Patrol advised (C. in C., Rosyth 1530/21).
D.F. at 1423/21. Position of unknown enemy unit, 60:05 N., 5:0 E., reliable fix, probably not capital ship. (D.D.I.C. 1510/21).

Movements of own forces

Further movements of own forces referred to in my 1106 are as follows at 1230.
MANCHESTER, SHEFFIELD, BIRMINGHAM, YORK and GALLANT were in 57:59 N., 01:08W., steering 090° at 30 knots. (V.A.S. to submarines on Patrol 1519/21). Own battlecruisers and destroyers left Scapa 11.30 steering eastward (V.A.S. to submarines on Patrol 1538/21).

Enemy altered course

Aircraft reports indicate enemy apparently altered course to 260° at 1510 and back to 184° at 1540 (C. in C., Rosyth 1610/21).
No enemy sighted between bearings 160° and 211° up to a distance of 100 miles. My position 59:30 N., 04:00 E., average visibility 40 miles. (Aircraft 224 Sqn., 1615/21).
Position course and speed of enemy battle fleet 60:15 N., 04:20 E. 190° 22 knots. (C. in C., Rosyth to submarines on Patrol 1625/21) (Aircraft 224 Sqn. 1625/21).

Enemy's position

Position course and speed of 1 B.S. and 7 destroyers 59:46 N., 04:18 E., 140° 20 knots. (C. in C., Rosyth to submarines, 1630/21) (Aircraft
My 1625. Position of enemy is 59:50 N., 4:10 E. (C. in C., Rosyth, to submarines 1643/21) (Aircraft 224 Sqn. 1643/21, Donibristle 1643/21).
My 1450 and 1625 (?) amended by my 1643. Position given in my 1450 considered more reliable. (C. in C., Rosyth 1654/21 to submarines and all ships).

Aircraft attack

Following received for 18 Group for XX O/269. Position, course and speed of enemy battle fleet 59:26 N., 4:00 E., 180°, 20. Have attacked. (C. in C., Rosyth, 1655/21, Aircraft 269 Sqn. 1655/21).

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FridayHOME COMMANDSOperationsHome Fleet (to intercept SCHARNHORST)NEWCASTLE shadowed by one enemy aircraft 58:47 N.
02:58 E. (NEWCASTLE 1727/21).F.O.C.B.C.S.
positionAircraft reports F.O.C.B.C.S. in position
58:16 N., 00:40 E. at 1700 steering 110° 27 knots
altering course to 090° at 1800. (C. in C. Rosyth
1746/21).Enemy Aircraft
shadowingAm being shadowed by 1 enemy aircraft my position
58:01 N., 3:55 E. (MANCHESTER, 1817/21).Air ProtectionRequest you will send every possible long range
fighter to protect cruisers and battle cruisers.
(C. in C., H.F. 1844/21 to C. in C., Rosyth).1 vessel unknown bearing 200 3 VM bearing 045
in position. (Aircraft from MANCHESTER, 1850/21).Enemy's
Position1 battleship and 7 destroyers in 59:25 N.,
5:15 E. (Aircraft 204 Sqn., 1850/21).18 C.S.My position, course and speed are at 1900,
58:02 N., 04:34 E., 28 knots. (C.S.18, 1908/21).Cruiser sighted1 cruiser bearing 210° distance 8 miles course
180° in position 065 West LK 60 (Aircraft from
MANCHESTER, 1910/21).2 Cruisers
5 Destroyers
sightedCourse and speed of 2 cruisers and 5 destroyers is
090°, 20 knots (?). Enemy aircraft of type
indicated 12. (Aircraft 204 Sqn., 1915/21)
(C. in C., Rosyth to submarines, 1915/21).Aircraft
AttackForm Blue, attack on SCHARNHORST and 7 destroyers
in position 59:50 N., 4:00 E., started from
5,000 ft. down to about 2,000 ft. 2 500 S.A.P.
bombs ~~XXXXXXXX~~ from each A/C. Dropped in sea
about 15 yards to port side of SCHARNHORST.
Very heavy A/A and pom-pom fire, and 6 M.E.
109's (Donibristle 1948/21). Position of enemy
is 59:29 N., 03:36 E. (Donibristle 1950/21)"F" 224 in formation with D/224 and A and Q/233 S/C
from Leuchars at 1247 to intercept and attack
B/S SCHARNHORST and six dr. Owing to formation
leader not making contact with enemy forces,

A/C.....

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Operations

Home Fleet (to intercept SCHARNHORST)

A/c Attack
(Contd.)

A/c "F" broke formation when course for home was set. Battleship was immediately found in position 5010 CO 190, speed 22 knots. Avoiding action taken at first owing to presence of 4 M.E. 109's. Bombing attack made at 1600 hours at 11,000 feet with 3-250 sap bombs. Owing to cloud patches beneath aircraft and A/A barrage results were not observed, and after attempting to ascertain damage, which was impossible owing to enemy air action, A/C "F" S/C for Sumburgh at 1620 and landed at 1745. (Donibristle, 1815/21).

Further
Attack

A.C.O.S. 1300/21. Six aircraft attacked one SCHARNHORST at 1510 in position 007 deg. 59° N., 4° E., 45 miles, No hits obtained on SCHARNHORST, but possibly one hit on a destroyer. Two aircraft shot down, remainder returned Hatston. Enemy screened by 7 destroyers one 2 miles ahead, one 2 miles astern, one 5 miles to westward, one at 1,000 yards on bearings red and green 030 and 150. Destroyer challenged with rocket. All ships opened weak barrage at about 3,000 yards. Short range fire effective and long range fire during withdrawal accurate. Avoiding action taken by turn away together under full helm. One Swordfish sighted 4 single engine fighters, probably M.E., 109, at 13,000 feet after attack. One enemy a/c also seen on close A/S patrol. (Hatston, 2016/21).

One bomb hit near No. 1 turret, flames seen by pilot later. One bomb hit port side forward by No. 1 gun turret resulting in flames and smoke which persisted until ship was out of sight. (Donibristle 2035/21). Another observer says one bomb dropped alongside and one hit stern of ship, throwing up much debris. (Donibristle 2005/21).

A/cs (Wick) sighted SCHARNHORST and 7 destroyers with a fighter escort of 5 M.E. 109's in position 59:50 N., 4:00 E., at 1620. Attack delivered at 1625 by shallow dive bombing from port quarter to starboard bow on the B.C. in eschalon to port. Dropping 2 500 lb. S.A.P. bombs per a/c bombs from a/c D landed in the sea about 15 yards to the port side amidships. A/c D.42 turned away to starboard, and was then attacked by 3 fighters, resulting in one M.E. 109 being brought down in flames by the rear gunner. The engine of another was damaged by the pilot. The damaged a/c turned away to port and a/c D.42 set course for base independently....

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Home Fleet (to intercept SCHARNHORST)

A/c attacks
(contd.)

independently. A/c A and C/42 were not seen after they attempted to close formation when attacked by fighters. A/c D returned with starboard aileron control shot away. A/A fire very heavy, and of all descriptions, including pom-poms. (Donibristle, 1940/21).

Cancel message 1940/21 (attack on SCHARNHORST) (C.D.B., to Adty. 2146/21).

Report of Blenheims from Sullom Voe, shadowing enemy force, and in action with DO.18 at 1400. One M.E. 109 shot down in flames crashed in sea at 1640, action finished 1643 hours. Sighted 5 Swordfish, LKDN 3240. Swordfish attacking SCHARNHORST, one believed crashed in sea on fire, 1510-1520 hours. (Donibristle, 2009/21).

C.S. 18's
plans

My position course and speed are 58.43 N., 04.22 E., 173 deg., 22 knots. Report that enemy has entered Haugesund appears correct. In view of probability of heavy air attack intend if nothing is sighted to return to base, passing through 58:00 N., 04:36 E., at 2359, speed 22 knots, steering 270 deg. F.O.C.B.C.S. is requested to keep his force about 15 miles to westward of me. NEWCASTLE and SUSSEX return to Scapa at 2359. (C.S.18, 2100/21).

Destruction
Important

The destruction of SCHARNHORST at present time is of such great importance that it is justifiable to take more than ordinary risks with any of your forces to achieve it. (1st S.L. 2105/21. to C.S.18).

Situation

Your 2105. Am being shadowed continuously by several aircraft. Visibility is extreme and there will be no dark period. Surprise is therefore impossible and I consider air or submarine attack offer the only chance of achieving object. It seems very improbable German battleship SCHARNHORST will emerge and afford target for submarines whilst we remain outside. Intend proceeding in accordance with my 2100 request maximum possible air attack against German battleship SCHARNHORST. (F.O.C. 18 C.S. 2203/21).

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Enemy Position Aircraft report 2 cruisers, 5 destroyers
59:29 N., 3:36 E. course 90°, 20 miles at
at 1915 (C. in C. Rosyth to submarines and
all ships 2016/21).

Enemy A/c shadowing 1 A/c shadowing in position 58:39 N., 4:26 E.
(C.S.18 2030/21). 2 a/c shadowing 58:56 N.,
3.14 E. (NEWCASTLE 2045/21)

C.S.18 position My position course and speed at 2100, 59:01 N.,
3.23 E., 045°, 30 knots. SUSSEX in company.
(C.S. 18 2107/21).


Enemy Air Attack Enemy bombing, position 58:13 N., 4:28 E.
(C.S.18 2210/21).

Enemy's Position Pilot of F/204 who reported battle cruiser in
59:25 N., 5:15 E. at 1856 now reports her at
(59:25 N., 4:16 E.) steering to southward.
Same pilot reported 2 cruisers and 5 destroyers
about 20 miles to westward of battle cruiser
at 1915 and considers they were enemy and
probably KOLN class.

Battle-cruiser hit. Beauforts claim 2 hits with 500 lb bombs on
battle cruiser. (C. in C., Rosyth, 2200/21).

Final report of enemy Final report from F/204. One B.C. and 7
destroyers 59:25 N., 4:15 E. course 190°,
20 knots at 1842, 2 cruisers 5 destroyers
59:29 N., 3:36 E., course 010°, 20 knots
at 1930. (C. in C., Rosyth 2250/21).

TRIBUNE)
TRUANT) To proceed with despatch to vicinity of 59:12 N.,
4:55 E. and 59:25 N., 4:25 E. respectively
(R.A.S., 2301/21).
My 2301. Proceed along meridian 04° E. Bombing
restriction arranged. 20 miles either side of
this line between 59° N. and 63° N. (R.A.S.
2356/21).
1 Hudson leaving Thornaby shortly to make
reconnaissance from Kristiansand to Lister,
keeping 10 miles off coast. (C. in C., Rosyth,
2315/21).

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HOME COMMANDS

OperationsHome Fleet (to intercept SCHAFFHORST)Cruisers to
Sweep

Ships are to spread in sequence from left to right 5 miles apart - YORK, SHEFFIELD, BIRMINGHAM MANCHESTER, involved on course 360° speed 22 knots. Intend to alter course to 270° at 0330 and to 180° at 0500. My reference to position at 2300 is 58:12 N., 04:42 E. (C.S.18, 2355/21).

Situation

My appreciation of the situation based on the same information as you have but without knowing what water you have covered is that enemy battle cruiser has passed between your forces and the coast. (C. in C., H.F. to C.S.18, 2325/21).

APPENDIX 'A'

State of Dutch, Belgian and North East French Ports on 20th June, 1940.

Delfzyl. Open for coasters.

Den Helder. Open. Already used by M.T.Bs. Limited to fairly small ships.

Texel Zeegat. Excellent anchorage for big ships.

Ymuiden-
Amsterdam. Canal to Amsterdam closed.
Ymuiden outer part of harbour available to big ships.

Hook-
Rotterdam. Open, damaged, but certainly usable. About 20 Dutch ships probably available.

Antwerp. Intact. Very few ships. Navigation of river very difficult under present conditions.

Flushing. Heavily damaged and of doubtful value.

Terneuzen-
Ghent Canal. Presumed damaged, but probably usable.

Zeebrugge. Canal blocked. Some cranes on mole destroyed, but ships can go alongside Mole.

Ostende. Open.

Dunkirk. Blocked.

Calais. Usable except possibly for inner basins.

Boulogne. Inner basins probably blocked, but outer basins (channel steamer berths) usable.

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Following from SABRE, Captain of Port, St. Malo, Report as follows, "No Polish troops in town and no news of their approach German advance guard has visited town and left again on finding it disarmed and garrison withdrawn. German occupation expected this evening or tomorrow but no civilian wishes to be evacuated" Propose utilising schools to evacuate Jersey. T.O.O. 1815/20 (C. in C., Portsmouth 0837/21)

La Pallice

My 1752/20. Admiral Hallett is sailing in VANQUISHER at 1000 today for La Pallice to assist in carrying out this duty. (A.C.W.A. 1014/21)

Polish

About 6000 Polish troops assembling Le Verdon. No ship arrived there yet. Request immediate action. (B.N.L.O. Bordeaux to A.C.W.A. 1206/21) Franco-Polish Liaison officer reports 3,000 Polish troops now here, more arriving (BERKELEY, 1320/21)

CALCUTTA

Request you will sail CALCUTTA as soon as ready to join C.S. 2. who is at present at Arcachon but will be moving to Bayonne. (A.C.W.A. 1314/21 to C. in C., Portsmouth)

Withdrawal of final party of naval officers, ratings and Army stragglers from S. Malo was made possible by a considerable effort by volunteers of St. Helier Yacht Club. Suggest worthy of official notice. (C. in C., Portsmouth, 1331/21)

Channel Ports

Air reconnaissance yesterday 20th showed Cherbourg, Havre, Boulogne, Calais, Dunkirk, Nieuport, Ostend, Zeebrugge, Flushing, Ymuiden clear of shipping. (D.D.I.C. 0746/21)

Evacuations

My 2246/20. Party for embarkation now greatly increased. Sail a second destroyer for Port Vendres. (D.O.D., (F) to P.O.C.W.A. 0106/21) Refers to passage of H.M. Ambassador and party to North Africa.

Pass.....

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Contd.

Pass to B.N.L.O. Bordeaux. Imperative that ships loading at Le Verdon should have fighter protection. Do your utmost to arrange this with French Authorities. (P.O. 2. G.S. 0510/21 to Admty. BEAGLE)

Following from B.N. L.O. Bordeaux timed 2000/20. "Situation changed Ambassador remaining Bordeaux but may be forced to evacuate at very short notice. Requests GALATEA be held off Arcachon for present.

Communication with Admty. dislocated by enemy's jamming. Am remaining at Arcachon for the present. (C.S.2., 0655/21)

Bayonne
La Pallice

Can ARETHUSA or a destroyer join me. If she arrives in time intend Ambassador and party to return in her. I would then proceed to Bayonne, where large proportion of those evacuated appear to be moving and direct wireless communication is most necessary. If not, intend BERKELEY bring home Ambassador and under present conditions I would go to Le Verdon. This still leaves La Pallice out of touch unless VANQUISHER can do this in addition to duties in your 1014 (C.S. 2. to A.C.W.A. 1135/21) Transports when loaded must leave at once. (Homeward route) (C.S. 2 1141/21) Your 1135/21 ARETHUSA not available (CinC., 1642/21).

St. Jean de Luz.

My 1642, Capt. Albn in FRASER with beach and communication parties sails shortly for St. Jean de Luz which will be used in preference to Bayonne for evacuation. He will be under your orders. Use VANQUISHER and BEAGLE as you require. (C. in C., 1902/21)

Le Verdon

Your 0430 and 0731. Delay in contacting Captain of the Port who is not helpful. Troops are in wood behind Le Verdon. Still no transports. Essential for quick embarkation transports go alongside pier. At present Capt. of Port will not allow due to mines. He thinks LL trawlers have swept (100%) area but wishes second sweep. Offers small cargo vessel which should arrive at Arcachon 0700/22. Place no faith in this promise. Your 0941. Admiral of Marines Bordeaux has 2 suitable ships already there and can supply names to

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BEAGLE (BERKELEY to F.O.C. 2 C.S. 1515/21)

French Air
Pilots

Up to 2,500 French air pilots whose evacuation is highly desirable should reach Bayonne by Sunday 23rd. M. Deloraine with up to 20 R.D.F. technicians is believed to be in Bordeaux or Bayonne and should be evacuated if located. (D.O.D. (H) 1541/21 to B.N.L.O. Bordeaux)

NESTIGUCHE

To sail at 2100 and escort ARANDORA STAR to Bayonne. On arrival come under orders of C.S.2. (C. in C., W.A. 1804/21)

Has ORMONDE or any other transport arrived (C.S.2. to BERKELEY, 2025/21)

Gironde
Mined

12 magnetic mines are reported dropped between Le Verdon and Pauillac. Arrange for sweepers to cover this on morning flood tide, each should embark a river pilot, (R.A., in BEAGLE, 2121/21 to BERKELEY)

Bayonne

Your 2240/21 (sailing BEAGLE and BERKELEY for Bayonne.) Concur. (C. in C., W.A. to F.O.C.S. 2. 0219/22)

Polish Troops

ALDERPOOL with 4000 Polish troops, expected arrival 0130/23 (C. in C., W.A. to N.O.I.C, Liverpool, 1825/21)

La Pallice

Ascertain if any Polish or Belgian troops require to be embarked in vicinity of La Pallice. If so get them embarked as soon as possible in any ships available and escort to Plymouth in convoy with any other Allied ships you can take with you, keeping well clear French coast. Despatch in imperative. (C.S. 2. to VANJUISMER, 2155/21)

7,000 Polish troops at Pointe De Grave. 4,000 routed Bayonne. So far, unable to contact Bordeaux. (BERKELEY, 1900/21)

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Sail ARANDORA STAR for Bayonne at 2100/21. will be under orders of escort. On arrival orders will be signalled by British warship in vicinity of coast. (C. in C., W.A., 1858/21, to D.S.T.O., Plymouth)

French Ships at Plymouth

Requests being received from French ships in the port for the supply of fuel and other stores. Instructions requested whether these are to be met without further reference. Water and victualling stores are being supplied on demand. (C. in C., W.A., 2223/21)

BATORY

Arrived St. Jean de Luz. (Bayonne 1030/21)

SOBIESKY

Left for U.K. with Polish troops (Bayonne, 1600/22)

LL Trawlers required in Gironde

Gironde is closed by magnetic mines. Imperative to release French and Neutral shipping carrying troops and important stores.

LL Trawlers originally sent to Gironde cannot be found. Request immediate replacement. (R.A. BEAGLE 2320/21 to C.S. 2. Admty)

Party of 7 officers 121 ratings BRITNAD leaving Algiers June 22nd for Casablanca 11 Swordfish and crew at Maison Blanford? aerodrome Algiers awaiting orders. Several hundred French aircraft here lately arrived from France and steady stream continuing. (B.N.L.O. Algiers, 1957/21, to Admty)

Channel Islands

Situation in Jersey. Although it is realised that Islands will not be held only about 8000 wish to be evacuated. These have been embarked and no more will go unless compelled. S.T.O. has been taken to St. Peter Port. In Guernsey about half population are willing to go and are being evacuated. Fishing boat bringing 25 French Naval Ratings 3 British women and 3 children from Brittany to St. Helier was intercepted. Passengers with all convenient despatch transferred to Schoote

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Contd.

DESPATCH. Am proceeding on patrol.
R.F.C. transport expected time of arrival
p.m. 22nd June (SABRE, 2046/21)

Swedish Destroyers

Swedish Admiralty are definitely anxious about their four destroyers which together with PATRICIA are now understood to be at Faroes. They believe that Brit. Gov. fears German navy may seize these ships en route to Sweden, but Swedish Admiralty assure me that German Admiralty this morning has again given undertaking not to interfere with these ships. Would be grateful of enlightenment as to what I am to inform Swedish Admiralty. (N.A., Stockholm, 1145/21)

Owing to **extensive** defects, Swedish destroyers are considerably delayed in being ready for sea. Have fuelled them from destroyer and had steaming party on each one, but earliest estimated time of departure was noon today, 21/6. Steaming on one boiler and in some cases on one engine. MAORI and HATHONA are re-embarking steaming party before proceeding with despatch to Scapa in accordance with C.in C., H.P.'s 0301/21. (Capt. D 6, 0458/21)

My 0459 Part 11. PATRICIA has now completed oiling from CASTOR, and wishes to proceed a.m. today. Intend allow ship proceed at noon and afterwards proceeding Scapa with 2 Swedish destroyers, leaving other 2 empty under guard until situation permits their being (corrupt group) (Capt. D.6. 0459 21)

Faroes departure 1500. Swedish PATRICIA, CASTOR for Scapa 1630, TARTAR escorting 2-Swedish destroyers PUKE, REBUS, for Scapa (Capt., D.6. 1631/21)

PUKE has broken down in position 61.15'N 6.6'W and is now in tow of KINGSTON CORNELIAN. Request tugs. TARTAR giving M/S protection and REBUS in company. (Capt. D.6., 2230/21)

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FridayHOME COMMANDSAir.British air activity. (See also Operations - Home Fleet.)

Battery at C.Blanc Nez attacked. Attack by 4 Skuas and 5 Rocs on new gun emplacement at Cape Blanc Nez. 50°54'40" N., 1°44'0" E. 4 direct hits on target and several near misses. (Chatham A/C H.Q.1656/21)

Stavanger. No shipping observed in Stavanger other than very small craft. (Donibristle, 1055/21)

SS. MERCURIUS Dutch, painted naval grey. Did not stop when fired at. Bombed. Near miss. 1031/21. 52°58' N., 3°8' E., 60 miles W.Helder) (I.C.0489/40)

M.V.'s Attacked. 6 M.V. reported in 53°00' N., 4°50' E., at 1145/21. 9 A/P 206 Sqdn. and 8 A/P 826 Sqdn., reported by Q/206, who attacked and estimates one hit. (Chatham A.C.H.Q. 1254/21) 1523/21) 4 M.V. in 59°00' N., 5°05' E., attacked with guns, bombs, miss 10 yards astern. (Donibristle, 1005/21)

New Carrier. ILLUSTRIOUS, with IMOGEN, GRIFFIN and ST. LAURENT, left Devonport p.m. 21st for Bermuda. (V.C.N.S.)

Patrol Boats and M.V. 2 M.V.'s and 2 patrol boats in LKND 0005, between Karmo and Stavanger. Bombed one of the M.V., missed 10 yards astern. (Donibristle, 1310/21)

Raid on Willemsoord Oost/Vlieland 3 ships attacked and sunk or severely damaged 1520 by direct hits believed to be GELDERLAND (Gunnery Training Ship) HERTOOG HENDRIK and a gunboat (I.C.0489/40) But Joint Intelligence Sub.Committee Report No.47 says the second ship was SOERABAJA (Coast Defence Ship). 6 barges, 1 tug attacked 1555. 3 hits on barges (I.C.0489/40)

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FridayHOME COMMANDSMining

Mines in Bristol Channel My 1918/20. Casualty Report. Request Q.Z. message to cover dangerous area due to mines enclosed by circle of radius 2 miles with centre 51°22' N., 3°35' W. (F.O.I.C. Cardiff 1222/21)

Portland North Pole mine exploded at 0910/21 by L.L.trawler 130° 7 cables from Breakwater Fort. (F.O.I.C. Portland 1745/21)

East Coast Barrier. TEVIOT BANK, PLOVER, ICARUS, INTREPID, ESK and EXPRESS left the Humber at 1800/21 to continue minelaying in the East Coast Mine Barrier (V.C.N.S.)

Karm Sund Mined. British mines have been laid in Karm Sund (chart 881) between latitude 59°22'48" N., and latitude 59°22'21" N., (1st S.L., 2122/21, to ships in area A)

Gironde mined. The Gironde has been heavily mined by A/C's between Le Verdon and Pauillac (I.C.C489/40) See Operations, France.

Enemy Intelligence

Small craft being taken up. German authorities in Norway are enquiring and purchasing small craft of all descriptions. Graded A.2, (B.C.Goteborg 1600/21).

Danish Vessels, Sound, Hamburg. Following from dependable Royal Personage Denmark A.2

(a) No vessels of Danish Navy requisitioned by Germans. Small number of vessels kept for training Danish Navy remainder paid off.

(b) Regarding The Sound, several steamers have been sunk since April.

(c) Great Belt three Ferrys mined only one of which sank. Our mines exploded too late damaging after part only. Troop ferrys now preceded by pilot ferry (d) believed ~~Blom~~ and ~~Vasa~~ badly damaged by British Air Raids also borne out by arrival damaged German vessel from this works for repair Danish Yard. (N.A. Stockholm, 1508/21.)

Increase in W/T traffic Marked increase since noon 20/6 in the frequency associated with traffic. Wilhelmshaven and Norwegian Coast. (D.C. 0435/21)

3 M/S 2120/21 68°23' N., 16°25' E. (Vest Fjord) Course
1 M/V 250 (A/C report) (I.C.0489/40)

36 M.V's In Bergen harbour and 1 M.V. 15 miles S. of Bergen
2 E boats (Donibristle 1815/21)

3 Cruisers Were at anchor in Kiel Bay night 20/21 (D.C.N.S.293)
6 M.V's. 53°0' N., 4°50' E., (A/C 1145/21)



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HOME COMMANDS (Ctd.)

Shipping

Though the shipping in the Downs has decreased, there are large numbers of ships passing in convoy almost every day through the restricted channels of the Thames Estuary. These must form a tempting and a comparatively easy target for hostile bombers based in Holland and Belgium.

It is desired to emphasise the need for fighter aircraft to be in instant readiness to take off and go to the assistance of these valuable ships should they be attacked, for it is clearly possible that without rapid and adequate air support our losses in such a raid might be very serious. (C. in C. Nore 2202/19 to Adty.)

Miscellaneous

Spanish Trawlers off Ireland.

Trawlers ILFRACOMBE and SCARBOROUGH report 12 pairs of Spanish trawlers, mostly motor trawlers, are off Ireland between 52° and 53° N., 11°30' W. These trawlers were fishing near convoy route. (F.O.I.C. Milford Haven 1135/21) N.A. Madrid, asked to report (D.N.I. 1744/21)

WEATHER

<u>0500 B.S.T.</u>	<u>Wind</u>	<u>Visibility</u>	<u>Outlook</u>
North Sea	N.fresh south of 58° N., W, moderate N. of 58° N.	Good or moderate	Wind backing Weather deteriorating.
Channel and W.Approaches	N. or N.E. moderate	Good or moderate	Similar.
Horns Reef.	N. moderate	Good.	Similar
Dutch Coast.	N.N.E. moderate or fresh.	Good or moderate.	Similar
Coast of S.W. Norway.	N. or N.W. fresh or moderate.	Good or moderate.	Wind Backing. Weather deteriorating.



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CASUALTIES AND DEFECTS

Home Commands

CORRIENTES. My 1830/10/5 (damaged by explosion). Ship now
~~German M/V~~ fit for sea. (Las Palmas, 1915/21)

LUFFWORTH British (279 tons) rendered useless and abandoned
at Brest 21/6.

TIRRANNA Norwegian due Mombassa 16/6 overdue (80 (1)
Colombo 1719Z/21)



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FOREIGN STATIONS

North Atlantic

Port Vendres
Evacuation.

B.N.L.O. Sud 1402/21. List of ships sent or could be sent to Port Vendres. (F.O.C.N. A. 1850/21 to Admty)

Shipping Policy
Gibraltar.

Your 1258/19. If emergency sailing from Gibraltar became necessary you should be guided by the following:-

- (1) British ships and others including neutrals under Allied control should be classified in the two categories. (a) Ocean going ships and (b) Short sea traders.
- (2) Category (a) to be dealt with as follows)
 - (i) Ships bound for the East or for Eastern Mediterranean or Malta to be sailed via the Cape calling at Capetown for onward routing and Freetown or St. Vincent if necessary for bunkers.
 - (ii) Ships in ballast or with coal cargoes for Western Mediterranean ports to be sailed for Sydney, Cape Breton, for orders, bunkering at Azores if necessary.
 - (iii) Remainder to be sailed to Milford Haven for orders.
- (3) Category (b) Ships to be sailed to Milford Haven for Orders.
- (4) All ships for U.K. to be sailed in convoy with normal convoy escort if available. If not endeavour will be made to meet convoy as early as possible with escort from U.K. Convoy should be routed far to the westward particularly in vicinity of Finisterre. You should select and report position date and time of rendezvous in Western Approaches and convoy route.
- (5) Further signal will be made regarding neutral ships not under Allied control. (A.C.N.S. (T) 0037/21 to F.O.C.N.A.)

E.F. For
North Africa

Your 1910 and 1911/20. Your arguments and appreciations, but it is impossible at the moment to provide an expeditionary force for North Africa owing to loss of so much equipment in France and our great present commitments. (W.O. 2050/21 to Governor, Gib)

Repeating his views that E.F. urgently required in North Africa. (Governor Gib. 1231/21)

RAF Reinforcements

35 R.A.F. officers and 700 airmen arrived at Gibraltar from Marseilles.

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Information in Admty. 1558/17 has been received by all ships concerned on North Atlantic Station including KEPPEL and VELLOX (F.O.C.N.A. 1150/21)

Evacuation

B.N.L.O. Sud's 1402/21, Material and personnel accumulating rapidly request ships. Comply as far as you are able. (DTD 2254/21 to F.O.C.N.A.)

South AtlanticMALOJA

To proceed Dakar and remain there until further orders (C. in C., S.A. 1617/21)

French Ships

S.O.I. Capetown 1250/18. Request information as to arrangements for fuel and provisions for French ships. VILLE DE TAMATAVE and ILLINOIS, each with 1,000 native troops on board, at present at Union ports and without credits. Destination Dakar, but this may be changed. (M.O.I.C., Simonstown, 1621/21)

Attitude of French

Dakar will be held. Any necessary arrangements can be made here by those who understand the position. Running costs of whole army one million sterling for month. Dakar garrison one quarter that sum. Figure includes Air Force but not Navy. C. in C., requests you will order British Officers on coast not to receive French deserters on any account. (B.L.O. Dakar, 1800/21 to W.D.)

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French here appear to be out of touch with North Africa and do not know attitude of Nogués. Indication of the determination of Army (in Middle East) to continue struggle would be appreciated (No 8 (Jones) Military Mission 1900/21) to (C. in C. M.E)

Evacuation of TroopsCzech Troops

D.S.T.O. Marseilles left 18/6 on receipt of order all British M.V's were to leave French ports. Presume there was no British authority in Marseilles to receive and act on your 2011/19 (evacuation of Czech Troops) and your 0144/21 (embarkation of important personages (F.O.C.N.A. 1614/21 to Admty)

French War Material

Every endeavour to be made to evacuate French war material in S.W. France. Reply urgently if shipping required (Dirmilint 2246/21 to R.A. Paris)

R.A.F. Personnel etc.

Ask D.S.T.O. Marseilles if there is any news of personnel, M.T. of R.A. guns of R.A.F. Force which were at Vallon 20 miles N. of Marseilles. (D.O.D(F) 2251/21 to F.O.C.N.A.)

RefugeesEvacuation of Civilians

Considerable number of ships carrying evacuated personnel both service and civilian, arriving here from south of France. They cannot be retained here in present political situation. I intend sending such ships as have sufficient fuel, water and victuals on board direct to U.K. either independently or as extra convoy. May be necessary to use H.M.S. PATROCLUS for service personnel due to lack of suitable shipping. (F.O.C.N.A. 1250/21)

Approximately 2200 troops and R.A.F. and over 300 civilians including women and children have arrived at Gibraltar or are expected tomorrow from Marseilles. They are all in small cargo vessels with deck accommodation only. Vessels are overcrowded with no hot meals or washing facilities. I

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Civilians, Contd.

I have embarked 500 M.A.F. in H.M.S. PATROCLUS for passage to Liverpool. Request one or more transports may be sent forthwith. Agreed. (F.O.C.N.A., 1858/21)

Following from Foreign Office "There are about one thousand British refugees at Marseilles and in the Riviera. Are there any British ships in Marseilles in which Foreign Office could arrange to have them embarked at their own risk. Do you know if the N.C.S.O. is still at Marseilles?" (D.N.I. 2316/21 to C. in C., Med.)

Cannes

Your 2220/20 (civilians stranded at Cannes) In view of your 0144/21, have now no ship to send to Cannes. (F.O.I.C., Gibraltar, 0620/21) to Admty)

Situation quiet. Several ships now arriving with Marseilles Base sub area, Haddock force S.A.F. and other troops and civilians evacuated from Marseilles. All apparently arrived safely detailed report follows when known. (Governor, Gibraltar, 2045/21)

PALOMARES is being sailed to Liverpool with 28 evacuated families and Government stores. (F.O.C.N.A., 1032/21)

Recommend all Service families in Middle East be evacuated at first opportunity as convoys allow via Red Sea to South Africa (or onward to U.K.) Total involved including Navy and R.A.F. approximately 2000 women 4000 children. Request immediate authority to make arrangements in conjunction with C. in C., East Indies regarding convoys. Will you take up question of South Africa. Pass to Admiralty and A.N. (C. in C., M.E. 1530/21 to W.O.)

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FridayFOREIGN STATIONSMediterranean-OperationsSubmarines

Submarines have had to be moved from Malta on account of air raids. Propose to operate same from Haifa, so as to avoid having to have at Alexandria 1st S.F. as well as those coming from China. No facilities at Haifa. Second depot ship urgently required. Could LUCIA be spared from Aden? (C. in C., Med. 2215/21)

AirFloating DockSunk. (A.F.D. 8)

4 raids midnight to 0300. 34 casualties reported. Widespread bombing. No material damage. Floating dock collapsed possibly due to near miss between it and ammunition depot in Saturday's raids. (V.A. Malta 2123/21)

Situation report. Five air raids since midnight. Bombs fell Marfa and Gozo remainder in sea. No military damage or casualties. Floating dock has sunk and is out of action. (Governor, Malta, 1229/21)

Dock was A.F.D. 8 (number confirmed with Sec. 5 D.N.C. 4.2.48)

Bombardment of Tobruk

At dawn 21/6 Blenheims bombed warships at Tobruk, in cooperation with naval bombardment (? of Bardia) Heavy smoke from one large ship resulted. Naval spotter aircraft gave fighter protection during the naval bombardment by day. (Air Min. D.S. 339)

ALEXANDRIA

Greek (4355 tons) Attacked by Italian aircraft but not hit.

MiningItalian Defensive Minefields

Summary of reports of Italian defensive minefields. Reports are of varying reliability. None confirmed except paragraph 6.

1. Mines laid off Durazzo Taranto Spezia Otranto channel Maddalena Bari Barletta Monopoli Zara Naples Brindisi Benghazi Tripoli (Africa)
2. Mines laid between Elba and Sardinia.
3. Mines laid between Kos Kalimmo and Leros. In bays round Milo.

Part 2 follows (C. in C., Med. 1554/17 to Med. Fleet)

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Your 0310/21. French merchant ships with French escort may sail for Beirut as requested by Admiral Beirut. British ss. LESLIE should join convoy. This is considered highly desirable as a matter of policy to meet French wishes. C. in C., Med. Concurs (S.E.M.O. Suez Canal Area 1046/21 to N.C.I.C. Haifa)

French Danube
Lighters transferred
to British flag

Transfer to British flag of 45 French Danube lighters and tugs and trawler PHOENIX all in Istanbul complete today. (Wolpon 1833/21)

East IndiesELCRN

French naval Auxiliary tanker bound for Abadan is being routed to Bombay (N.C.I.C. Aden, 0742/21)

Air OperationsMaaca ca

Maaca ca aerodrome bombed; no results observed. A/S patrol, nothing seen (A.M.Q. Aden 1752/21)

HQ R.A.F. M.E. Operational Summary No 10
Second enemy submarine reported one mile off Dharba with another ship or submarine bombed by 211 Squadron aircraft A.A. 26 June (?) without result. No further reports received regarding it. 113 and 216 Squadrons bombed El Aden and El Gubbi aerodromes destroying by fire six E.A. on ground at El Aden. Others probably damaged. Following shipping reported in Tobruk 3 cruisers 3 destroyers 2 submarines 3 large transports 29 large ships 7 smaller ships. SAN GIORGIO still aground. Merza Maabub heavily bombed several times night 19/20. No casualties one hut demolished. Reco. Bardia reported one Flotilla leader in harbour. Air photos show boom defences entrance Tobruk harbour. (H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. 2032/20)

Madagascar

Following passed to Admiralty for information addressed Antananarivo. Your 1704/19 C. in C., East Indies wished you to thank Governor General for the information that Seaplane bases are ready and flying boats are available he will gladly make use of these facilities. Assure him that British Navy will do everything possible to protect Madagascar should it be threatened. (S.C.I.Colombo, 1039Z/21)



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East Indies, Contd.

For S of S. for For. Aff. My Tel.20/6
All classes of population of Madagascar earnestly beg Great Britain to take immediate steps to forstall any enemy occupation or control of Island in the event of French Government being forced to cease hostilities. Madagascar is determined to carry on the struggle at all costs but immediate action on the part of Great Britain indispensable in order to oppose Fait Accompli to any enemy action. In view of Strategic Geographical importance of Madagascar the foregoing has my personal full approval and support. (D.C. Tananarive 2120/21)

China

South China Visit

re Visit to South China (your 1506Z/17 and my 1942/17) If you prefer not to go, it is for your consideration to propose to R.A., Malaya that he should accompany U.O.C., Malaya, should the latter decide to undertake the visit. (D.O.D. (F), to C. in C., China, 1835/21)

C. in C., Singapore

In view of present rather dangerous situation in Far East unless it is considered inadvisable I intend to proceed to Singapore in KANIBLA leaving Hong Kong 25/6 or 26/6 or at once if situation deteriorates. I may call in at Kamranh en route to discuss matter with French Admiral. DAUNTLESS is remaining at Saigon till situation is clearer as her presence will have a steady effect. KANIBLA reduce seagoing Squadron based Hong Kong to 2 A.M.C'd and these would be sent South immediately if and when situation alters for worse. I have abandoned patrol off coast of Japan pro tem. I have every indication French Admiral will remain my ally whatever happens in Europe. (C. in C., China, 1155z/21)

French Shipping

Admiralty message B.S. In view of Consul General Saigon's 0105 21st June to Foreign Office Governor of Hong Kong is suggesting to Foreign Office that French merchant ships should now be allowed to resume normal trade in Far East. I agree. (C. in C. China, 0425Z/21)

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Friday.FOREIGN STATIONSAmerica & West IndiesVisit to Rio

As U.S. cruiser QUINCY has now arrived Monte Video I intend to leave Plate area and visit Rio de Janeiro 27/6 so as to discuss local situation with Ambassador. (R.A.S.A.D., 1601Z/21)

EMILE BERTIN

Telephone message of Prime Minister has been conveyed to O.C., French cruiser EMILE BERTIN. He assures me ship will remain in Halifax at least two days to await decision of Canadian and French Govts. Also states he interpreted signal directing French training cruiser JEANNE D'ARC and French aircraft carrier BEARN to Africa. (C.O.A.C., Halifax, 1559/20, recd. 0132/21)

JEANNE D'ARC
BEARN

My 1559/20. As French Cruiser EMILE BERTIN has received further instructions to sail for Martinique, he intends leaving Halifax 1200 today Friday. (C.O.A.C., Halifax, 1112/21)

My 1112/21. Sailing has been postponed until 1800 to-day Friday. (C. O.A.C, Halifax, 1253/21)

French
Attitude

X
Your 1056/21 Admiral Martinique has assured me of his intention to continue war in full co-operation with British Forces. Suggest French Cruiser EMILE BERTIN be allowed to proceed to Martinique without hindrance.
X ? 1055/21 intended. (C. in C., A & W.I. 1402/21 to C.I.S. Ottawa)

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GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPS.

NESTOR~~A~~

Placed in Eriksberg shipyard floating dock 19/6
(Consul, Goteborg, 120/21)

HAVELLAND

Loading scrap machinery. No other indication of
intention to depart. (801 Kingston 1628/21)

CORRIENTES.

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ITALIAN MERCHANT SHIPS

FRISCO Tanker, arrived Ceara 20/6 fully loaded from Curacao. Sailed 20/6 (S.O.(1) Freetown 0730/21)

ANTONIO At Maranhao N.C.S.O., Rio de Janeiro,
LIMONCELLI 1605/21

AEQUITAS, At Ceara " "
MONBALDO. At Para. " "

FORTUNATA Admty. 1634/20, asking whether FORTUNATA brought into Santa Cruz by tugs. No. (Teneriffe, 1022/21)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MINING

Ships Attacked.

- CORINTHIAN British, 3122 tons, chased by submarine 51°47' N.,
Chased. 6°24' W., 0421/21, (30 miles west of Milford Haven)
(Lands End Radio 0312/21, C. in C.Nore 0258/21
CORINTHIAN 0332/21.
- PRUNELLA Royal Fleet Auxiliary. Torpedoed 0652, 49°44' N.,
Torpedoed. 8°52' W., (about 120 miles W.S.W. of Land's End.)
(*alias CAPE HOWE*) A sloop has been ordered to contact the U-boat.
Sunk by U.28. (Scapa Base Rec.0757/21, C. in C.W.A.0816/21)
(F.S.S.)
- AL RAWDAH ~~British~~ (3540 tons) in ballast from Alexandria to
Attacked. Liverpool (Convoy H.G.F.34) attacked by submarine
60 miles W. of Hartland Point (AL RAWDAH 1311/21)
51°5' N., 6°20' W., 1258/21 (I.C.0489/40) sighted
submarine 1258 51°5' N., 6°7' W., (Lands End Radio
intercept 1300/21)
- YARAVILLE^R British (8627 tons) from Bordeaux to Texas
Sunk torpedoed and sunk 39°30' N., 11°34' W. (120 miles
N.W. of Cape Roca) at 1457/21 (Plymouth W/T TOR
1602/21)
- VILLE DE Belgian, 7463 tons, bound to Bordeaux. Lifeboats
NAMUR (Sunk from her found at 0955/21 in a position 100 miles W.
19/6) of Rochefort. (V.C.N.S.) (A/C 209 Sqdn. 1625/20)
- ARAGAZ French, 5009 tons, from Constantina to La Pallice,
gunned gunned by submarine in the middle of the Bay of
Biscay at 2300/21. (V.C.N.S.) 45° 53' N., 4°7' W.,
(204° Belle I. 95 miles) B.I. (I.C.0489/40)
- LUXEMBURG Belgian (5809 tons) from Buenos Aires to Antwerp
Sunk. torpedoed and sunk at 1711/21 about 60 miles W. of
Belle Isle. (V.C.N.S.) 47°25' N., 4°55' W., at
1811/21 (I.C.0489/40)
- Received 1630 G.M.T. DE EVXR Position 47.23N long
4.50W now Q.T.A. S.O.S. was H A L T mile before us
and we saw smoke and one explosive in number 2 crew
is in tow boats which are going to another Belgian
ship. Message may refer to Belgian steamer
LUXEMBOURG. Ends. 1633 G.M.T.Landsend Radio.
(Plymouth A.C.H.Q. 1742/21)
- ELI KNUDSEN Norwegian tanker (9026 tons) was found abandoned
50°36' N., 8°44' W. still floating (off Fastnet)
p.m./21 (I.C.0490/40) Now sunk (D.C.N.S.24/6)
- SAN FERNANDO British (13056 tons) torpedoed but still floating
50°20' N., 10°23' W. (off Fastnet) 1912/21
(I.C.0490/40)
- Unknown ship Torpedoed 0624 46°37'N 4°10'W (60 miles SW Belle Isle.
(ASWD 290)

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WELLINGTON STAR S.S. PIERRE L.D. arrived this evening with 52 seamen picked up (0700?) hours June 19 from WELLINGTON STAR torpedoed June 15 about 80 miles W. of Oporto. One whaler with 17 men lost to sight first night of which no news. (Bond Casablanca, 2250/21)

TALIA GORTHAN^o Have picked up 3 officers and 8 men survivors of Swedish ship TALIA GORTHAN in position 048 degs. 50' North 007 degs. 31' West. No casualties. 2nd Boat with Captain and 9 said to be in the vicinity not located. Ship torpedoed 80 miles south-ward Scilly at 0303/20 by a light grey submarine white number on the port side thought by mate to be Italian. Crew state submarine signalled to second submarine. Expect to rejoin convoy OG 34 at 2345 (LEITH, 2140/21)

Submarines Reported.

- 0258 51°47' N., 06°24' W., reliable fix. CAMPBELL and destroyers ordered to attack. (C. in C.W.A., 0318/21)
- 0330 My 0318, corrected position, 51°51' N., 06°19' W., at 0330. (C. in C.W.A., 0344/21)
- 0435 Bearing of U-boat at 0435, 354 deg. from Lands End. (A.C.W.A. 0455/21)
- 0450 By a/c, 57°50' N., 1°00' E., at 0450, steering 010 deg. (C. in C., Rosyth, 1056/21) On further investigation, submarine thought to be SEVERN. (C. in C., Rosyth, 1322/21)
- 0746 My 0746, U-boat, correction position, 48°55' N., 6°22' W. (C. in C.W.A., 1304/21).
- 1340 Enemy submarine in 51°05' N., 06°20' W., reliable fix. WREN, WOLVERINE, WHIRLWIND to attack. (C. in C.W.A., 1354/21)
- Your 0746 and 1304, have carried out search in this position without success. Intend to resume patrol between Ushant and Lizard Head. (WINCHELSEA, 1545/21)
- 0949 D.F., unreliable fix, probable U-boat, 50°50' N., 12°30' W. (C. in C.W.A., 1039/21)
- 1211 By D.F. reliable. 59°25' N., 4° E. (280° Kopervik 39 miles) (I.C.0489/40)

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FridayU-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MININGSubmarines Reported. (Ctd.)

2232 60°20' N., 4°E (265° Bergen 41 miles) Indefinite position (I.C. 0489/40)

0014 By D/F 55°30' N., 11°20' W. Unreliable fix (D.D.I.C.0121/21)

0914 By D/F 58°45' N., 5°20' E. Reliable (D.D.I.C.1002/21)

0856 By A/C 63°5' N., 6°50'E. (A/C 0856/21)

1500 By French ship 39°30' N., 11°25' W. (Scapa W/T 1500/21)

1811 47°25' N., 04°55' W., Reliable fix. VANQUISHER to attack (C. in C.W.A., 1836/21)

Submarines Attacked.

0204 Re. my 0256 attacked on sighting report of Norwegian S.S. NINA BORTHEN presumed U-boat had dived, dropped charge owing to uncertainty, continued escort as (corrupt groups) still out of action. My position at 0204 048°55' north 006°22' west. (ARABIS 1000/21)

1614 46°28'N., 3°51' W., (211° Belle Isle 58 miles) by H.M.Y. VIVA II. A.2. (I.C.0489/40) joining VANQUISHER. VIVA II considers U-boat sunk remaining vicinity (BROKE 1931/21)

MediterraneanSubmarines Reported.

At least 4 submarines for Italian E. Africa proceeded via Cape, where they may co-operate with German raiders attacking British shipping. C.3. (S.O (1) Alexandria 1040/21)

Italian submarines are always to be referred to as Italian U-boats (Admty. "A" Message, 2028/19)

Submarines Attacked.

Italian U-boat was attacked at 0830Z/21 off Djibuti, KANDAHAR reports destruction not certain. Search continues.

R.O. previously reports a sunken Italian submarine is lying among reefs to S.E. of Port Sudan. Source R.A.F. R/C. Tug and armed party now proceeding to capture crew near wreck. (C. in C.E.I.0756Z/22)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MINING.

Ships attacked.

BERENICE.

Dutch 1177 tons torpedoed in Bay of Biscay
47° 10' N. 30° 35' W. at 1715/21. Ship
sank in about 2 minutes. Crew of 25 and
22 refugee passenger - 21 passengers
118 crew missing (interview with 3rd
Engineer, Shipping Casualty Section, Trade
Division 26/6/40).

SARLATIA.

Finnish, 2417 tons, torpedoed and sunk
off Finisterre. Survivors landed at Vigo.
(D.S. 297).

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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.



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SITUATION REPORT

France

Information was received late in the evening from E.N.L.O. Bordeaux that the French had signed an Armistice with Germany. C. in C., Portsmouth and C. in C., Western Approaches were instructed not to allow French warships at Portsmouth and Plymouth to proceed to sea. C. in C., Mediterranean was instructed to defer an intended sweep of the central Mediterranean with the Fleet, and all naval units in Gibraltar were ordered to raise steam.

Subsequently DORSETSHIRE was ordered to Dakar and one destroyer to Casablanca. RESOLUTION and the remaining ships reverted to usual notice for steam.

Admiral Darlan has ordered that the Fleet shall fight to the last ship. Petain and Darlan (Naval member of Cabinet) have given their pledged word that no French ship shall pass into German hands and in the view of our ambassador that is our last hope. But the French N.L.O. at the (British) Admiralty has received instructions from the French Admiralty to sail certain French warships now in British ports for North Africa, and the Admiralty have ordered C. in C., Portsmouth and C. in C., W.A. to accord all facilities. *Y.M.S.*

Efforts are being made to get off Polish and Belgian troops.

Arrangements are being made to take off certain French troops, principally Air Force and Technicians.

E.N.L.O. Bordeaux reports that BATORY and SOBIESKI sailed from Bayonne on 21/6 and 22/6 respectively with between 7000 and 9000 Polish troops.

Up to 1200/22 a total of 136,549 British, of whom 3,488 were casualties, and 12,716 Allied Troops had been evacuated from France, together with 310 guns, 2292 vehicles, 919 tons of Ammunition, and 881 tons of stores (M. 36,549)



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SITUATION REPORT

AIR

Enemy aircraft crossed the coast at various points between Newcastle and Kent coast. Bombs were dropped at a number of points in the Newcastle district, at Grimsby and Cleethorpes, Harwich (where a salvo fell in the harbour but did not explode) and in Kent. There were a few civilian casualties but no damage of military importance was done.

Bad weather prevented completion of reconnaissance flights to Trondheim and Stavanger.

One of our aircraft bombed a German 6000 ton merchant vessel, apparently a supply ship, hit and set her on fire, and it is thought sank her.

Two aircraft attacked a motor ship of about 1200 tons near Haugesund at 0500/22. The ship was hit and set on fire.

Five E-boats, 4 of which were minesweeping, were attacked at 1100/22 by an aircraft near Terschelling. No hits were seen. The aircraft was hit by pom pom fire.

Mining

6 magnetic mines were exploded in the Portsmouth approaches today. A/S yacht CALPRADOR V had been sunk. Portsmouth was closed, but was re-opened again at 1614.

Magnetic mines were laid at Bordeaux and the entrance to the port is closed at night. Sweeping is in progress.

Minelaying continued in the East Coast Barrier. One magnetic mine has been exploded off Portland. All British ports are open, though Portsmouth, where 6 mines were exploded near the Approach Channel, was not opened until 1614.

/The Tees.....



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SITUATION REPORT

Mining, Contd.

The Tees was closed after the mining at 1020 of LA BASIASE (French P.V.) but was reopened at 1200.

Mutiny of German Prisoners

There has been a rising among the interned Aliens and German prisoners on board the DUCHESS OF YORK which is taking them to Canada.

Convoys.

B.C. Group 1.

3 ships with troops for Freetown are at Durban.

ARUIDEL CASTLE

Bound for the Cape with 1700 R.A.F. personnel is in Western Approaches.

B.C. Group 2.

3 ships with troops for Freetown is expected to arrive at Simonstown 25/6 escorted by CORNWALL.

Italian Hostilities

There were intermittent air raids on Alexandria during the night 21/22. No damage was done to the Fleet personnel or material.

R.A.F. today located a sunken Italian U-boat near Small Island, Barracua (19. 13'N 38.9'E), which had apparently struck a reef. See 22/6.



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Saturday.

DISPOSAL OF FRENCH FLEET

Order for preparations for demolition signed by Weygand but orders for execution may come only from Petain or Weygand; possibility that French will do job is remote. Ambassador gravely anxious lest high handed action may enable Petain and Darlan to be stamped into agreeing that it releases them from their pledged word that no French ship shall pass into German hands. In his view their word of honour is our last hope. We have to balance this chance against value to us of destruction of 2 oil depots in this area, having in mind they could be dealt with by air action after fate of Fleet is known. (R.A. BEAGLE 1630/22)

4 French submarines in A. Normand's ship building yard at Le Havre taken over by German Navy. (Transocean Copyright 1130/22)

French N.L.O. at Admiralty has received instructions from French Admiralty to sail certain French warships now in British Ports for North Africa. All facilities should be accorded. (V.C.H.S. 1412/22 to C. in C., Portsmouth, C. in C., W.A.)

Attitude of
French in
Mediterranean

Admiral Darlan's telegram 21/6 nominated Admirals De Laborde, Estevé, Abrial, Gensoul to command French Navy successively in event of Chief becoming unable to function satisfactorily. His orders are Fleet should fight to last, no ship ever to be surrendered orders from Foreign Govt. not to be obeyed but only those of Admiralissimo, naval bases to be defended at all cost under (?) of Admiral Governor. Admiral Levant telegraph to Admiralty highest morale existing Beyrout will fight to the end. (B.N.L.O. Sud 0826/22)

Have you any news of whereabouts or intention of Toulon Fleet? (D.N.I. 1016/22 to B.N.L.O. Bordeaux)

DISPOSAL OF FRENCH FLEET.

Admiral West and staff with destroyer LE HARDI ~~arrived here~~ and MALBLUCK and ~~battleship~~ French Battleship JEAN BART arrived Casablanca.

Message received en route gave succession of command after Darlan if necessary as De Laborde, Esteva Abrial, Gaisoul, ordered navy to continue fighting unless orders are cancelled by legal French Govt. and states that on no account must any ship fall into the hands of the enemy.

Senior officers appear almost resigned about the future of the fleet and quite expect they may have to be sunk in consequence. Junior officers show considerable feeling against possibility which is described as treason. Two main arguments are (a) French families are in the power of the enemy and hands of officers and men are therefore tied (b) Present Government knows best and orders must be obeyed whatever they are.

Request that liaison officers may be kept up to date with progress of negotiations (such knowledge lends authority) and prior information as to any British move which may be used to influence French naval officers. (B.N.L.O. Brest at Casablanca 2315/22 to A.C.W.A. & Adty.)



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Saturday

HOME COMMANDS

Operations- Home Fleet

Capital
Ships hit 20/6

My 2255/20. One hit on Capital Ship is certain but target may have been Pocket Battleship. (CLYDE 0503/22 to R.A.S.)

(2)

Your 2203 incompletely received. If you consider SCHARHÖRST has gone into Stavanger or has passed you, you should retire at high speed; otherwise comply with Adty. 2105/21 till you are sure she cannot be intercepted. (C. in C., H.F. 0204/22 to C.S. 18)

(3)

Return to Base (C.S. 18 0425/22 to F.O.C.B.C.S)

(1)

Unless local conditions give reason to contrary your force should now be withdrawn at high speed. (C. in C. H.F. 0123/22 to C.S.18)

(4)

Expect arrive 1000. Request gate 1100. (F.O.C.B.C.S. 0833/22 to F.O.C.B.C.S)

Operation "Collar"

Your 1026/22.* 14 craft have sailed (C. in C., Portsmouth 1223/22 to Admy)
*Sailing instructions for craft taking part in ~~Collar~~ Collar.

Defence of U.K.

D.S.V.P's 1844/21 request you will allocate the 13 motor fishing vessels assembling at Hartlepool for employment in your sub-command Your final organisation should allow for the continuous patrol during dark hours and thick weather of all possible landing beaches patrol craft working two watches. (C. in C., Rosyth 1657/22 to F.O.I/C Tyne)

Movements

EMERALD

To sail for Halifax 24/6. Best available A/S protection to be given to about 12.30 W for a certain reason (D.O.D.(F) 1234/22)

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SaturdayFrance (Evacuation)

Am taking BLAIRNEVIS to investigate report from Polish tug that 400 Polish troops are at Ile d' Yeu (VANQUISHER 1401/22 to F.O.C. 2 C.S.)

Situation at Bordeaux

250 Poles embarked in BLAIRNEVIS, no troops remaining. Arranged for French to carry out more demolition, all oil destroyed. VANQUISHER and BLAIRNEVIS formed Le Verdon to collect convoy. (VANQUISHER 1224/22, C.S.2 1206/22).

Any ship at La Pallice to be sailed unescorted. When sure presence no longer necessary proceed to 45:38 N. 1:40 W. and patrol as cover for transports entering Gironde. Any submarine within 50 miles to be attacked. (F.O.C. 2 C.S. 1106/22 to VANQUISHER).

Your 1006/22. Report approximate number of other troops and personnel requiring embarkation (F.O.C. 2 C.S. 1126/22 to BERK LEY).

Polish troops

Information from General Sikorski states 4000 troops marching from La Rochelle to Le Verdon should arrive by 0100/23, and 10,000 still at Bayonne and may arrive during next few days. (D.O.D.H. 1305/22 to C. in C., W.A.)

BATORY with 4000 and SOBIESKI with 3000 Polish troops left Bayonne 22 and 21 June respectively. (B.N.L.O. Bordeaux 1713/22 to Adty.)

Czech troops

Czech Headquarters and about 6000 Czechs in Cete area 43:24 N., 3:42 E. British destroyer standing by. Urge French to assist with shipping. (N.I.D. 1830/22 to B.N.L.O. Bordeaux.)

Polish troops

ROYAL SCOTSMAN and CLAN FERGUSON sailed 2000/22 with 4000 Polish troops. DELIUS with 2000 troops delayed till 23rd. (BERKELEY 2000/22 to C.S.2).

CLAN FERGUSON, ROYAL SCOTSMAN with 4000 Polish troops leave Le Verdon 2115. DELIUS will follow 23/6 with 2000 troops. (BERKELEY 1930/22).

My 1401 and ref. 1206 pm F.O.C. 2 C.S. Poles left yesterday for South. My position course and speed 46:37 N. 2:22 W. 148° 20 knots (VANQUISHER 1900/22 to F.O.C. 2 C.S. BERKELEY).

If you are unable to embark pm today GALATEA will leave to go elsewhere; I suggest Bayonne St. Jean De Luz. Her position in this area must be known after three days and enemy action increases hourly. A submarine is active at no great distance. (R.A. in GALATEA 1315/22 to British Ambassador, Bordeaux).



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MOLE COMMANDS

France (Evacuations)

Ambassador and complete staff leaving for U.K. in GALATEA 23rd June. (B.N.L.O. Bordeaux 2155/22 to Adty)

Am leaving Bordeaux when ambassador departs tonight. Will carry out demolition at Bec Dambes without French permission and move to Pauillac when Dambes completed. (R.A. BEAGLE 2210/22 to Adty)

100 A/C
Engines

Highly desirable that 100 British aircraft engines in French Air Ministry Depot at Bordeaux should be evacuated. (D.O.D.H.) 2248/22 to C.S.2.)

Convoy
Code Words

Convoy Code Words allocated:-
Convoys for U.K. from Loire area.
Piano, Motor, Boxer, Rivet, Piano two, Motor Two, and So On.
Convoys for U.K. from La Pallice Gironde area.
Stable, Pongo, Motto, Olive, Stable Two, Pongo Two, and So On.
(Adty. 2335/22)

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SaturdayHOME COMMANDSEvacuation of Channel Islands

Reported that considerable confusion caused by anti evacuation propaganda in Guernsey. Suggested it is of enemy origin. (SABRE 1500/22)

Seizure of Swedish Destroyers (June 20)

PATRICIA
M.V. CASTOR.

Swedish Depot Ship and Tanker have returned to Faeros stating that Swedish Govt. demands return of ships.

You are to prevent the Swedish crews from returning to their ships. (C. in C., H.F. 1232/22 to MASHONA).

I have informed S.O. that I shall resist any attempt to re-embark crews (N.O.I.C. Faeros 1100/22).

PSILANDER
PUKE
ROMULUS
REMUS

The 4 destroyers are being brought to Scapa. (C. in C., H.F. 0951/22).

Iceland

Adty. 1701/19. ANDES with about 3000 troops will accompany ARGUS from Clyde to Reykjavik. ANDES ready to sail P.M. 23rd June. ANDES and 2 destroyers will proceed to Akureyei and Seydis Fjordur to disembark troops and then return to U.K. Store and M.T. Convoy will leave Clyde for Iceland about 30th June. (D.O.D(H.) 1249/22 to C. in C., H.F.)

Report what local small craft available to facilitate disembarkation of troops and stores at Akureyei and Seydisfordur. (D.O.D(H.) 2246/22 to N.O.I.C. Iceland).

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HOME COMMANDS.

AirBritish Air Activity.

5 E-boats attacked. A/C attacked five E-boats at 1108/22 at 53°34' N., 5°5' E., No hits seen (I.C.0490/40)

Motorship set on fire. Two A/C attacked an enemy Motorship of 1200 tons at 0500 12' N., of Haugesund. Ship hit and set on fire. (I.C. 0490/40)

One M/V bombed at 1440, 14 miles N.W. of Bergen. No hits observed (I.C.0490/40)

Patrols. Certain patrols not being flown this evening owing to bad weather (C. in C.Rosyth 1808/22).

6000 ton Ship sunk. Attacked a German M.V. about 6,000 tons 0500 59°35' N., 5°15' E. very heavily laden carrying deck cargo of crates and boxes. Bombs hit in after hold, experienced considerable blast, fierce fire started and stern began to sink at once. A/C had to make off into clouds to avoid a M.E. but later saw vessel with stern awash sinking rapidly, burning well nearly all over (Donibristle Rec. 1050/22/0910/22 A/C 0550/22).

Enemy Air Activity.

Convoy F.N.1. Attacked. Enemy A/C's attacked Convoy F.N.1. at 1030/22 53°6' N., 1°40' E., off Cromer (VEGA 0037/22)

Harwich About 30 light bombs were dropped near Harwich last night. No casualties or damage to Naval Establishments. (F.O.I.C. Harwich 2001/22 to Adty.)

Reports from Master of Norwegian G.R.O. indicates possibility that Jan Mayen Island is being used as base for German Sea-Planes. (C.C.S.O.Kirkwall 1237/22 to Adty.)

Tees Port now open (N.O.I.C.Hartlepool 2200/22 to Adty.)

A/C shot down by BERKELEY It is understood that BERKELEY shot down an enemy A/C, believed to be a J.U.88, a.m./22 at Point de Grave near Le Verdon.

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HOME COMMANDS

Mining

- Portsmouth. Six mines were exploded near the Approach Channel. Port was re-opened at 1614 (C. in C. Portsmouth 1614/22)
- Tees. Was closed after mining at 1020/22 of LA BASIASE, but was re-opened at 2200 (I.C.C490/40)
- Trawlers in French ports. Equipment of L.L. Trawlers is not to be allowed to fall into enemy hands. Trawlers have been instructed to fit scuttle charge and means for destroying switch gear. (A.C.W.A. 1816/22 to F.O.C.2.C.S.)
- Gironde. You are urgently required to sweep at Gironde, proceed forthwith if you have sufficient fuel to reach there. (C. in C.W.A. 0901/22 to LORD GREY)

Enemy Intelligence

- E-boats Your 1748/21 suggests that E-boats may carry some kind of mortar or grenade thrower (C. in C.Nore 1157/22 to Adty.)

There are indications of E-boat activity. (C. in C. Nore 1811/22)
- Activity at Danzig. Report received, dated 17/6, that there was no room in Danzig alongside quays as these were all occupied by German ships unloading troops and material. (I.C.0490/40)

5 Trawlers appear to be M/S trawlers E. by N. about 4 miles proceeding North-easterly direction. Recd. from Flamborough Hd. 0320. (C. in C. Rosyth 0358/23 to Adty.)
- M.V's routes. Merchant Ships from Trondhjem are routed East side of Fro Havet leaving Islands at Villa. Frequent seaplane patrol daily near Kya and often at 0200 15 miles N.W. of it. No surface A/S Patrol encountered. My 2235/20th June one hit on capital ship is certain but target may have been pocket battleship. (CLYDE 0503/22)
- Capital ship hit 20/6 Reliable American report states great activity at Oslo 21st June. Many ships all types with steam up. (N.A.Stockholm 1733/22 to D.N.I.)
- Activity at Oslo.
- Surface unit. Enemy surface unit at 60°N., 3°30' E., D/F report Position unreliable (D.C. 0152/22)

Shipping.

- Convoy W.21 Troop convoy for India. Date of sailing. W.1, W.2, W.3. Ocean escort CUMBERLAND until

/relieved

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SaturdayHOME COMMANDSShipping (Ctd.)Convoy W.22

relieved by KENT. C. in C.W.A. to provide A/S protection and route to Freetown. C. in C.S.A. and C. in C.E.I. to arrange convoy's onward passage and exchange of ocean escort. (D.O.D(H)2000/22).

DUCHESS OF
YORK

(Taking interned aliens and prisoners of war to Canada.) Following received through Port Patrick
Radio:- 1 man dead, 2 wounded, fear further rise.
57°0' N., 10°15' W. Course 27° 2000 G.M.T.2100/22
(F.O.I/C Greenock 0049/23)

All M.Vs to
call for
search

All M.Vs, British sea-going Fishing Vessels, and all Foreign Fishing Vessels arriving in U.K. on or after 24 June, except British Convoys, British Liners on regular runs, and U.K. Coasting Traffic, must before proceeding to destinations call at ports named for search. (D. of L.D. 0024/22 to A.I.G. 46).

Miscellaneous

BROOMPARK

Re message believed fictitious (Adty. 1337/22, C. in C., W.A. 1711/22).

Weather

	<u>Wind</u>	<u>Visibility</u>	<u>Outlook</u>
North Sea	W.S.W. moderate, fresh locally.	Moderate to poor.	Wind veering to N.W. visibility improving slowly in N.
Channel	W. light.	Good, local haze.	Freshening W. wind, visibility similar.
W. Approaches	W. moderate.	Good.	Wind veering to N.W., fresh.

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CASUALTIES & DEFECTS

Netherlands
Submarine 013

Overdue from patrol 21/6 at Dundee. No signals received since she sailed for patrol 12/6 in 57:0 N., 5:30 E. Submarine reported in C. in C., H.F. 0133/21 resembles 013 in some respects. Bare possibility she may have returned to Holland. If no news of her by 1200/23 she must be presumed lost. (V.A.(S) 1048/22).

WILK

Owing to external explosion 0025/20 in 57:0 N. 4:0 E. ship has suffered serious leak surface speed reduced to 6 knots. Intend returning to Rosyth though 57:11 N. 4:56 E. Request bombing restriction. (WILK 2200/22).

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SaturdayFOREIGN STATIONSNorth Atlantic.Precautions
vis-a-vis French

Terms of Armistice signed by French not being yet fully known, attitude of French Navy is not certain. DORSETSHIRE is to sail for Dakar with moderate despatch, and one destroyer forthwith for Casablanca. (D.O.D.(F) 0252/23 to F.O.C.N.A.)

South AtlanticConvoy C.M.

Sailing telegram (N.O.I.C. Durban 0822Z/22).

MediterraneanPolish Troops

Polish Embassy states that 2000 Polish Troops and Personnel have arrived at Port Vendres. They should be embarked if possible (D.O.D.(F) 0133/22 to KEPPEL).
Re. Adty. 2241, 21/6 to KEPPEL.
VELOX, KEPPEL at Port Vendres. Neither British Embassy nor French Govt. parties arrived. Further report. (VELOX 0715/22 to Adty.)

Mediterranean - OperationsSweep by Fleet
in central Med.

Your 1211/20. Defer proposed operation. Acknowledge. (1st S.L. 2025/22 to C. in C., Med.)
Reply. Acknowledged. Have ordered Fleet to return to harbour (C. in C., Med. 2214/22).

Mediterranean - Air.Raids on
Alexandria

Alexandria raided between 0108 and 0513. Twenty bombs dropped. Slight damage to petroleum wharf. No damage to Fleet personnel and material. (R.A.I.C. Alexandria 1606/22, C. in C., Med. 0745/22).

S.S. BRITANNIC 2490 tons Attacked without result by Italian a/c off west coast of Sardinia 1020/22 (D.S.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS

China

Instructions have been issued that M/Vs bound for Japanese ports should not carry Depth-charges. (Hd. of M. 1129/22 to N.A. Tokyo).

America and West Indies.

Disposition of America and West Indies Force to intercept German ships. (C.in C., A.W.I., 2301/22, corrected no T.O.O./23).

FOREIGN STATIONSMediterraneanA/C

Daily patrols along coast of Bizerta and Nemours; and French bombers attacked Italian s/m's, probably successfully, off W. coast of Sardinia 21/22 June.

S.S. BRITANNIC 2,490 tons.

Attacked at 1020/22 by enemy a/c off Sardinia. No damage. (B.N.L.O. Algiers, 1756/22 to D.N.I.)

ITALIAN MERCHANT SHIPS

CONTE VERDE
Italian

Reported ordered to be fitted as A.M.C. (Capt. Singapore 0511Z/22 to Adty.)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MINING

Ships attacked
NEION

Greek, 5154 tons, reported sunk by s/m at 1330/22, about 40 miles W. of Belle Isle, off the coast of Morbihan, Brittany. (D.S. 296 27/6) (I.C. 0494/40 gives time as 0130/22, and position 47° 9'N, 4° 17'W, 259° Belle Isle 47')

RANDEFJORD

Norwegian, 2143 tons, in homeward bound convoy from Halifax to Liverpool, with general cargo including 3 aeroplanes, torpedoed and sunk 70'S.S.E. of Queenstown. 50:45N, 7.45W at 0100/22 by a U-boat believed Italian. 29 survivors landed at Glasgow. (V.C.N.S. 296, 26/6) (I.C. 0493/40)

SAN FERNANDO

British tanker, ~~2356~~¹³⁰⁵⁶ tons, in homeward bound convoy from Halifax, torpedoed and sunk about 50 miles S.S.W. of Cape Clear. (V.C.N.S. 296, 26/6)

WINDSORWOOD

British (5395 tons) in an outward bound convoy, reported sunk 370 miles W.S.W. Land's End. S.S. AINDERBY+ picked up entire crew (D.S. 297)

SARANAC
ACAVUS

(12049 tons)) Believed torpedoed at same
(8010 tons) Tanker) time and place as
WINDSORWOOD (D.S. 297)

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Saturday.U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MININGShips attacked

- ARAGAZ Gunned by submarine 45:53 N. 4:7 W. at 2300/21. (ARAGAZ 2258/21).
- LA BASIASE French P/V LA BASIASE mined at 1020/22 020° South Gare Light $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. Port was closed, but re-opened at 2200. (I.C. 0490/40).
- VILLE DE NAMUR Belgian steamer VILLE DE NAMUR with cargo of horses shipped in U.S.A. for Bordeaux sunk by submarine some 250 miles off Corunna June 19th. Part of crew landed Corunna today Saturday 22nd June. (Corunna 2020/22).

Submarines Reported

- 1400/20 French Sloop BOUGAINVILLE reported submarine at 23:20 N. 16 W. course 270° (F.O.C.N.A. 0540/22 to DURVEGAN CASTLE).
- 0926 44:0 N., 16:0 W. D/F report possible U-boat (D.D.I.C. 1030/22 to C. in C., W.A.).
- 1130 49:30 N., 12:0 W. D/F report. Unreliable fix. (D.D.I.C. 1220/22 to C. in C., W.A.)
- 2107 45:0 N. 1:40 W. D/F report. Unreliable fix (D.D.I.C. 2141/22).
- 2146 60:10 N., 1:30 E. 150° 6 miles, course 350. Aircraft report (269 Sqdn. 2146/22). Amend position to 60:10 N., 1:05 E. (C. in C., Rosyth, 0156/23).
- 2325 49:30 N. 11:10 W. D/F report. Unreliable fix. (D.D.I.C. 2355/22).
- 2339 48:50 N. 12:40 W. Position indefinite. (D.D.I.C. 0100/23).

Estimated positions (D.D.I.C. 1404/22)

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SaturdayU-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MININGSubmarines AttackedEast IndiesEVANGELISTA
TORRICELLI
*Sunk 23/6.*By KANDAHAR, by gunfire off Aceh. 60 survivors landed at Aceh.
(C. in C., E.I. 0756/22, 1304Z/22, W.S.I. No. 2,
KANDAHAR 0955/22). *See also p. 476, ~~476~~*Sunken
U-boat

MACALLE.

R.A.F. located sunken Italian U-boat near
small Island Barracuia 19:13 N., 38:9 E.
it had apparently struck reef, suggested
this be published as a sinking, provided crew
is captured. (C. in C., E.I. 1304Z/22).*See also p. 500.*MediterraneanShips Attacked

S.S. ASHCREST

38:38 N., 0:13 E. (66° Alicante 38 miles)
at 0055.
No details (I.C. 0489/40) (ASHCREST T.O.R.
0055/22).Submarines reportedFrench aircraft reported presence of Italian
submarine in unspecified positions off
West Coast of Sardinia 21/6 and 22/6. (D.S.)

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Sunday

SITUATION REPORT

France

The Bordeaux Govt. have accepted Germany's terms and there is now no question of the French Govt. evacuating from a Mediterranean port to continue the struggle from their overseas possessions. The policy of the British Govt. is that all armed forces who wish to continue the struggle should be encouraged and assisted to do so.

The German terms require the French Fleet to be surrendered to Germany in French ports. Certain French counter proposals have not been entirely rejected by Germany and the fate of the Fleet remains uncertain at present.

RICHELIEU from Bordeaux has arrived at Dakar, and COURBET and PARIS, from Portsmouth and Plymouth respectively are under orders to proceed to Oran. There are no other movements of main units of the French Fleet.

BERKELEY left Le Verdon 0915 with S.S. DELIUS, reporting that no one was left to be embarked and the Germans were believed to be opposite Le Verdon.

GALATEA is bringing home the British Ambassador and Ministers for Canada and South Africa. CALCUTTA wearing the flag of C.S.2, and Canadian destroyer FRASER are remaining in Bayonne area.

At Bayonne, more Polish troops are gathering H.M.C. destroyer RESTIGOUCHE and S.S. ARANDORA STAR arrived pm/23 to embark them, and more ships are on the way.

Several U-boats are believed to be off the Gironde interfering with traffic to North Africa. WREN has been ordered to carry out an A/S patrol.

At St. Jean de Luz about 1500 Poles and 2500 French Air Force personnel and experts are awaiting embarkation pm/23.

ETTRICK embarked a full load of Poles and refugees.

WILK

that
The Polish submarine WILK reported/as the of an external explosion on 20/6 she is leaking slightly and her surface speed is reduced. She is returning to her base at 4 knots and air protection has been despatched.

At 0600/23 our reconnaissance aircraft sighted an enemy destroyer some 90 miles N.N.E. of WILK, steering in her direction.

At.....

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Sunday

SITUATION REPORT

WILK
(Contd.)

At 0828/23 our aircraft sighted another destroyer 50 miles N.E. of WILK, steering south, and attacked without success.

Forces of cruisers and destroyers were sent out from Scapa and Rosyth to intercept the enemy and to cover WILK which was located by aircraft at 1520. During the afternoon, however, WILK reported that she was able to dive, and the forces proceeding to her protection were withdrawn.

Air.

During the night 22/23 routine patrols off the Belgian and French coasts were cancelled owing to bad weather. One aircraft left 0200/23 to reconnoitre the Norwegian Coast between Stavanger and Lister Light. At 1000 an aircraft on the Trondheim reconnaissance reported 3 cruisers. Photographs reveal that these are probably a battlecruiser, a HIPPER class and a NURNBERG class cruiser and 2 destroyers.

Two Blenheims dropped bombs on the old and new aqueducts of the Dortmund-Ems Canal. Bombs were dropped between the aqueducts, apparently without result, and on barges in the Canal.

Our aircraft bombed the oil tanks at Amsterdam.

Marseilles and Toulon were heavily bombed by the enemy last night, but the harbours were not seriously affected and evacuation of troops proceeded.

Mining

2 mines were exploded in the Spithead area today. 4 moored mines were cut off North Island, New Zealand today.

All ports are open.

Convoys

B.C. Group 2 escorted by CORNWALL arrived at Simonstown today with troops for Freetown.

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Sunday

SITUATION REPORT

Casualties

Patrol vessel PATHAN was damaged by explosion at 0100/23 off Bombay. Casualties include 2 officers and 3 ratings killed, 22 wounded, 8 seriously. The port is closed pending investigation.

Destroyer KHARTOUM was damaged today by a burst torpedo air vessel and was beached at Perim. Casualties 1 killed, 3 seriously wounded. C. in C. E.I. later reported that salvage was considered impossible. p. 466.

Italian Hostilities

An Italian U-boat was sunk by gunfire from a destroyer off Perim today. p. 476.

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Sunday.DISPOSAL OF FRENCH FLEETMediterranean

Re Adty.0338/23. Have had talk with Godfroy who has not yet any official intimation of terms of Armistice. He says Darlan still in control of Fleet but has issued no instructions since Armistice terms agreed. Darlan urging that he should fight on and he is obviously considering his position should his ships fight under British crown in event of there being no French Govt. willing to order continuance of struggle at sea. He considers good proportion of his men would volunteer to continue to fight their ships. He shows no inclination to leave Alexandria, in fact states he cannot leave. I think, however, he will be finally influenced by orders he receives and for that reason I do not intend to take French Squadron to sea for operations. Godfroy also stated if it had not been for Spanish Govt. threatening to join Axis the French would have continued the war from North Africa. (C. in C., Medit. 1851/23 to Adty.)

Admiral Esteva

At request of 1st Lord of Adty. am proceeding to Oran in DOUGLAS to meet Admiral Esteva. Expect to arrive Oran about 0800/24 (Admiral Gibraltar 1728/23 to Admiral Sud, Admiral Oran). (See 420/23 below)

Syria

France will continue to fight here. Danger will arise if French Army in Syria remains inactive. Seems essential that Frenchmen of suitable age and prestige should set up Govt. in Algiers and take over energetic direction of affairs, otherwise danger of hesitation and timidity spreading. De Gaulle considered too young (No 8 (Jones) mission 1940/23).

Morocco

Consider there is no prospect of effective resistance in Morocco expect French Fleet to sink itself. Am hastening to reload stores (C. in C., S.A. Forces B.N.L.O. on Staff (B.N.L.O. Afrique) 1510/23 to F.O.I.C. Gibraltar).

Germans giving false orders

Certain ships ordered 22/6 to French ports. Suspected message emanates from German sources and that Germans have French cypher. Admiral Carpenter has no intention of carrying out such orders. Spirit of French Navy here is high (N.O. 8 (Jones) Mission 1920/23 to C. in C., Middle East).

Admiral Esteva

Your 1728/23 received. Admiral Esteva is at Bizerta and cannot at present proceed to Oran (French Admiral Sud 2120/23 to Admiral Gibraltar). See also p. 459.

War Diary23.6.40.
Sunday.DISPOSAL OF FRENCH FLEETWill surrender
to British

Convinced French ships to avoid scuttling would surrender willingly small display of British Naval Forces. Matter is urgent (B.N.L.O. C. in C., South Atlantic Force (French) 1920/23 to Adty.)

British
intervention
undesirable

Decided that British intervention most undesirable at this juncture. RICHELIEU has only A/A ammunition on board and main armament is incomplete. Great importance attached to pronouncement from some form of recognised Govt. in North Africa. (S.N.O. Dakar 2030/23 to Adty.)

JEAN BART
Casablanca

JEAN BART now at Casablanca. Situation:- S.O. Apathetic. Many junior officers and men willing to continue. ~~Possibly French~~ Possibly French ship would sail with small armed guard under British escort. (WATCHMAN 2359/23).

Disposition of
French Medit-
erranean Fleet

Disposition main French Mediterranean Naval forces fit for sea 0800/22, Alexandria and regional forces not included:-

Oran

Battleships: DUNKERQUE, STRASBOURG, PROVENCE, BRETAGNE.

Cruisers: GEORGE, LEYGUES, GLOIRE, MONTCALM, MOGADOR, VOLTA, LE FANTASQUE, L'AUDACIEUX, LE TERRIBLE, TIGRE, LYNX.

Destroyers: BRESTOIS, TORMADE.

Submarines: DIANE, ARIANE, EURYDICE, DANAE.

Algiers

Cruisers: MARSEILLAISE, JEAN DE VIENNE, LA GALISSONNIERE.

Bone

Submarines: REDOUTABLE.

Bizerta

Destroyer: L'ALCYON.

Submarines: LE TORNANT, FRESNEL, PASCAL, MONGE, VENGEUR, TURQUOISE.

Sousse

Submarines: MARSOUIN, REQUIN.

Sfax

Submarines: NAUTILUS, SOUFFLEUR.

(Contd.)

War Diary23.6.40.
Sunday.DISPOSAL OF FRENCH FLEETDisposition of
French Mediterr-
anean Fleet
(Contd.)Toulon

Cruisers: ALGERIE, DUPLEIX, FOCH,
COLBERT, VAUBAN, LION, AIGLE,
GUEPARD, VERDUN, VALMY, VAUTOUR,
CASSARD.
2 escorteurs, 9 submarines,
6 submarines refitting.

Sete

Cruisers: TARTU, LE CHEVALIER PAUL.

Port Vendres

Destroyers: LA PALME, LE MARS, TEMPETE.

Convoying and ^{at} Sea

Cruisers: GERFAUT, KERSAINT.
Destroyers: TRAMONTAINE, BOULONNAIS, TYPHON,
BORDELAIS, TROMBE.
T/3 Escorteur: BALISTE.
Submarines: H. POINCARRE, LE CENTAURE,
PEGASE, MARVAL, MORSE, CAIMAN.

Aviation

Transport: ~~ADM.~~ ^{COMMANDANT} TESTE.

Under orders for Oran

Battleships: COURBET, PARIS. (B.N.L.O. Sud.
0838/23).

RICHELIEU
DORSETSHIRE

RICHELIEU arrived Dakar 1630/23. DORSETSHIRE
is on passage from Gibraltar to Dakar
(D.C.N.S. 294).

I understand necessary instructions for
(corrupt group) exists for scuttling and
wrecking of vital material. Fleet has
recently been to sea and morale is good but
officers very dejected. Gensoul unfavourably
impressed by speech of Mr. Churchill's;
most distressed at possibility of any cleavage
between Britain and France. He thought French
North Africa would not continue the fight
owing to insufficiency of material and
ammunition. (F.O.C.N.A. 1400/23).

Knowledge of disposition and allegiance of
French Mediterranean Fleet would be of
greatest value in persuading Governor Dakar
accept H.M. Government offer. (HERMES 1350/23).

Gibraltar 23rd June 1915 French destroyer ^(arrived 23rd June) ~~(23rd)~~
LA BATAILLEUSE passed westward to the eastward
escorting ships in convoy. (F.O.C.N.A. 1924/23)

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Sunday

DISPOSAL OF FRENCH FLEET

Part 2. Esteva sent officer to France for orders this morning. Am left with following impression after talk again Admiral Esteva today.

(a) While wearing his country's uniform considers it his duty to obey all orders of his Chief and see others do likewise with exception never to surrender the fleet or any other units.

(b) If supreme command devolves on him he would similarly accept all government orders except surrender.

Generally an air of resignation is set in. Officers who often themselves have lost all, would like to continue with British, but do not appear prepared to demand sacrifice from their men of loss of families, upon whom reprisals are indicated.

(B.N.L.O. Bizerta 2230/23).

War Diary23.6.40.
SundayHOME COMMANDSMovements

Submarine positions at 0600 24/6:

TRITON TRIDENT vicinity Frohavet, RUBIS XKTS 4000 proceeding on surface to PFJV 1352, PORPOISE JSTS 3000 proceeding on surface to Blyth, SALMON, SHAPPER vicinity Skudesnes, SEVERN C one, TRUANT South of C one, TRIBUNE JSTS proceeding on surface to Rosyth, CLYDE arriving Dundee 0500 24/6 from North East, WILK DIDN 2040 proceeding 6 knots on surface to Dundee, SUNFISH BH 28 arriving Blyth 0400 24/6, H 31 A5, & 44 in H 2 leaving pm for Lowestoft, H 34 West of H 2. (V.A.S. 1754/23)

OperationsHome Fleet (to bring in WILK)

2 cruisers from Rosyth to proceed to cover WILK returning on surface in damaged condition. (C. in C., H.F. 0853/23 to C.S.18).

BIRMINGHAM, SHEFFIELD, GALLANT sail from Rosyth 1030/23 to join and escort you (C. in C., Rosyth 1020/23 to WILK)

Proceed with ECHO intercept one enemy destroyer reported by aircraft at 0600 at 58:45 N. 4:20 E. steering 225° estimated speed 20 knots. SOUTHAMPTON with S.O. 18th C.S. and ZULU will support you. (C. in C., H.F. 0911/23 to NEWCASTLE)

Sailed from Scapa 0955 (F.O.C.O.S. 1106/23 to Adty.)

WILK reports she can dive (C. in C. Rosyth 1352/23 to BIRMINGHAM).

Am returning to Rosyth. (SHEFFIELD 1440/23 to C. in C., H.F.).

If at 1800/23 you have no information of enemy you are to return to harbour (C. in C., H.F. 1521/23 to NEWCASTLE).

Proceed to Dundee (S.2. 1958/23 to WILK)

FranceBordeaux,
demolitions

BEAGLE, with demolition parties, left Bordeaux at 0010/23).

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SundayHOME COMMANDSFranceDemolitions
at Bordeaux
(Contd.)

Do not carry out demolitions without French permission. (D.C. 0039/23 to BEAGLE)

Ambassador and party embarked in H.M.C.S. FRASER at 1100 and now proceeding R/V with me at 1445 at St. Jean-de-Luz. (C.S.2 1151/23 to Adty.)

Numbers to be
evacuated.
Shipping
situation.

Shipping situation 23rd. Numbers understood to require evacuation 33,000 Allied troops (Adty. 2031/20), say 12,000 General de Gaulle, 3,000 Colonel Bonavita, 1000 oddments, total 49,000. Shipping provided can carry 19,000 in Passenger ships and 34,000 in M/T Ships, total 53,000. This shipping should all have arrived on French Coast by pm/23rd. and some has already returned loaded to U.K. Ships not required are being released.

Armistice with
Enemy signed

French have signed Armistice with Germany. H.M. Ambassador and Staff leave from West Coast; and there is no question of French Govt. evacuating from a Mediterranean port.

Sete and Vendres
Evacuations.

Maximum number of British civilians and Czech and Polish troops are to be embarked at Sete and Port Vendres and sailed forthwith to Gibraltar. (D.O.D.F. 0325/23 to VELOX).

F.O. Telegram to British Consuls in French Colonial Territory, appealing to Civil and Military Authorities of all French Overseas Territories to continue to fight even against the orders of the Govt. in France and guaranteeing funds to all such territories, sent in full to C. in C.'s (D.C. 0406/23 to C. in C.'s)

Demolitions
Bordeaux

Report whether demolitions were carried out (V.C.N.S. 1852/23 to R.A. BEAGLE) Reply No. Charges were laid when your 0039 was received. (R.A. BEAGLE 2117/23).

French M. Vs
ordered to
British ports

Weygand has forbidden demolition or blocking work commercial ports without his sanction. Darlan has ordered all French or chartered M. Vs British waters or bound British ports be directed nearest French port South of 47° N. Admiral Sud ordered cessation loading iron ore to France. Accelerate delivery H.M. Govt. U.K. (B.M.L.O. Sud 0749/23).

Defeatism

Situation. Peruton, staff and local authorities will not permit anything conducive in slightest degree to strengthen will of Colonies to resist. (B.M.L.O. Sud 0744/23).

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SundayHOME COMMANDSFranceLe Verdon

Request ships for Le Verdon be either turned back or diverted to Bayonne. It appears doubtful if embarkation to any extent will continue. Germans reported opposite Le Verdon. Have placed R.A. BEAGLE in charge there. (C.S. 2 0835/23 to A.C.W.A.)

Czech troops

KEPPEL reports embarkation of Czech troops proceeding in French ships. About 3000 remain to be evacuated in British ships. ~~About 3000 remain to be evacuated in British ships.~~ About 2000 more retire on coast for whom accommodation is required. At Port Vendres hope embark all Czechs and Poles about 3000 today. (VELOX 1123/23 to Adty.)

French Air Force

At least 300 French officers and men main air personnel wish to proceed to England to continue fight. Not allowed by local French orders. Our policy unknown to me. Request instructions. Transport available (VELOX 2037/23)

Your 2037. Personnel referred to should be embarked. Our policy is that all French armed forces who wish to continue the struggle should be encouraged and assisted to do so. (V.C.N.S. 0117/24 to VELOX, repeated F.O.C.N.A.)

Operation Robin

PUFFIN has been sailed for operation Robin as escort for TEDWORTH. Ref. my 2359/22 delete all reference to PUFFIN advance remainder one day on roster (F.O.I.C. Harwich 0910/23 to C. in C., Nore).

Mining

2 more mines exploded near Portsmouth Approaches Channel (I.C. 0491/40).

Explosions reported

1000/23 8 miles S. of Shoreham (on line between Beachy Head and Selsey Bill).

1135/23 4 miles S. of Deal
1140/23 1 mile S. of Folkestone
(I.C. 0491/40).

War Diary23.6.40.
SundayHOME COMMANDSAirBritish Air ActivityDestroyer
attacked

Aircraft attacked one Enemy Destroyer of MAAS class at 0600 at 57:45 N. 4:40 E. No result noticed (Donibristle 1030/23 to Adty.)

5 E.boats
attacked

At 1105/23 Aircraft attacked five E-boats 10' N.W. of Terschelling Light. Result not observed. (Chatham A.C.H.Q. 2028/23).

Amsterdam
bombed

Oil tanks near Amsterdam bombed (H.Q.B.C. 0235/24).

Enemy Intelligence1 destroyer
See Home Fleet
Operations

One destroyer course 225 speed 20 from 57:45 N. 4:20 E. (Aircraft 224 Sqdn. 0600/23) (D.C. 0656/23 to submarines). Hudson leaving Leuchars to shadow (C. in C. Rosyth 0824/23 to C. in C., H.F.) NEWCASTLE and ECHO intercept (C. in C., H.F. 091 /23).

1 destroyer

One destroyer course 170 speed 15 from 56:21 N. 4:38 E. (Aircraft 220 Sqdn. 0828/23) Aircraft photograph shows this to have been a minesweeper (C. in C., Rosyth 1028/24 to Adty.)

Forces at
Trondheim

One Battlecruiser, one cruiser, one destroyer flotilla at Trondheim. Aircraft report. (C. in C., Rosyth 1010/23 to submarines).

E. boats

There are possibly E. boats off Beachy Head (C. in C., Portsmouth 0222/23).

Forces at
Trondheim

Photographs at Trondheim 0919/23 show 3 cruisers in harbour; 1 NURNBERG class, 1 HIPPER class, and 1 probably Battlecruiser. Also two destroyers. (C. in C., Rosyth 1956/23 to C. in C. H.F.)

Note. I.C. 0491/40 says photographs show 1 HIPPER class, 1 NURNBERG class, either 1 battle cruiser or HIPPER class and 2 destroyers.

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SundayHOME COMMANDSEnemy Intelligence7 M. Vs1 large and 6 small M. Vs Lindesnes 1145
(I.C. 0491/40).4 M. Vs4 M. Vs stationary off Terschelling 1525
(I.C. 0491/40).5 E. Boats10' N.W. of Terschelling Light at 1105/23
course 245° speed 10 knots.Ymuiden
Entrance
obstructedAt 1230/23 aircraft observed 3 cargo-vessels
about 2000 tons in harbour and 1 vessel
obstructing entrance. (H.Q.B.C. 0235/24)ShippingFrench ships
to be heldCancel all previous instructions as to
French shipping. French ships are not to be
allowed to sail from any British port.
(A.C.N.S(T) 1929/23).You are to be prepared to send into British
ports when ordered a number of foreign
M. Vs reported to be waiting off the coast
in your area. (C. in C., W.A. 2029/23 to C.S.2).Ships for Swansea and port Talbot may call
at Milford Haven for search. Other ports in
Bristol Channel to Barry Roads (D. of L.D.
1958/23 to A.I.G.46).Congestion
at FalmouthMore than 5000 refugees, including foreign
troops, have been landed at Falmouth during
last 4 days. Request no more shipping shall
be sent to the port at present. There are
now 137 ships in the bay. (N.O.I.C. Falmouth
1318/23).

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Sunday.HOME COMMANDSWeather

	<u>Wind</u>	<u>Weather</u>	<u>Visibility</u>
North Sea (West of { 4° E. Long.	N. or N.W. fresh, strong locally.	Mainly over- cast with light rain or showers.	Moderate.
{ E. of Long. { 4° E.	S. or S.W. moderate to fresh.	Cloudy or overcast, occasional rain.	Moderate.
Horns Reef	S.E. or S. moderate veering.	Cloudy or overcast.	Moderate.
Channel	N.E. or E. moderate	Occasional rain.	Moderate in local haze.
Western Approaches	N. fresh to strong.	Showers.	Good.
Norwegian Coast { N. of 63° N.	E. or N.E. light to moderate.	Fair to cloudy.	Good.
{ S. of 63° N.	E. or S.E. moderate to fresh.	Overcast rain.	Moderate.



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CASUALTIES & DEFECTS

KHARTOUM

Damaged by burst torpedo air vessel. Was beached at Perfin, salvage considered impossible. Casualties 1 K. 3 seriously W. Ships company proceeding to Aden in KANDAHAR, leaving a dismantling party at Perfin. (D.C.N.S. & C. in C., E.I. 0441Z/24)

PATHAN

Patrol vessel. Seriously damaged by explosion 0100/23 off Bombay. Bombay port is closed pending investigation. Casualties include 2 officers and 3 ratings K, 22 W. seriously. It is hoped to get the ship into port (D.C.N.S. 294) (Ship sank 24/6 a.v.)

ELGO

Sunk by Italian aircraft see Mediterranean.

19. With reference to S.S.B.A. No. 520 (16) the following is a list of vessels transferred, as from noon 20th June 1940, from the River Emergency Service to the Thames Auxiliary Patrol Force.

ii The vessels become tenders to H.M.S. "PEMBROKE IV".

<u>Section.</u>	<u>Patrol Craft.</u>	<u>Speed Boats.</u>
Westminster	WATER GIPSY WANDERBIRD	FALAISE
Headquarters (Tower Pier)		JAKE II IGLOO BLUEBIRD
Cherry Garden	WIMA, VIVACE, SCORPION.	NOMAD III.
Greenwich	IVALY, WANGANUI.	
Woolwich	ISIS, WESTBREEZE, LE BON.	COMET I COMET II QUICKSILVER.
Dagenham	MURGHABI, LADYE DORA, WANDERLUST, PENGOUIN.	SAFARI.
Greenhithe	ROMA II, YACUNA, MARGARETTA, WINONA, GODDESS, FORRARD AWAY.	
Tilbury	WHITE GHOST II, EXILE, ACUSHLA.	HURRICANE. MISS ENGLAND.
Cliffe	WINDELF, NARWALE, IONE II, MULLION, SARAH MUNRO, IMEEN DHU, LADY LOUIE.	
Holehaven	WESTCLIFFE BELLE, SURPRISE.	CRESCENT.

Headquarters Barge.

HILDA.

Repair Craft.

MELISSA.
BLACK EAGLE.

Store Vessel.

X.Y.Z.

(Note. All the above craft are on Charter Party T. 98.).
(M. 012186/40).

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SundayFOREIGN STATIONSNorth AtlanticFrench Tank

Importance attached to getting a specimen of new French tank B.I. BIS France to North Africa. Reportedsome are now at La Seyne. Request you will endeavour to arrange accordingly through whatever channel may be available. (D.O.D. (F) to F.O.C.N.A., 1040/23)

Evacuations Port Vendres etc.,

KEPPEL reports by telephone embarkation of Czech troops proceeding in French ships. About 3000 will remain to be evacuated in British ships GOODWOOD and NORTHMOOR. About 2000 more retire on coast for whom accommodation is required in British ships, but situation uncertain. At Port Vendres hope to embark all Czechs and Poles, about 3,000, in GENERAL CHANZY and APAPZA p.m. today. Intend directing to Sete any British ships surplus to requirements at Port Vendres. (From ? to Adnty 1121/23)

*Volon*Gibraltar Congestion

My 1337/21. Request urgent decisions, harbour becoming congested. (Conbard, Gibraltar, 1515/23)

SALTERSGATE now in Cran, to be completed with fuel, water and provisions for 14 days before she proceeds to Gib. May not be possible to transfer passengers to other ships here for onward passage. (F.O.C.N.A., to B.N.L.O. in Franch battleship DUNKERQUE, 1934/23)

Las Palmas

French report ~~that~~ s.s. ROMEO and CIUDAD DI ALICANTE arrived Las Palmas 15 May and discharged 1200 troops and war material, divided between Grand Canary, Teneriffe, Lanzarote and Ifni. (C. in C., S.A. to Adnty. and F.O.I. Gib., 1551/23)

*m/s (Aviso)*French Convoy

At 1915/23. French destroyer LA BATAILLEUSE passed W to E escorting ships in Convoy. (F.O.C.N.A. 1924/23)

DORSETSHIRE Sails fo Dakar

Adnty. 0252/23. DORSETSHIRE sail/s 0600/23 for Dakar at 24 knots. WATCHMAN expected arrive Casablanca 1430/23 (F.O.C.N.A. 0612A/23 to C. in C., S.A.)

JEAN BART Proceeding to Casablanca

JEAN BART is expected at Casablanca. Take all possible action to impress on French authorities our intention to fight on and express hope they will do so too. (A.C.N.S.(F) 1939/23 to WATCHMAN)



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Sunday

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FOREIGN STATIONS

North Atlantic

Submarines

Positions at 0600/24 (V.A.S. 1754/23)

Gibraltar
Overcrowded

Serious situation arising with large numbers of civilians and evacuated Troops arriving from French Mediterranean Ports. Food reserves are being seriously depleted; imperative that ships expected with Czech and Polish Troops be diverted elsewhere forthwith even if only for food, fuel and water. (F.O.C.N.A. 1144/23 to Admty) Presence of civilian refugees a menace in case of air raid or attack and I am forced to confine as many as possible to ships. (Governor, Gibraltar, 2125/23)

South Atlantic

→ HERMES
to remain at
Dakar

HERMES is to remain at Dakar. (D.O.D. 0403/23 to C. in C., S.A.)

Your 1612/21. You should arrange for supplies as necessary where vessels are without funds. D. of S.T. 2312/23 to N.O.I.C. Simonstown)

RICHELIEU
Arrived at
Dakar

Arrived at Dakar: MALOJA, RICHELIEU, and French Destroyer FLEURET (C. in C., S.A. 1706/23 to Admty)

Knowledge of allegiance of French Mediterranean Fleet would be of greatest value in persuading Governor Dakar to accept H.M. Govt's offer. (HERMES 1350/23 to Admty)

Oiler

Oiler LUCIGEN may be retained for the present (D. of S., to C. in C., S.A. 1546/23)

QUEEN OF BERMUDA
PRETORIA CASTLE }

Movements ordered. (R.A.S.A.D. 11032/23)

French
Telephones

Censor, Freetown, has held up 2 telegrams from Government, Bordeaux, for confirmation from London in view of B.B.C. announcement that British Govt. no longer recognises Government at Bordeaux.

Convoy C.M.

D. of S.T. 1826/22. Request first ship of Convoy C.M. to complete discharge may be cleaned and sailed for Dar-es-Salaam independently to embark approx 500 aliens and 50 guards for Durban. (N.O.I.C. Simonstown 1202/23 to F.O.I.C. Kilindini)



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FOREIGN STATIONS

Mediterranean-Movements

French Destroyers

Third Division Torpedo craft comprising French Destroyers **LE FORTUNE**, **DASQUE**, **FORBIN**, 0600/13, sailed to-day for Alexandria (N.O.I.C. Haifa 0840C/23 to Admty)

General

Situation, Palma

Telegram 11 June 23 from Consul, Palma. Consider any material change unlikely until negotiations between France, Germany and Italy concluded. All classes dread results of war for Spain except a few Falangists who unfortunately wield the power. (Palma, Mallorca, 1130/23)

French Attitude

An assured of Mittelhauser's determination to fight on. Only sign of defeat which has reached me concerns senior air staff officers. This does not reflect general feeling. All that is wanted is a firm lead from a responsible French Government in London or Algiers. Mittelhauser has just sent following telegram to C. in C., Mediterranean. My sincere thanks for cover afforded by your fleet and my cordial wish announcement early Anglo-French Naval victory that may be won under your orders. (No 8 (Jones) Military Lission, 1315/23, to W.O)

Evacuation, Middle East

Evacuation of white women and children from Middle East not regarded with favour. Reasons. (War Office to C. in C. M.E. 2110/23)

Romanian Refugees

Not to be allowed to sail without orders from me. (C. in C., Med., 1325/23)

U.S. and Contraband

Messages intercepted by Air Mail Censor indicate United States Ships EXPRESS and EXO-CORDA due New York 24th and June 28th respectively loaded Italian cargo at Genoa after Italy declared war thereby presumably contravening United States Regulations. Understand cargoes not yet paid for and may be subject to confiscation. (C. in C., A.W.I)



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Sunday

FOREIGN STATIONS

Mediterranean- Air

Raid on
Malta

Seventeen aircraft including 2 fighters attacked Malta at 1300/23. Slight civilian injuries and damage, but no military casualties or damage. One enemy Fighter shot down and the pilot taken prisoner. (D.S. 293) (F.O.I.C., Malta, 2121/23) (Governor, Malta, 2331/23)

ELGO
Sunk

According to foreign reports the Swedish ELGO, 1388 tons, was bombed by Italian aircraft off the Algerian Coast at dawn on 23 June and sank. (D.S. 293)

Aircraft
Markings

Black and white colour scheme for fighters being retained this command. (H.Q., Malta, 1225/22, to A.M., received from Air Min., 0920/23)

Enemy Intelligence

Triesta.

Aircraft report no Warships in harbour except what appeared to be one large cruiser; and a lot of M/V's in northern half of harbour. (M.A. Belgrade 1745/22 to C. in C., Med)



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Sunday

FOREIGN STATIONS

East Indies

Hospital
Ships

Situation. Taking up of ALRA to be deferred (D. of P., 1342/23)

Japanese
Vessels

Governor General reports suspicious presence of 6 big Japanese steamers cruising for last 48 hours about 30 miles E. of Tamatave. Colombo and Capetown advised. (Brit. Consul, Antananarivo 1630/23)

Routes

Reason not to be given for diverted route if enemy warships reported in narrow waters, such as Straits of Hozmuz, Straits of Bab-el-Mandeb or Mozambique Channel (C. in C., 1541Z/23)

Air
Operations

Bombing attack Macaca Aerodrome. Reconnaissance continue to be prevented by weather. Lack of meteorological information prevents use of any clear periods. (A.H.Q., Aden, 1740/23)

China

French Vessels

322. Penang departure June 22. H.M.S. DANAE special purpose; arrival June 21 French Cruiser LAMOTTE-PICQUET wearing flag C. in C., departure French sloop ADMIRAL CHARBON; 22 June, arrival French armed merchant cruiser ARANIS, departure H.M.S. DAUNTLESS for Singapore; Singapore arrival (S.C.I., Singapore, 0533Z/23)

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SundayFOULIGHT STATIONSAmerica & West IndiesSuspicious
Tanker

Large tanker, nationality unknown, travelling S.E., passed Georgetown, Cayman Island, 0830/23. Description. (Chief, Grand Cayman, 1030/23)

Italian
Tankers

Consul, Tampico, reports strong probability that some Italian tankers in Gulf Ports may be transferred to Mexican Govt. in substitution for Mexican tankers under construction in Italy not delivered. (C. in C., A.W.I., 1123/23)

French
Ship

Col reports OREGON now at Balboa bound Havre, held up, no funds available for transit fees. (S.C.I., Kinston, 1445/23)

Norwegian
Crews

Reply to Admty. 1922/19, re training of Norwegian crews in Canada. (C.N.S., Ottawa 1206/23)

Australia & New ZealandCAZIERA

Escorting STRATHMORE with 918 troops. Movements. On arrival at Capetown to come under orders of C. in C., S.A. (A.C.N.Z. 0615/23 to C. in C., S.A.) *See p. 619.*

Mines off
North Island

Moored mines were cut in 36.29' S 175.58'E (off North Island, New Zealand) 23/6. This is in the E approach to Auckland and near south bound shipping route (I.C. 0491/40)



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Sunday

ITALIAN MERCHANT SHIPS

BACICIN PADRE

Curacao reports left Puerto Cabello last evening and anchored in Bay. Curacao reports Walters sailing 0300 to-day to investigate. (S.O.I., Kingston, 0058/23, 0426/23)

BURANO

Consul, Teneriffe, reports at Santa Cruz, Las Palmas cargo crude oil from *Ara*ra. (B. 3.) (S.O.I., Malta 1247/23)

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SundayU-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MININGShips AttackedHILDA

Finnish 1144 tons. 11 Survivors landed at Santander, Spain to-day report the ship sunk by German submarine 90'N of Castro Urdiales. (D.S. 293) 43.54'N 3.12'W 223/6 Ass. Press Santander report (I.C. 0491/40)

ELI KNUDSEN

Norwegian. Sunk at about 1940/23 140 miles W.N.W. of Ushant and 38 survivors landed by SANDWICH. Suggested that this ship and British Tanker SAN FERNANDO may have been sunk by sabotage time bomb and not by torpedo. (D.S. 293) ARABIS 2520/23, C. in C., W.A. 2042/23, 2524/23, 0119/24. Summary of evidence as to cause of damage and sinking (C. in C., W.A. 1711/23) SANDWICH arrived with 17 survivors from SAN FERNANDO and 38 from ELI KNUDSEN (P.O.I.C., Liverpool, 1710/23) Position 49.29 N., 3.38 W at 2042/23.

RAIDSEJORD

Norwegian (3999 tons) Sunk by mine or torpedo off Lands End (D.S. 293)

Submarines Reported

- 0342 59.30'N., 1.18'E. Aircraft report (Donibristle 0646/23)
- 0353 59.30'N., 1.46'E Aircraft report (269 Sqn. 0353/23) (C. in C., Rosyth 0752/23)
- 0729 S.S.W.V. 3046 Aircraft report (254 Sqn 0729/23)
- 1014 & 1103 49.15'N., 15.20'W., D/F report Unreliable fix (D.D.I.C. 1051/23 to C. in C., W.A.) (I.C. 0491/40, says 15.20'W)
- 1155 57.5'N., 4.58' E., Course 130, speed 6 knots Aircraft report. (Donibristle 1602/23) (I.C., 0491/40 says 53.5'N., and "possibly British"
- 1911 57.20'N. 7.E. D/F report Unreliable fix. (D.D.I.C. 1941/23)
- 1940 49.21'N., 9.23'W. (A.C.W.A. 2036/23 to IMUGEN) Reliable fix. Ships ordered to attack. (C. in C., W.A., 2039/23, 2042/23)
- 1033 7 U-boats believed close Gironde to intercept traffic to North Africa (R.A. BEAGLE 1033/23 to Admty)
- 2238 53.N 12.W Position indefinite (I.C. 0491/40)
- 0156 A/C 2146/22 Amend position of S/M to 60.10 N., 1.05'E (C. in C., Rosyth, 0156/23)



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SundayU-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MINING

Estimated dispositions (D.D.I.C. 1252/23)

Submarines Attacked

Italian U-Boat
Sub
EVANGELISTA TORRICELLI

By gunfire from destroyer 246⁰ Per/in High
Light 11 miles at 0300 G.M.T. 23/6. This
is presumed to be finale of hunt reported
in my 1304/22 (See also KANDAHAR 0955/22, 27/6)

Request immediate permission to publish.
(C. in C., E.I. 0344Z/23)

0342

59.30 N., 1.18'E., by Aircraft. No results
observed.

2213

ARABIS attacked contact 49.21N., 8.47 W
(B.3.) (I.C., 0491/40)

Submarines Reported-Mediterranean

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37.10'N 3.15'E Reported by Algiers Radio
(I.C. 0491/40) (Algiers Radio, 1944/23)

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France.

The Admiralty view of the intentions of the French with regard to their Fleet is that under no circumstances will it be allowed to fall into German or Italian hands; if a strong lead is given it might fight on, as Darlan has urged; but the issue will depend on orders given by Admiral Estera. Meanwhile Admiral Godfroy in the Mediterranean has been ordered by the French Admiralty to cease all hostilities and return to French ports. BNLO Brest in WATCHMAN at Casablanca reports the French Navy will take orders from the French Government only: the Senior Officer is preparing to demilitarise the Fleet to support the Petain Government. JEAN BART is being commissioned at Casablanca with hands arriving from Brest. At 1900 British Naval Liaison Officers at Oran left for Gibraltar in the French destroyer TYPHON in accordance with orders received from the French Admiralty. CALCUTTA (flag of CS 2) and 5 destroyers are near St. Jean de Luz.

Evacuation of about 6000 Polish troops from St. Jean de Luz continued during the day. Only one ship at a time could enter the harbour, owing to the swell. HARVESTER escorted ARANDORA STAR which sailed with 3000 Polish Army and Air Force personnel and a few British refugees, and ETTRICK with 1100 British refugees and 300 Poles. Ships taking part in the evacuation from Bayonne and St. Jean de Luz were bombed during the day. Several U-boats are believed to be off the Gironde for the purpose of interfering with traffic to North West Africa and evacuation plans.

VELOX at Port Vendres, stated that there were 3000 Polish troops and that the authorities did not allow evacuation of French forces. All quays are strongly guarded and no French civilians are allowed to leave. VELOX left for Gibraltar with British subjects.

KEPPEL reports the embarkation of 3000 Czechs in the Sete area and that no more ships are required. She will remain, however, with the last 2 British merchant ships to embark more Czechs who are expected.

Air.

3 Blenheims left at 0315/24 for reconnaissance over Trondheim, where a battle cruiser and 2 cruisers were seen yesterday and Stavanger. The reconnaissance failed due to bad weather. At 1225 another a/c left to reconnoitre Bergen and Stavanger, but did not return.

An a/c on reconnaissance off the Dutch coast reported 3 2000 ton m.v.'s in Ymuiden harbour and one m.v. of about 4000 tons sunk in the entrance.

Gardening was undertaken.

A special raid on New Waterway (Rotterdam) with "W" bombs cancelled owing to enemy raids interfering with squadron's take off.

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Italian Hostilities.

LUIGI GALVANI

Italian s/m was rammed and sunk by FALMOUTH.
0001Z/24 in the Straits of Ormuz. p. 500

MACALLE

The Italian s/m discovered by the R.A.F. 22/6
sunk off Barra Musa, Kebir Island (Red Sea)
has been identified as the MACALLE. She
apparently sank on 14/6 after striking a reef;
about 30 of the crew were seen on the reef, but
when a tug with an armed party located the s/m
on 22/6 the men had disappeared. p. 500

U-boat at
Ceuta.

Three or possibly four of the force of 8 Italian
s/m's based on Massawa have now been destroyed
or captured.
Air reconnaissance today failed to locate the
damaged Italian U-boat in Ceuta harbour.

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MondayDISPOSAL OF FRENCH FLEET

My telegram of 22 June and yours of 20th. Urge you strongly carry out my suggestion, above all Publicity. Rogues believes senior Officers may obey but there will be trouble among remainder. Everyone now waiting for a lead. Am assured by French Liaison Officer that most pilots would fly to British territory. Large increase of aircraft from France lately; but nothing can be organised until decision here is known. (No 3 Dillon Mil. Mission 0135/24 to War Office)

All military opinion disgusted with Armistice and looking for sign of British help which is thought to be always too late. Political opinion here is extremely defeatist. Doubtful whether Rogues will continue war; and Army, though wanting to fight, is thought to be deterred by lack of material. Much depends on immediate support well broadcasted. (No. 3. Dillon Mil. Mission 0055/24 to War Office)

Your 0116/24 to WATCHMAN. Situation deteriorating beyond point suggested. Senior Officer preparing to demilitarise Fleet to support Petain Govt. Some C.O.'s might disobey order to scuttle, but demilitarization in French or French Colonial Harbours seems probable, though many Junior Officers might re-act against demilitarization if given the chance. If North African Govt. accept peace terms, force will be required to release French Fleet. (B.N.L.C. Brest in WATCHMAN 1130/24 to Adty)

2 Destroyers
for Casablanca

M.N.L.C. Casablanca 1920/23 (re small display of British Naval Force to prevent French scuttling) Two destroyers if available with Capt. D. 13 are to proceed Casablanca forth with to deal with situation (F.O.C.N.A. in DOUGLAS 0136/24 to F.O.C.N.A)

Cancelled

Your 0136/24. Defer sailing (Adty. 0610/24 to F.O.C.N.A., F.O.C.N.A., in DOUGLAS)

Mediterranean

My 1851/23, Message received by Admiral Godfrey from French Adty., early a.m./24, begins 05123. If Armistice is signed between France on one side and Germany and Italy on the other you are to cease all operations or hostilities and return to French Ports, to which I shall order you,

/probably.....

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probably Bizerta. You are to embark F.L.O's and disembark B.L.O's. Acknowledge. 1700/23 Ends.

2. See Mediterranean Volume. (C. in C., Med. 1059/24) *(see next page)*

General Situation

Mour 1350/23. From reports just received indications are:-

- (1) Under no circumstances will Fleet be allowed to fall into German or Italian hands.
- (2) Their future action will largely depend on whether some provisional government, possibly functioning from North Africa, can be formed.
- (3) If strong lead is given Fleet might fight on.
- (4) Darlan has urged that Fleet fight on, but issue will depend on orders received from Esteva. (1st S.L. 1159/24 to HERMES)

Admiral Africa's Attitude:-

- (1) France defeated.
- (II) French Navy will take orders from French Govt. only.
- (III) There will be no break between France and North African Colonies.
- (IV) Fear of defeat by Spain which would be worse than capitulating to Germany.
- (V) North Africa without sufficient troops or material.

(WATCHMAN 1430/24 to Admty)

Ships in harbour ~~at~~ (Casablanca)

- (1) Battleship JEAN BART commissioned with hands from Brest who continue to arrive in large numbers.
- (II) Destroyers. 2 or 3 sailed last night destination unknown, remain 3, 2 new just completing.
- (III) Submarines about 12.
- (IV) Sloops one large one small.
- (V) Large numbers arrived trawlers

(WATCHMAN 2000/24)

/I do not.....

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Mediterranean

C. in C., Med. 1059/24. The following para was not included in the War Diary.

"2. It is of course my intention that French ships shall not leave Alexandria."

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I do not think it likely that crews will mutiny.

Heavy ships are moored stem to wall at Mers ~~St.~~ Kebir (Oran) in order from N.W. to S.E. Battleships DUNQUERQUE, PROVENCE, STRASSBOURG and BRETAGNE ~~St.~~ (F.O.C.N.A. in DOUGLAS 1 1920/24)

French Admiral in COURBET is going to London this afternoon. He is aware that no French ships will be allowed to sail. I believe there is fear amongst French about German pressure on families if they do not obey French Governments order. We can remove this fear and at the same time get rid of the large number of French sailors in the small craft who are ill-disciplined and are likely to get completely out of hand if bombing is started by

(A) Persuading French Admiral to agree to immobilisation of larger units by removing machinery and thus freeing themselves from responsibility.

(B) Removing crews of all smaller vessels and sending them to France in French Merchant Ships now at Southampton.

(C) Send back crews of larger units at a later date.

(C. in C., Portsmouth 1303/24)

Your 1337/20 All French Naval personnel accommodated ashore left for Aintree a.m. today Monday. (C. in C., Portsmouth 1450/24)

480 Your 0118 24th June French Cruisers DUQUESNE, TOURVILLE, SUFFREN, DUQUAY-TROUIN French Battleship LORRAINE at Alexandria. LE GLADIATEUR on passage to Beirut. French Cruiser ~~LE FORTUNE~~ ^{LE FORTUNE} French destroyer FORBIN due Alexandria from Haifa p.m. today Monday (1) (11) Submarines. French Submarine ACHERON on passage Beirut to Leros French Submarine ACTEON on passage Beirut to Rhodes French Submarine ESPADON leaves Leros 24th June for Beirut French Submarines PROQUE, PROTEE from Rhodes and Leros arrives Beirut 28th June and 3rd July respectively. French Submarine DAUPHIN at Beirut. (C. in C., Med 1031/24 to Admty)



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Your 0113/24 following are at Casablanca
JEAN BART submarine parent ship JULES
VERNE, destroyer EPEE Despatch vessel
AILETTE, Dest. LE MARDI, Despatch vessel
SCORP, Sloop D'ENTRECASTEAUX, M/S LA
BATAILLEUSE, Surveying vessel ADMIRAL
MOUCHEZ, submarine CASABLANCA, SPAX,
SADI-FERRUCH, PONCELET, PERSEE, AJAX,
THETIS, CERCE, CALYPSO, ORPHEE, AMAZONE,
ANTIOPE, MEDUSE, ALPHITRITE, LA SIBYLLE,
EL KANTARA, VICTOR, SCHOELCHER, MARCELINCK.
S/m BEVELIERS, Sloop D'IBERVILLE expected
to arrive here tomorrow. Four A.M.C's en
route Casablanca to Dakar. Following
sailed today Destroyers MOUGUEUX, FROMENT.
(Casablanca 2228/24 to D.N.I.)

LANSQUENET

French warships at Le Verdon 23/6 large
destroyer LANSQUENET newly completed and
2 escort ships. A cruiser could support
destroyers in case of more French warships
collecting at Le Verdon. (R.A. BEAGLE
1054/24 to Admt)

XX See Below

ATTITUDE OF FRENCH

Urging need for formation of authoritative
French Government in Algiers without delay.
Prestige of De Gaulle insufficient to carry
masses with him and presence in London
facilitates German propaganda that he is
under British influence. Already false
instructions continually received. Suggest
broadcast by Prime Minister, but voice of
new cadre French Govt. should first be heard
otherwise danger suspected too great
British influence. (H.O.S (Jones) Mission
1710/24 to C. in C., M.E.)

Not much fight in Civil Administration from
Resident General downwards. Estimated
partly due instructions and partly personal
weakness. Censor prohibits publication of
anything conducive in slightest degree to
strengthen will of Colonies to resist.
(B.S.L.O. Sud. 0744/23)

XX My 1400 Part 3.

(d) He states categorically that his orders from Admiral Darlan
were that under no circumstances would French Fleet be handed
over intact.

(e) To sum up, it seems if Armistice with Italy is signed French
sea power will be withdrawn dismissed and conditions of Armistice
will be carried out provided former does not include handing over
the French Fleet intact.

Part 4 follows (P.O.C.R.A. 1230)

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MondayHOME COMMANDSDefence of U.K.Defence of
Isle of Wight

Batteries which cover beaches at west end of the Island are exposed to air attack. Possible advantage to enemy of gaining Island and destroying batteries from land ward. (C. in C., Portsmouth 1817/24)

Be guarding against interference with booms and net defences by small vessels which succeed in approaching unobserved or by sabotage (A.C.N.S. (H) 2233/24 to all C's in C. & P.O's ashore at home and abroad)

Rye

Intend to block Reasons etc., (V.A. Dover 1521/24)

Reconnaissance
measures to be
investigated

It is considered that a sea-borne expedition will probably approach U.K. during conditions of low clouds when visual reconnaissance is impossible and that there is, therefore, a serious risk that our existing reconnaissance measures may break down at a vital moment. It is desirable, therefore, to investigate immediately some alternative to visual reconnaissance. (C.I.C. Reports 25)

OperationsOperation Collar

Operation Collar may be carried out at your discretion. (D.O.D.H. 1023/24 to V.A. Dover)

"Train Ferries"

Investigate ships reported as train ferries in 50.50'N 1.31'E at 1715, course 190° 2 to 3 knots. (N.O.I/C Dover 1816/24 to BOREAS) Sighted by aircraft. Description etc., (Chatham A.C.H.Q. 1855/24) position of vessel at 1929 50.52.5'N 1.27.5'E course 180° (N.O.I/C Dover 1940/24)



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HOME COMMAIDS

Defence of U.K.

Invasion on E Craft must be considered as definite and increasing menace. Further information of probable enemy forces and methods available follow by letter.

RODNEY and VALIANT should be moved to Rosyth (1st S.L. 1957/24 to C. in C., H.F.)

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MondayHOME COMMANDSFranceGironde Oil
Installations

Very important to destroy oil installations Bec d'Ambes, Blaye, Pauillac, also floating dock Pauillac. 2 destroyers could do it by point blank bombardment.

St. Jean de Luz

Your 2054/ (requesting confirmation that BEAGLE should proceed to St. Jean de Luz) Return to U.K. (P.O. C.S. 0034/24 to R.A. BEAGLE)

0800 all embarkation ceased 2100/23 owing to swell, started again 0700/24 with ARANDORA STAR inside breakwater. Latest figures appear to be Polish 5000 including armies remainder as in my 1940/23 corrected by my 2145/23 (S.N.O. St. Jean de Luz 0820/24 to C.S. 2.)

C. in C., W.A. 1218/21^x. It is proving quite impracticable to carry out embarkation by nationality or type of person being embarked. Endeavour will be made to indicate the general outline of what each ship carried. (S.N.O. St. Jean de Luz 1035/24 to C.S. 2)

^x Evacuation of troops of various nationalities etc.,

Your 1145/24. Situation 1430. 3400 Poles embarked, 2600 remaining.

Griznez to
Boulogne

H.M.S. BOREAS proceeded within about 3.5 miles of Boulogne and reports no ships under way between Cape Griznez and Boulogne at about 2015. Considerable artillery opposition encountered. H.M.S. BOREAS and H.M.S. CODRINGTON returning to patrols. Capt.(D)l. 2040/24)

Cutting Cables

Your 1943/19. Brest-Fayaal was out on 22/6 in 49.34' 46" N 05. 5' 30" W. (2) It is hoped to sail ALBERT 25/6 to cut Brest-Cape Cod Cable. (3) Your 1907/18 ALBERT is now considerably overdue boiler cleaning. Propose MARIE LOUISE MACKAY should carry out some of these operations as soon as escort is available (C.in C., W.A. 1127/24 to Admty) See 19/6/40. p 261



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HOME COMMANDS.

E-Boats

ALBUERA
Sunk

Torpedoed and sunk 2' S.W. of Lydd Light Float at 0015/24. Five missing. (North Foreland 0339/24) Considered sunk by either one or two E-boats (V.A. Dover 1205/24 to Adty) Torpedoed and sunk by E-boat at 0118 two miles S.W. Lydd Light Float. 29 survivors picked up by Dutch MORTERE (V.A. Dover 0900/24, H.O.I/C Dover 1210/24)

See also p. 498

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MondayHOME COMMANDSAir.A/C's. in
JEAN L.D.

Imperative that A/C's from JEAN L.D. are landed as soon as possible. As last resource force may be used, in which case Adty. should be informed (1st Lord. 2151/24)

Rc. of
Stavanger

Reconnaissance of Stavanger by 3 Blenheims will be carried out A.M. today. (C. in C.Rosyth 0854/24 to C. in C.H.F.)

Ymuiden
obstructed.

A/C report a M/V about 4,000 tons apparently sunk near Entrance, and three other M/V's about 2000 tons alongside to S. and E. of harbour. (Chatham A.C.H.Q. 1008/24).

M.V. attacked.

0635 1 camouflaged small M.V., 5 miles N. Kristiansund North attacked by A/C which obtained near misses 63°12' N., 7°40' E., (Donibristle 1000/24)

Minesweeper.

Destroyer reported by A/C 0828/23 in 57°21' N., 4°38' E., has been identified from photographs as a minesweeper (I.C.0492/40)

Enemy Air activity.

ORMONDE

Attacked by A/C 47°36' N., 6°54' W. (Lands End 0949/24)

CLAN ROSS

Attacked by A/C 30 miles N.N.W. of St. Jean de Luz (Intercept by Scapa, 1435/24) 44°0' N., 2°0' W., bombed by 3 planes (CLAN ROSS 1455 G.M.T./24)

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HOME COMMANDS

Mining

Unidentified explosions.

Explosions are reported at 0330/24 twelve miles East of Spurn Point. (I.C. 0491/40)

2 mines were exploded today near N. Goodwin Lt.V. (I.C.0492/40).

B.S.18.

B.S.18. Air Escort will not be provided. (C. in C. Nore 2056/24 to D. 20)

Gardening.

See Air Min. D.S. 34/

Minefield in Irish Sea.

Re. proposal to lay minefield across southern end of Irish Sea. Reasons why it is considered proposal should not be proceeded with (C. In C.W.A.1818/24)

Orkneys.

My 1146. Channel between Scrabster and Dunnet Head has been swept with L.L. and Oropesa no further sweeping considered necessary (A.C.O.S.1951/24)

Enemy Intelligence

CLYDE
Glydes Patrol
Report.

1855/9 off Fro Havet machine gunned by Heinkel before submerged. No casualties or important damage.

10/6 64°27' N., 09°27' E., sighted masts of pocket battleship and Hipper Class cruiser bearing 065 range 12 miles course 300 1435 made enemy report T.O.O. 1400.

0645/11 64°11' N., 09°39' E., sighted mast and top of ship believed to be pocket battleship against Land off Vaagsoen Island, course 217°. Made enemy report T.O.O. 0645. It was now clear enemy shipping used inshore route from Trondjheim, emerging in vicinity of Kya Lighthouse.

2209/20 64°43' N., 9°52' E. sighted two large ships in line abreast 2 miles apart ascreened by one destroyer, course about 350°. CLYDE was fine on port bow of starboard wing ship, range 8 miles. Sea rough. Visibility poor. Heavy ships considered to be one battle cruiser and one pocket battleship. 2232 fired salvo at battle cruiser, range 4000 yards. Two minutes fifty five seconds after firing first torpedo violent explosion was heard, submarine went deep after firing. 2242 destroyer counter attacked with pattern of eight depth charges which did no damage, but submarine had gone to 250 feet after firing with angle down by the stern, and some distortion occurred in after end which bent four inch steel pillar.

Vessel hit
believed
NURNBERG,
see p. 517.
See also CLYDE
R. 97, p. 663.

Heavy sea and poor visibility made identification of target very difficult, but high bow was momentarily observed, giving impression of SCHARNHORST.

0100 surfaced and made enemy report 2235/20
(V.A.(S) 1756/24.)

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Kiel Fjord. 53°30' N., 10°20' E. A/C observed One Battleship and Four Destroyers stationary at 0140/24. (I.C.0491/40)

SCHARNHORST Press message from America states that Germans admit SCHARNHORST is damaged. She is probably now at Kiel (I.C.0492/40).

Night 23/24. East of Alte Mellum, at 0110 one M.V. about 4000 tons at anchor.

Ships at Rotterdam Etc. At Rotterdam. 0825 three large cargo ships at anchor. At position fifty miles at 120 degrees from Lowestoft at 0950, two trawlers heading South ten lengths apart in line astern. Each ship had paravane or trawl on starboard quarter. Fifty miles at 090 degrees from Lowestoft, 1503 hours three trawlers, three lengths apart, leading ship heading N.W., remainder in line astern heading N.E. at Heyst. 1430 hours a grey ship, destroyer size, stationary off shore. At Bruges, 1600 hours very many barges stationary in canal N.W. of town. (H.Q.B.C.0253/25).

Two unidentified ships reported 5' S.E. from St. Catherines at 0001/24. Approximate course E. (C. in C. Portsmouth 0322/24 to GARDENIA, and 0132/24 to VIVACIOUS)

At 0215 passed one large cargo vessel and one cargo Liner both darkened at 50°30' N., 0°25' W. Course about 080, 10 Knots. (VIVACIOUS 0250/24 to C. in C. Portsmouth)

German Plans Invasion

From German sources, Turks expect attack on England beginning July 3. Phases from Trondheim, Rotterdam and Cherbourg, with mining operations both ends of English Channel. Attacks by all forces land, sea and air, also parachute. Also attack on Gibraltar and North Africa through Spain. (Adm. Sir Howard Kelly, 1905/24)

TIRPITZ

in Wilhelmshaven 24/6 in advanced state of construction.

ADMIRAL SCHEER

in Bauhaven.
Some barge activity Langeoog (A/C report P.D.V.I. 0040/25)

GREISENAU

C. in C., Rosyth's 1956/23. From photographs consider first ship mentioned is battle cruiser, probably GREISENAU. (D.D.I.C. 1956/24)

Sweden

Swedish Govt. have decided to accede German demand that goods in transit through Sweden to Norway should no longer be subjected to close examination. (D.D.I. 2014/24)



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HOME COMMANDS

Shipping

W.I.

Will not be ready to sail at earliest before 1800/27. (F.O.I.C. Greenock 1831/24 to Admty)

French Ships Held

Application for French Ships to sail has been made by French Consul and has been refused. (F.O.I.C. Cardiff 1400/24 to Adlty)

French Ships may be sailed in Exceptional case

Notwithstanding Adty. 1929/23, you have discretion to allow French ships to sail in any exceptional case where you think it desirable in allied interests, e.g. ships engaged in trade with neighbouring French possessions, and provided you are satisfied that intended voyage will be carried out. For your information by a clause in the Armistice terms French merchant ships outside France are to be recalled or if this is not possible ordered to neutral ports. (Adty. 2319/24 to all C's in C., & F.O's at Home & Abroad)

CASUALTIES & DEFECTS

PATMAN
(damaged 23/6)

Bank early 24/6 evidence is tending to eliminate probability of internal explosion. (C.-in C., E.I. 1542Z/24)

WEATHER

<u>Area</u>	<u>Wind</u>	<u>Visibility</u>	<u>Outlook</u>
North Sea	S.W. in North, N.E. in S. Light or moderate	Good or V.G. in N. Moderate or poor in South	Wind freshening from S.W. in N Strong to gale Locally.
Channel & W Approaches.	N. moderate or fresh	Poor in E., good in W. Local mist.	Wind Backing W. or S.W.
Horns Reef	N. light	Good Coastal mist	Wind backing
Dutch Coast	N.E. light	Mod. Coastal mist.	Wind backing
Norwegian Coast	Northerly light.	Mod. Coastal mist.	Wind backing S.W. or South

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FOREIGN STATIONS

North AtlanticPolish Ships
ISKRA, WILIA

Chief of Polish Navy requests that Polish auxiliary vessels ISKRA and WILIA, now at Port Lyautey near Casablanca, shall not be allowed to fall into enemy hands. If it is impracticable for them to be moved to a British port he requests they may be sunk. (D.O.D.(F) 2249/24 to F.O.C.N.A.).

DUNERA

DUNERA to be sailed for Casablanca as soon as possible to embark 4,000 Polish airmen. (D.O.D.(F) to F.O.C.N.A. 2231/24). Sailed (F.O.C.N.A. 0514/25).

ATHLONE CASTLE

No trace in W.D.
Adty. 1610/23. ATHLONE CASTLE ordered to Gibraltar. (F.O.C.N.A. 0957/24).

Refugees,
Gibraltar

Naval authorities advise me of possibility of a further large number of refugees arriving here from Marseilles. Weather conditions and need for provisioning and refuelling ships are delaying onward passages. In interests of defence I cannot allow any more to land here. (Governor, Gib., to W.O. 2000/23, recd. from W.O. 0710/24).

Evacuations,
Oran

Adty. 0121/24. **GOUVERNEUR** French GENERAL CHANZY sailed Oran 0900 with 1200 Turks. French PRESIDENT DAL PIAZ sails 0800/25 for Oran with 1100 (? Poles). An evacuating remainder of Poles and Czechs in APAPA, also 200 civilians, including about 60 British. Propose sailing APAPA for Gibraltar unescorted 0800/25. (VELOX to F.O.C.N.A. 1130/24). My 1130. Sailing APAPA Gibraltar 2000/24, unescorted (VELOX 1532/24).

Evacuations,
French Ports

Your 0121, para 1. DOUGLAS is requested to represent strongly to French necessity of replenishing ships at French ports before arrival Gibraltar and to inform VELOX and KEPPEL which ports are available. Para 3, it is not yet clear how many troops and civilians are to be expected, but if it does not exceed 6,000 there should be sufficient transport with ATHLONE CASTLE and NEURALIA. (F.O.C.N.A. to Adty., 1155/24).

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MondayFOREIGN STATIONSNorth Atlantic (Contd.)Casablanca

Propose sending Capt. Holland by air to Casablanca. He will be able to clarify situation and help in pressing our views. (R.A., Carriers, 1020/24 to Adty.).

Algiers

Situation 1200/24. French warships, etc. (B.N.L.O., Algiers, 1615/24).

Reynaud Cabinet

Former Ministers Reynaud Cabinet arrived here with wives and families, about 50 in all, making for England (barring declaration to resist in Morocco). Urgently asking for transport to Gibraltar. Suggest ~~KEBIR~~ due tomorrow be instructed to wait or put at their disposal. (Consul-General, Rabat, 2340/24 to Gibraltar).

* MERS el KEBIR.Evacuations,
Sete, Vendres

KEPPEL reports no more ships required at Sete. VELOX can accommodate British subjects now in Port Vendres. Attitude of French authorities, Sete, Vendres, rendered embarkation of French forces impossible. All quays strongly guarded. No French civilians allowed to leave. (VELOX to Adty. and F.O.C.N.A. 2301/24).

South AtlanticMOOLTAN(A.M.C.)

To act as escort to Convoy S.L.37. On relief by (? DELIGHT) in Western Approaches July 9, MOOLTAN to proceed independently to Plymouth adjusting time of arrival daylight hours July 10. (C. in C., S.A. 1157/24).

French
Cameroons

Report on French attitude, (favourable). (A.M.C. BULOLO 1820/24). Governor-General announces intention to stand firm and maintain integrity in close co-operation with Nigeria (Vice-Consul, Duala, 1155/24).

CITY OF SIMLA

Adty. 1916/15. Propose to cancel trooping programme for CITY OF SIMLA and order vessel to proceed on normal voyage with cargo to U.K. (N.L.O. Capetown, 1602/24).

QUEEN OF
BERMUDA

Expects to arrive Port Stanley am/29/6. (PRETORIA CASTLE to RASAD 2110Z/24).

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MondayFOREIGN STATIONSSouth Atlantic (Contd.)South Africa

Union authorities will not allow native troops (? French) to land in South Africa. (S.O.I. Capetown 1500/24) Position is serious. (S.O.I. Capetown, 1650/24).

Mediterranean - Policy

Mittelhauser and Beirut garrison determined to fight and not take orders from Bordeaux. (No 8 (Jones) Mil. Mission, 2000/24).

B.N.L.O.'s
Withdrawn

B.N.L.O. Bizerta reports French Adty. orders all B.N.L.O.'s be withdrawn forthwith. Leaving shortly for Gibraltar, Syko called in 1600/24. (F.O.I.C., Malta, 2101/24).

Mediterranean - GeneralFrench Units

Report positions of French naval units known to you. (N.I.D. 2 to Oran, Marseilles, Toulon, 0120/24). List at Casablanca (Casablanca 2228/24).

Turkish Facilities

Turkish reactions to the situation satisfactory. Propose release of fullest information of transfer of French war vessels to British ports and of aircraft and other forces. They will be required for propaganda and any information as to some American aircraft in England most desirable. (Adm. Sir Howard Kelly 1905/24). (See also Enemy Intelligence).

French Aircraft

Bona reports 25 Dewoitine aircraft arrived from France. (S.O.I., Alexandria, 1205/24).

Publicity

News of successes against enemy U-boats is not to be made public locally until released by the Adty. Information given locally should not go beyond the text of the communique.* (D.P.D. to C. in Cs Med. & E.I. 1942/24).

Oilers

Movements (cancelling his 1613/22). (C. in C., Med., 1933/24).

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MondayFOREIGN STATIONSEast IndiesOrmuz

My 1423/20, para 2. Normal sailings through Straits of Ormuz have been resumed. (C. in C., E.I. 0946Z/24).

News Propaganda

Re propaganda value of sunk Italian submarine or similar naval exploit on station being enhanced if released locally before B.B.C. or Reuter. (C. in C., E.I. 1216Z/24).

Aliens movement

D. of S.T. 2143/22 and N.O.I.C. Simonstown 1202/23. As troops for Berbera will not be ready before July 10, submit TAKLIWA proceed to Dar-es-Salaam for aliens movement, returning to Mombasa for Berbera movement. (N.O.I.C. Kilindini 0809Z/24).

Madagascar

Message from Governor General refers to menace of 7 Japanese cargo steamers which for a week have been hanging about within 100 miles of coasts of Madagascar and Reunion, which have no means, naval or air, to deal with this menace. (A.M.C. BULOLO, 2035/24 to C. in C., S.A.).

Air Escort

Propose to do without air escort^{east} of 47:30 E., (S.N.O. Red Sea, 2205Z/24).

America & West IndiesFrench Bullion

EMILE BERTIN has on board large quantity of bullion which she has refused to deposit with Bank of Canada despite considerable pressure.

Suggest you should be personally satisfied that there is no chance of this finding its way back to occupied France (C.N.S. Ottawa 1446/24 to C. in C. A.W.I.).

Report direct to Admiralty repeated C. in C., A.W.I. immediately you know whereabouts of French cruiser EMILE BERTIN. (C. in C., A.W.I. to DUNEDIN 2252/24).

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MondayFOREIGN STATIONSAmerica & West Indies (Contd.)DUNEDIN
to Watch
EMILE BERTIN

Adty. 0404/23 and 1326/23. Return Martinique tomorrow 25th, excuse to Admiral Robert being you wish to report results of visit promptly. (C. in C., A.W.I. 0932/24 to DUNEDIN).
DUNEDIN now at Guadeloupe returning Martinique 25/6. Relations with French very friendly. Fully concur with Governor, Trinidad, telegram to Sec. of State 428. (C. in C. A.W.I. 0922/24 to Adty.).

Norwegian Whale
Ships

Your 1630/20. Norwegian whale catchers. Arrangements for use of (Min. of Shipping to Supt. S.T.O., Kingston, Jamaica, 2114/24).

FURIOUS

On completion of loading FURIOUS is to sail for U.K. (Adty. 2232/24).

FURIOUS can be ready to sail am/27/6 with 12 Curtiss P.36, 10 Brewster fighters, 5 Curtiss S.B.C.'s and 15 Northrops. If sailing is delayed more Curtiss and Brewster can be taken in place of Northrops. (F.O.C. 3 B.S., 1143/24).

China.Minelaying

French sloop AMIRAL CHARNER left Saigon 21/6 to lay mines Kamrank Bay area. (C.O.I.S., Singapore, 1002Z/24).

C. in C.

Intend to sail from Hong Kong in KATIMBLA pm/25/6 (C. in C., China 1117Z/24).

ALIPORE

My 1129/15. Appears fire not due to spontaneous combustion. Strong suspicion of sabotage. (S.O.I., Shanghai, 0249Z/24).

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MondayITALIAN MERCHANT SHIPSLAURA LAURO

Arrived Ceara 23/6, stated bound for Baltimore in ballast. (S.O.I. Freetown, 1029/24) (N.A., Rio de Janeiro, 1509/24)

AIDA LAURO

Arrived Pernambuco 23/6. (S.O.I. Freetown 1029/24)

BACININ PADRE

Tanker, at Puerto Cabello, left the port and anchored in the bay p.m. 22/6 (I.C. 0491/40)

XXVIII OTTOBRE

Taken refuge at Puket, Thailand. (I.C. 0491/40)

CELLINA

Prize, left Gibraltar in convoy H.G. 35 (I.C., L491/40)

EURO

Sequestered at Hampton Road on a/c of debt to Asiatic Petroleum Co. (I.C. 0491/40)

FRISCO

Arrived Ceara 20/6. No sign of activity in Axial ships at Santos. (N.A., Rio de Janeiro, 1509/24)

JOIE FASSIO

Caracas reports being sent from La Guaira to Puerto Cabello today inside territorial waters. (S.O.I. Kingston, 0829/24)

CONTE BIANCAINO

At Balboa. Hearing of debt case to Royal Netherlands S.S. Co. Fixed for July 6. (I.C., 0492/40)

Tankers.
Mexico

Tampico reports strong probability that some Italian tankers now in Gulf ports may be transferred to Mexican Government in lieu of others being built in Italy for Mexico but not delivered. There are 8 Italian tankers at Tampico and 1 at Vera Cruz. (I.C., 0491/40)

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MondayU-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MININGShips Attacked

BELGRAVIAN Torpedoed in 47:32 N., 04:54 W. at 1243 (A.C.W.A. 1257/24) 60 miles W. by N. of Belle Isle. (A.S.W.D. 293) Cancel my 1251. BEAGLE close BELGRAVIAN and investigate. (A.C.W.A. 1324/24).

ALBUERA British (3477 tons) sunk in Dungeness Roads 0015/24 either by enemy M.T.B. or mine. 5 of crew missing. Ship still afloat. Aircraft report convoy HX49A in NF2S4243 at 0600 (C. in C., Nore 0710/24). *Sunk by E boat, q.v. p. 487.*

CATHRINE Estonian. Attacked 0100/24, 50:8 N., 14:0 W.

Submarines Reported

2338/23 D.F., unreliable fix. 52:0 N., 12:0 W., probably U-boat (D.N.I. 0015/24).

1015 D.F. unreliable fix, 49:20 N., 4:25 W., probably U-boat. (D.D.I.C., 1040/24).

1254 Submarines sighted 154° 10 miles Tuskar Rock. 52:06 N., 06:08W. (ROYAL SCOTSMAN, 1254/24) (Portland Bill Radio 1359/24).

0407 By aircraft, submarine submerged in position 59:58 N., 3:00 E. course northerly. (C. in C., Rosyth, 0530/24).

0001 Your 1241/23 (ordering MACKAY and WREN to hunt submarine off Gironde). Estimated position at 0001/24, 45:46 N., 01:42 W. (WREN to C.S.2 1712/23).

1143 G.M.T. A.F. message 47:32 N., 4:54 W. (D.D.I.C., 1351/24).

1205 34:42 N., 6:22 E. bearing 0° course 0° (French warship 1205/24).

Report of periscope off Holburn Head indicates possibility of submarine having laid mines in Thusso Bay. Channel between Scrabster and Dunnet Head being searched and sailing of ST. NINIAN has been delayed until completed. (A.C.O.S. 1146/24).

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MondayU-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MININGSubmarines Reported (Contd.)

- 1255 53:08 N., 5:1 W., reliable fix.
Periscope reported by Dutch aircraft WITHERING-
TON hunting.
SCARBOROUGH and COSSACK ordered to attack.
(C. in C., W.A. 1426/24).
- 1146 58:37 N., 3:32 W., in Thurso Bay. Periscope
reported, source of report not known. (I.C.,
0492/40).

Estimated Dispositions

- 1 off Portugal.
- 1 in Finisterre area, possibly far out.
- 1 in Bay of Biscay.
- 1 in Western exit from Channel.
- 2 in Western Approaches.
- 1 S.W. of Ireland, homeward bound.
- 1 W. of Ireland, homeward bound.
- Possibly 1 N. of Ireland.
- 1 N.W. of Hebrides outward bound.
- 1 N. of Scotland outward bound.
- Possibly 1 or 2 between Shetlands and Norway.
- Possibly 1 Italian near Canaries.
(D.D.I.C., 1224/24) (I.C., 0491/40).

Submarines Attacked

- 0407 By Aircraft 59:58 N., 3:0 E., 125' E. of
Shetlands, 70' S.W. of Stavanger. 2 25lb
bombs dropped. (I.C. 0491/40). Submerged
on being sighted. Effect of bombs not
observed. (Donibristle, 0540/24).
(A.S.W.D. 293).

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MINING

Mediterranean & East IndiesSubmarines Reported

1405 By French flying boat 260° Spartel 25'. Aircraft sent to investigate and co-operate at 1405. No confirmation by 1700 G.M.T. Italian submarine has left Ceuta. (200 Group to Air Min., 1800/24) (I.C., 0492/40 gives time as 1205).

Submarines Attacked

MACALLE Struck reef and sank off Barra, Musat Kebir Island (19:20 N., 38:15 E.) 14/6. (C.O. Troops Khartoum 2226/24). Sank off Tufflbarra Musat Kebir 19:15 N., 38:9 E. about 30 crew seen on reef. Tug with armed party located submarine 1145/22. Crew had disappeared (H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. 1845/24, C. in C. E.I., 0531Z/25). See also p. 531.

Submarine in Ceuta

The Italian U-boat attacked by WATCHMAN on 12/6 off Almina Point which took refuge in Ceuta is now known to have sailed. (I.C., 0492/40) (Air Min. D.S. 341). My 1154/24 Consul-General, Tangier, confirms Italian U-boat left certainly night 23-24/6. (F.O.C.N.A. 2224/24)

~~██████~~ GALVANI
sunk

Ranmed and sunk by FALMOUTH 0001Z/24 25:55 N., 56:55 E. 31 survivors. Damage to FALMOUTH being investigated (C. in C., E.I. 0118Z/24, 0455/24).

Information from officers survivors. Submarine left Massawa 12/6. 3 other U-boats, GALILEO FERRARIS, GALILEO GALILEI, and MACALLE left the same day, 2 for Red Sea and 1 believed for Indian Ocean. 8 Italian U-boats and 7 destroyers were still at Massawa when ~~██████~~ GALVANI left harbour. A negative reply was received when asked whether Italian U-boats had left Massawa to operate in Cape area. Survivors state no mines were carried in ~~██████~~ GALVANI, (FALMOUTH, 1045/24).

My 1304/22. Position as regards Port Sudan U-boat is as follows:- R.A.F. report oil patch over wreck was still there after 36 hours. S.N.O. Red Sea informs me that R.A.F. written report has produced no positive evidence of presence of submarine being an Italian U-boat. Reporting Officer Port Sudan 1651/23 which is being passed to you tends to confirm report can be assessed as B.1 but not as a known fact. (C. in C. E.I. 0806Z/24).

See also p. 647, 624.

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MINING

Mediterranean & East Indies (Contd.)

Submarines Attacked

7 U-boats sunk

Yet another Italian U-boat has been destroyed by British Naval forces East of Suez, thus bringing the total of Italian U-boats definitely known to have been disposed of, to seven. Italy declared war on the 10th of this month. (Official Admiralty Communique, 1900/24).

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TuesdaySITUATION REPORTFrance

The Armistice between France on the one hand and Germany and Italy on the other came into force at 0035/25. The text of the terms, as regards the disposal of the Navy, differs in the versions communicated by the French and received by the B.N.C. respectively.

Admiral Godfroy has received certain orders from the French Government (See Operations Volume) *and pp. 499-80, + 505.*

C. in C., South Atlantic is proceeding to Dakar from Freetown in ALBATROSS. F.N.L.O. at Freetown has been ordered by the French to return to Dakar. C. in C., S.A. reports that this is apparently general signal to all F.N.L.O.'s.

F.N.L.O. Brest (in JEAN BART) and F.N.L.O. Casablanca are to be discharged. WATCHMAN is at Casablanca; she has orders to shadow JEAN BART if the latter leaves port.

B.N.L.O. Algiers reports that the French Navy will not actively support General Nogues, though they appear determined not to surrender to the enemy.

RICHELIEU left Dakar at 1415/25 presumably for the Straits of Gibraltar. The Admiralty have ordered her to be located and shadowed. HOOD, ARK ROYAL and 5 destroyers have been ordered to proceed towards the Canary Is. with despatch. EMILE BERTIN arrived at Fort de France, Martinique from Halifax.

The master of a French merchantman states that on 24/6 he received instructions from the Bordeaux Government that all French warships and merchant ships at sea were not to proceed to British ports or French Atlantic ports, but to go to French North Africa or Mediterranean ports.



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Tuesday.

SITUATION REPORT

Evacuation of
St. Jean de Luz

FRASER
Sunk

France

Evacuation in the St. Jean de Luz Area was completed this afternoon. French troops, Air Force personnel and technicians were not allowed to leave France.

CALCUTTA, HIGHLANDER and the Canadian destroyers FRASER and RESTIGOUCHE left for the U.K.

While making a sweep for the crippled French M.V. DE LA SALLE off the Gironde at 2215/25, FRASER collided with CALCUTTA and was cut in half. CALCUTTA is returning home at 9 knots.

R.A. Burges Watson in BROKE with VANQUISHER and WINCHELSEA left Plymouth for the Gironde. HIGHLANDER and one other destroyer are to R.V. with BROKE at 1800/26 and act under orders of R.A. Burges Watson.

Stocks of food at Gibraltar are being seriously reduced by floods of refugees from South France and by Polish and Czech troops on passage to U.K. from French ports.

German Convoy Attacked

SNAPPER attacked a small south bound convoy escorted by a trawler and aircraft off Stavanger, at 1606/25. One ship is believed sunk. The convoy apparently returned to the Northward

Raids on French Coast

Raids by landing parties were made at points on the coast held by the enemy today.

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TuesdaySITUATION REPORTAIR

Normal patrols were flown today, and, in addition, patrols to Stavanger, Bergen and Scheldt areas and a reconnaissance to the Faroes.

An attack was made, at Bergen, on 6 merchant ships of 1000 to 3000 tons and an 8000 ton tanker in the harbour. Bombs fell on the quay between the tanker and the shore tanks.

Enemy aircraft dropped bombs last night at Sheringham, Felixtowe, Yarmouth, Bircha, Mullavington, Debden ($\frac{1}{2}$ mile from Aerodrome Coventry, Loughborough, Derby and Bristol (where major damage is reported)

Mining

Reinforcements of the East Coast mine Barrier continued today. All ports in the U.K. are open.

CasualtiesO.13.

Dutch submarine O.13 which was due to return to Dundee 21/6 from patrol is overdue and must be presumed lost.

Swedish Destroyers

ROMULUS
REMUS
PSILANDER
PUKE.

On the representations of the Swedish Government, the four destroyers seized at the Faroes, under the right of Hungary, are being given back. In return, certain requests have been made to Sweden.

Troop Convoys 0715/25B.C. Group 2.

3 ships with troops for Freetown, escorted by CORNWALL, left Simonstown 1000/24 B.S.T.
2 ships with troops for Freetown, escorted by DRAGON, is off Capetown.

B.C. Group 1.C.M.

6 ships with West African troops and stores, escorted by KENT is in Mozambique Channel en route for Bombasa.

B.N.I.

9 ships, 2 of which contain troops, escorted by CERES and CATLEY is in the Indian Ocean, en route for Suez.

S.S. ANDES.

With 3000 troops for Iceland, in company with ARGUS and 2 destroyers, expects to arrive at Reykjavik 0350/26.

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TuesdayDISPOSAL OF FRENCH FLEET

Godfroy has received orders and officially requested that his squadron may be allowed to sail for Beyrout today Tuesday.

2. I have refused his request.

3. Our relations exceptionally friendly, I rather feel he and many of his officers are very glad to have to bow to force majeure. I anticipate no difficulty.

4. I hope the intention with regard to these ships may be made known to me as soon as possible as Godfroy may have trouble with ships' companies. (C. in C., Med. 0131/25 to Adty.)

Do you consider that there would be any prospect of French ships at Oran surrendering to us if British Force arrived off Port and summoned them to surrender. (1st S.L. 1025/25 to F.O.C.N.A.).

Operations of Fleet at present severely cramped by uncertainty regarding French Squadron. Am therefore taking opportunity of running a southbound convoy from Dardanelles and Greek ports to Port Said. Escort 3rd C.S. and 14th D.F. sail 26/6 to R.V. with convoy off Dardanelles. Air and submarine reconnaissance will be provided to west of Crete and a force kept at short notice in Alexandria. (C. in C., Med. 1939/25 to Adty.)

Your 1025/25 Situation as regards Navy has deteriorated.

French Officials ashore here are unanimously decided to obey orders of Petain Govt. on the grounds of maintaining national unity. Attacks on Govt. by British Prime Minister objected to by them.

Strong under current amongst Junior Officers in favour of fighting but they have no leader.

Two days ago B.M.L.O.'s opinion was that show of force would have desired effect but this is no longer true as the French views have since changed, apparently on receipt of official information that the fleet will be allowed to remain in French Colonial ports. Declaration of peace terms may however cause a further reversal of feeling, in which case show of force might prove acceptable alternative to scuttling, dictated by Darlan's repeated orders that no ship to fall into enemy hands.

/It is.....

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DISPOSAL OF FRENCH FLEET Contd.

It is suggested if ARK ROYAL, HOOD (names so well known throughout France) appeared off Casablanca shortly before time for publication of the terms, opinion might be markedly influenced.

B.S.L.O. would explain ARK ROYAL escorted by HOOD had come to embark Swordfish aircraft, leaving French to draw their own conclusions.

(Captain Holland 2245/25 to Admty)

a. / [unclear]

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DISPOSAL OF FRENCH FLEET

Mediterranean

C. in C. Med. C131/25 see Operations Volume. ^{(?) p. 505}
This Volume

Cran.

1st S.L. 1025/25 ^{p. 505} to F.O.C.N.A. see Operations Volume.

Casablanca.

Captain Holland 2245/25 see Operations Volume. ^{p. 505}

Indo-China.

Inform French C. in C. that if he would like me to come into Saigon for 24 hours on my way south I shall be delighted to do so. But I shall not do so unless he desires it (C. in C. China 6041Z/28).

Cran.

French Navy will not actively support Nogues due to lack of ammunition, stores and bases, but appear determined to maintain honour and not surrender ships to enemy (B.N.L.O. Algiers C945/25 to Admiralty).

EMILE BERTIN.

DUNEDIN and EMILE BERTIN have both arrived Fort de France, Martinique (DUNEDIN 1431/25)

Casablanca.

WATCHMAN remain at Casablanca until further orders unless French raise strong objection (A.C.N.S.(F) 1634/25 to WATCHMAN).

French warships ordered not to go to British ports.

Master of French ST. BERTRAND reports instructions received by French authorities and merchantile marine on short wave W/T from Bordeaux Government at 2300 G.M.T. daily. Instructions received 24th June ordered all French warships and merchant ships at sea not to proceed to British ports or French Atlantic Ports but to go to French North Africa or Mediterranean Ports.

F.N.L.O. Freetown.

F.N.L.O. at Freetown has been ordered by French Admiralty via Admiral Dakar to return to Dakar. Apparently a general signal to all F.N.L.O's.
F.N.L.O. Freetown is emphatic that this may be an indication of attitude of French Fleet. (C.C. SA. 2101/25)

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Tuesday.DISPOSAL OF FRENCH FLEET

RICHELIEU

ARK ROYAL, HOOD, RESOLUTION, and all available destroyers raise steam for full speed. Acknowledge. (Adty. 0006/25 to F.O.C.N.A.)

Your 0006/25. Acknowledged. 5 destroyers available (F.O.C.N.A. 0116/25). Cancel my 0006/25. Revert to previous notice. (V.C.N.S. 0125/25).

DORSETSHIRE is to shadow RICHELIEU (1st S.L. 1900/25 to C. in C., S.A.). My 1900 DORSETSHIRE report when in touch and position course speed of RICHELIEU subsequently every 6 hours. (1st. S.L. 1946/25).

My 1900/25 report your position and intentions (1st S.L. 2241/25).

Your 2241/25. At 2200 zone + 1 my position course and speed are 016:40 N. 018:35 W. 25 knots. Expect to contact RICHELIEU at 2400 zone + 1. Intend to shadow. Failing contact intend to steer 320° 18 knots at 2400 flying off aircraft at 0445. (DORSETSHIRE 2200/25).

Follow RICHELIEU and endeavour to locate her (1st S.L. 2236/25 to HERMES).

Your 2236/25. HERMES is in harbour with 5 aircraft on shore aerodrome at Dakar, and only one pilot has previously landed at night. Her maximum speed is 21 knots. I did not send HERMES to follow RICHELIEU as I considered that extremely improbable she would be able to regain touch at daylight and presence HERMES at Dakar essential if I am to be in a position to carry out policy envisaged in Secretary of State's telegram 201 para 4. to Governor of Sierra Leone, if required.

C.O. HERMES is convinced that Captain of RICHELIEU will never hand over his ship to enemy. It is possible he may have received orders from Admiral Afrique proceed Casablanca. (C. in C., S.A. 2230/25 to Adty.)

HOOD, ARK ROYAL and 5 destroyers proceed with despatch towards Canary Is. (1st S.L. 2336/25 to V.A.A.).

RENOWN is to be at 2 hours' notice for steam. Maintain utmost secrecy regarding anything to do with RICHELIEU and JEAN BART (1st S.L. 2340/25 to F.O.C.N.A.)

(Contd.)

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DISPOSAL OF FRENCH FLEET

RICHELIEU
(Contd.)

GMT.
RICHELIEU left Dakar at 1415/25 presumably
for Straits of Gibraltar. HERMES inform
DORSETSHIRE of latest information (1st S.L.
2357/25 to DORSETSHIRE).

JEAN BART

If JEAN BART leaves harbour she is to be
shadowed and her movements reported. If you
cannot remain at Casablanca patrol outside
the harbour. (1st S.L. 2235/25 to WATCHMAN).

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TuesdayHOME COMMANDSDefence of U.K.Buckie }
Lossiemouth }
Macduff }

Suggest 11 old Drifters be prepared as Blockships and placed in readiness. (C. in C., Rosyth, 1835/25 to Adty.)

Faroe Islands

Request what defences to be provided for Skaale-Fjord and when likely to be installed. (C. in C., H.F. 1036/25 to Adty.)

Portland & Weymouth

Report on immobilisation preparations. (F.O.I.C. Portland 1810/24 to Adty.)

German troop concentrations

German troops reported (B.2) concentrated on W. coast of Jutland and in S.W. Norway. (Brit. Consul Goteborg 1236/25 to Puckish).

School of Combined Operations

School of Combined Operations being established with H.Q. at Loch Ailort. 4 M/B's and 5 Drifters based at Mallaig. (D.O.D.H. 1325/25 to C. in C., Rosyth).

Portsmouth Defence

Your 1421/22. C. in C., Southern Command is arranging to defend Portsmouth as adequately as possible without the Naval Battalion now withdrawn. (G.H.Q. Home Forces to Adty. Recd. 1115/25).

French and Belgian harbour

P.D.U. Sortie 25/6 shows Boulogne, Calais, Gravelines, Dunkirk, Nieuport clear of shipping but Barges increasing at Nieuport. Train movement on main line S. of Boulogne and in Calais Docks. (P.D.U.I. 1916/25 to N.I.D.).

Firth of Forth

Re A.A. guns Firth of Forth (C. in C. Rosyth 1159/25).

PolicyEire

Your 1018/25. Adty. is aware of desirability of obtaining use of harbours in Eire. It is not the policy of H.M. Govt. to be the first to infringe their neutrality. (1st S.L. 2359/25 to C. in C., H.F.).

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TuesdayHOME COMMANDSSwedish DestroyersTo be handed
Back.

Swedish destroyers are to be returned to control of Swedish crews. Inform S.O. that reasons for return have been communicated to Swedish H.A. C. in C., H.F. arrange date and place of transfer. (V.C.H.S. 0130/25 to C. in C. H.F.).

Re Adty. 0130/25. As PSILANDER and ROMULUS are ready to sail request transfer may take place elsewhere and at same port as for PUKE and REMUS. Local conditions, lack of facilities, loss of prestige if white Ensign hauled down and Swedish colours rehoisted here render this desirable. (H.O.I.C. Faroes, 0725/25 to C. in C. H.F.).

MovementsRODNEY
VALIANT

Your 0954/25 and my 1010/25. As disposition of Enemy heavy ships is now known, it is approved for RODNEY and VALIANT to remain at Scapa Flow. (1 S.L. 1718/25 to C. in C. H.F.).

Submarines

Position of submarines and movements at 0600/26:
TRITON, TRIDENT FrdHavet, SHAPPER C OIE, SEVERN MBND 3030, RUBIS vicinity of PFJV 1352, H.31 A.5., H.34 in H.2., SEALION DMDN 4800 proceeding on surface to G.4., SALMON, TRUANT, SUNFISH vicinity of JSTS 2020 MBTS 3030 YNWY 1030 respectively, all three proceeding on surface to Rosyth.

H.44 in Gape E due Lowestoft 1315.

STURGEON leaves Blyth 1500 for A.5.
WILK leaves Dundee a.m. for Rosyth.
(V.A.S. 1849/25).

Operation Collar (Landing on French Coast).

Craft taking part in Operation Collar are to be sailed from the Hamble River for Newhaven, Dover, and Ramsgate in accordance with arrangements to be made with you by Lt. Cdr. Nicholls. (D.C.O. 1026/22 to C. in C., Portsmouth).

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDSOperation Collar (Landings on French Coast)
(Contd.)

Operation Collar may be carried out at your discretion. (D.O.D.H. 1023/24 to V.A. Dover.)

Collar Force carry out Par. 4 C. of Operation Order No. 1 (V.A. Dover to N.O.I.C. Ramsgate 1746/24).

Operation Collar completed. All boats returned. No casualties, no prisoners. (V.A. Dover, 0739/25).

Operation 21/6 (to intercept SCHARNHORST).

1. Reference Daily Summary Naval Events No. 291 consider account of movements of 18th C.S. most misleading.
2. Page 1 penultimate para. The danger from air attack which would have been avoided by a westerly course had no bearing whatever on my decision to continue search to southward, request your authority for this statement.
3. When did the vital information contained in your statement that 18th C.S. was to the southward of SCHARNHORST at about 2330 become available? It was not passed out (gt) me.
4. On what authority is the statement made that our ships had been attacked continuously since 2030?
(C.S. 18 1024/25 to D.N.I.)

Note The account given in D.S. 291 was based on Daily Report for 1st S.L., as was also the account given in War Diary Situation Report 21/6.

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TuesdayHOME COMMANDSOperationsGirondeDemolitions

Intend to confine operation to sending T.B.D. Force into the river to destroy Pauillac Refinery and Floating Dock and to take any ships lying off Le Verdon and Royan. Suggest that oil tanks at Bec d'Ambes be destroyed by simultaneous attack from the air. (C. in C., W.A. 1116/25 to Adty.)

French attitude

Most Naval and Air Force Officers hope to continue fighting. But the country is on verge of famine due to bad food-distribution, reprisals on their families are feared, there is great lack of decision in high quarters, and any important destructions or demolitions here might drive French Govt. into anti-British attitude and might not be assisted by French Officers here.

(Report of Fl. Lt. Smith on Gironde situation. S.O.I) Plymouth 1117/25 to D.N.I.).

Neutral vessels to be brought out. Destroyer to be cut out.

Your 1116/25. An attempt is to be made to bring away all neutral vessels under armed guard, but not interfering with French M.Vs; and to cut the Destroyer. If the latter cannot be cut out she should be sunk after providing for safety of crew. (D.O.D.H. 1257/25 to C. in C., W.A.).

Demolitions

My 1257/25. Force concerned is to be prepared to destroy oil stocks in Gironde river. Further instructions will follow. (D.O.D(H) 1309/25 to C. in C., W.A.).

Destroyer not to be cut out.

My 1257/25. Cancel para. 2 (as to Destroyer) (D.O.D(H) 1400/25 to C. in C., W.A.).

My 1301. French ship DE LA SALLE reports situation serious. Making for Gironde at slow speed under escort. (C. in C., W.A. 1527/25 to C.S.2).

Proposing operation be cancelled

In view of need for immediate counter-offensive to present heavy U-boat attacks, propose Gironde Operation be cancelled and all available destroyers be employed on A/S duties. (C. in C., W.A. 1651/25 to Adty.)

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDSOperationsGironde (Continued)Operation
cancelledYour 1651/25. Para. 3 approved.
(D.O.D.(H) 1915/25 to C. in C., W.A.).Operation
to continueFirst Sea Lord at 2030/25 instructed C. in C.
W.A. to cancel Adty. Message 1915/25
concerning Gironde Operation. (War Registry
25/6).My 2144/25. HIGHLANDER and one other
destroyer to R.V. with BROKE 270° Corduan
Light 15 miles at 1800/26 and act under
orders of R.A. Burgess Watson. (C. in C.,
W.A. 2154/25 to C.S.2).Your 2110/25. VERSATILE, WINDSOR, VIVACIOUS,
and VESPER detailed. (D. 21, 2212/25 to
C. in C., Nore).Iceland2200 tons coal available at Reykjavik.
N.O.I.C. Iceland reports Thingeyri in
Dryafjord and Seydisfjord both very suitable
for coal dumps.Ref. am/1249/22. 2 Battalions being landed
at Akureyi, and for consideration whether
this place should be used instead of Dryafjord.
One Battalion will be landed at Seydisfjord.
(Hd. of M. 2315/25 to C. in C., H.F.)Operation NitwitCarry out operation Nitwit tonight 25/26 June.
Two M.T.Bs and one M.A/S Boat at B.
Two M.A/S Boats at C. (N.O.I.C. Dover, 1900/25)M.T.B's report weather unsuitable for Nitwit
and are returning to Harbour (BRILLIANT
2340/25 to N.O.I.C. Dover).

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDSOperationsSubmarinesConvoy attacked

Small south-bound convoy escorted by one trawler and a/c at 57:55 N., 5:7 E. attacked twice by SNAPPER. Six torpedoes fired and one ship believed sunk. (SNAPPER 1608/25 to Adty.).

Operation Beetle

Organisation Beetle Appendix A para 4(c) sub. para.(3) as corrected by Adty. 2108/24 is cancelled (D.S.D. 1951/25).

E-BoatsE/Bs reported

My 2037. Aircraft report in addition 2 boats at 48:30 N., 15:45 W. and 1 boat at 57:34 N. 15:50 W. at 2305/25. (C. in C., W.A. 0034/26 to Capt. D.9).

E. boats have been operating from Boulogne and it is suspected they may have a camouflaged base inside one of the inner harbours, although no trace can be seen of this in very clear photographs (W.S.G. No 43).

AirEnemy Air Activity

At about 2300/25 aircraft crossed the coast at Yarmouth and in Wash area, and successive waves at Whitby, St. Abbs Head and Firth of Forth. (Air Min. D.S. 342).

Base of German
M/L aircraft

There is definite evidence that Marx aerodrome at Barge, S.W. of Wilhelmshaven, and Borkum seaplane base are being used for minelaying aircraft, and there are mine stores at Cuxhaven, Eckernforde, Kiel and Wilhelmshaven, but these do not necessarily store magnetic mines. (W.S.G. No. 43).

Seaplane bases in Holland see W.S.G. No.43.

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDSMining

Tees and Hartlepool are closed; and a suspicious area is reported off Sunderland (D.C.N.S. 296).

Further minelaying in the East Coast Mine Barrier was completed today (D.C.N.S. 296).

One moored mine has been cut in the Would 52:55:30 N., 1:31 E. (F.O.I.C. Harwich 2103/25 to Adty.)

Enemy IntelligenceGerman Fleet

Asking for latest dispositions of German Battle cruisers, cruisers, destroyers and Pocket Battleships, indicating which are ready for action and which under repair (C. in C. H.F. 0008/25).

BISMARCK
TIRPITZ

Your 1227/25. BISMARCK was last located at Hamburg 18th May and TIRPITZ at Wilhelmshaven 24/6 both completing. Location of other effective destroyers unknown. (D.D.I.C. 1356/25 to C. in C., H.F.).

Estimated disposition of Fleet

SCHARNHORST believed in Kiel, damaged (by aircraft attack, 2 hits, 21/6).
GNEISENAU Trondheim 23rd/6, effective.
8" cruisers: 1 Trondheim 23/6.
1 Unknown. 1 may be damaged by bomb.

MÜNBERG and LEIPZIG: 1 at Trondheim 23/6.
1 unknown
1 may be damaged (by CLYDE 20/6).

KÖLN believed to be at Hamburg. Refitting.
EMDEN repairing at Kiel.

ADMIRAL SCHEER Wilhelmshaven on 24/6. Refitting.

LÜTZOW probably Kiel, damaged.

GRAF ZEPPELIN unknown.

Destroyers: 9 to 12 effective, 2 at Wilhelmshaven on 24/6.

(D.D.I.C. 1010/25, W.S.G. No 43).

Naval Bases in Norway

See W.S.G. No. 43.

Your 1010. Where is BISMARCK? Also balance of effective destroyers? (C. in C. H.F. 1227/25 to Adty.)

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDSEnemy Intelligence (Contd.)MURNBERG
hit 20/6 by
CLYDE

My 1756/24, para 4. C.O. CLYDE states ship attacked was almost certainly GNEISENAU, and other ship roughly same size ship may well have been SCHARNHORST. (V.A.S. 1139/25 to Adty.). It is possible that the ships were 1 HIPPER and MURNBERG and that the latter was hit (W.S.G. No.43)

Hook

Four 1500 ton vessel in harbour at Hook at 1440, and three River Steamers 200 to 500 tons at 50:38 N., 4:17 E. at 1548. (Chatham 1745/25 to H.Q.C.C.).

Stavanger
Empty

Reconnaissance of Stavanger shows no enemy warships. (R.A.S. 1823/25).

Dutch, Belgian
and N.E. French
ports

Full description of present state, as far as known, is given in W.S.G. No. 43 Appendix I.

Hamburg,
Kiel Canal

Description of damage caused by air raids to date is given in W.S.G. No.43 Appendix IV.

Stavanger

Six M/Vs 2000 to 5000 tons, one small destroyer in dry-dock, and other vessels of smaller type observed by aircraft at 1420/25. (Donibristle 1740/25).

Bergen

No ships alongside; but six of 1000 to 3000 tons at anchor in harbour, and one large tanker 8000 tons alongside 2 oil tanks. Aircraft at 1503/25. (Donibristle 1740/25).

50 Vessels

2255/25 50 vessels varying in size steering 283° in 53:0 N., 3:0 E. (H.Q.B.C., T.H.I. 2008/26).

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDSShippingFrench M. Vs
to be sent to
British

Any further French M. Vs met in North Atlantic are to be sent back to a British port under guard. (C. in C., W.A. 0241/25 to Ships).

Ships not to
go to French
ports

All shipping of all nationalities is to be prevented from going to any port on the North and West coasts of France (Adty. 1531/25).

SVEND FOYN

Ship reported by aircraft at 1715/24 at 50:58 N. 1:31 E. as like a train ferry now considered to have been the Whale Factory Ship SVEND FOYN. (V.A. Dover 0912/25 to Adty.).

Weather

<u>Area</u>	<u>Wind</u>	<u>Visibility</u>	<u>Outlook</u>
North Sea	North: S.W. Mod. to fresh.	Good.	Similar.
	South: Light variable.	Moderate.	W. Moderate, visibility moderate to good.
Channel	West light.	Moderate hazy.	Fresh wester- ly wind. Visibility good.
Western Approaches	W.N.W. Moderate to fresh.	Very good.	Similar.
Horns Reef	N.E. light.	Moderate hazy.	Light vari- able, moderate, visibility.

No reports received, probable weather:-

West Coast Norway	S. to S.W. fresh.	Moderate, to poor, coastal fog.	Similar, then visibility improving.
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Tuesday.CASUALTIES & DEFECTSHome Commands

CHARDE H.M. trawler lost in collision with S.S. FOREMOST in Portsmouth Harbour on 21/6. (C. in C., Portsmouth 1933/25 to Adty.)

FRASER H.M.C.S. collided with CALCUTTA at 2215/25 at 45:44 N., 1:31 W. and cut in half. Fore part sank and after part sunk by RESTIGOUCHE. (F.O.C. 2 C.S. 2335/25 to C. in C., W.A.).

ESK In collision with Sheringham Light Float. Plating torn below water and maximum speed 18 knots. Returning to Humber. (Capt. D.20 0501/25 to Adty.).

DIDO British 3554 tons, reported abandoned at Brest. (D.S. 295).

DUCHESS Spritsail Barge, 91 tons, believed stranded near Dunkirk (D.S. 295).

GLORIOUS, ORAMA, (sunk 8/6) Now appears that GLORIOUS was sunk by a HIPPER and NURNBERG, ORAMA by a big ship and 2 destroyers. Although the German account mentions the battlecruisers it is probable the big ship was a HIPPER (W.S.G. No.43).

Foreign Stations

GRAMPUS F.O.I.C. Malta's 1815/19 GRAMPUS must now be considered lost. (C. in C., Med. 2353/25).

ODIN V.A. Malta's 1815/19. Nothing further has been heard of ODIN although she has repeatedly been ordered to acknowledge messages. (ODIN is due at Alexandria 27/6) (C. in C., Med. 2357/25).



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FOREIGN STATIONS

North Atlantic

ARK ROYAL
HOOD
RESOLUTION
2 Destroyers

ARK ROYAL, HOOD, RESOLUTION and all available destroyers raise steam for full speed. (D.C.D. (F) to F.O.C.N.A., 0006/25) Acknowledged. 5 destroyers available (F.O.C.N.A., 0116/25) Cancel by 0006/25. Revert ~~to~~ to previous notice. (V.C.N.S., 0125/25)

→ Your 0050/25 (no trace in W.R.) ^{see foot of page} expected to leave for Gibraltar 0300/25 unless delayed by French naval authorities regarding flotilla stores. (WATCHMAN to F.C.C.F.A., 0345/25)

DUNERA

Your 2331/24. DUNERA sailed for U.K. in convoy at 1800/24 with 1300 troops and civilian evacuees. Transport for Polish airmen will be provided as soon as possible (F.O.C.N.A., 0514/25)

Gibraltar
Connection

Flooded with refugees in small ships from South France. Have passed on 500. 400 still here, 500 expected from Cran tonight where French refuse to accept them. 10,000 Poles and Czechs expected any time. All require food. No suitable ships here. Can you urge Adnty. to send ships with food for voyage at once. Situation likely to become extremely serious if ships do not arrive quickly. Cannot possibly allow Czechs and Poles to land, and stocks of food being seriously depleted. (Governor, Gibraltar, to W.O., 0050/25)

French Patrol
Withdrawn

In view of withdrawal of French patrol (see my 1400/24) VELOX and KEPPEL are liable to attack by Italian forces. Should they be ordered to return to Gibraltar? (F.C.I/C Gibraltar 0050/25 to Adnty)

Casablanca

→ Embark all British naval, army and air force personnel and report when you expect to leave for Gibraltar. Request French Naval authorities to arrange embarkation flotilla stores. (F.O.C.N.A. to WATCHMAN 0050/25)

Cancelled by Admty 23 25/45 (p. 509)

/Your 0050.....



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North Atlantic

Casablanca, Contd.

Your 0050, my 0345/25. Still ashore B.N.L.O.'s Casablanca, Brest and small dockyard staff. B.F.L.O. engaged in embarkation of flotilla stores, wishes to know if dockyard staff and he should embark. Postponed sailing until 1800. (WATCHMAN to F.O.C.N.A., 0800/25)

Arrangements for flotilla store made. My 0800 B.N.L.O. intends staying for the present for other reasons. (WATCHMAN, 1020/25)

Straits Patrol

Your 2030/25. 6 destroyers available leaving Straits patrol held by A/S trawlers only. (F.O.C.N.A. 2220/25 to Adaty)

Contraband
Control Base,
Gibraltar.

Attention is drawn to conditions now prevailing with regard to contraband control base Gibraltar. If cargo is ordered to be seized there are no facilities to deal with it and the Ship will have to be sent to a United Kingdom Port with an armed guard. There are no Officers or ratings available for guards the base being reduced to lowest possible minimum, surplus personnel having been absorbed for guards and defence duties. (C.C.S.O. Gib. 1115/25 to M.E.W.)



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FOREIGN STATIONS

South Atlantic

South African
R.N.V.R.

Establishment to be doubled, enabling 134 officers and 1822 ratings to serve under Adnty. and on loan to Seaward Defence Force. Position on July 1 (details) (N.O.I.C., Simonstown 1802/25)

My 1501/24, para. 1. (d) is inaccurate. O.C. French armed guard misrepresented the facts. Danish Captain SELANDIA has sworn an affidavit complaining of French treatment and stating willingness of crew to go anywhere under Red Ensign but not under French flag. States crew vigorously anti-German and uneasy about being in French power owing to present situation in France. (S.O.I., Cape Town, 1330/25, to C. in C., S.A.)

DORSETSHIRE

Is under your orders. (D.O.D.(F) to C. in C., S.A. 1253/25)

S.O. (L) Capetown 1501/24 Request you will issue orders to S.L.O. Simonstown as expeditiously as possible for all these ships (C. in C., S.A. 1045/25 to Adnty)

Your 1619/24 Approved. Notify French of your decision. (Adnty. 1205/25 to N.O.I./C. Simonstown.)

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War DiaryFOREIGN STATIONSMediterraneanAttitude of
French

Saw Nogues this morning and told him Rome's account of Armistice with Italy. Nogues refused to believe it; as, acting on Telegram from Bordeaux Govt., yesterday he had last night issued proclamation to North Africa saying no question of abandoning N. Africa without a fight, that eventuality of military occupation by Foreign Power is excluded, and that Govt. is not disposed to consent to reduction of forces there. Nogues said Navy and upper part of Aviation would not play; and that up to 22nd June Govt. intended to move from Bordeaux to Algiers. (No 3 (Dillon) Mil. Mission 1411/25 to War Office)
Vital here to know attitude of Nogues, who holds key to situation. (No 8 (S. Jones) Mil. Mission to No 3 M.M., 1800/25)

Mittelhauser

Mittelhauser states has not changed his determination to carry on. He is feeling weight of responsibility, decision means breaking with his late chiefs Petain and Weygand and that any minute he will receive telegram depriving him of his rank and naming his successor. I replied I felt sure that he would refuse to allow such a successor to enter the country. Difficulties with reservists. I said honour of France was in his hand and that the eyes of the world were on him.

2. Mittelhauser learnt this morning that French Fleet in Alexandria has received orders to leave British Fleet and come to Beirut. He would like immediate reply showing situation as between British and French Fleets in Alexandria.

3. General is anxious about attitude of Nogues. He has cabled him but had no reply. Early assurance here would help.

4. Mittelhauser anxious lest British take over this part of world at end of war. I said he could count on British honour but I think an assurance from high quarters is required.

5. There is tendency for determination to carry on to weaken. Mittelhauser has right idea but is too old. (1415/25 No 8 (Jones) Mil. Mission, to C. in C., M.E.)

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TuesdayFOREIGN STATIONSMediterranean, Contd.Attitude of
French, Contd.

Your 1415/25/6 Following from S. of S. for War. Mittelhauser's difficulties appreciated. Assure him of our warm admiration for the courageous attitude he has taken up.

You are authorised to confirm to General Mittelhauser on behalf of H.M.G. the assurance that you have already given him in para. 4. of your telegram. (War Office 0205/26, to No 8 Mil. Mission.)

I must again repeat that unless strong authoritative Empire Government set up immediately in North Africa danger of situation deteriorating is real. Definite signs of defection among French reservists. Morale will rapidly deteriorate if inactivity continues. Urge high quarters to issue personal statement to General Mittelhauser giving him support. May I be authorised to make public statement if moment opportune and with Mittelhauser's consent calling on all to rally round commanders. (No 8. (Jones) Mil. Mission. 1650/25 to C. in C., Middle East)

GeneralDanube Craft

Tugs, etc., ex Danube to be sailed with first southbound African Convoy, towing as many dumb lighters as can be towed at 10 knots. (C. in C., Med. no T.O.O./25)

Publicity

Request reconsideration of policy of broadcasting and emphasising all British losses by B.B.C. Foundation of enemy propaganda. Ambassador supports request. (Adm. Sir Howard Kelly 1124/25)

Algiers

4 British ships sailed from Algiers, order just received prohibit sailing same due at Balkans. Reliably informed this is on account of holding some French ships in British ports. Naval authority stresses French Navy still ready to help Allied should peace terms fail. Therefore is highly important no incident should occur to upset French-British accord. (B.N.L.O. Algiers. 1600/25 to Adnty)

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Tuesday.FOREIGN STATIONSMediterranean-General, Contd.CommunicationsBeyrout only has been working since 1400Z
(F.O.I/C Malta 1814/25)No communication on Engl-French W/T
routine since 0400Z and no French stations
heard working (F.C.I/C Malta 1351/25)TurkeyNo change in Turkish attitude. No action
for present. Policy of prudence due en-
tirely to force of circumstances, (N.A.
Ankara 1900/25)OperationsSubmarine
Patrols.

C. in C., Med. 1931/25.

AirEnemy Flying
BoatsOperational Summary No 14 mentions 6
flying boats located Bomba Bay. (H.Q.
R.A.F., M.E. 0020/25)Swordfish
at MaltaAdmty. have agreed that Swordfish aircraft
of 767 Sqdn. now at Malta are to come under
your orders for attacks in Sicily against
(a) oil targets, (b) air targets except
when required by C. in C., Med., for other
operations. Pending arrival of maintenance
personnel referred to in Admty. 1926/24 to
F.O.I.C., Malta, every endeavour to be
made to service these aircraft from local
courses so that attacks can be started
forthwith. (Air Min., to H.Q., Malta, 1725/
25)Enemy IntelligenceGIUSEPPE
GAMBELLI.
ABRUZZI.6" cruisers, formerly at Taranto, are now
probably at Tobruk. (W.S.I. No 2.)

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Tuesday.FOREIGN STATIONSMediterranean-Shipping

There has been no evidence yet that Italian shipping has been passing either singly or in Convoy between Italy and Libya but it is evident that such traffic must eventually take place in considerable volume.

It is of vital importance to defence of Egypt that passage of troops and supplies be stopped whenever possible.

With my limited forces opportunity of doing this with surface forces will be fleeting.

Submarine action (corrupt group) to be only means of exerting continual pressure.

Request existing instructions regarding attacks on convoys and merchant ships by S/Ms as laid down in M.C.D. Number 212 M.W.A."B". Envelope S S 2 may be put in abeyance and S/Ms be given freedom to attack all vessels entering or leaving ~~Libyan~~ Lybian ports. The Italian declaration broadcast from Rome 11th June that ships approaching within 30 miles of Allied Coasts do so at their own risk and peril might be cited as a reason for declaring a dangerous area on the Lybian coast. (C. in C., Med. 2317/25)

East IndiesConvoys

C. in C., E.I. and Air O.C. in C., satisfied that convoys can proceed Red Sea. Convoys leave Suez and Aden at the same time and rendezvous North Port Sudan strong escort from Aden and weak escort from Suez interchange convoys at rendezvous. Air co-operation provided from Aden and probably Port Sudan. Convoy cycle 20 days. (C. in C. M.E. 1612/25 to W.O. Recd. by Admty. 0827/26)

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TuesdayFOREIGN STATIONSChinaHong Kong
Evacuation

In event of evacuation request authority to requisition foreign shipping under the right of Angary if there are insufficient British ships available. (Cdr., Hong Kong 0517Z/25)

America & West Indies.Signals
Heard

Intercepted signals heard bearing 120° (C. in C., A.W.I. 1005/25 to Adnty.) Same signal repeated bearing 130° from Bermuda. (C. in C., A.W.I. 0117/25 to Adnty)

St. Lawrence.

Your 1532/21. Estimated Belle Isle can be used by July 1. Should enemy action develop in Gulf of St. Lawrence, intended to prohibit use of this route in order to restrict area to be guarded by our very limited number of patrol craft 4 mine-sweepers. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa to Adnty. 1737/25)

Martinique

Admiral Robert's attitude is weakening. He still awaits orders from Bordeaux Government particularly from Darlan. Vital that British Government keep him officially informed to maintain his spirit and influence his future policy. He particularly requests official information re (1) Armistice terms (11) French Committee in London (111) (?Bombing Aircraft) in North Africa. (DUNEDIN 1836/25 to C. in C., A.W.I.)

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TuesdayFOREIGN STATIONSNew ZealandFrench
Papeete

Brit. Consul at Papeete reports French Naval Authority requests information to whom to look for authority. They await pro-Ally orders. (Navy Office, Wellington, 2205Z/25)

Line off
New Zealand-
Summary

18/6. Moored mines were revealed by sinking of NIAGARA in 35.53'S, 174° 54'E, 60 miles N. of Auckland in the Auckland Sydney shipping route. Two newly laid mines of German Origin were subsequently swept 3 miles further north. 23/6 4 mines were reported in 36° 29'S, 175° 58'E, in the Eastern approach to Auckland, on the route for southbound shipping. (W.S.G.N.O. 43)

HECTOR
Raider

Your 1818/24 (1) It is hoped to release HECTOR immediately present operations are completed.

(11) Suspicious signals received by medium frequency D/F Stations from 19th June to 20th June are thought to indicate possibility of rendezvous between raider and supply ship.

(111) ACHILLES is at sea investigating region of Kermadecs and will be assisted by Flying Boat Awarus. HECTOR is patrolling to Eastward of Cook Straits. (N.Z.N.B. 0538Z/25)

SINKING OF S.S. SARANAC (TANKER)

GROSS TONS & ARMAMENT: 12,049; armed with 4" gun.

DATE AND TIME: 1450/25/6.

POSITION: 48°24'N. 15°5'W. About 300' from S.W. Ireland.

SPEED: 8 knots.

ROUTE: Southampton to Aruba.

CARGO: In ballast.

IN CONVOY: Yes - doing No. 10 zig-zag - considered a very bad one.

ESCORT: None.

FATE OF CREW: 44 in all; 4 killed, some injured.

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Moderate at the time.

REMARKS:- Four to five minutes previously, S.S. WINDSOR WOOD was torpedoed on portside. She was the next ship to the SARANAC, and all hands were therefore on deck looking for S/M. She was suddenly struck on the port side aft in the stoke hole, just after putting the helm over. The explosion dislodged the gun. 2 boats got away in good order. After boat launched later. The Captain's boat returned later to the ship for some documents he had failed to destroy and also to get some extra provisions. S/M surfaced a quarter of an hour later when third boat had got clear of ship and commenced to shell the ship especially the Wireless Room. 156 shells were fired but did not succeed in sinking. A second torpedo was fired and then some more. The S/M cruised around the ship. The actual sinking was not seen, but SARANAC was no longer visible some time after.

The weather subsequently grew very boisterous with a terrific sea. The Captain with seven men was 4 days in the boat. They had "surf boat experiences" and 3 times nearly capsized. They were finally picked up by a trawler, nearly "done in." Another boat was picked up by the same trawler 2 days later. The third boat was picked up by a destroyer 3 days later. A number of trawlers thought to be Spanish were seen in about 10° west longitude.

DATE: 15th July 1940.

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War Diary

25.6.1940.
Tuesday.U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MININGShips AttackedSARANAC

British Tanker (12049 tons) torpedoed 48.24 N., 15.05 W about 270 miles W.S.W. of Lands End at 1408/25. In outward-bound convoy OA 172 (V.C.N.S. 296) 48.24'N 15.05'W (Valentia Radio 1413/25) 50.40'N., 13.30'W., (Devonport W/T 1358/25 Lands End Radio 1515/25)

WINDSORWOOD

British (5395 tons) torpedoed 48.24 N., 15.05 W about 370 miles W.S.W. of Lands End at 1408/25 In outward bound convoy OA 172 (V.C.N.S. 296) Valentia Radio 1413 25, Land's End Radio 1515/25)

SAN FLORENTINO

British Tanker (12842 tons) torpedoed about 370 miles W.S.W. of Land's End at 1408/25 In outward-bound convoy OA 172 (V.C.N.S., 296) (Valentia Radio 1413/25) 48.24' N., 15.05'W. (S. FLORENTINO, 1358/25) (Land's End Radio 1515/25)

ANDALUSIAN
Arrived

Reported torpedoed 20/6 has arrived undamaged 'A.S.W.D. 294)

TILIA GORTHOI

Swedish 1776 tons torpedoed in British territorial waters June 25. Crew of 19 saved. (Swedish reports quoted by Transocean 1900 G.I.T. 26/6)

CRUX see below

Submarines Reported

0825

D.F., unknown enemy unit, 57.10., 2.50' E unreliable fix. (D.D.I.C., 0850/25)

1513

Cancel my 1513/25 (reporting enemy submarine) Return to your convoy. (C. in C., W.A. 1647/25 to VOLUTTER, WHIRLWIND)

1356

50.40. N., 13.30 W., reliable fix. (C. in C. W.A., 1526/25)

1322

D.F., 51.30 N., 13.00'W Unreliable fix. (C. in C., W.A., 1403/25)

1355

48.24'N., 15.05'W., reliable fix (C. in C., W.A. 1513/25)

0916

D.F., 55.10'N., 11.40'W., unreliable fix, probably U-boat (D.D.I.C., 1008/25)

2330

Patrol land at Ponta Delgada sighted S/M on surface which submerged. (N.A. Lisbon, 1952/26)

CRUX

Norwegian reported sunk (A.1) 2345/25 off Portugal, 36.53'N., 14.7., 268° St. Vincent 240' (I.C. 0494/40)

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Tuesday.U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MINING

Estimated U/B dispositions:-

- 1 in Finisterre Area
- 2 in Bay of Biscay
- 2 in Western Approaches and 1 passing through from Finisterre area homewards.
- 1 in about 55.10N. 11.40 W at 0916/25 homeward bound.
- 1 N.W. of Ireland outward bound.
- 1 S.W. of Hebrides homeward bound.
- 1 N.W. of Hebrides outward bound.
- 1 Italian U/B off Cape Spartel 1205/24 probably returning to Mediterranean. (D.D.I.C. 1210/25)

MediterraneanMAKIS

Greek, reported in press mined off south coast of Sicily. (W.S.I. No 2)

Submarines Attacked

MACALLE
Stranded,
Sank.

My 0806/24. Diary reveals that Italian U-Boat MACALLE struck reef and sank on 14/6. Exact disposal of crew is still obscure from evidence so far available. (C. in C., E.I., 0531Z/25)

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Wednesday.SITUATION REPORTFrench Fleet

Reports from various French ports show that spirit and intentions vary from urgent desire to "fight on" to despondency and a desire only to obey orders of French Govt. Long period uncertainty and inactivity is undoubtedly having bad effect on Officers and crews. The former, who are all frightened for their families, need vigorous lead from a prominent Frenchman, preferably from French territory. The example of Alexandria, where Admiral Godfroy was apparently thankful when his request to sail his squadron was refused, would show them not displeased at having to bow to "force majeure", but naturally prefer to remain under French colours.

The discipline and morale of crews is considered doubtful in many cases, though engagement with enemy might change this. Senior Officers harp on obedience to orders of legal Government and if no lead is forthcoming, French Navy seems more and more resigned to its fate, though refusal to hand over ships to the enemy appears probable.

The Germans have obtained French Naval codes and are issuing instructions to the French Navy and Marine purporting to come from Admiral Darlan. It can be assumed that this procedure has been used since 20/6.

WATCHMAN has been ordered by Admiral Ollive to leave Casablanca. She sailed at 1800 and is patrolling outside territorial waters. F.N.L.O. Brest who was also ordered to leave, is on board WATCHMAN.

RICHELIEU and FLEURET (destroyer) are steering towards Dakar, to which port French Admiral Dakar has informed C. in C., S.A. that Admiral Afrique recalled her during the afternoon.

DORSETSHIRE has reverted to the orders of C. in C., S.A. Her Walrus aircraft is down in the sea and HERMES left Dakar 1700/26 to assist DORSETSHIRE to search for it.

EMILE BERTIN is at Martinique. DUNEDIN is at Martinique and FIJI is patrolling off Fort de France.

The S/M NARVAL entered Malta, and wishes to fight under General de Gaulle.

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WednesdaySITUATION REPORTFranceEvacuations,
Sete and
Port Vendres

The evacuations from Sete and Port Vendres are apparently completed, and VELOX and KEPPEL are returning to Gibraltar.

R.A. Burges Watson in BROKE, with VAN-QUISNER and WINCHELSEA arrived in the Gironde today and are rounding up and despatching neutral vessels.

The Admiralty has ordered that all ships of all nationalities are to be prevented from going to any port on the North and West coasts of France.

AIRPatrols

19 anti-invasion patrols were flown at dawn and dusk, and 16 A/3 patrols were carried out over the Northern areas during the morning and repeated in the evening. A standing patrol was maintained over Boulogne-Cap Gris Nez- Calais area.

French
Aircraft

Reliable information has been received that 604 French aircraft and some 1650 personnel have been evacuated from France to North Africa.

Invasion

There is now sufficient evidence to justify the conclusion that attack by dive bombers in force, protected by fighters, may be expected shortly, though not necessarily as part of a sea or air borne invasion. (C.I.C. Report No 26)

Raid on U.K.

Between 2230/25 and 0400/26 successive waves of enemy aircraft crossed the coast. Bombs were dropped at several places from the Tyne (in the sea), Lincolnshire, Warwickshire, to Hampshire. Damage was slight. 5 enemy aircraft were shot down.

Mining

There was much activity off the East Coast last night, and mining activity is suspected.

Magnetic mines have been exploded off Portsmouth, Yarmouth and Hartlepool. Tees Sunderland and Hartlepool are closed.

RUBIS reports that she completed mine-laying operations off the coast of Norway

/today.....

(FP.20).

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Wednesday.SITUATION REPORTMining-Contd.

today, and is returning to Dundee.

British magnetic mines have been laid in the Rade de Dunkirk and between the heads of the breakwater at Boulogne.

Troop ConvoysS.S. AIDES

with Troops for Iceland, in company with ARGUS and 2 destroyers, which were expected to arrive early today, has been delayed 20 hours by bad weather.

CasualtiesGRATUS

was overdue yesterday from patrol and must be considered lost.

German Preparations for Invasion

Aircraft reconnaissance today reported only 6 merchant ships in Bergen harbour and 6 merchant ships and other small craft at Stavanger. From the beginning of the Norwegian invasion there has always been between 30 and 40 ships in Bergen harbour and Pude Fiord. Since 21/6 the number of ships at Stavanger has increased. There is no direct evidence bearing on the possibility of immediate invasion. (C. I. C. Report No 27)

Italian HostilitiesSubmarine
destroyed

KINGSTON attacked an Italian U-boat with guns and depth charges in the southern Red Sea at 1700/26 and considers that the submarine was probably destroyed. There were 5 air raids on Malta today. Slight damage was caused to Kalafrana, Hal Far and Luqa Aerodromes. The dockyard was also attacked and a school at the dockyard slightly damaged. 3 Italian destroyers yesterday bombarded the road near Sollum. The road was pock-marked but the asphalt was not damaged.

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Wednesday.DISPATCH OF FRENCH FLEET

Your C151/25 Armistice clause affecting sea forces as received from the French is very different from the Italian terms we have just heard on D.B.C. and yet presumably they must be the same. Before W.I. Govt. can come to a decision it is essential that the true terms should be known. In the meantime French ships must be prevented from sailing. (1st. Lord 0255/26 to C. in C., Med.)

RICHELIEU

H.M.G. decided RICHELIEU is to be captured and taken into a British port, every step to be taken to avoid bloodshed, no more force to be used than necessary, unpleasant task to be carried out in as considerate a manner as possible.

- (2) Understood RICHELIEU has W.I. ammunition but no main armament ammunition on board.
- (3) After RICHELIEU located preferable she should be captured by HOOD so that she is faced by overwhelming force, but if risk that she may be lost to sight before HOOD arrives or if she is endeavouring to enter neutral port such as La Luz, DORSETSHIRE should take action.
- (4) Following procedure to be followed as far as possible:
- (5) RICHELIEU is to be taken to Gibraltar (1st S.L. 0345/26 to V.A.A.)

JEAN BART

If JEAN BART leaves Casablanca she is to be intercepted by RESOLUTION. She is then to be brought into Gibraltar, the procedure outlined in Admiralty message 0345/26 being followed generally. If intercepted in submarine waters JEAN BART may be instructed to proceed to Gibraltar before being boarded. All the means at your disposal are to be concentrated on locating JEAN BART and preventing her getting through the Straits. (1st S.L. 0346/26 to F.C.C.N.A.)

In (2 corrupt groups) Adty's 0345/26. para two. RICHELIEU worked day and night embarking 15 inch ammunition before leaving Brest. Amount on board uncertain but gun trial not yet complete.

Consider probable that Captain Marsin of RICHELIEU would join us given the chance. (B.N.L.O. Brest 1429/26)

/Most important.....

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WednesdayDISPOSAL OF FRENCH FLEET Contd.

Most important B.M.L.C.s have earliest possible information if RICHELIEU is captured and whether willingly or not.

JEAN BART

re Adty. 0346/26 JEAN BART still at Casablanca. Hands from Brest joined ship 24/6 probably accommodation only. Considered unlikely sail within next 24 hours. (WATCHMAN 1130/26)

RICHELIEU

My 1125Z. My aircraft still afloat at 1130 zone plus one but am unable to locate her. In view of your 0345/26 am abandoning search and proceeding westward to intercept RICHELIEU assuming her to be steaming to southward. My position course and speed are 018° 08' North 017° 32' West 245° 25 knots. (DORSETSHIRE 1230Z/26 to Adty)

Am informed by Admiral Dakar that RICHELIEU and French Destroyer FLEURET have been ordered by Admiral Afrique to return to Dakar. FLEURET sailed from Dakar just before RICHELIEU yesterday 25/6. C. in C., S.A. 1255/26 to Adty)

My 1429 Enemy's speed 18-1-RICHELIEU. (DORSETSHIRE 1451/26 to Freetown)

My 1429 Battleship is RICHELIEU (Shadowing?) from astern. (DORSETSHIRE 1456/26 to Freetown)

If RICHELIEU is returning to Dakar, as reported in my 1255, is action still to be taken by DORSETSHIRE as instructed in your 0345. I am confident that any such interference will definitely set all local authorities and people in general against us and H.M. ships at present in Dakar would be in a difficult position. HERMES is raising steam with all despatch and will proceed to sea as soon as ready. (C. in C., 1512/26 to Adty)

A.M. 0345/26. Supplementing instructions already sent communication to be made to RICHELIEU, it should be explained that we do not doubt Admiral Darlan's good faith and believe he would do his utmost to fulfil his pledge that no unit of the French Fleet shall fall into enemy hands. It must however be observed that under the armistices now signed with Germany and Italy, French naval vessels have to be demobilised and disarmed under German and Italian control, i.e. be handed over as fighting Units to Germany and Italy.

/From that moment.....

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Wednesday.DISPOSAL OF FRENCH FLEET Contd.

From that moment Admiral Darlan will no longer have the power, though he would no doubt have the inclination, to carry out his promise, and we should have nothing to rely on but German and Italian declarations, which are obviously valueless.

Therefore, in taking steps to prevent French Naval vessels from falling into German and Italian hands, H.M. Govt. are not only endeavouring to safeguard their vital interests, but are also giving Admiral Darlan the opportunity to fulfil his pledge.

H.M. Government are quite prepared to discuss the future of French naval units and are only concerned to make absolutely secure that in execution of the Armistice Terms no unit of French Fleet should fall into German or Italian hands.

(Adty. 1537/26/ to V.S.A.)

My 1400/26. From later information it is probable my aircraft is down in approximate position $018^{\circ} 00'$ North $016^{\circ} 30'$ West drifting 150° two knots. I am remaining in touch with RICHELIEU. (DORSETSHIRE 1640Z/26)

DORSETSHIRE reports having sighted RICHELIEU 1430 Zone plus 1 in position $017^{\circ} 45'$ North $018^{\circ} 20'$ West course and speed $195^{\circ} 18$ knots. HERMES is sailing 1700 today Wednesday with orders to search for aircraft from DORSETSHIRE or fly off striking force if necessary. (C. in C., S.A. 1705/26)

My position, course and speed are at 1630 Zone plus One $017^{\circ} -21'$ North $018^{\circ} 22'$ West. $170^{\circ} 15$ knots. RICHELIEU in easy V/S distance. Relations appear cordial. Her gun not trained on sight(ing). She regretted unable to comply with my request to cooperate in search for my aircraft owing to her having no aircraft on board but she telegraphed to Dakar for French plane to assist. In view of her declared intention to proceed to Dakar am presuming you would not wish me to apply paragraph three of your 0345 26th June. Intend to follow RICHELIEU as ordered by Dakar. (DORSETSHIRE 1730Z/26)

Your 1125/Z/26. Shadow only. (Adty 1902/26 to DORSETSHIRE)

/Oran.....

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WednesdayDISPOSAL OF FRENCH FLEET Contd.Cran

Your 2035/24 (1035/25 intended) I consider there is no prospect of such an eventuality and shore defences would definitely take necessary action against any hostile action on our port. Opinion in Naval Military and Civil circles has hardened in favour of obedience to Bordeaux. Govt., (C. in C., S.A. 1605/26 to Admty)

MARVAL

French submarine MARVAL from Susa brought into harbour. Did not want to fall into hands of enemy.

Germany has got French codes and are passing out messages in French codes purporting to come from Admiral Darlan. Have seen Darlan's last apparently genuine order dated 20/6 which finishes by saying "whatever be orders received never abandon to enemy a ship of war intact" (F.O.I.C. Malta 1355/26 to C. in C., Med.)

JEAN BART

ly 0346/26. Orders regarding JEAN BART stand, but if captured arrangements will be made for her to be taken to a port in U.K. and not Gibraltar. (V.C.H.S. 2108/26 to F.O.C.H.A)

EXTRACT

539A

M O S T S E C R E T

MESSAGE

From Admiralty

To F.O.C.N.A.
repeated V.A.A. 382
RESOLUTION
C. in C. Med.
WATCHMAN

IMMEDIATE

AIDAC

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0346/26 *June 1940*

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WednesdayFRENCH FLEET

The following signals are precised in
Operations Volume: - *There is not - so -*

Re JEAN BART, Adnty. 0345/26, 0346/26, 1537/
26, 2108/26, WATCHMAN 2015/26, 1130/26.

Re RICHELIEU, Adnty. 1255/26, 1902/26, C. in
C., S.A. 1512/26, 1705/26, DORSETSHIRE, 1230/
26. 1451/26, 1456/26, 1640/26, 1730Z/26.

BEARN
JEANNE D'ARC

Report if BEARN and/or JEANNE D'ARC arrived
at Martinique (1st S.L. 0258/26 to DUNEDIN)
Report if BEARN and/or JEANNE D'ARC arrive at
Casablanca (1st S.L. 0259/26 to WATCHMAN)

RICHELIEU

If you have not located RICHELIEU by daylight
26th you are to search for RICHELIEU on the
assumption she will pass between Gran
Canaria and Africa at a speed of between 15
and 20 knots. The above is subject to any
information you may receive. (1st S.L.
0046/26 to DORSETSHIRE)

By 0046/26. If RICHELIEU has not been lo-
cated by DORSETSHIRE or HERMES by dusk on
the 26th you are to take DORSETSHIRE and
HERMES under your orders and organise a
search to locate her. If she is located she
is to be unobtrusively shadowed pending
receipt of instructions which follow. (1st
S.L. 0047/26 to V.A.A)

Admiral Dakar has informed me that he has
received instructions from Admiral Darlan to
tell me that H.M. Ships at Dakar is contrary
to terms of Armistice. I have informed him
that I must remain here until I received
further instructions from Admiralty, and
have asked him to obtain assurance from
Admiral Darlan that while H.M. Ships are not
allowed to use port base, the enemy also
will not be allowed to use it.
I feel confident that there is a determination
that no French warship at Dakar, including
RICHELIEU, will allow themselves to be
surrendered to enemy.
All H.M. Ships at Dakar have steam at short
notice.

Casablanca

Ordered by Admiral Ollive to leave Casablanca
Sail at 1800 and will patrol outside
territorial waters. Oil fuel remaining
250 tons (WATCHMAN 1400/26)

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Wednesday.PolicyFRENCH FLEET

To further our policy of obtaining effective co-operation of units of French Navy point out to French Authorities with whom you are in contact that we have evidence to show Germans have obtained French Naval codes and are issuing instructions to the French Navy and Marine purporting to come from Admiral Darlan. It can be assumed that this procedure has been used since 20/6. Under these circumstances policy of waiting to receive orders from Admiral Darlan can only result in playing still further into German hands.

Emphasize that Darlan's last message dated 20th June finished by saying- "Whatever be the orders received never abandon to the enemy a ship of war intact". (A.U.N.S. (F) 1910/26 to A.I.G.9, F.O.C.N.A.)

JEAN BART

What ammunition is on board JEAN BART? (F.O.C.N.A. 1212/26) Reply. Armament is incomplete. Unlikely any ammunition is on board. (D.O.D. (F) 0201/27 to F.O.C.N.A.)

RICHELIEU

My Walrus down in approx 17.55'N 17. 20'W at 1200 Z and reports can keep afloat about 7 hours. Can you help? Wind from 330° 26 knots (DORSETSHIRE 1406Z/26 to HERMES, H.M.A.S. ALBATROSS)
DORSETSHIRE is to revert to your orders.

2. If RICHELIEU sails again from Dakar she is to be shadowed. (V.C.N.S. 2106/26 to C. in C., S.A.)

ARK ROYAL

My 0047/26. Return to Gibraltar.

2. In view of attitude of French it is desirable that Swordfish referred to in F.O.C.N.A.'s 1936/26 only should be embarked during passage. (V.C.N.S. 2107/26 to V.A.A.)

RICHELIEU

My aircraft reported RICHELIEU in 19.23'N 18.52'W at 0730 Z plus 1 steering 10. 18½ knots. Aircraft made forced landing. Intend to try locate aircraft and if unsuccessful at 1130 to continue search for RICHELIEU to westwards. Request further instructions. (DORSETSHIRE 1125/Z/26)

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Wednesday.FRENCH FLEETRICHELIEU Contd.

Admiral Dakar informs me RICHELIEU and FLEURET (destroyer) have been ordered by Admiral Afrique to return to Dakar. FLEURET sailed from Dakar just before RICHELIEU 25/6 (C. in C., S.A.) (1255/26)

One battleship bearing 020° distance 3 miles course 155 (?) position 220° 18' N 18° W 32S (DORSETSHIRE 1429/26)

RICHELIEU informs me she is en route for Dakar (DORSETSHIRE 1630Z/26)

My position course and speed at 2200 zone plus one 015° 54' North, 017° 58' West, 168° 15 knots. RICHELIEU 168° one mile. Intend to enter harbour after her at approximately 0630 zone plus one and requisition 15 hundred tons of oil fuel. My aircraft still afloat at 2000, weather has moderated. (DORSETSHIRE 2300Z/26)

Cancel my 1902/26.
Cease shadowing and search for your Walrus. (D.O.D. (F) 2215/26 to DORSETSHIRE)

Casablanca

I was today requested to leave Casablanca and have embarked in WATCHMAN.

When taking leave of Admiral Delaborde he informed me he anticipated proceeding to Algiers to take charge of demobilization of French Fleet.

Nearly all officers now believe Fleet will be allowed to remain under their control in Colonial Ports and this has led to decrease of enthusiasm among Junior Officers.

Formed impression that no orders for action contemplated for French Battleship JEAN BART or other French ships at Casablanca.

(B.N.L.O. Brest in WATCHMAN 2015/26)

BEARN
JEANNE D'ARC

Ref. Adnty. 0259/26. B.N.L.O. Casablanca believes these ships were ordered to West Indies. (WATCHMAN 1745/26)

War Diary

26.6.1940.
Wednesday.

HOME COMMANDS

Defence of U.K.

A3 Telegram 1905/25 from Sir. H. Kelly to Admty. Add that Turks expect attack on South coast of Ireland; and that for attack on England many fast Speed-Boats will be used. (N.A. Angora 1549/26 to D.N.I.)

Meeting suggested of C. in C., Nore, D.O.D. Admty. Air Officers Commanding, and possibly C. in C.s Portsmouth, Plymouth, Rosyth, and V.A. Dover, to be held in London to discuss details of preparations against invasion. Suggest Admty should arrange (C. in C., Nore 1736 26 to Sec. Admty.)

Request inform me whether R.A.F. aircraft use lighting of Thames to W. of Southend. If not, propose to extinguish Thames Lights as being useful to enemy aircraft. (C. in C., Nore 2205/26 to A.M.V. 16 R.A.F.)

Policy

It is under consideration to base cruisers on Tyne. Can up to three ships of SOUTHAMPTON class berth in Tyne without inconveniencing shipping and at same time be at immediate notice for sea. (D.O.D.(H.) 1459/26 to F.O.I.C. Tyne)

Your 1459/26. Two cruisers can be berthed if draught under 21 feet. (N.O.I.C. Tyne 0730/27 to Admty)

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Wednesday.HOME COMMANDSMovementsYUZASHO/LAKKI

Turkish minelayer No 2 to be sailed as soon as possible independently to Freetown. (Hd. of M. 1808/26 to C. in C., Portsmouth)

Position of Submarines 0600 26th June.

- (A) Two CXRR 3030
 - (B) One C.L.
 - (C) One M.B.N.D. 3030.
 - (D) One Vicinity P.W.J.V. 1352.
 - (E) One A.5.
 - (F) One H.2.
 - (G) One D.K.D.N. 4800 proceeding C.4.
 - (H) One J.S.T.S. 2020 proceeding on surface Rosyth.
 - (I) One M.T.B.S. 3030 proceeding on surface Rosyth.
 - (J) One vicinity C.F.W.Y. 1020 proceeding Lowestoft.
 - (L) One leaves Blyth 1500 for A.5.
 - (M) One leaves Dundee A.M. for Rosyth.
- (D.C. 0225/26)

Submarine positions 0600/27 TRITON TRIDENT From Havet RUBIS B.S.T.S. 0045, proceeding on surface to Dundee SNAPPER C One SEVERN M.B.N.D. 3030 SPALION M.P.R.U. 4500 Proceeding submerged to C 4, H 31 A 5, H 34 in H 2, STURGEON B.P.D.N. 2020 proceeding submerged to A&E SALMON TRUANT SUNFISH due Rosyth a.m. from North East. L.25 exercising West of Hoy. L26 escorted by Netherlands Torpedo Boat Z5 leaves Dundee p.m. for Scapa. TALISMAN escorted by IMOGEN from Liverpool arrives Clyde a.m. (V.A.S. 1944/26)

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WednesdayHOME COMPLANDSFranceDienpe

Entrance of Harbour blocked by wrecks. No sign of enemy activity and no gunfire encountered. Aircraft report at 1300/26. (Chatham A.C.H.Q. 1514/26 to H.A.C.C.)

Gironde

Cancel my 2154/25 (A.C.W.I. 0847/26 to W.O.C. 2 C.S.)

Operation Collar

As sequel to Operation Collar request an extensive smoke screen be laid by aircraft tonight of tomorrow at dusk about 2' off coast between Boulogne and Le Touquet. Object, to induce enemy to believe an attack imminent. (D.O.D.H. 1743/26 to V.A. Dover)

OperationsR.M. Brigade

All M/T equipment, stores, and personnel to be embarked in 4 Personnel ships and one M/T ship expected to arrive Milford Haven 26th; and notice of Brigade to be reported for sailing after embarkation completed. (D.O.D.H. 0001/26 to F.O.I.C. Milford Haven)

MiningHartlepool
Tees.

Second mine detonated at 1503 at 54.41'28"N 1.7'12"W Port of Hartlepool still open. Port of Tees closed til swept. (N.O.I.C. Hartlepool 1740/26 to D.M.S.)



War Diary

26.6.1940.
Wednesday.

HOME COMMANDS

Enemy Intelligence

Cuxhaven

At 0015/26 two M/V's about 8000 tins 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ '
N.W. of Cuxhaven steaming 90° up Elbe; and
at 0105/26 one cargo ship about 6000 tons
stationary and blacked out, at 54° 0'N
8° 25'E (T.H.I. 0300/27)

Rotterdam

At 1315 many Barges and 3 cargo vessels in
harbour, and one small Destroyer anchored
in river. Many Barges on Rhine between
Nijmegen and Emmerich, some moving West.
(T.H.I. 0300/27)

At 2252/26 six small ships at 53° 22' N 2°
E steaming West in line ahead. (H.B.C. 0306
/28)

Three small vessels steering 090° in line
abreast observed at 2222/26 at 53.28'N
(H.B.C. 2118/27)



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CASUALTIES AND DEFECTS

FRASER
CALCUTTA

CALCUTTA expects to arrive 0845/27 with 3 Officers and 30 Ratings survivors from H.M.C.S. FRASER. Request Berth alongside under crane as there is wreckage to be lifted from Forecastle and only one bower anchor remaining which may be fractured. (C.S.2. to C. in U., W.A. 2105/26)

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WednesdayFOREIGN STATIONSNorth AtlanticDestroyers

Adnty 2336/25. 5 destroyers with V.A. (A) leaves only one available for screening RESOLUTION until return of KEPPEL and VELOX expected late tonight. An ordering V.A. (A) to proceed with 4 only. (F.O.C.N.A. 1102/26)

Polish Ships

Adnty. 2249/24. French Authorities are sailing these ships (Polish ISKRA and WILJA to Gibraltar shortly. (B.N.L.O. Casablanca 1346/26)

BEARN
JEANNE D'ARC

Ref Adnty. 0259/26 re BEARN and JEANNE D'ARC B.N.L.O. Casablanca believes these ships were ordered to West Indies. (WATCHMAN 1745/26)

WATCHMAN
Casablanca

Ordered by Admiral Ollive to leave Casablanca Sail at 1800 and will patrol outside territorial waters. Oil fuel remaining 230 tons. (WATCHMAN to F.O.C.N.A. 1400/26)

French Ships

French ESPIGONTE now at Vila Real De San Antonio, has been instructed to proceed to Lisbon to German agents. British motor vessel St. GERMAN at Vila Real is prepared to intercept. Master of French steamship Lieutenant Sofberlier, bound for Morocco with valuable cargo of coal and cotton desired his ship to be captured. Can you do anything? (Lisbon to S.O.I. Gib., 1350/26)

? Coal

Minesweepers

Movements of French minesweepers, etc., (M.A., Lisbon 1952/26)

French Intelligence

At present time it is most important to have early information of movements of French naval forces from Oran to Toulon. Request you will institute air patrol as continuous as possible. (A.C.S.S. (F), to F.O.C.N.A., 2016/26)

Cadiz

Adnty. 1553/24. There are no protective minefields or obstructions in Cadiz at present, but 5 new guns have been installed at San Fernando Fortress on causeway, also 2 A/A guns. Do not consider there are any special objectives Lacarrack. (Consul, Cadiz, 1115/26)

Neutral Shipping

C.C.S. 1337/21 and Adnty. 0037/21, propose sailing following neutral vessels in next convoy for Milford Haven unless orders to contrary (list of 11) (F.O.C.N.A. 1035/26) State of garrison and defences. (M.S.S.O., Las Palmas, 1745/26)

Las Palmas

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WednesdayFOREIGN STATIONSSouth AtlanticDORSETSHIRE,
Walrus down.*aircraft**(Recovered,**see page 568)*

My Walrus down in approx. 17°55' N., 17°20' W., at 1200 zone + 1, and reports can keep afloat for about 7 hours. Can you help please. Wind from 330° 26 knots. (DORSETSHIRE to HERMES, ALBATROSS 1400Z/26)

Cancel my 1902/26. Cease shadowing and search for your WALRUS (D.O.D.(F) 2215/26)

aircraft.

Your 1640/26. Intend to be in 17.24' N., 16°30' W. at dawn 27/6 and to search to north and east with seven aircraft. (HERMES to DORSETSHIRE, 2235/26).

Convoy
B.C.F.

State on leaving Capetown. Oil and water requirements. (N.O.I.C., Simonstown, 1533/26)

Volunteers

S.O.I., Montevideo reports that HIGHLAND PATRIOT from Santos June 25, due St. Vincent, C.V., July 4, has 70 British volunteers on board from River Plate. (S.O.I., Freetown, Sierra Leone, 1238/26).

DELHI

Left Freetown for Takoradi 26/6 (S.O.I. Freetown 821/26).

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FOREIGN STATIONS

MediterraneanGeneral

- S/Ms. to proceed to Malta. Two submarines nearest to Malta to proceed to Malta with all despatch. (D.O.D.(F) 0257/26) PANDORA and PROTEUS ordered (C. in C. Med. 1645/26, 2023/26)
- Spain. Increased uneasiness. Prospect of Germans on frontier most unwelcome. Dissension in Cabinet. 5th Column strong but watched by Army. Navy dispositions normal. (N.A. Madrid, 1952/25, recd. 0055/26).
- OSWALD. To remain in Area N.1 from 0001/28 to 0001/29 (Capt.S.1, 1209/26)
- PANDORA)
PROTEUS) Cancel my 1249/26. To proceed with all despatch to Malta. (C. in C. Med. 1645/26)
- Shipping. All British, Dutch, Belgian, Norwegian and Polish shipping and neutral shipping on allied charter at present in French Mediterranean North African ports is to be withdrawn as soon as this can be done with reasonable safety. (D.T.D. to C. in C.Med., F.O.C.N.A 1939/26)
- Palestine. Your 1817/17/6 approved. (Haifa N.O.I.C.appointment to be extended Palestine ports.) (C.W. to C. in C., Med., 2038/26).
- S.S. THESEUS (Dutch) B.C. Barcelona, reports although THESEUS was instructed to proceed Gibraltar weeks ago vessel still there as Dutch Minister, Madrid, declines to authorise departure. He requests Dutch Minister be persuaded to release, as danger of losing vessel is increasing. (S.O.I., Gib., 1520/26)
- Movements. My 1247/25 being passed to GARLAND, VAMPIRE and Capt. (D) 10. For 14th D.F. read ANUBIAN, MOHAWK, VAMPIRE and GARLAND. (C. in C., Med., 1247/26).
- Danish Desertions. Crew of Danish ship NICOLINE MAERSK deserted at Marseilles within past few days. I instructed Master to sign on any crew possible and sail for Gibraltar. Have guaranteed any expenditure. (F.O.I.C., Malta, 1416/26).
- Contraband Control, France. My 1314/18. Normal contraband control is to be exercised on all cargoes destined for France but not for those destined for French overseas possessions Japanese ships which left Japan before June 18 for ports in unoccupied France are to be allowed to proceed. (D.E.W.D., 1813/26).
- Jamming Propaganda. Extensive broadcast propaganda to native population in Middle East is being broadcast (details of transmissions). Ambassador, Cairo, has asked that these transmissions may be jammed by Malta W/T station if possible. Fully realised that service W/T traffic must take precedence, but subject to this, request information whether arrangements could be made to jam. (Hd. of M., to F.O.I.C., Malta, 1214/26)

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WednesdayFOREIGN STATIONSMediterraneanContraband Control, Turkey.

Repetition of my 0345/19, 0231/19, and telegrams Nos. 27 and 28, June 13, to F.O., from Ambassador, Ankara, and in particular para. 7 of the latter. It appears Turkey might be induced to institute some form of contraband control if diplomatic relations are broken off. It could be suggested such control need not be exercised against U.S.S.R. ships. It might also be worth stressing that failure to take action is not only failure to help Allies whom Turks profess to support but inflicting a severe disadvantage on them. (C.in C., Med., 2231/26).

Movements.

Movement Summary No. 125. (C.in C., Med., 2345/26).

Air.Swordfish.

Swordfish A/C of 767 Sqdn. placed under Orders of A.O.C., Med., for operations against oil and air targets in Sicily unless required by C. in C., Med., for other operations. (D.N.A.D. 1752/26 to C. in C., Med.)

Attacks on Sicily.

Importance of attacks on oil targets in Sicily starting as soon as possible (Air Min. to Malta 2015 G.M.T/26) (List of targets :- Messina, Palermo, Augusta, Catania.)

Malta.

2 Air raids a.m. 26/6. No military damage or casualties were caused. (I.C. 0494/40)

5 raids were reported on 26/6, Kalafrana, Hal Far and Luza aerodromes bombed, dockyard attacked from 16,000 ft. and a school at the dockyard slightly damaged. Severe storm at night blew down R.D.F. mast. (Air Min. D.S., 343)

Mining

An area within 2 miles of 38°50' N., 09°03'18" E., S. of Sardinia, is mined (I.C., 0494/40)

Enemy IntelligenceMain Fleet

N.A., Rome, saw 3 Italian battleships CAVOUR class, 2 TRENTO class cruisers, 2 other cruisers, 10 destroyers south of Sardinia steering east 1930 June 23., S.O.(1) Gibraltar. (N.A.Lisbon, 1801/26) (I.C., 0494/40)

Spain, Oil.

Information re oil and petrol in Spanish territory urgently required. (D.N.I., to N.A., Madrid 1943/26)



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FOREIGN STATIONS

China

Visit to
Saigon

By 0941/25. French Admiral wishes me to visit him in Saigon. Expect to arrive 22/6 for 24 hours. Hope to gauge reliability of French in Indo-China. It is realized, however, that they will probably ask me our intentions should Japan attack Indo-China (C. in C., China, 09322/26)

Gift of
Patrol V.

Singapore Harbour Board offered 2 Fairmile type patrol vessels as free gifts to R.N. Intend to accept on behalf of Admty. unless instructions to contrary received 30/6. (P.O.C., Singapore, 09452/26)

America & West Indies

Shipping Routes

Re incorrect routes from Gibraltar, entailing excessive steaming distance. (M.S.H.Q. Ottawa, 0941/26)

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WednesdayFOREIGN STATIONSAmerica and West IndiesEMILE BERTIN
Gold

Re gold in EMILE BERTIN, endeavour to ascertain what it is intended to do with it. If any question of being sent to a neutral country where it would ultimately fall into German hands you should do everything possible to persuade French to keep it in Martinique. (1st S.L., to DUNEDIN, 0350/26)

Have sent Admiral Antilles an encouraging telegram and begged him to think well before he falls in with armistice terms with their obvious trap, but consider some forcible pressure from home and possibly from French Committee is required. (C. in C., A.W.I., 0301/26)

My 0350/26. Capt. of EMILE BERTIN should be informed that H.M. Govt. now learns there are serious doubts whether gold in his ship is French owned, as there is ground for thinking that gold despatched included that despatched from France on behalf of other Governments. We cannot afford therefore to run the risk of these consignments falling into enemy hands, and you have been told to inform him in the circumstances his ship must remain at Martinique for the present. You should inform him that as your instructions are that you are if necessary to use force to prevent sailing of EMILE BERTIN you sincerely hope that he will consent to remain in harbour until the question of the gold has been settled. (1st S.L., to DUNEDIN, 1538/26)

If you consider it would help Admiral Robert in his predicament inform him that I am prepared to send FIJI direct to Martinique in order that he may plead force majeure. Use your discretion as to whether to mention this. (C. in C., A.W.I. to DUNEDIN, 1002/26)

FIJI
DUNEDIN
Martinique

Admty. 1538/26. FIJI remains off Martinique, conserve fuel as much as possible and enter if requested to do so by DUNEDIN. Negotiations with Admiral, Martinique, are to continue to be conducted by DUNEDIN. Any operation which may become necessary is to be conducted by S.O. present. (C. in C., A.W.I., 1611/26)
Will maintain patrol west of Fort de France. Shall require 40 minutes' notice to close entrance. (FIJI 2201/26 to DUNEDIN)

Dutch
Warship

JACOB VAN HEESKERCK left Halifax 25/6. Route. (C.O.A.C, Halifax, 1026/26)

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WednesdayFOREIGN STATIONSEast IndiesCOLOMBO

Programme from Mombasa 27/6- 1/7 (C. in C., E.I. 0529Z/26)

KENT

Escorting group 2 Convoy C.I. due Mombasa 0900Z/28 (C. in C., 0529Z/26)

CANTHAGE

To leave Mombasa 27/6 for Diego Suarez to embark provisions, wine and mails for French CARAIBE. While at Diego Saurez to give heart to local authorities and assure them British Navy will give every possible assistance in defence of Colony should it be threatened. (C. in C., E.I. 0753/26)

Convoys

In addition to Convoy W.S.I., is another sailing shortly via Cape for India or Suez. (?) War Office telephone 73410 (?) of June 8 informed C. in C., India that such a convoy containing 18,000 personnel mostly for Middle East (expected to?) leave U.K. on or about 24/6 (C. in C., E.I. 1151E/26 to Admty.)

Enemy
Submarine

C. in C., Med., 0201. S.W.O. Red Sea 1515/26 is being passed to C. in C., Med. Although I would like to retain this S/M for reconnaissance and A/S training, do not consider she can be satisfactorily refitted on East Indies Station for active service, nor is a trained crew available. Steaming party can be provided to take ship to Suez. If equipment is to be dismantled, recommend it be done at a port with better facilities and less deficiencies than at Aden. (C. in C., E.I. 1133Z/26)

Movements.

Sail at 2230Z at 27 knots to look for wreckage and for Italian destroyer. KANDAHAR and KINGSTON join me off Perim 0300 Z/27. FLAMINGO to Perim Patrol. (LEANDER, 2051Z/26, to KANDAHAR, KINGSTON, FLAMINGO)

WAR DIARY.26.6.40.
Wednesday.GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPS.NORBURG.Arrived Braila (Magal, Galatzi
1147/26).M.V. DUISBURG. 1,080 tonsLoaded German tanker, believed to be
DUISBURG (?) sailed today.
(Consul, Gothenburg 1754/26.)RHAKOTIS.At Antofogasta. was on June 4 arranging
to dispose of her cargo of timber and
potassium nitrate (I.C., 0494/40).HERMONTHIS.At Callao, on June 1 was selling her
cargo of timber (I.C., 0494/40.)ITALIAN MERCHANT SHIPSFIUME.

At Rhodes (cable intercept) 12/6.

LE CONTE DE LISLE.Sailed for Diego Suarez June 25.
(Brit. Consul, Tananarivo, 1900/26.).CONTE VERDE.CONTE BIANCAMANO.Intercepted message by Matara W/T station.
Appears intention might be to proceed
Ciudad Trujillo, funds being for Canal
dues. (S.O.I., Colombo, 0623Z/26.)JOLE FASSIO.Now in port Puerto Cabello. (S.O.I.,
Kingston, 2107/26).BACICIN PADRE.Venezuelan authorities likely to move
from Puerto Cabello to Turiamo. (S.O.I.,
Kingston, 2107/26.)CAPO ROSA.At Buenos Aires, reported on June 24
suppliers of naphtha cargo were asserting
the ship on 25/6 (I.C., 0494/40).CONTE ROSSO.Reported (Press) arrived with British
Embassy staff at Lisbon 26/6. (I.C., 0494/40)

WAR DIARY.26.6.40.
Wednesday.U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MINING.S/M's reported.

0213 GMT. A.F. message 37.16' N., 4.45' E.
(D.D.I.C. 0355/26.)

1349. D.F., 58.30' N., 11.30' W. unreliable fix,
probably U-boat (D.D.I.C. 1411/26.)

0930 D.F., 46.50' N., 12.40' W., reliable fix,
probably U-boat (D.D.I.C. 1002/26.)

1119 D.F., 61.10' N., 3.20' E., reliable fix.
unknown enemy unit. (D.D.I.C. 1146/26).

2022. D.F., unknown enemy unit, unreliable fix,
60.45' N., 3.35' E. (D.D.I.C., 2044/26).

1900 GMT. A.F. message, 35.53' N., 1.54' W.
(D.D.I.C., 2301/26).

Estimated dispositions:-

1 in Finisterre area.
1 in 46 degrees 50' N. 12 degrees.40' W.
at 0930/26, possibly moving southwards.
2 in Bay of Biscay.
2 in Western Approaches.
1 off S.W. Ireland outward bound.
1 W. of Ireland homeward bound.
1 N.W. of Ireland outward bound.
1 N.W. of Hebrides homeward bound.
1 N. of Scotland homeward bound.
(D.D.I.C., 1238/26.)

WAR DIARY.26.6.40.
WednesdayU-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MINING
MediterraneanShips attacked.BARON NEWLANDS.
shelled.SSSS 37.16' N., 04.45' E., being
shelled (Lands End, 0213/26)
(Gibraltar W/T, 0215/26) I.C.0493/40)BARON ERSKINE
shelled.SSSS 37.16' N., 04.45' E., 16 miles
North Cape Sigle, Algeria, being shelled,
(Gibraltar W/T, 0231/26) (I.C., 0493/40)
(Lands End Radio 0232/26).CYDONIA. escaped.British, attacked 36.54' N., 01.54' W.,
3 miles S. of Mesa de Roldan, S.E. Spain.
(D.S., 296) (Gibraltar W/T Stn., 2017/26).
Escaped. (CYDONIA, 2147/26) (I.C., 0494/40
gives position 35°53' N., 1°54' W., about
13' N.E. of Cape de Gata.)S/M's Reported.Indications that Italian U-boats are
occupying patrol area centred on
35°40' N., 23°10' E. U-boat probably
based on Leros and may leave patrol
1900 July 3 routed through approximate
position 36°40' N., 25°42' E. (C.in C.
Med., to PROTEUS, 1011/26).
At 2330/25 patrol launch of submarine
cable at Porta Delgada sighted a
submarine on surface, submerged soon after
(A.O. (N.C.S.O. Lisbon 2016/26).S/M's attacked.1700/26.
By KINGSTON
believed destroyed.H.M.S.KINGSTON reports having attacked
an Italian U-boat with guns and depth
charges in position 14°26' N., 41°23' E.,
at about 17002/26. Destruction
considered probable. (C.in C. E.I.20152/26.)
see 28-6-40 p 598

-/26.

U/B bombed by aircraft in Assab Harbour
13°N., 42°40' E., Red Sea on 26/6.
(I.C. 0494/40) 3 Blenheims made a dive-
bombing attack. Nearest bomb fell 20
yards from target and no damage was
observed (Air.Min. D.S., No.3 x 3).

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ThursdaySITUATION REPORTFrench Fleet

The French Mediterranean Squadron is remaining at Alexandria.

RICHELIEU did not enter Dakar. The French Admiral informed C. in C., S.A. that he had ordered RICHELIEU to meet French A.M.C and possibly some destroyers coming from the Northward and escort them to Dakar. DORSETSHIRE recovered her missing Walrus at 1107/27, and with HERMES is searching for RICHELIEU. C. in C., S.A. in ALBATROSS is at Dakar.

BEARN (A/C carrier bringing aircraft from U.S.A.) and JEANNE d'ARC arrived at Martinique at 0700 Q. DUNEDIN is in the harbour and FIJI remains outside the port

France

All neutral shipping in the Gironde was rounded up by BROKE, VANQUISHER and WINCHELSEA by 0030/27 and only French ships now remain there. R.A. Burges Watson in BROKE is patrolling off the Gironde.

E-Boats

E-boats were reported at 2307 by GREYHOUND, patrolling in Dover Strait, near South Colbert Buoy (between Boulogne and Dungeness) The E-boats retired.

Enemy Shipping

Up to 1200 on June 26 it was known that 68 German merchantmen of 382,548 tons had been sunk or scuttled: 58 of 259,122 tons had been captured or seized and that 41 unidentified ships of approximately 205,000 tons had been reported sunk by submarine or aircraft- in all 167 ships of over 846,000 tons. At the same time it was known that 11 Italian merchantmen of 67,806 tons had been sunk or scuttled and 29 others of 156,629 tons captured or detained- in all 40 ships of 224,435 tons.

WILK in collision with U-Boat

WILK reports that she collided with a submerged object, probably a submarine, at 0025/20 midway between Lister and Newcastle. Information has been received that a U-boat made a long signal at 1630/20 from a position 22 miles from that where the collision occurred.

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SITUATION REPORT Contd.

AIR

The enemy carried out further bombing raids last night over the U.K., extending from Aberdeen to the New Forest area, bombs being dropped over a wide area in the North East, Midlands, East Anglia and the South Western counties and South Wales. Damage to property appears to have been slight and there were very few casualties.

Last night R.A.F. successfully bombed aerodromes at Waalhaven, Bourn, Schipol and Laage Lagen the Docks at Willemsoord and the Dortmund-Ems Canal, where hits were obtained on the banks. Bombs aimed at a ship in the Kiel Canal hit the Canal banks.

The main effort of Coastal Command was concentrated on anti-invasion patrols.

Aircraft attacked a U-boat 100 miles N.W. of Cape Wrath early today and estimate several hits.

Photographs show no activity or shipping or barge concentration in Bruges or South Bereland Canals.

At 1645/27 more than 40 barges, each about 300 ft long were seen being manouvred from Forder, west ward across the Zuyder Zee toward Eukhuizen.

Mining

Parachute mines were seen to drop off the entrance to Llyth harbour and Coquet Island early today. The ports of Amble and Llyth have been closed.

Sunderland and Hartlepool have been reopened. The Port of ~~Aukland~~ ^{Aukland}, which was closed as the result of enemy mining has been reopened.

Gardening was carried out across Fenman Belt

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SITUATION REPORT

Italian Hostilities

C. in C., Mediterranean has arranged for convoys to run from Malta and the Aegean Sea to Alexandria. The 7th C.S. (5 ships) and 5 destroyers, and 3rd C.S. (2 ships) and 4 destroyers are providing cover.

There were 3 air raids on Malta today; no casualties were caused and there was no damage.

ODIN

ODIN is overdue from Patrol in the Eastern Mediterranean and must be considered lost.

ORPHEUS

ORPHEUS failed to return yesterday from patrol off the Libyan Coast and has not acknowledged signals ordering her to return.

Air A/S patrols and reconnaissances were unavoidably curtailed owing to the necessity of ascertaining the whereabouts of the French Fleet in North African ports and their movements in the western Mediterranean.

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DISPOSAL OF FRENCH FLEET

RICHELIEU

At 0600 today Thursday RICHELIEU was seen approaching harbour at Dakar destined at 0625, after making signal she turned round and proceeded to sea and has not yet returned. WALRUS aircraft is being sent to locate and shadow her. (C. in C., S.A. 0842/27 to Admty)

RICHELIEU last reported in position 352° repetition 352° Cape Manuel 76 repetition 76 miles at 1105 course 000° 20 knots.

My 1046 27th June it is estimated RICHELIEU should have made contact and turned to southwards by 1500. Carry out search to north of 1500 position to ensure she is not continuing northwards. If RICHELIEU is sighted proceeding southwards in company with other French ships keep out of sight astern and enter Dakar after arrival RICHELIEU is reported. If she is sighted steering northwards she is to be shadowed as long as endurance permits. (C. in C., S.A. 1431/27 to DORSETSHIRE, HERMES)

Your 1831/26. The new situation with its many implications is under examination by H.M. Government, and a decision will be communicated as soon as possible. Meanwhile your action is approved. The importance of Dakar for watering your A.M.Cs is fully realised.

2. If later you are instructed by Admiralty to withdraw H.M. ships from Dakar it will be necessary to make provision for watching Dakar and for shadowing RICHELIEU if she sails. You should therefore take action to make a second 8" cruiser available as a relief for DORSETSHIRE by amalgamating the 2 BC convoy groups under one 8" cruiser escort. In view of the strong forces now based at Gibraltar, the onward passage of convoy from Freetown with only one escort could be accepted. (1st S.L. 2343/27 to C. in C., S.A.)

833. French Submarine NARVAL wishes General De Gaulle to know they place themselves under his government. (F.O.I.C. Malta 1311/27)

/Alexandria.....

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DISPOSAL OF FRENCH FLEET

Alexandria

4. We have no intention that French ships at Alexandria should pass out of our hands into those of the enemy. We should prefer to use them with British crews, but if this is not possible they must be sunk outside the harbour.

5. Do you consider that Godfroy would sink his ships at their moorings if you demanded that they should be handed over to us intact? (1st S.L. 1815/27 to C. in C. Med.)

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ThursdayFRENCH FLEETRICHELIEU

The following signals are precised in the Operations Volume.
C. in C., S.A. 0342/27, 1431/27, 1st S.L. 2343/27 to C. in C., S.A.)

MARVAL

F.O.I.C. Malta 1311/27.

Alexandria1st. S.L. 1315/27 to C. in C., Med. p.561BEARN
JEANNE D'ARC }

Arrived Martinique 0700 G (DUNEDIN 0701G/27)

2 ELAIS
1 HARDI

2 Escort vessels ELAIS class and 1 destroyer HARDI class arrived Casablanca 1630 from N.W. (WATCHMAN 191 (?) 0/27)

DORSETSHIRE

My position course and speed are at 2000Z plus one 016 degrees 12' North 017 degrees. 21' West 245 degrees, 15 knots. Intend to pass Dakar Boom 0730 zone plus one tomorrow Friday 28th June. (DORSETSHIRE 2100Z/27 to C. in C., S.A.)

JEAN BART

Your 1212/26 Amament is incomplete and it is unlikely that any ammunition is on board. (D.O.D. (F) 0201/27 to F.O.C.N.A. and RESOLUTION)

Casablanca

Arrivals
Admirals (WATCHMAN 1910/27)

EMILE BERTIN

See America & West Indies.

RICHELIEU

My 0342/27 (not yet recd. in Adnty) Aircraft reports RICHELIEU and French destroyer FLEURET in position 15.15'N., 17.45'W., course 000 degs., at 0904/27. Admiral Dakar informs me he gave orders for RICHELIEU to proceed to sea to meet five or more French A.M.C.'s and possibly some destroyers to escort them to Dakar where they are expected to arrive p.m. today. B.N.L.O., Dakar, was aware movements of A.M.C.'s was intended and was communicated by signal to Dakar from Marine, Morocco. (C. in C., S.A., 1046/27)

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Thursday.ICRE COMRAIDSDefence of U.K.

Enemy reported to be buying all available small vessels Motors in Norway. A.2.
(Acting Consul Malno. 1421/27 to D.N.I.)

Calais

P.D.U. Sortie shows some activity in Calais Gare Maritime but no Shipping present.
(P.D.U.I. 1857/27 to M.I.D.)

Zuider Zee

More than 40 barges, each about 300 feet long, in Zuider Zee, being manoeuvred at 1645/27 from N.E. of Polder towards Enichuizen (H.Q. Bomber Command 0306/28)

Boulogne

Five M/V's observed at 1135/27 (A.C.H.Q. Chatham 1410/27)

Dunkirk

Three M/V's lying off harbour. Harbour appeared empty. (A.C.H.Q. Chatham 1410/27)

Light Tanks

Captain Field, Norwegian Army, reports Germans preparing many small Fishing Vessels each to carry a Light Tank which would be landed on almost any beach. Most preparations are at Trondheim, Bergen and Stavanger. (C. in C., Rosyth 1745/27 to Adty)

Propose to appoint suitable local persons as L.N.O. at certain smaller U.K. Ports to take naval charge in emergency (C. in C., W.A. 1313/26 to Adnty)

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Thursday.HOME COMMANDSFranceGirondeYour 0051. Return to Plymouth. (C. in C.,
W.A. 0742/27 to R.A. in BROKE)Admty's 2000/28. HIGHLANDER, HARVESTER, St.
LAURENT, and SKEMA to be used as escort.
After ceasing escort duty they are to return
to Plymouth and proceed to South of Ireland
to carry out A/S sweep. (C. in C., W.A.
1559/27 to F.O.I.C. Liverpool)MovementsPosition of submarines and movements for
following 24 hours 0600/28.
TRITON TRIDENT ~~to~~ Havre RUBIS vicinity JSTS
2000 proceeding on surface to Dundee SNAPPER
C one SEVERN MEND 3030 SEALION C 3 proceeding
submerged to C 4 TRIAD DKHI 3530 proceeding
on surface to relieve TRIDENT H 31 A 5
leaving P M for Blyth SPURGEON LSWI 3246 H
34 in H 2. L 26 escorted by Netherlands
Torpedo boat Z 5 vicinity Peterhead pro-
ceeding Scapa. H 50 leaves Harwich P.M.
to relieve H 34 TAKU leaves May Island 2300
to relieve TRITON (V.A.S. 1725/27)Swedish
DestroyersROMULUS
REMUS
PSILANDER
PUKE.ST. MAGNUS should be sent to bring their
Crews to Kirkwall. The Destroyers should be
given any necessary fuel. (D.O.D. (H.) 2355 to
C. in C., H.F)OperationsM.T.B'sAll available large M.T.B's will carry out a
sweep tonight with object of destroying
enemy E-boats or M/V's off the Mouth of
Scheldt. and Maas. Sweep will cease at 0200/
28 and M.T.B's will return to base along
latitude 52° N approximately. Aircraft will
provide air protection from dawn. (Chatham
1800/27 to Admty) (C. in C., Nore 1542/27 to
F.O.I.C. Harwich)R.M. BrigadeBrigadier reports Brigade not ready for
operation until two million rounds of .303,
fifty portable cookers, and two inch Mortar
Bombs have been delivered. (M.O.I.C.,
Milford Haven 0946/27 to Admty)

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ThursdayHOLE COMMANDSE- BoatsE-Boats
Reported

Six Lights, apparently off six E-Boats, observed at 2317/27 at 52.48'N 3.25'E steering North. Lights about one mile apart. (Chatham A.C.H.Q. 0305/28)

2307 E-boats reported by GREYHOUND off Cape Gris Nez (I.C. 0495/40)

Air - British Air ActivityHelder

Seaplane Base bombed at 0240/27. Several explosions seen, but results uncertain. (Chatham A.C.H.Q. 0732/27)

2 Destroyers

HOWE class attacked by aircraft. 60. 0'N 9.30'E (Fro Havet) No hits (I.C. 0495/40)

M.V. on Rocks
in Nord Fiord

Bombed see Enemy Intelligence.

MiningTees.

Port is now open. (N.O.I.C. Hartlepool 1431/27 to D.M.S.)

Enemy IntelligenceFerry Steamer
Sunk

Danish Copenhagen-Malmo Ferry Steamer reported sunk by mine while proceeding to Germany. A.4. (Actg. Consul Malmo, 1421/27 to D.M.I.)

E-Boats

See E-boats Section.
At 0110/27 a medium sized Ship observed at 3' East of Vlieland steering East. (F.H.I. 2118/27)

M.V. 5000 tons
on rocks

with 2 small vessels doing salvage work, N. side of Nord Fiord, Bombed no hits. (Donibristle 1245/27)

M.V. Flying
Norwegian Flag

One M/V at 0730 at 59.34'N 5.40'W about 3000 tons flying Norwegian Flag. No sign of armament. (Donibristle 0900/27 to O.I.C.)

2 Destroyers

Two Destroyers at 0430 at 64.N 9.30'E on a Southerly course A/C report. (V.A.S. 1054/27 to TRITON)

Shipping

BATORY, SOBIESKI, MONARCH OF BERMUDA required for special transport, escort REVENGE (D.O.D. (F) 1903/27)

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CASUALTIES & DEFECTS

FOSSA

British Tug, 105 tons. Now known to have run aground and been abandoned at C230/2 off Dunkirk while on Govt. Charter. (D.S. 296)

ORPHEUS

ORPHEUS failed to return from patrol 26/6 has failed to acknowledge a subsequent signal (C. in C., Med. 1055/27)

ODIN

Regret ODIN must now be considered lost. (C. in C., Med. 1057/27)

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ThursdayFOREIGN STATIONSNorth AtlanticOran
Refugees.

GARTBRATTAN sailed for Gibraltar 1750/26 with 19 refugees on board. No other British ship here. (Oran, 0005/27).

French
Liaison ended.

Have received direct order from Nogues Chief of Staff to leave here with my mission. Have asked Gibraltar for transport either from here or Casablanca to Gibraltar. (No.3. (Dillon) Mil. Mission, 1023/27, received from W.O. at 1515/27).

ENTERPRISE

Probably required to sail for Gibraltar 28 or 29/6. (D.O.D. (H) to C. in C.W.A., 1725/27)

French
Ships.French steamships LIEUTENANT LOUBERT, BIE, COMPIEGNE SAVOIE have received orders from French Naval attache, not from French Government, to sail within 24 hours for Casablanca. Master of first-named vessel will communicate his route if you decide to arrest his ship. (Lisbon, 1910/27, to Gibraltar).Convoy

Your 1308/26. If extra convoy is necessary, it should be called H.G.Y. and be routed as follows (details). (D.T.D., to F.O.C.N.A., 1631/27)

Spain.

Defence works, Ferrol and Corunna districts. (Corunna, 1715/27)

Shipping.

British Consul Lisbon's 1850/26. No ship available Gibraltar for intercepting. (S.O.I. Gibraltar, 0010/27).

Military
Mission.

Your A.M.339 27/6. Following from Admiral. Proceed Casablanca. Report your arrival to Consul and I will endeavour arrange transport. (Governor, Gibraltar, 1648/27 to No.3 (Dillon) Mil.Mission).

Shipping.

My 0957/24. ATHLONE CASTLE not arrived. Is any other ship with large accommodation available immediately? (F.O.C.N.A., to Agent, D.of S.G.1301/28)

Gibraltar
Dockyard.

re Plans for Evacuation of staff likely to be useful elsewhere if Dockyard bombarded from land artillery sited in Spain. (A.S., Gibraltar, 1402/27).

South AtlanticFrench
Attitude.

Bourdillon sailed for Nigeria June 19. He will no doubt pass through Freetown and you and Naval C. in C. may wish to confer with him. (Gov., Nigeria, 0217/27, to Gov., Sierra Leone and C. in C., S.A.)

DORSETSHIRE

My position, course and speed are 15°43' N., 17°50' W. 024 deg., 23 knots. (DORSETSHIRE, to HERMES, 0015Z/27).
Report amount of fuel remaining. (C. in C.S.A., in ALBATROSS, to DORSETSHIRE, 0844/27) Reply (DORSETSHIRE, 1055Z/27).

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ThursdayFOREIGN STATIONSSouth Atlantic (Ctd.)A/C
Recovered.

Admty. 2215/26. Have recovered my aircraft in position 18° (04') N., 16°44' W. Crew well. (DORSETSHIRE, 1107/27).

DELHI

To return to Freetown with all despatch. (C. in C. S.A., 1621/27)

Madagascar.

Governor-General reports Colony has decided unanimously to remain French and continue struggle for final victory of France and her ally. (N.C.S.O. Duala to C. in C.S.A., 0912/27)

Aircraft.

Aircraft are not to fly over Dakar. (C. in C.S.A. 1701/27)

Convoys B.C.S.
B.C.F.

Sailing times and requirements on arrival Freetown. (C. in C.S.A., 1331/27).

MediterraneanGeneralFrench
Attitude

Irrevocable decision not yet made. Given assurance French officers joining British forces will retain present rank or if reservists previous rank held. (No. 8. (S. Jones) Mil. Mission, to C. in C.M.E., 1450/27).

Broadcast last night to effect Nogues holding out may be accurate but is misleading. Suggest there is danger in statement of this nature. (N.8. (S. Jones) Mil. Mission, to W.O. 1440/27)

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Captain Robert of French Foreign Legion states has 1800 troops in Susa anxious to fight in Egypt or elsewhere if escort and ships can be provided. (F.O.I.C. Malta 2249/27)

Government policy as regards volunteers, especially French Officers, technicians and air service personnel. (War Office to C. in C.M.E., 2040/27)

PROTEUS

Orders to, for return to Malta. (Capt., S., Malta, 1713/27)

PANDORA

Orders to, for return to Malta. (Capt., S., Malta, 1710/27)

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ThursdayFOREIGN STATIONSMediterraneanGeneral (Ctd.)French Submarines.

Possible some are at sea heading for British bases. Inter.Allied recognition signals possibly compromised, and strange submarines must be attacked on sight or detection, but possibility of being French should be borne in mind. A friendly submarine would be reluctant to dive when approached or fixed on. French submarines have two masts on which they might well hoist national flag. Italian submarines normally have only one. (C. in C.Med. 1451/27)

Special Operation.

Your 1049/27. Vessels are required for a special operation of which you will be informed in due course. (V.C.N.S.1818/27 to C. in C. Med.)

Shipping Policy.

Intended to carry out following shipping policy while naval situation remains as at present. Southbound Aegean convoys (AS) and northbound Aegean convoys (AN) to be run periodically to connect Red Sea convoy. Local convoys between Haifa, Port Said, Alexandria for oilers A.S.I.S. and transports to be run approximately weekly. Remaining shipping for Cypriot, Syrian, Palestinian and Egyptian ports to sail independently. When occasion demands a convoy will be run to Malta. (C. in C., Med., 1053/27).

Spain.

Latest rumour is that June 29 will be date of Spain's entry into the war. Perhaps no special significance in this and no hurried preparations are evident, but it shows general conviction that war is inevitable. (Palma, Mallorca, 1750/27).

Russian ultimatum to Roumania. Turkey will continue to perfect military preparations for defence and increase vigilancy. (N.A., Ankara, 1800/27)

Turkey.

At interview this morning with Turkish Foreign Minister he reaffirmed deplorable effect on neutral countries if any French ships now in British ports are allowed to sail even if Prize Court should be required to prevent them from leaving. (Ankara, 1830/27)

Convoy.

Ships joining Convoy A.S.1. left tonight for R.V. off entrance to Dardanelles at 0700/28. (list). (N.C.S.C., Istanbul, 2223/27).

Wireless Jamming.

Admty. 1214/26. Possible counteractions by Italian stations on transmissions of Malta W/T station, which are vital to effective prosecution of war in Mediterranean. (F.C.I.C. Malta, 1702/27)

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ThursdayFOREIGN STATIONSMediterraneanAir.767 Sqn.

A.T. 1752/26. Consider 767 Sqn. should be used for local reconnaissance, A/S patrols, as a torpedo striking force against surface forces which come within range, and as a reserve for EAGLE. Do not consider these slow aircraft (Swordfish) should be expended against targets in Sicily. Could not Air Ministry be persuaded to send some modern offensive and defensive aircraft to Malta? (C. in C. Med., 1643/27)

Algiers Ban.

Following from 5th Air Army, Algiers, to H.Q., Mediterranean - An order forbids all flying in North Africa including Morocco, Tunisia and Algiers. Am advising that any British aircraft arriving French territory will not be allowed to proceed. (V.A., Malta, 1829/27).

Malta.

Twice raided 27th. No casualties, no damage. (D.O.R., 298)

Patrols.

A/S patrols and reconns. unavoidably curtailed owing necessity ascertain whereabouts, French Fleet North African ports and movements Western Mediterranean. Lord Gort and Mr. Duff Cooper left for U.K. at 0430 G.M.T. (200 Group to Air Min., 1705/27).

Warning of Attack.

Admty. 2049/19. In Mediterranean warning of the approach of enemy aircraft towards the Fleet can only be given by outlying units such as outer air warning screen and detached ships. Under these circumstances guidance given in general signalling instructions considered most useful. (C. in C. Med. 2232/27)

Enemy Intelligence.Main Units.

N.A. Rome reports that at 1935/23 he saw three Italian Battleships CAUCUR class, two TRENTO class Cruisers, two other Cruisers, and ten Destroyers south of Sardinia steering East. (D.C. 0152/27 to C. in C. Med.)

Submarine patrols.

Estimated main Italian naval units working Western Basin comprise 4 8-in. cruisers, 6 6-in. cruisers, 16 destroyers. Forces mentioned in Admty. 0152/27 are probably units of eastern squadrons normally working from Taranto. Estimated number of submarines based western Italian ports is 60, and patrols are thought to exist off Barcelona, Cartagena, north of Algiers and between Sicily and Tunis. (Capt. O.S., NILE, 1633/27)

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ThursdayFOREIGN STATIONSEast IndiesConvoys

Convoy B.N.1. is 24 hours late. (C. in C., E.I., 0856Z/27). Owing to weather Convoy C.O. will not arrive Mombasa before daylight June 30. (C. in C.E.I. 0857/27) C. in C. Middle East inquires whether vessels in B.N.1. can be used on homeward voyage from Suez for evacuation of families from Egypt. Request report. (D. of S.T., 2155/27)

Following from R.A.F., Middle East, addressed Air H.Q. Aden:- "No. A.88, 25/6. Italians have broadcast particulars of British prisoners, and have requested reciprocal action. Request instructions in view of C. in C.E.I., 0651/22. (N.O.I.C., Aden, 0928/27).

Submarines
sunk,
Information,
Prisoners.

N.O.I.C. Aden 0928/27. My 0651/22 was not to Admiralty. I am averse to this proposal being adopted yet as regards naval prisoners on East Indies Station. It would at once reveal name of submarines sunk and their locality which I have been at pains to avoid doing. N.O.I.C., Aden, inform A.O.C., Aden, and request him to take no action as regards naval prisoners. (C. in C., E.I., 1447Z/27).

Troops,
Berbera.

Date of sailing of troops in Berbera movement from Mombasa. (N.O.I.C., Kilindini, 0843/27).

Troops from
India.

Request report re units to embark in TAKLIWA. (D. of S.T., to N.O.I.C., Kilindini, etc., 2329/27). Your 2329. TAKLIWA must arrive Bombay by (date mentioned) to effect this. (C. in C.E.I., to D. of S.T., 1038/28)

China.

My 0932/26. Governor-General Indo-China is coming to Saigon especially to meet me. (C. in C.China 0520Z/27 to Adty.)

America and West Indies

EMILE BERTIN

Admty. 1533/26 communicated to EMILE BERTON and Admiral Robert. Latter has undertaken to assure C. in C., A.W.I. that having no instructions from France he has ordered disembarkation at Martinique. Consider further undesirable. (DUNEDIN, 1824/27, to Admty.)

? action!

Consider FIJI should arrive at Martinique 1700Q tomorrow. Friendly presence of both ships desirable. FIJI to fuel at St. Lucia as soon as situation permits (DUNEDIN to C. in C., A.W.I., 1848/27). FIJI to comply with DUNEDIN's 1848/27. DUNEDIN inform Admiral Robert. (C. in C., A.W.I., 2202/27)

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ThursdayFOREIGN STATIONSAmerica and West Indies

FURIOUS Admty. 1755/25. Additional Curtiss not available. Expect to embark 10 additional Brewsters making 20 in all by July 1, estimated sailing date. (F.O.C 3 B.S., 2131/27)

U.S. Fleet. Admty. 2059/26. Movements of U.S. Fleet are for manoeuvres. (N.A. Washington, 1205/27)

Coal shortage. Shortage in Punta A^rsenas acute. ^{ALMIRANTE} CONDELL unable to leave moorings, other 3 patrol vessels endurance halved. (N.A. Santiago de Chile, 1651/27)

New Zealand

Auckland
Re-opened. The Port of Auckland, which was closed owing to enemy mining, has been re-opened. (.I.C. 0494/40)

GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPS

- M. V. DUISBURG 1,080 tons Tanker, reported arrived Gothenburg 26/6 (I.C. 0495/40)
- VULKAN Reported arrived Gothenburg (I.C. 0495/40)
(Gottenburg 1503/27)
- BESSEL Vigo, reported loaded extra fresh provisions
(I.C. 0495/40)
- USARAMO Vigo, reported received 2 lorry loads of goods from
Madrid last week. (.I.C. 0495/40)
- BRAKE Vigo, now painted grey and has transferred 80 drums
lubricating oil to tanker, MAX ALBRECHT at Ferrol.
(I.C. 0495/40)
- LA PLATA Vigo, transferring 800 tons of iron from her cargo
to JOAO PESSOA (I.C. 0495/40)
- JOAO PESSOA Vigo; Rumoured intending to sail. (.I.C. 0495/40)
- MAX ALBRECHT Ferrol rumoured intending to sail (.I.C. 0495/40)
(Consul, Vigo, 1737/27)

ITALIAN MERCHANT SHIPS

- EURO. 4687 tons, sequestered in Hampton Roads for debt to
Asiatic Petroleum Company. This is 8th Italian
ship against which A.P.C. has taken proceedings since
Italy entered war. (D.S., 296)
- JOLE FASSIO 5169 tons, has arrived at Puerto Cabello. (D.S., 296)
- BACICIN PADRE. 5591 tons, anchored in Bay at Puerto Cabello, likely
to be moved by Venezuelan authorities to Turiamo.
(D.S., 296)

SINKING OF S.S. LETICIA (Dutch) (Small Tanker)

GROSS TONS & ARMAMENT: 2,580:

DATE AND TIME: 1830/27/4.

POSITION: 50°11'N. 13°14'W. 400 to 450 miles from Irish Coast.

SPEED: 8 knots.

ROUTE: Trinidad to Falmouth.

CARGO: Gas oil (2578 tons)

IN CONVOY: No

ESCORT: None

FATE OF CREW: 31 all told, 2nd mate and another wounded, 3 missing.

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Good. slight sea running.

REMARKS:- Sunk by shell fire, ship caught fire immediately. About 60 rounds fired. S/M came to surface on starboard quarter at about 300 yards away and started shelling at once and chart house, bridge and Captain's cabin were destroyed. Engines stopped, boats lowered and ship abandoned, and when boats were clear of ship S/M started to shell again, then came alongside boat. It was about 240 feet long and dark green in colour. S/M Captain handed bandages and some brandy to boat for wounded.

Crew picked up by H.M.S. HURRICANE and landed at Plymouth.

DATE:



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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MINING

Ships Attacked

LETIZIA
Sunk

Dutch, 2580 tons, sunk at 1700 in position 50.09'N., 13.45 W., 170 miles S.W. of Cape Clear 2 U-Boats reported in vicinity. HAVELOCK and HURRICANE searching. (Capt. (D)9 2113/27)

REET

Estonian, 827 tons Tees to Gothenburg with coal reported missing by Lloyds, presumed lost. (D.O.R., 298)

Danish-Copenhagen-Malmo ferry steamer reported sunk by mine while proceeding to Germany (A.4) (Acting Consul, Malmo, 1421/27)

LILY

Danish, 1281 tons, from Fowey to Preston with China clay, reported missing by Lloyds, presumed lost, (D.O.R., 298)

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ThursdayU-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MININGSubmarines Reported

- 0500 By aircraft 51.54'N., 1.22'E 3 miles S.E. Dover course south. BONEAS to investigate (V.A.Dover, 0626/27) (I.C. 0494/40)
- Motor A/S boats 07 and 09 are leaving harbour now to join in search. (V.A.Dover, 0717/27) GREYHOUND to join in hunt. (N.C.I.C. Dover 1214/27)
- 1048 Bay Aircraft 60.24' N., 05.59'W., about 112 m. N.N.W. from Cape Wrath, Sutherland. (D.S., 296)
- 0826 Possibly in North Channel, position indefinite. (I.C., 0494/40) ATHERSTONE, FERNIE and GLEANER despatched to hunt. (F.O.I.C., Greenock 1401/27)
- 0700 See Submarines Attacked.
- 1600 G.M.T. A.F. message. 50.09N., 13.46 W (D.D.I.C. 0057/28)
- 1125 D.F., unknown enemy unit probable U-boat, at 1125/27, 49.N., 9.40'W unreliable fix. (Devils Point W/T 1156/27, C. in C., W.A. 1303/27) I.C. 0495 gives position 47.30N., 9.30 W, 224° Lands End 214°
- 1205 Suspicious submarine sighted apparently steering north 025 east.
- 1446 / 200 44.56'N., 13.42'W 1200/27 (ss. DEUCALION, to Land's End Radio, Plymouth A.C.H.Q., 1346/27 G.M.T. A.C.W.A., 1559/27)
- 1355 1 submarine bearing 320° distance unknown in position 298 E. Ronaldshay 114. (NORTHERN ISLES, 1355/27)
- 1130 58.32 N., 2.50 W., reported from shore. (H.Q.C.C. 1745/27)
- a.m./27 48.47 N., 07.59 W., 118 miles S.W. Land's End. reported by survivors of s.s. PRUNELLA (D.S. 297) (I.C., 0495/40) VERSATILE and other destroyers ordered to search, keeping look out for raft, boat and U-boat (C. in C., 2023/27)
PRUNELLA (alias CAPE HOWE) Sunk by U.26. (F.S.)
- 1919 Between Orkneys and Norway, indefinite position of U/B homeward bound.
- 0806 Crossing observed on Loop No 13, speed 3 knots (Dover Loop Station, 0806/27)
- 1156 U/B report, adnty., 1156/27, Cancelled (C. in C., W.A., 1301/27).
- 2346 D.F., unreliable fix. 57.30'N., 09.00' W.,

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ThursdayU-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MININGSubmarines Reported, Contd.Estimated Dispositions

1 in Finisterre area
 1 off Cape St. Vincent, may still be far out.
 1 in Bay of Biscay.
 1 in Western Approaches.
 1 (possibly) in North Channel,
 1 S.W. of Hebrides homeward bound
 1 N. of Scotland homeward bound.
 1 N. of Shetland homeward bound.
 1 Northern North Sea homeward bound
 (I.C., 0494/40)

Submarines Attacked0700

60.24'N 5.59'W Attacked by aircraft Result unknown. (C. in C., Kosyth 1022/27) Four 100 lb A/S bombs dropped 3 points to port bow. Two exploded about 20 ft from where periscope had last been seen, other two some 15 ft further ahead course of submarine. Oil visible almost immediately. (Donibristle, 1012/27, F.O.C.O.S., 1043/27)

1415

By NORTHERN ISLES in position 60.20' N., 5. 48'W 347. Cape Wrath 106' (NORTHERN ISLES, 1415/27) Attacked contact 16' from aircraft attack at 0700/27 (I.C., 0495/40)

Ships Attacked - Mediterranean & East IndiesPATHAN

Royal Indian Navy. F.O.C. R.I.N. has concluded that the loss of PATHAN was due to mine or torpedo. (D.O.R., 298) (Page 675A)

Submarines Reported1837

33.47 N., 27.30 E., 200 miles N.W. Alexandria. Reported by destroyer DAINTY. (DAINTY 1837/27)

Submarines Attackedn.m./28

By aircraft off Malta, approx position 35.48'N., 14.40'E., no apparent success. (I.C., 0495/40)

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FridaySITUATION REPORTFrench Fleet

DORSETSHIRE located RICHELIEU at 0600/28 10 miles off Dakar and HOOD and ARK ROYAL who left Gibraltar to join the search were ordered to return to base. RICHELIEU entered Dakar, but DORSETSHIRE was requested not to do so by the French Authorities, and she refuelled at Freetown.

EMILE BERTIN is said to have commenced unloading today at Fort de France. DUNEDIN was informed that it is intended to unload BEARN's aircraft at G^uadeloupe before sending her back to France; DUNEDIN is to follow her to G^uadeloupe. FIJI remains off Fort de France.

C. in C., China arrived at Saigon today for a brief visit.

British Naval Movements

ARETHUSA, flying the flag of V.A. Force H left Portsmouth 1500/28 for Gibraltar, (P. 589) where she is expected at 1800/30.

Air

Enemy aircraft again visited the U.K. last night, some 90 machines being engaged in dropping bombs over a wide area in southern Scotland, Northern Counties, Midland Area, East Anglia and the South Western Counties. Some damage was caused near Scunthorpe, but elsewhere damage was little and casualties were slight. Jersey and Guernsey harbour were bombed this evening. SS ISLE OF SARK attacked the raiders with AA fire. She was due to sail at 2200, and aircraft were sent to provide protection.

Willemsoord was attacked at 0240. Hits were made in the dock area. Fires and a large explosion were seen. Bombs were dropped off May Island and in the Firth of Forth, where it was estimated 5 or 7 aircraft were involved.

/At 1900/28.....

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SITUATION REPORT Contd.

At 1900/28. Jersey and Guernsey were bombed. Vehicles at the harbour and harbour sheds were set on fire and destroyed. 23 people were killed and 36 wounded. A small steamer was bombed but not hit outside Guernsey.

Gardening was carried out in the Kiel Area.

Mining

Humber and Amble are closed. Blyth and Tees are open.

Preparations for Invasion

Although there is no convincing evidence, there are signs that must not be ignored that preparations are being made in Norway and Flanders for the launching of a sea-borne expedition supported by aircraft.

Several reports indicate an invasion date early in July. (C. I. C., Report No 28)

Reports tend to indicate that German troops in Norway are being reinforced and considerable numbers of parachute troops are also there.

e/ It is considered that there are sufficient aerodromes in existence or under construction in Norway to permit of the assembly of an air-borne expedition, or to provide cover for a sea borne expedition.

Shipping is plentiful in the Baltic ports of Germany and Denmark. It is not known whether a sea borne expedition is being prepared.

Movement and concentration of barges and small craft, have been noticed in Holland and Belgium which do not entirely agree with commercial movements. These may be in connection with the occupation, but the possibility exists that stores are being brought down to advanced bases for invasion and that coasters, and perhaps some barges, are possibly being collected for direct invasion.

/German Air.....

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German Air forces are being re-equipped with a view to very early concentration in Flanders and the North of France.
(C.I.C. Report No 29)

U-Boat Sunk

WHITE BEAR reports having sunk an enemy submarine at 1930/28, between the Isle of Lewis and the mainland.

U.S.S.R. Occupies Bessarabia

Rumania today accepted the ultimatum of the U.S.S.R. and troops of the latter occupied Bessarabia and Northern Bukovina.

Italian Hostilities

EAGLE, RAMILLES, ROYAL SOVEREIGN and 7 destroyers left Alexandria today, to cover light forces at sea.

Italian
Destroyer Sunk

(ESPERO)

A flying boat, patrolling in the Mediterranean, attacked an enemy submarine at 1150/28, about 150 miles South of Corfu, steering south, and at 1210 reported 3 enemy destroyers in that neighbourhood. At 1830 the 7th C.S. sighted the 3 enemy destroyers about 60 miles to S.E. of their previous position, and in the ensuing long range action sank 1 Italian destroyer.

Malta was bombed today by 6 aircraft, one of which was shot down by a gladiator.

28/6 Mersa Matruh was heavily bombed. 60 hits were registered on the aerodrome, which has been rendered unserviceable. Gladiator aircraft again failed to intercept because of inferior performance.

The Italian Govt. has announced that it will abide by International agreements prohibiting the use of bacteriological means of warfare and of poison gas.

REFERENCE SHEET

ADMIRALTY

From Record office
Dated May 13 1947To Capt. Dewar
TSD/HIS

This is the copy of the original
above which I phoned. I have
asked for copies of the other originals
you quoted also the files.

AKW
L. Hood

COPY.

SECRET OUT

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SECRET.

MESSAGE.

0006/28th June.

Date 28.6.40.

To C. in C. Mediterranean. 810.

Naval Cypher F.

From Admiralty.

IMMEDIATE AIDAC.

Personal from First Sea Lord.

Your 1049/27. It is clear that there is now no hope of further French resistance in North Africa or from the French Navy.

A. We have not yet received the authentic terms of the Armistice regarding the French Fleet. The original German terms were that ships had to be delivered to a specified port whilst the B.B.C. version of Italian terms is that they have to be delivered to French Metropolitan ports for de-militarisation under German or Italian control. This is probably correct and would probably result in their eventually falling into German or Italian hands and being used by them. The French however seem to be believing or hoping that they will be allowed to retain them and demilitarise them in French Colonial ports.

B. For the above reason we feel that it is essential that they should not reach French Metropolitan ports.

C. As soon as an adequate force has been collected at Gibraltar drastic action against ships at Oran will probably be taken if they are still there.

D. VALIANT is on her way to Gibraltar and NELSON follows but we may not wait for latter. Somerville will command Western Mediterranean Force.

E. Submarines are required to watch Oran until surface forces are available. Instructions for them follow. They will be returned to you as soon as possible.

F. French Liaison Officer has just brought me a message from Darlan protesting against retention of ships at Alexandria, Portsmouth and Plymouth. I replied that we had got to win the war not only for ourselves but for them and all trivialities and sob stuff about friendship and feelings must be swept aside. He asked whether their ships would be fired on if they attempted to leave Alexandria and I replied yes ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ and now they knew it the responsibility would be theirs.

G. Assume you are guarding weak capital forces by air reconnaissance.

0006/28.

Secretary to First Sea Lord.

1st Lord	PERSONAL.	D.N.I. 3.	PERSONAL.
1st S.L.	"	D. of S.T.	"
5th S.L.	"	D.T.D.	"
V.C.N.S.		D.N.A.D.	"
A.C.N.S. (T).		D. A/S.W.	"
A.C.N.S. (F).		Hd. of M.	"
C.S.O. to 1st S.L.		D. of P.	"
D.O.D. (F).		I.P.	"
D.D.O.F. (F).			
Duty Capt.			

M 36
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F.O.
W.C.O.
Capt. Clark
Mr. Paul

(By agreement to)
Asst. Secy to F.S.L.

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FridayFRENCH FLEET→ HOOD
ARK ROYAL

After refuelling HOOD and ARK ROYAL proceed towards Canary Is. at 20 knots. Report time of leaving Gibraltar. (1st. S.L. 0221/28 to F.O.C.N.A.)

→ RICHELIEU

RICHELIEU must be located (V.C.N.S. 0315/28, to C. in C., S.A.) I have RICHELIEU in sight 10 miles off Dakar (DORSETSHIRE, 0600/28)

→ HOOD
ARK ROYAL

Most immediate. Return to Gibraltar. (C.N.S. 0755/28 to V.A.A., HOOD)

EMILE BERTIN
JEANNE D'ARC
BEARN

Unloading of EMILE BERTIN reported to have started today. JEANNE D'ARC leaving for Guadeloupe tonight owing to congested harbour here. Chief of Staff informs me intention is to unload BEARN's aircraft at Guadeloupe before sending her back to France. Your 1721/18 part (ii) ? Request instructions (DUNEDIN 1702/28 to Admty)

Admiralty 1337 28th June. H.M.S. DUNEDIN shadow French Aircraft carrier BEARN. If French Aircraft Carrier BEARN proceeds to Guadeloupe H.M.S. DUNEDIN use discretion whether to follow her in or remain outside. H.M.S. FIJI maintain patrol off Fort de France taking opportunity for fuelling from LA CARRIERE under lee of Martinique. (C. in C., A.W.I. 2201/28 to DUNEDIN, FIJI)

Ships at
Falmouth

(All unimportant units) (N.O.I.C. Falmouth, 1620/28)

Dakar

Most definite impression that as far as Admiral Planson and Navy is concerned, pressure is being brought to bear by German influence in French Government to make them do all they can to deny use of Dakar to British Warships and Shipping

(b) A message was yesterday read to Naval and Air personnel purporting to come from French Admiralty and asserting Germany and Italy were only friends of France and that England was acting against her.

(c) I have been requested to stop use of aircraft of H.M. Ships at Dakar. In this connection RICHELIEU reported she had been shadowed by Naval aircraft. While agreeing with above restriction I have formally reserved right to use aircraft when necessary for A/S duties.

/(d)...

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FRENCH FLEET

Dakar, Contd.

(d) Important British ships have been held up for fuel and water on various pretexts.

(e) Berth alongside for H.M. Ships will not be allowed in future.

4. My relations with Governor General and General Barrau (for whom I have great admiration and respect) have been and remain friendly and cordial. Neither of these officials has apparently received any such messages as that referred to in paragraph 3 (b) Nor has any change been suggested in official position of the B.M.L.O. This again bears out my opinion in paragraph 2 above and information in your 1910/26. The Admiral refuses to question authenticity of any signal he has received.

5. As far as Dakar is concerned therefore I consider

(a) We shall get no help from Naval Authorities as long as they submit to instructions purporting to come from French Admiralty.

(b) The Army, while friendly, will resist any attempt by us to assume control anywhere at the same time the General was emphatic that he would equally resist any attempted infringement of territorial rights of French West Africa by land sea or air by Germany and Italy. He maintained this would break terms of armistice.

(c) While a number of civilians are anxious to continue the war, large majority would resent our interference and only fight under the French flag.

6. The port of Dakar could I consider only be secured for our use by the goodwill of the Army and people or by capture. Latter would necessitate employing powerful forces to be successful.

7. Request early instructions regarding use of Dakar by H.M. Ships and disposal of Air personnel and material at Ouakam aerodrome. (C. in C., S.A. 0606/28 to Admty)

/ Admiral Dakar...

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FridayFRENCH FLEETDakar

Admiral Dakar has refused permission for DORSETSHIRE to enter port and has requested she will comply with the orders he has received that H.M. Ships are not to use Port Dakar. I have ordered DORSETSHIRE to proceed with all despatch to Freetown to complete with fuel. Further signal will be made regarding my intentions. (C. in C., S.A. in ALBATROSS 1102/28 to Admty)

Bizerta

Following undertakings obtained verbally before leaving Bizerta. From Admiral Esteva that if orders for giving up Fleet or units were received from Government and not his chief he would not obey. From Prefect of Maritime that he would never give up Dockyards. Charges already in place to blow nerve centres. (B.N.L.O. Casablanca 1003/28 to Admty)

(Sud) at

Following is joint opinion of all B.N.L.O's Mediterranean ports met Casablanca.

(1) French Army and Air Force at present much more determined than Navy to carry on war in North Africa and to resist attack, although no attempted resistance can be maintained without supply of munitions.

(2) French Navy. Morale of crews Dakar deteriorating, some ships have failing pay, others fear the same. British Government offer of pay and pensions probably not known by men. Promised terms published in papers today must have caused strong feelings. Pay and immediate lead would undoubtedly influence them to follow their officers who are unanimous in desiring to continue war.

(3) The Best form this lead could take would be arrival of British Squadron outside territorial waters Oran. Morale would then immediately improve and Admiral Commanding might launch last appeal to French Admiral and his C. O's. If French battleships put to sea all forces would probably follow suit.

(4) Reference B.N.L.O Sud's 1003/28 British Admiral could stress undertakings given by Admiral Esteva and Rivet which if carried out would render treaty null therefore French Admiral's action in taking fleet to sea would be in keeping with these undertakings. 1108/28.

Please pass my 1003/28 and my 1108/28 prefixed to C. in C., Mediterranean F.O. i/c Gibraltar (?) (Casablanca 1309/28 to Admty)

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FRENCH FLEET

RICHELIEU

My 1415/28 and Adty. 2343/27. Clause (ii)
The object is to be in position to intercept RICHELIEU on receipt of information of sailing from Dakar, allowing for delay of 18 hours in communications. Cruising area must be outside range of French Naval seaplanes, a squadron of which has recently arrived Dakar, it should be to eastward of convoy route and westwards of coastal traffic and must be within intercept distance of RICHELIEU (C. in C., S.A. in ALBATROSS 1514/28 to C. in C., S.A.) Detailing position to which DORSETSHIRE is to proceed after fuelling. (C. in C., S.A. in ALBATROSS 1515/28)

WAR DIARY.HOME COMMANDS.28.6.40.
FridayDefence of U.K18th C.S.

If 18th C.S. to be available to repel Invasion South of the Wash, essential to use Humber or Portsmouth. Consider Portsmouth too far from C. in C. H.F. Prefer face risks of Humber to admission that cannot base Cruisers near East Coast. Decision must be matter for Admiralty.
(C. in C. Nore 1314/28 to Admiralty.)

HOME COMMANDS.Movements.S/M's.

Position 0600/29 and movements for following 24 hours.
TRITON TRIDENT Fro Havet.
TRIAD TAKU vicinity of W P T S and D K H I 5420 respectively both proceeding on surface to Fro Havet.
SNAPPER C 1.
SEA LION C. 4
SEVERN M B N D 3030
L 23 escorted by Netherlands Torpedo Boat Z 5. left Scapa 1800 28th June due Dundee 1000 29th June.
NARWHAL leaves Blyth 0700 unescorted on surface for Immingham and leaves Immingham 1700 29th June unescorted on surface Northwards.
STURGEON A 5
H 34 in H 2 leaving P.M. for Harwich.
H 50 North of Brownridge proceeding submerged by day to L S T S 1515.
H 31 B F W Y 0025 proceeding submerged by day to Blyth.
RUBIS proceeding on surface due Dundee A.M. from North East.
(V.A.(S) 1703/28).

My 0104/28. WARWICK and WALKER detailed to join Home Fleet, propose they should be used as part of escort for BARHAM.

C. in C. W.A. 2009/28. to C. in C.H.F.)

HOME COMMANDS.Operations.Force H.

V.A. Sir J. Somerville will hoist flag today in ARETHUSA in command of Force H. (D.S.D. 1159/28 to C. in C. Portsmouth).

Operation Nitwit.

Carry out operation Nitwit tonight 28/29, 2 M. A/S.B's at C, 2 M.T.B's between Somme Bay and Boulogne (V.A. Dover 1830/28 to D.I, BOREAS, C.F.D. A.O.C. 16 gp CAP, C. in C. Nore Adty.)

WAR DIARY.HOME COMMANDS.

28.6.40.

Friday

OperationsA/S S.F. Scilly
and Ireland

When ready VERSATILE proceed to act as in my 1853/26 VIVACIOUS being ordered to rendezvous as requisite. VANQUISHER and WINCHELSEA act as A/SSF between Scilly and Ireland. (C. in C. W.A. 1221/28.).

H.M.S. VANQUISHER and H.M.S. WINCHELSEA returning to Plymouth for fuel. My position course and speed are 048° 05' North 008° 00' West 051° 12. (VANQUISHER 2000/28 to A.C.W.A.)

CCDRINGTON shelled.

Off Boulogne see Air 29/6.

R.M. Brigade.

Reference 0001/26 from Admiralty. With the exception of one battalion who will remain temporarily ashore at Pembroke dock owing to poor accommodation in ST. BRIAC anticipate all loading including embarkation of other battalions will be completed by a.m. Monday 1st July. Brigade will be at six hours' notice from then. This will be confirmed. (M.O.I.C. Milford Haven 1628/28.)

WAR DIARY.HOME COMMANDS.28.6.40.
FridayAir.British air Activity.

At 0240/28 dive-bombing attack on Willemsoord. Several hits and explosion caused. (Chatham 0855/28).

Texel.Enemy Air Activity.TRIAD.

Bombed in 57°24'N. 0°36' by single A/C Patrol. No damage. (TRIAD 1120/28 to Admiralty.)

Guernsey.

Attacked by aircraft (ISLE OF SARK 1806/28).

HOME COMMANDS.Mining

One mine detonated by LL alongside Nab End Buoy (C. in C. Portsmouth 1850/28.)

HOME COMMANDS.Enemy Intelligence.

Two Cruisers or Destroyers 15 miles East of Balta Sound course 210 High speed. (N.O.I.C. Lerwick 1324/28 to F.O.C.O.S.)

It is reported from Gothenburg that USKO, Finnish 1876 tons, has been declared Prize of War by the Hamburg Prize Court. (D.S. 297.)

HOME COMMANDS.Shipping.Ocean Convoys.

Re routeing (D.T.D.1732/28).

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FridayWEATHER

0500

AREA	WIND	VISIBILITY	OUTLOOK
North Sea	Light Variable	V. Good in North. Good but hazy in South.	Similar
Channel	Southerly Light	Good, local coastal fog	S. Moderate to fresh. Vis. Good to Moderate.
Western Approaches	S. Fresh	Good	Veering S.W. Mod. to Fresh. Vis. good, with local fog.
Horns Reef	Light Variable	Moderate to Good.	Similar
W. Coast Norway	S. Westerly Light to moderate	Very Good	Wind S. Fresh Vis Good.



WAR DIARY.

CASUALTIES & DEFECTS.

28.6.40.
Friday

ARGUS.

Dragged ashore at Reykjavik. No
damage apparent. (N.O. I/C Iceland
1355/28) Refloated (Reykjavik 0040/29.)

FRASER.

Report why after part of FRASER
could not be towed back to harbour
(V.C.N.S.1725/28 to C.S.2.)

FOREIGN STATIONS

North Atlantic

- HOOD) After refuelling to proceed towards Canary Islands
ARK ROYAL) at 20 knots. (D.O.D.(F) 0221/28 to F.O.C.N.A.)
- To return to Gibraltar (C.N.S., 0755/28 to V.A.A. and Hood).
- Intend to put ARK ROYAL and HOOD and escorting destroyers at 4 hours' notice from 1000 tomorrow for at least 24 hours to deal with essential engine-room defects. (F.O.C.N.A. 1512/28)
- Force "H" Admty. 1159/28. Intend transferring my flag to HOOD on arrival Gibraltar p.m. 30/6. (V.A., Force H, 1455/28, to Admty.)
- WATCHMAN On relief by VELOX at 0600/29, off Casablanca, outside territorial waters, WATCHMAN to return to Gibraltar.
VELOX Weather permitting, B.N.L.O., Brest, is to transfer to VELOX. (F.O.C.N.A., 1700/28)
- Refugees Ships sailed with refugees for Liverpool (F.O.C.N.A. 1240/28, 2306/28)
- French Volunteer. Commandant Aviateur Brevete Pigeaud wishes Gen. De Gaulle to know that he is here working for the cause. (S.O.I., Gibraltar, 2040/28)
- Passenger Ships 3 ships near Gibraltar (D. of S.T. 2028/28 to F.O.C.N.A.)
- Force H.
1. A detached squadron known as Force H under command of V-A Sir James Somerville has been constituted as follows :-
ARK ROYAL, HOOD, RESOLUTION, VALIANT, ARETHUSA, FAULKNER, FOXHOUND, FEARLESS, ESCAPEE, FORESTER, FORESIGHT, ESCORT.
 2. The following ships will join Force H when they enter the limits of North Atlantic :- NELSON, ENTERPRISE, DELHI, FAME, FURY, ST. LAURENT, SKEENA.
HMCS HMCS
 3. Force H. will for the present be based at Gibraltar.
 4. Subject to any instructions which may be given by Admiralty the tasks of Force H. will be :-
 - (a) To prevent units of the Italian Fleet from breaking out of the Mediterranean.
 - (b) To carry out offensive operations against the Italian Fleet and Italian coasts.
 (Adty. 1724/28 to F.O.'s Home and Abroad.)
- Re. 1724/28, 4(b). Inform Adty. in advance of your intentions regarding operations against Italian Coast.
2. 13th. D.F. is to be placed at your disposal for any operations for which destroyers immediately under your command are not adequate.

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FridayFOREIGN STATIONSNorth Atlantic (Ctd.)

3. When Force H. is in harbour the destroyers attached to it are to assist in the patrol of the Straits of Gibraltar as required by F.O.C.N.A. (Adty. 1738/28 to S.O. Force H.)

South Atlantic

→ RICHELIEU Must be located (V.C.N.S. 0315/28 to C. in C.S.A.)

B.C. Convoy Ref. 2343/27. H.M.A.S. AUSTRALIA is to escort combined B.C. Convoy H.M.S. CORNWALL to remain at Freetown until further orders. (C. in C.S.A., in ALBATROSS, 1745/28)

Convoy B.C.S. To proceed direct to Takoradi. CORNWALL to patrol within a radius of 150 miles of Takoradi while transports are in harbour. Further programme. (C. in C.S.A. 1201/28 to CORNWALL, and 1246/28 to N.C.S.O., Takoradi)

Signals Re signal to C. in C.S.A. from S.N.O. Simonstown, not received (April) (Hd. of M., 1125/28 to S.N.O., Simonstown).

South America Re his visit to Rio de Janeiro, and situation in South America. Ambassador considers any German move in Brazil would be strategically determined from Berlin and not initiated locally, further that such action would be simultaneous in all South American countries, might be coupled with Japanese action to occupy the American Fleet or coincide with any threat of entry of America into war. Interviewed Admiral Pickens of U.S.S. WICHITA. Both WICHITA and QUINCY will remain handy to Montevideo at least until July 19. Argentines have refused their offer of visit. (RASAD, 1848/28).

Japanese Vessels, Madagascar From known sailings the four Japanese ships mentioned plus 2 others would have been near Madagascar at time of this report. (D.D.I.C., 1711/28)

Convoy S.L.38. Cancel my 1735/25. Ocean route for S.L.38 (details (D.T.D., 1855/28).

DRAGON To sail from Walvis Bay for Lagos. (C. in C.S.A. 0951/28)

→ French Fleet Arrivals Dakar 28/6, RICHELIEU, cruisers MILAN, EPERVIER, destroyer FLEURET, A.M.C. EL D'JEZAIR, EL MANSOUR, EL KANTARA, VILLE D'ORAN, VILLE D'ALGER, VICTOR SCHOELCHER. (C. in C.S.A., 1540/28)

Dakar, ARUNDEL CASTLE S.S. ARUNDEL CASTLE, which called at Dakar for fuel on 27/6, was subject to long delay and obstruction because she had troops on board. She left on 28/6 without fuelling. (D.O.R. 300)

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FridayFOREIGN STATIONSMediterraneanGeneralConvoys

7th Cruiser Sqdn. (5 ships) and 5 destroyers, ^{for A}
3rd Cruiser Sqdn. (2 ships) and 4 destroyers, ^{for C}
are at sea in the Eastern Mediterranean to ^(escort for Aegean Convoys)
provide cover for convoys from Malta and Aegean
Sea to Alexandria. (D.O.R. 298)

Malta
Families.

re Evacuation of Malta families temporarily to
Egypt pending decision as to further move. (War
Office to C. in C., M.E., 1650/28)

Italian
Transports

Middle East O/12659, 25/6, to War Office, para 2
does not correctly represent my view, which is
that with present Mediterranean forces I cannot
guarantee to prevent passage of transports from
Italy to Libya. (C. in C., Med., to Admty.,
2343/28)

Action, ESPERO
Destroyer
Sunk. *Sachs*

p 672.

As a result of flying boat reconnaissance, 7th
Cruiser Sqdn. sighted 3 enemy destroyers in
position 36°00' N., 21°00' E., at about 1830/28.
Action ensued at long range, one Italian
destroyer being sunk. (C. in C. Med. 0315/29)
statement to local press (C. in C. Med., 1515/29)
Name was ESPERO (C.C.M.E. 0129/2 N.Y.)

Spanish
Preparations

Naval officers and men on leave or without ship
have been ordered to report for instructions.
Many gun emplacements are being hastily constructed
at Sant Ponsa Bay, mostly concealed in pine woods.
(Consul, Palma, 1930/28).

Foreign
Personnel

Realize your position about reception of Foreign
Legion personnel. Every effort will be made to
pass them on to Egypt. Regret situation in
Middle East will not allow a British battalion
to be sent from Egypt to Malta in spite of any
French troops who may arrive in Egypt. (War Office
to Governor, Malta, 1655/28)

Understand Foreign Legion personnel may be en
route for Malta whence they will be passed on by
Governor to Egypt. Please treat them on arrival
in accordance policy already indicated in War
Office telegram 74995, 27/6, for treatment of
French from Syria. No question of sending
British battalion from Egypt to Malta. (War
Office, to C. in C., Middle East, 2130/28).

Greek Ship

Your 1729/27. Release Greek ship PETRAKIS
NOMIKOS forthwith and instruct to proceed on her
voyage. This step is to meet urgent representa-
tion of Minister at Athens. (C. in C., Med., to
C.C.S.O., Port Said, 1200/28)

Your 1729/27. Greek PETRAKIS NOMIKOS is not to
be allowed into Mediterranean pending further
instructions. (D.E.W.D. 1638/28) to C.C.S.O.,
Port Said).

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FOREIGN STATIONS

Mediterranean

General (Ctd.)

Poison Gas. Italian Govt. have stated that they will observe the prohibition of the use of poison and other gases and bacteriological methods of warfare. (Hd. of M., 1341/28)

Suez Canal Asking what is reaction of Suez Canal officials to present situation. (D.N.I., to S.B.N.C., Canal Area, 1802/28)

S/M Escape, Spain. Admty. 1938/26. ^{ALFREDO} S/M CAPPELLINI, Lt.Com. Cristiano Masi, was not interned but effecting repairs, 15 days allowed. Consider escape due to Spanish negligence but not bad faith. Believed returned Italy. (Madrid, 1633/27)

Air.

76ZSqn. Your 1643/27. Agreed that operations against enemy surface ships should be primary objective for Swordfish aircraft. It is, however, important that no opportunities should be lost of carrying out offensive operations against Italy. Operations by night over Sicily by Swordfish need not be expensive in aircraft. Casualties in recent night operations by Whitley and Swordfish aircraft at home have been very few, and indicate that slow speed is not a handicap at night. (5th S.L., to C. in C., Med., 1803/28)

Malta Raid. One raid today by 6 A/C. One bomber shot down by Gladiator. (F.O.I.C., Malta, 2113/28)

Mining

Off Tripoli Within 2 miles of 33°03'18" N., 13°16'36" E., (I.C. 0495/40)

Off Brindisi In area enclosed by 40°41'3" N., 18°10' E.
40°41'3" N., 18°11'2" E.
40°37'5" N., 18°10' E.
40°37'5" N., 18°11'2" E.

Off C. Sparti-vento, Sardinia Within 2 miles of 38°50' N., 8°56'36" E.

Enemy Intelligence

Destroyers. A/C report, 3 enemy destroyers bearing 148 deg., 25 miles, at 1210. (C. in C., Med., 1603/28)
37°05' N., 20°10' E., about 45' S.W. of Zante, at 1210/28 (I.C. 0496/40)

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FridayFOREIGN STATIONSEast Indies

- Bombay Port temporarily closed to shipping. All other ports open. (Simla, official 28/6)
- TAKLIWA. Admty. 2329/27. Possible date of arrival at Bombay, and accommodation for troops. (N.O.I.C. Kilindini, 1049Z/28, to D. of S.T.)
- Convoy B.N.I. Now 48 hours late. (C. in C.E.I. 1443Z/28) Your 2155/27. No ships in B.N.I. Convoy are suitable for evacuation of families from Egypt. (P.S.T.O. Bombay 1206Z/28) to D. of S.T.)
- C.O., Port Sudan. My 1517/19. Request early decision whether Reporting Officer, Port Sudan, is to be appointed N.O.I.C., Fortress Commander, or both. (C. in C., E.I., 0603Z/28)
- AMRA Requesting confirmation if she has been released. (D. of S.T., to P.S.T.O., India, 2141/28).

China

- Saigon Visit Your 0932/26. Question raised is dealt with in most immediate reply which F.O. are making to Saigon telegram No.21 which is being repeated to you. You should extend your visit if necessary. (A.C.N.S.(F) to C. in C. China 2256/28)

America and West Indies

- ILLUSTRIOUS Requesting earliest date by which she can be considered worked up and efficient allowing for passage home. (5 S.L., to C. in C., A.W.I., 18C5/28)
- French Attitude I make my last request to you to keep your ships in West Indies ports. If these return to French ports the enemy will surely use them against us. I ask you to consider the last part of Admiral Darlan's telegram of June 20. "Regardless of orders given to you, never to give up undamaged ships to the enemy". (C. in C. A.W.I., 2203/28)

Despite every effort by Governor, Trinidad, and self, Admiral Robert has declared himself bound to Bordeaux Government. He has today heard from Admiral De Laborde, now off French African Coast, that he intends to carry out armistice terms and undoubtedly Robert intends to do the same. Orders bearing Darlan's secret signature group were received from French Admiralty today saying no supplies or communications with the shore were to be afforded British warships in French ports. Robert does not intend to apply this order here. Also French Admiralty have warned French ships to be prepared for attack owing to hostile attitude of British Navy

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FridayFOREIGN STATIONSAmerica and West Indies

French
Attitude(Ctd.) Governor Trinidad is repeating his report to C. in C., A.W.I. (DUNEDIN, 1701/28).

Admty. 2201/27. Unloading of French cruiser EMILE BERTIN reported to have started today. French JEANNE D'ARC leaving for Guadeloupe tonight owing to congested harbour here. Chief of Staff informs me intention is to unload French A/C carrier BEARN's aircraft at Guadeloupe before sending her back to France. (DUNEDIN, 1702/28, amended 1245/29)

French
Cargoes. No ships carrying shipment of cargoes of any description are to proceed to French West Indian possessions pending further instructions. (C. in C., A.W.I., 2231/28)

Enemy
Broadcast re transmission by so-called New B.B.C. Station. (C. in C.A.W.I., 1803/28). Request information whether any abrupt change in signal strength occurred during this transmission. (D.N.I., 2004/29).

FURIOUS Sailing date (Admty. 0955/28, F.O.C. 3.B.S., 1028/28)

JACOB VAN
HEEMSKERCK Dutch. Left Halifax. Route to Falmouth (D.O.D.(H) 1308/28)

Australia

CANBERRA Intend to sail with British freight ship STRATHMORE for Cape Town (arrival date) (CANBERRA 0821Z/28 to A.C.N.B.)

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GERMAN MERCHANT SHIPS

- DANZIG Arrived with cargo of Resin. (Consul, Goteborg, 1545/28)
- HAVELLAND Left Manzanillo, Mexico, 27/6. (S.O.I., Kingston 1502/28)
- ORINOCO Tampico, preparing to sail (Press)

ITALIAN MERCHANT SHIPS

- PAMIA) Prizes, proceeded from Methil to Leith,
PELLICE) (I.C. 0495/40) taken over by British owners
(N.O.I.C. Methil 1241/27)
- MOSCARDIN) Prizes, proceeded to the Tyne (I.C.0495/40)
MUGNONE) taken over by British owners (N.O.I.C.Methil
BARBANA G) 1241/27)
- RECCO Tanker, Tenriffa, loaded 8200 tons from American
(I.C. 0495/40) tanker DUNGANNON
- SANGRO Tanker, Tenriffa, loaded 500 tons from American do.
(I.C. 0495/40)
- TAIGETE Tanker, Tenriffa, loaded 300 tons from American do.
(I.C.0495/40)
- ARCOLA Tanker, Tenriffa, loaded 497 tons from American do.
(I.C.0495/40)
- CONTE BIANCAMANO My 1601/25. Panama report, ship deposited
60,000 dollars out of 380 thousand dollars
required for release. (S.O.I., Kingston,
1051/28)
- GERARCHIA Still in San Nicolan, 1830/27. (S.O.I. Freetown,
Sierra Leone, 1155/28)
- RAPALLO Toronto Company states pressure being put upon
them to supply 600-700 tons of fuel. They will
delay for 3 or 4 days, but owing to neutrality
of Columbia they will have to fulfil contract.
(N.S.H.Q., Ottawa, 1433/28)

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FridayU-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MININGShips AttackedEDGEHILL, R.F.A.
(*alias WILLAMETTE VALLEY.*)Torpedoed, 49.27' N., 15.25'W., (Gibraltar W/T, 2325/28). Torpedoed 2230/28 Not in Convoy. (D.O.R., 299) *Sunk by U.S. (F.S.S.)*LEDA
Before 1431/28

Norwegian, 4005 tons, wreck seen at 1930/28 about 170 miles S.W. of Bantry Bay. (D.S. 298) Reported torpedoed 50.N., 13.24'W., 240° Fastnet 167' (I.C., 0496/40) (25 survivors picked up)

Submarines Reported0358 }
0433 }

D.F., enemy unit, probably U/B, 52. N, 12.W unreliable fix (D.D.I.C. 0238/28) A second transmission of same signal at 0433 indicates more likely position 50.50'N., 14. W (D.D.I.C., 0457/28) (A.C.W.A., 0519/28) (I.C. 0459/40)

0743

D.F., enemy unit probable U/B 52.N., 11. W., unreliable fix. (D.D.I.C., 0851/28) (I.C. 0495/40)

1500

Sighted by French submarine RUBIS, 58.20' N., 3.07'E steering 130° (RUBIS, 1500/28) (V.A.S. 1421/30)

1640 and }
1716 }

Enemy submarine reported in position 47.30'N., 15.30'W (C. in C., W.A., 1836/28)

1710

39.58 N., 5.14'E. ROD EL FARAG chased (D.D.I.C. 1901/28)

2225 G.M.T.

A.F. message, 49.27' N., 15.25'W. (D.D.I.C., 0012/29)

2002

58.N., 4. E 270° The Naze 98' position approximate. (probably the same U/B as at 1500) (I.C. 0496/40)

1956

58.15' N., 4.30' E., 280° The Naze, position approximate. (probably ~~xxx~~ a different U/B) (I.C. 0496/40)

2300

57.30' N., 6. 30'E., 206° The Naze 38'., position indefinite (I.C. 0496/40)

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FridayU-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MININGSubmarines Reported, Contd.

Estimated dispositions:-

- 1 off Cape St. Vincent.
- 1 N.W. Finisterre or in Bay of Biscay.
- 1 in Bay of Biscay or Western Approaches
- 1 in Western Approaches.
- 2 S.W. of Ireland, of which one was approx 51.N 14.W at 0433/28 and the other, possibly northbound, in approx. 52. N., 11.W at 0743/28

Possibly 1 N. of Ireland

- 1 N. of Hebrides homeward bound
- 1 N or N.E. Shetlands homeward bound.
- 1 in Northern North SEA homeward bound, possibly about 59.N., 3.-4. E.

(I.C., 0495/40) (D.D.I.C. 1345/28)

Submarines Attacked

1930

Sunk enemy submarine position 58.23'30" N., 05.33'W., 113° Butt of Lewis 24' remaining in vicinity, 1930. (WHITE BEAR, 2327/28) Report means of attack and all evidence that U-boat was destroyed. (F.O.C.O.S., 0220/29, to WHITE BEAR)

Reply: Dark hours depth charged. Submarine blown to surface and seen to turn over and disappear. Oil patches observed, continued contact, range decreasing. Remain stationary. (WHITE BEAR, 0510/29) Remain in contact until FORTUNE arrives (F.O.C.O.S. 1455/29) Orders to FORTUNE (R.A.D., 1457/29)

See p. 670, 623, 639.

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FridayU-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MININGMediterranean -Ships AttackedROD EL FARAG

Egyptian chased, submarine, 39.58'N., 5.14'E
1610 G.M.T. (Gibraltar W/T, 1714)
My s/m message, apparently all clear,
(ROD EL FARAG, 1900/28) (D.D.I.C. 1901/28)
35' E of Minorca. (I.C., 0496/40)

Submarines Reported

1150

By aircraft 37.31'N., 19.55'E (about 45' W
of Zante) (See Attacks)

----/28

3 reported in Massawa Harbour, Red Sea, by
aircraft. (D.S. 299)

Submarines Attacked*(See U-Boat Campaign 26.6.40)**later refloated by
Italians so**Yes, but she
was towed to
Massawa.*

Details of attack by KINGSTON, and finding
of wreck of U-boat beached in 14°26'. N
41°31'E., by LEANDER, which bombarded and
claimed 7 hits. 1 very near miss scored by
Walrus. S.N.O. Red Sea confident that even
if U-boat is not total loss she will be out
of action for months. U-boat had one gun.
Probably Italian submarine PERLA (C. in C.,
E.I. 0741Z (28) My 0741/28 para 1. The U-
boat was not the same as that seen by R.A.F.,
further air reconnaissance is being carried
out (C. in C., E.I., 0349/29)

Air patrol report attacking enemy submarine
in 37.31' N., 19.55'E (about 45' W. of Zante)
steering 170 deg. at 1150. (C. in C., Med.,
1603/28)

War Diary

29.6.1940.
Saturday.

SITUATION REPORT

British Naval Movements

HERMES was ordered to Dakar by C. in C., S.A. at 0600/29 to fuel and embark personnel and material from the aerodrome, sailing on completion.

NELSON and 4 destroyers left the Clyde this morning for Gibraltar. JERVIS with the new Governor and stores arrived at Gibraltar this morning.

There are insufficient minesweepers in the Humber to ensure the 18th C.S. getting to sea without delay. C. in C., Nore has informed C.S. 18 that his ships may use Sheerness or Soutend instead of, or alternatively with, the Humber.

Preparations for Invasion

In Kiel Bay 29/6 there were about 16 small M.Vs stationary which appear to be loaded with several lighters or pontoons evidently of special construction. These pontoons were noticed being built at Kiel in large numbers on 7/4. They are loaded athwart ships and may be intended for landing operations. (J.I.C. Report 55)

Evidence continues to accumulate that Germany is making preparations for a seaborne invasion (do)

French Fleet

French Naval and Military personnel in the U.K are to be repatriated to French Morocco on 30/6 and 1/7. French warships in British Ports will remain there. There are very few warships at present in harbours in France.

M.T.B. Activity

A/S Trawler WELLARD was attacked by enemy M.T.B's 14 miles E. of Beachy Head at 0200/29. The attack was repulsed after 4 torpedoes had been fired at her. CODRINGTON, on the Dover Patrol was sent to search.

Four of our M.T.B's were operating from Dover during the night 28/29. Two of these struck wreckage and returned to port with minor damage.

29.6.1940.
Saturday

SITUATION REPORT

Air

CODRINGTON was bombed at Folkestone this morning
Cardiff was bombed during night 28/29.

Reports indicate majority of long range bomber units will have completed refitting by 8/7. Fighter units appear to have reached a high state of serviceability. Air attacks by day must be anticipated from 1/7 though it is thought probable that attacks will not begin before 7/7. (Air Ministry D.S. 346)

An aircraft attacked a large barge north of Ostend at 0215/29. The barge blew up with a heavy explosion and is considered sunk, blocking the channel.

Amongst the targets attacked during the night 28/29 were Waalhave aerodrome, lock gates of the Dortmund Ems Canal new aqueduct, Flushing and Schipol aerodromes and Demok Seaplane Base, Abbeville aerodrome and targets on Heligoland.

Gardening was carried out in the Boulogne and Ymuiden areas by 6 Swordfish.

Mining

There appears to have been considerable enemy mine laying by aircraft between Farne Island and Seaham during the early hours of this morning. The sailing of MANCHESTER, NEWCASTLE and SHEFFIELD for Inmingham has been postponed.

The Tyne and Amble are closed and mines are suspected off Harwich, though the port is not closed. Humber has been reopened.

Up to date, 6 mines have been found in the approaches to Auckland

Troop Convoy

B.N.I. escorted by CERES, bound for Aden, is 48 hours late. C.M. of 6 ships with West African Troops has been delayed and is expected Mombasa 30/6.

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29.6.1940.
Saturday

SITUATION REPORT

Attitude of Spain

The Spanish authorities have forbidden Lloyd's Agents at Barcelona, Bilbao, Cadiz and Valencia, and at Las Palmas to report the movements of ships

Italian Hostilities

Two Italian U-boats were sunk 27/6 and two today, one of the latter by a Sunderland flying boat which picked up survivors.

ORPHEUS is overdue, and must be considered lost (D.C.N.S. 300)

C. in C., Med. believes that losses of submarines may be due to extensive defensive ~~mine-laying~~ Italian mine-laying even to depths of 200 fathoms, and steps have been taken to deal with this possibility (D.C.N.S. 300)

A/S air patrols were carried out from Malta and Gibraltar.

It is reported that strict orders have been given to Italian pilots against bombing non military objectives. (Air Min. D.S. 346)

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SaturdayHOME COMMANDS

R/C Officer reports Falmouth suitable for three fixed Torpedo Tubes. Preliminary work in hand for Torquay, Dartmouth and Falmouth. Only six Tubes should be allocated to Southampton. (N.O.I.C. Falmouth 1744/29)

18th C.S.
Base

If you prefer it, I have no objection to your using Sheerness or Southend instead of or alternatively with, Humber. (C. in C., NRE 1508/29 to C.S. 18)

Movements

Position of Submarine at 0600/30 and movements for the following 24 hours are as follows: 0600/30 TRITON, TRIDENT Fro Havet TRIDENT leaving 1200 coastwise for Rosyth. TRIAD, TAKU vicinity of P.F.J.V. 30 00 and L.K.T.S. 15 20 proceeding on the surface to relieve TRIDENT, TRITON. SNAPPER C One SEALION C Four, SEVERN M.B.N.D. 30 30 STURGEON and submarines H 50 in H One and H Two, Sub. H 31 B.F.Z.S. 3000, Sub H 34 C.P.T.S. 5520 proceeding submerged by day for Blyth and Harwich respectively. RUBIS due Dundee 0500 from N.E. NARWHAL due Immingham a.m. from Northward and leaves p.m. on surface Northwards. (V.A.S.S. 1828/29)

RUBIS

After arrival at Dundee, French submarine RUBIS to be detained there on some suitable excuse. (V.C.N.S. 0035/30 to V.A.S.)

OperationsHome Fleet at
1 hour's notice
(See Enemy
Intelligence)

Available Forces at Scapa and Rosyth are to come to short notice for steam. (D.C. 1956/29 to C. in C's. H.F. and Rosyth)

Fleet at Scapa is at one hours notice. Presume that in these and like circumstances three ships of the 18th C.S. at Rosyth will come under my orders. (C. in C., H.F. 2304/29 to Admty)

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Saturday.HOME COMMANDSOperations-Faroe Islands

Your 1303/29 O.C. troops, B.C. and I agree landing of 100 unknown aliens in Faroes cannot be permitted.

Propose passengers remain on board ~~PERNICIA~~ and that destroyer's crew totalling 450 proceed to Kirkwall in ST. MAGNUS in two parties as they cannot all be accomodated in her at once. We urge Swedish Government be pressed to agree and to issue orders to Swedish Senior Officer accordingly without further delay. (N.O.I.C. Faroes 2030/29 to Adnty.)

E-BoatsWELLAPD
Attacked

Am being attacked by enemy E boats in position 094⁰ Beachy Head 14 miles (Intercept Scapa W/T 0210/29)

Two Dover destroyers on patrol and 2 M.T.B's from near Boulogne immediately moved but unable to intercept or locate enemy. Neither could 2 aircraft of 16 group on patrol (V.A. Dover 1030/29)

5 E-boats
bombed. One
destroyed.

5 enemy torpedo boats in 53.31'N 5.20'E bearing 180⁰ 25 miles at 0516. Bombed, no hits. 1 destroyer in same position course 035⁰ speed 25 knots and appeared to be intercepting a French M.V. of 500 tons on same course. (A/C 0520/29, Donibristle 0810/29)

6 E-boats
attacked by
aircraft

6 E-Boats at 53.29'N ? longitude, attacked by aircraft at 2030. Course 240, speed 20 knots. Result unknown. (Chatham A.C.H.Q. 0005/30)


HOME COMMANDSAirBritish air activity

E boats bombed See E boats

Havre Docks, Dernot Seaplane Base at Texal, and shipping bombed. Many barges observed at Calais Schokland, Zeuder Zee, and Amsterdam. (HQBC. Recd. 0152/30)

Enemy air activity

CODRINGTON

Bombed near Folkestone Gate (CODRINGTON 0658/29) No damage or casualties CODRINGTON at 1900/28 was ordered to attempt rescue of British airmen 7 miles W. of Boulogne. She was heavily and accurately shelled by 2 or 3 4" batteries at Pointe de la Creche and Le Portal, and retired. (V.A. Dover 1030/29) Air raid (N.O.I.C. Swansea 0815/29) Cancel 0815/29 (F.O.I.C. Cardiff 0915/29)

Your 1937/29. One enemy a/c dropped bombs off Peterhead about 1750. Have six m/v's at Trondheim anything to do with this? (C-in-C H.F. 2229/29 to Adty.)



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HOME COMMANDSMining

Following has been passed to C.S. 18. There appears to have been considerable enemy mine-laying by aircraft between Farne Island and Seaham during the night. The Tyne is closed. 0335 ends. (C-in-C Rosyth 0440/29)

Tyne closed. Suspected minelaying by enemy aircraft (F.O.I.C. Tyne 0129/29)

Minesweepers now available are insufficient to assure there being no delay in getting cruisers to sea from Humber (F.O. Humber 1053/29 to Adty.)

Lowestoft

Your letter S.7/9/40 of 28 June. Approved not to lay mines off North Pier Steps to be taken to block all land exits from this Pier. (D. of L.D. 1938/29 to N.O.I.C. Lowestoft.)

ANDELLE

M.D. ship. To remain in Clyde until further orders. Her primary duty is the maintenance of channel from Greenock to Glasgow. (D.M.S. 1050/29)

One magnetic mine was exploded p.m./29th off Coquet Island. (D.C.N.S. 300)

All U.K. ports are open except Amble, near Coquet Island. (D.C.N.S. 300)

One magnetic mine was exploded off Lowestoft. (I.C. 0497/40)

Magnetic mines were exploded outside the Tyne to-day (D.S. 300)



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HOME COMMANDSEnemy IntelligenceTrondheim

One large warship at S. end of Harbour with 3,000 ton m/v alongside. (Donibristle 1520/29) In addition to shipping already reported some five other craft from 5,000 to 8,000 tons were observed by a/c. (Donibristle 1800/29) (C-in-C Rosyth 2200/29) One further large warship, probably a Battle Cruiser. (I.C. 0497/40)

At 1758 German a/c bearing 015° from ^{Waddington} ~~WADDINGTON~~ $53^\circ 10'N$, $00^\circ 45'W$ reported. "6 m/v's in position of own main forces".

At 1820 a/c using same call sign bearing 005° from ~~WADDINGTON~~ made a signal which included the word Peterhead.

At 1837 another a/c was fixed in approx. $58^\circ 00'N$ $00^\circ 35'E$.

At 1910 position of German Naval aircraft was $58^\circ 00'N$, $1^\circ 00'E$ making enemy report.

Comment

It is not known whether "own main forces" refers to surface or air forces. (D.D.I.C. 1937/29)

^{Waddington} Your 1937 and 2020. Do the bearings from ~~WADDINGTON~~ refer to the control or aircraft acknowledging message. (C-in-C H.F. 2205/29 to Adty.)

Your 1937. Was aircraft at 1910 in $58^\circ 00'N$, $01^\circ 00'E$ same as 1820 or 1837 aircraft or a third one (C-in-C H.F. 2209/29 to Adty.)

My 1937/29. Signal reporting 6 m/v's in position of main forces was from controls to aircraft not repeat not from Aircraft.

This indicates that the medium sized Merchant Ships are operating with the main forces. (D.N.I. 2020/29)

Your 2205/29. Bearing 015° at 1758 was bearing of Control. Bearing 005° at 1820 was bearing of aircraft.

Your 2209/29. This was a third aircraft. (D.D.I.C. 2335/29 to C-in-C H.F.)

Your 2229/29. Concur that it is probable that intercepted signal refers to ships at Trondheim. Ships at Scapa and Rosyth may revert to usual notice for steam. (D.O.D.(H) 0034/30 to C-in-C H.F.)

HOME COMMANDSEnemy IntelligenceTrondheim
(cont.)

One large battleship and one camouflaged warship were observed in Trondheim harbour, also 6 m/v's, one 3,000, five 5,000 to 8,000 tons. (Air Min. D.S. 346)

Ostend

A/C's dropped 24 bombs between bank and a heavily laden barge. A heavy explosion took place 2 minutes later and presumably the barge was blown up which may have blocked the channel. (Air Min. D.S. 346)

At 1745 B.S.T. unidentified Enemy Unit at about 30 miles West of Den Helder. D/F report. (D.D.I.C. 1815/29 to C-in-C Nore)

Main units at Kiel

LUTZOW in dry-dock with stern damaged, one Battle-Cruiser in Floating Dock, one HIPPER-Class Cruiser, 2 or 3 Destroyers. (D.D.I.C. 2236/29) One a/c carrier and cruiser KOLN alongside (I.C. 0497/40)

Number of small ships

At 1350/29 eighteen small ships resembling a convoy reported 10 miles N. of Terschelling course S.W. P.D.W. report. (D.C. 1635/29) (R.A.S. 1629/29) Later report says 25 ships were sighted 8 miles N.W. of Terschelling on a North-Easterly course. (Air Min. D.S. 346)

Orders to RUBIS to intercept

Proceed with despatch to patrol near 57° 32'N, 2° 45'W. Enemy Forces including transports may be approaching Peterhead from Eastwards. (V.A.S. 2032/29 to RUBIS)

My 2032. Proceed to Dundee. (R.A.S. 2152/29 to RUBIS)

7 M/V's

Seven m/v's up to 7,000 tons at 0055/29 at 54° 45'N, 10° 52'E. heading North. A/C report. (H.Q.B.C. 0430/30)

Main units at Wilhelmshaven

TIRPITZ in Bauhafen, ADMIRAL SCHEER in Bauhafen; also Danish Coastal Defence Ship PEDAR SKRAM and Norwegian Minelayer OLAV TRYGGVASON (I.C. 0497/40)

(W.S.G. No. 44)

(For week ending 2nd July, 1940)

N.I.D. 01507/39. 2nd July, 1940Main Units

1. The following was the position of German main units 29th June, 1940:-

2. Kiel

- 1 Battlecruiser probably SCHARNHORST in floating dock
- Pocket Battleship LÜTZOW in dock with damaged stern
- 1 Aircraft Carrier
- 1 HIPPER class cruiser leaving floating dock
- Cruiser KÖLN alongside

3. Wilhelmshaven

- Battleship TIRPITZ in Bauhafen
- Pocket Battleship ADMIRAL SCHEER in Bauhafen

4. Trondheim

- 1 HIPPER class cruiser
- 1 other warship

5. Unlocated

- 1 Battlecruiser probably GNEISENAU
- Cruisers NÜRNBERG, LEIPZIG, EMDEN
- Old Battleships SCHLESIEEN and SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN

6. The EMDEN is probably repairing at a port in Germany and the NURNBERG is believed to be damaged and may be the unidentified warship at Trondheim on 29th June. GNEISENAU was last located in Trondheim on 23rd June, 1940.

E-Boats

7. Two M.A/S.B.s approaching South Colbart buoy, on the night of June 27th, encountered two E-Boats apparently stopped to the south of the buoy. Fire was opened and the enemy pursued, covered by his own smoke. M.T.Bs. operating off Boulogne closed at full speed and sighted the smoke, but were unable to make contact. GREYHOUND on patrol was also unable to make contact. No damage was inflicted on either side.

8. Five E-Boats in line ahead were reported in position 53 N, 5 E early on 29th June. They were camouflaged with brown and white wiggly vertical stripes, which were effective in hiding deck armament. They resembled a large edition of motor launch R 17 shown in Jane's P. 241.

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9. British S.S. HELDER ~~343~~ reports having sunk an E-Boat off Cape Barfleur on Sunday June 30th.

10. On July 1st occasional E-Boat patrols were evidently co-operating with aircraft and making frequent use of red verey lights.

In this connection and with reference to co-operation between E-Boats and aircraft mentioned in para 11 of W.S.G. No. 42 an extract from the patrol report of H 34 is given in Appendix II.

Aircraft Activity

North Sea and Northern Waters

11. Activity has been normal. In addition to the daily Meteorological flight there has been a weather flight up the East coast from North Foreland to Buchan Ness.

12. Reconnaissance over the North Sea from Norwegian air bases was carried out at dawn June 28th and on the afternoons of June 29th and 30th. On July 1st enemy aircraft were active in the North Sea and a daylight raid was made on Wick during the afternoon.

East Coast Area

13. Enemy aircraft were active off the North East coast in the early hours of June 26th, 27th and 28th and minelaying is known to have been carried out on the two latter days in the vicinity of Blyth, Coquet Isles, Farne Isles and off Seaham. On the morning of June 29th H.M. Ships off Spurn Point and Cromer were shadowed.

14. Shipping in the vicinity of Peterhead was bombed by enemy aircraft at 1750 on June 29th and again at 1255 on June 30th, but no damage was done.

15. An enemy H.E. 111 force-landed off Spurn Point on the evening of June 30th and a rescue aircraft sent out to search for the crew was shot down by H.M.S. BLACK SWAN on the morning of July 1st. The crew of this aircraft have expressed their surprise at being shot down. Their machine was without armament and was marked with Red Crosses.

South Coast Area

16. Regular reconnaissance flights have been made down the Channel. Meteorological flights have been made almost daily extending as far as 100' WNW Lands End.

17. An enemy aircraft attacked H.M.S. CODRINGTON off Folkestone on the morning of June 29th and dropped bombs on Folkestone.

18. Activity continued in the Channel area on July 1st. H.M.S. HESPERUS was bombed 30' SW of Portland Bill during the forenoon and a convoy escorted by H.M.S. VERSATILE was attacked South East of Portland Bill during the afternoon.

French Coast Area

19. Enemy activity in this area has been concentrated between June 27th and July 1st on the Channel Islands. A reconnaissance of all

Reports of locations in Enemy Harbours
compiled from Air Reconnaissance

<u>NORWAY</u>	<u>Report</u>	<u>Date reported</u>
Trondheim Area	1 8" Cruiser 1 Warship 1 3,000 ton merchant vessel 5 other merchant vessels 5,000 to 8,000 tons	29.6.40.
Kristiansund North & Area	4 merchant vessels in harbour	13.6.40.
Aalesund Area		
Haro Fjord	2 merchant vessels, 1,000 tons	10.6.40.
Aalesund harbour	3 merchant vessels, 1,000 tons	10.6.40.
.. 6 mls. N.E.	6 merchant vessels, one 3,000 tons	10.6.40.
Ajgronde Fjord	4 merchant vessels, two 3,000 tons and one 6,000 tons	10.6.40.
Molde Fjord	5 merchant vessels, 3,000 tons	10.6.40.
Leikanger	4 merchant vessels, 1 to 2,000 tons and numerous small craft	10.6.40.
Nord Fjord	1 merchant vessel, 2,000 tons 2 merchant vessels, leaving 3,000 tons and 1,500 tons	27.6.40.
Sogne Fjord	1 merchant vessel, 5,000 tons 1 destroyer, 1 merchant vessel 1,500 tons	21.6.40. 27.6.40.
Bergen	6 merchant vessels, 1 to 3,000 tons	25.6.40.
Bergen Area		
Oster Fjord	2 merchant vessels, 4,000 tons	25.6.40.
6 mls S.W. of Bergen	1 tanker, 8,000 tons	
S. of Bergen	1 merchant vessel, 3 to 4,000 tons	21.6.40.
Star Fjord	2 tankers, 6,000 tons 1 merchant vessel, 4 to 5,000 tons	15.6.40.
Oster Fjord	1 passenger ship, 7,000 tons	15.6.40.
Sortjoden Fjord	2 liners	15.6.40.
Stavanger	6 merchant vessels, 2 to 5,000 tons and other vessels 1 small destroyer in dry dock	25.6.40.
Flekke Fjord (Naze Area)	3 merchant vessels, two of 4,000 tons	4.6.40.
Naze Area	1 Transport, 4,000 tons 6 small merchant vessels, 200 tons and a tug	23.6.40.
Kristiansand South	16 merchant vessels 2 to 5,000 tons	13.6.40.
<u>DENMARK</u>	NIL	
<u>GERMANY</u>		
Kiel	SCHARNHORST in floating dock LUTZOW in dock 1 aircraft carrier 1 HIPPER class cruiser 1 K class cruiser	29.6.40.

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<u>GERMANY (cont)</u>	<u>Report</u>	<u>Date reported</u>
Elbe Area	12 vessels possibly Naval	17.6.40.
	1 large vessel, with appearance of a flat upper deck similar to that of an aircraft carrier	18.6.40.
Cuxhaven	1 destroyer	
Wilhelmshaven	Battleships TIRPITZ, SCHEER, BRUMMER and Danish coastal defence ship PEDER SKRAM	
	2 destroyers in floating dock	24.6.40.
	1 torpedo boat in dry dock	24.6.40.
Wangeroog	1 cruiser and 4 or 5 attendant vessels	24.6.40.
Langeoog	concentration of barges	24.6.40.
Norderney	3 merchant vessels	
	6 destroyers, one hit by bomb	
	15 barges	17.6.40.
Delfijl	3 Groups of barges in Ems River above Emden	5.6.40.
Borkum Area	5 small craft at anchor, believed to be patrol vessels	24.6.40.
<u>HOLLAND</u>		
Ameland	4 small yachts, 2 barges and and 1 tug	21 & 24.6.40.
Terschelling	no shipping	24.6.40.
Vlieland	6 barges and a tug	21.6.40.
Texel	6 merchant vessels and 1 large merchant vessel in dock	21.6.40.
Helder	2 vessels in basin, possibly torpedo boat GELDERLAND and H ^{KT 206} HENDRIK (Coast Defence Ship) still afloat	24.6.40.
Zuider Zee	5/6 barges near Island Schokland	27.6.40.
	more than 40 barges near Enkhuisen	27.6.40.
Amsterdam	2 merchant vessels, several barges and small yachts. Barge activity in Merwede Canal and approaches from IJsselmeer	23.6.40.
Ymuiden	3 merchant vessels, 2,000 tons	24.6.40.
	1 block ship, 4,000 tons	28.6.40.
	No change	
The Hook	4 merchant vessels in harbour, two of them aground	25.6.40.
Rotterdam	3 large cargo ships	24.6.40.
	1 small destroyer moored in river	
	About 60 barges removed from river above port	28.6.40.
	Very many barges between Nijmegen and Emmerich	26.6.40.

<u>HOLLAND (cont)</u>	<u>Report</u>	<u>Date reported</u>
Maas delta	50 to 60 small craft 21 barges, 1 river steamer and a crane	25.6.40.
<u>BELGIUM</u>		
Bruges	Many stationary barges	24.6.40.
Heyst	1 grey ship, destroyer size	24.6.40.
Zeebrugge	2 small coasting craft	18.6.40.
Nieuport	9 barges in canal	26.6.40.
<u>FRANCE</u>		
Gravelines	1 merchant vessel 2,000 tons aground	22.6.40.
Dieppe	2 large vessels in inner basin, one sunk	18.6.40.

Distribution as shown in W.S.G. No. 43 for week ended 25th June, 1940.

HOME COMMANDSEnemy IntelligenceMinesweepers

Ten motor minesweepers at 1350/29 18 miles W. of Terschelling (I.C. 0497/40)

15 to 20 vessels, unidentified, 4' N.E. of Terschelling at 2245/29. (I.C. 0497/40)

6 minesweepers about 1,000 tons in 53° 25'N, 4° 53'E at 2024/29. (Chatham A.C.H.Q. 0005/30)

ShippingChannel Islands

Ministry of Shipping has been informed that Commercial Shipping may be sailed to Channel Islands provided not more than three ships in the Islands at any one time. (A.C.N.S. T. 2016/29 to A.I.G. 47).

Repatriation of French

It has been decided to repatriate French naval and military personnel in this country to French Morocco.

Embarkation will take place as follows:-

At Liverpool 30/6 AL RAWDAH, SWINBURNE, ROYAL SCOTSMAN, ULSTER MONARCH.

At Newport 1/7 EURYADES, DROMORE CASTLE, TRELAWNEY.

At Avonmouth 1/7 CITY OF WINDSOR, STRATEGIST, BRITTANY.

At Plymouth 30/6 ROYAL ULSTERMAN.

At Plymouth 1/7 BAHARISTAN, BALFE, CALUMET, CITY OF EVANSVILLE.

ROYAL ULSTERMAN, ROYAL SCOTSMAN and ULSTER MONARCH should be sailed independently and unescorted for Casablanca as soon as ready. The remainder should be sailed for Casablanca in Convoy OG thirty six.

After disembarkation ships should return to United Kingdom, those requiring fuel calling at Gibraltar. (A.C.N.S.(H) 1126/29)

HOME COMMANDSShippingRepatriation
of French
(continued)

Admiralty 1126/29

Paragraph 2. At Newport delete TRELAWNEY and add CLAN MACBEAN and BECKENHAM. At Avonmouth add DAVID LIVINGSTONE.

Paragraph 3. First sentence delete ROYAL SCOTSMAN. This ship can only make twelve knots and will therefore be included in Convoy OG 36.

Paragraph 4. Add "unless this can be obtained at Casablanca which it is hoped to arrange". (D.O.D.(H) 1841/29)

Consider escort essential for ULSTER MONARCH and ROYAL ULSTERMAN. As escort cannot reach Casablanca without refuelling request F.O.C.N.A. to arrange relief in latitude of Cape St. Vincent (C-in-C W.A. 1948/29 to Adty.)

MiscellaneousWeather

<u>North Sea</u>	<u>Wind</u>	<u>Weather</u>	<u>Visibility</u>
(a) W. of 4°E	S. to S.E. moderate to fresh, strong locally in North.	Fair to cloudy	Moderate to good.
(b) E. of 4°E	Light and variable	Fair	Good
Horns Reef	E.N.E. light	Cloudless	Good
Channel	S.S.E. light to moderate	Fair to cloudy	Good
Western Approaches	S. or S.W. fresh to strong locally	Occasional rain.	Good
Norwegian coast	(No information available)		



CASUALTIES AND DEFECTS

ROSEBURN
beached 19/6

Attacked by E-boats off Dungeness and beached
19/6, is a total loss. (D.O.R. 299)

SPINEL

(650 tons) abandoned during the Dunkirk
evacuation, is now considered lost. (D.O.R.
299)

WAR DIARY.FOREIGN STATIONS29.6.40.
Saturday.North AtlanticDestroyers.

Two destroyers bearing 335°
distance 7 miles, course 180° my
position 020 GSKT 25 (35°N., 9°W)
(DOUGLAS, 1130/29 to Gibraltar W/T)

Polish Pilots.

Admiralty. 1126/29. 4,000 Polish pilots
and mechanics at Casablanca awaiting
transport to U.K. ROYAL ULSTERMAN,
ULSTER MONARCH and AL RAWDAH to embark
and bring them to Liverpool. (D.O.D.(H)
1525/29 to C.in C. W.A.)

Gibraltar.

Admiralty 2022/28. Plans to engage shore
batteries threatening Gibraltar.
(V.A.A. 1146/29).
Situation normal. Defence works continue
at full speed. 6 French aircraft landed
whose pilots propose loyalty to us.
(Governor, Gibraltar, 2000/29).

Brest.

BMLO Brest is now in VELOX. (F.O.C.N.A.
1119/29).

Oran.

Air reconnaissance of Oran 1700 today.
No change. (F.O.C.N.A. 2232/29).

My 0630/29. Confirmed all heavy ships
still at Mersel Kebir (F.O.C.N.S.1820/29)

French Personnel.

Ships taking French personnel to
French Morocco. (Admiralty 1126/29.
1525/29. C.in C. 1948/29 to Admiralty
and F.O.C.N.A.)

Flying Boats.

Two Sunderlands to be sent to Gibraltar
for special operations for a period
of one week. (Air Min., 1025/29.)

S/m. Supply Ships.

GALIANA reliably reported as having
left for North Spain with tankage for
30 tons and intention to service
submarines. Possible destination
Vigo area. (N.A. Madrid 1838/29).

WAR DIARY.FOREIGN STATIONS29.6.40
Saturday.South Atlantic

Your 1514/28 and 1515/28.

RICHELIEU.

A. Your dispositions appear to give no certainty of intercepting RICHELIEU.

B. Unless there is any serious objection which Admiralty are not aware of a close watch of Dakar should be maintained by an 8" cruiser or other ship until 8" cruiser is available as follows:-

- (a) By day at visibility distance.
- (b) By night just outside 3 mile limit.

C. HERMES and available A.M.C's should also be employed on this patrol as it is essential RICHELIEU should be detected and shadowed.

(1st S.L. 0455/29 to C. in C.S.A. in ALBATROSS).

Dakar.

Cancel my 1815/28. Close watch to be kept on Dakar within visibility distance by day and just outside 3 mile limit by night. HERMES to maintain watch until relieved by DORSETSHIRE (C. in C. S.A. in ALBATROSS 0525/29, 0953/29).

Only means of obtaining information through Consul-General. Appointments to his staff. Officers of B.N.L.O. evacuated (C. in C.S.A. 1535/29).

Arrivals 29/6, French sloop BOUGAINVILLE and French oiler GARONNE. (C. in C.S.A., 1150/29).

BULCLO.

To meet DRAGON at Lagos and then proceed Freetown. (C. in C.S.A. 0917/29).

PRETORIA CASTLE.

Required at Freetown for escort duties not later than July 23. Situation in West Africa may necessitate recall before this day. (C. in C.S.A., 1253/29 to R.A.S.A.D.)

ARNDALE.

Unable to request extension of stay. Important not to encroach too far on Brazilian goodwill. (Ambassador, Rio de Janeiro, 1414/29 to R.A.S.A.D.).

Bunkers, Shipping.

Your 1039/28. Policy for the present is that outward shipping should proceed to Cape direct or bunker at St. Vincent, C.V. Homeward shipping convoy ships bunker at Freetown, independent ships at St. Vincent if necessary. (D.T.D., 1844/29 to C. in C.S.A.)

Military L.O.

B.M.L.O. informed by Gen. Barsas that his duties have ceased. Instructed to embark in HERMES for passage to Freetown. (C. in C.S.A., 2209/28)

WAR DIARY.FOREIGN STATIONS29.6.40.
Saturday.CALEDON.Mediterranean.

Bring convoy through Kithera Strait and proceed to close south of Crete (C. in C. Med., 1725/29) (C.S.3 1841/29)

Convoy A.3.1

Route (C.S.3 1852/29, 2039/29)

S/m Patrol

Off Marseilles and Algiers. Orders to PROTEUS and PANDORA (F.O.I.C. Malta, 2130/29) (V.A. Malta, 1930/29).

Greek Waters.

Greek Admiralty inform me 3 British destroyers with BRITISH UNION at Monemvasia. Probably now located by enemy and Admiralty ask that all may leave to avoid incident if British ships are attacked in their undefended harbour. (N.A. Athens 1803/29).

NARVAL.

Message from General de Gaulle to Commander of NARVAL, congratulating him on courageous action (D.N.I. 1757/29).

Turkey.

re purchase of Oerlikon guns for us on an agency basis (D.N.I. 1302/29 to N.A. Ankara).

Shipping.

Sir Henry Barker, Ministry of Shipping representative at Alexandria, asked to collate shipping requirements. (D. of S.F. to C. in C. Med., 1725/29).

Evacuation.

Scheme for compulsory evacuation necessary families, officers and other ranks. (C. in C.M.E., to W.C., 0935/29).

FOREIGN STATIONSMediterranean.Air.S.S. CAVALLO bombed.
(see next page)

Bombed by Italian planes 36.30 W., 24 E. (Scapa W.T. via Portishead Radio, 1440/29).

767 Squadron.

Re primary object of. but offensive operations against Italy also important. (Air Min., 1530/29 to H.R. Malta.)

Operations.

Summary No. 19, reconnaissance Tobruk, etc. 1 submarine attacked, results not known. (H.R., R.A.F. M.E. 1922/29).

Mediterranean.Enemy Intelligence5 destroyers and 3 S/m's at Massawa.

Air reconnaissance June 28 reports 5 Destroyers, 3 submarines at Massawa (A.I) (S.C.1, Alexandria, 1305/29).

WAR DIARY.

FOREIGN STATIONS

29.6.40.
Saturday.

Mediterranean.

Enemy Intelligence

Reconnaissance reports 0800/29 ship approx. 5000 tons steering E., 32°10' N., 24 30' E. (R.a., Alexandria, 1341/29).

Destroyers engaged
28/6.

Two of the 3 Italian destroyers which were in action with the 7th c.S. 75 miles West of C. Matapan 28/6 were believed to have been off Benghazi at 0430/29. It is now known that the destroyers concerned were ZEFFIRO, ESPERO, and OSTRO. (I.C.0497/40).

s.s. CAVALLO bombed.

British (2268 tons) was bombed in 36°39' N 24° (off Cape Malia, Greece 45 miles) at 1440/29 (I.C.0497/40).

Bardia.

A/c. reconnaissance saw 2 destroyers anchored in the harbour and considerable concentration of M.F. in the neighbourhood (Air Min., D.S. 347).

WAR DIARY.FOREIGN STATIONS29.6.40.
Saturday.East Indies.Convoy W.S.1.

Admiralty. 2000/22. Request convoy be referred to as W.S.1 as suggested in my 1028/17 and not as W.21 (C. in C., E.I., 0427Z/29).

Port Sudan.

Your 1517/19. Understood that G.O.C. in C., M.E., has now appointed military officer as Fortress Commander. Appointment of Whitehouse as N.O.I.C. with acting rank of Commander and of Farquharson as Extended Defence Officer approved. (D. of L.D., to C.in C.E.I., 1544/29).

Dispositions

As HECTOR and VESTRALIA are now joining your command request you will take action on my 2359/14 (to send one A.M.C. to S.A. Station) temporarily suspended by para 2 of my 1818/24. (D.O.D.(F) 1845/29).

Troop Transport.

Request from Nairobi to despatch battery and details to Aden per s.s. TAKLIWA for outward transit Berbera. Request concurrence or other instructions (N.C.I.C. Kilindini, 1802/29).

Minesweepers.

Your 2531/25, re craft for conversion to fast minesweepers. Regret none available. (F.O.C.R.I.N. to C.in C.Med., 0421Z/30).

FOREIGN STATIONSChina.Saigon meeting.

Meeting with Governor General Indo China, French Naval C. in C., and local French naval and military representatives. G.G. affirmed his continued duty to Allied cause, whose interests now coincided in Far East in resisting Japanese aggression. Requested my assistance by S/m's possibly based Camranh Bay and of demonstration patrols by H.M. ships in Tongking Gulf. Replied I would do all in my power to assist with occasional patrols but feel French other than Naval C.in C. did not realize weakness of my forces especially submarines. Stressed the fact that British policy must be avoidance of war with Japan. Present attitude of G.G. is to obey outwardly orders of Bordeaux Government while still asking for our co-operation. Considers disobedience to Bordeaux would result in denunciation of Indo-China and invite Japanese attack. Asks our naval and economic assistance. Invitation to join me at Singapore was not received with encouragement but idea was not discarded.

WAR DIARYFOREIGN STATIONS29.6.40.
Saturday.ChinaSaigon Meeting.

Indo-China as a whole anxious to continue war, but lack strong ships. (C. in C. China, 1315 Z/29, 1835 Z/29).

Hong Kong.

Frontier situation quiet. Chinese Customs report Sha-U-Chung now evacuated by Japanese and Ferry Service from Taipo resumed. (G. O. C. Hong Kong 2207/29).

FOREIGN STATIONSAmerica and West Indies.BONAVENTURE

To sail for Halifax as ocean escort with **REVENGE** and then proceed Bermuda to work up. (D. O. D. (H) 1931/29)

Routes.

Routing officers in U.S. and Canada instructed that any ships bound to a port between Southampton and Thames are to be routed to Portland for further instructions. (N. S. H. Q., Ottawa 1309/29).

FOREIGN STATIONSAustralia.CANBERRA.

Arrived Fremantle escorting STRATHMORE 28/6. (A. C. N. B., 0459Z/29) Left Fremantle for Capetown for service under C. in C. S. A., (A. C. N. B. 1010Z/29). Date of arrival (1101Z/29).

New Zealand.Enemy Propaganda.

Broadcast station signing itself "New British Broadcasting Station" heard, 1st class transmission, consisted of subversive propaganda and instruction in English. (S. O. I., Wellington, 0132Z/29).

Mines.

Mines located to date in approach to Auckland (6). (N. O., Wellington, 2321 Z/29).

WAR DIARYGERMAN MERCHANT SHIPS29.6.40.
Saturday.REGENSBURG

Yokohama, returned to anchorage outside outer breakwater after day docking. (Capt. O.S. Singapore 0507 Z/29)

HAVELLAND

Manzanilla, departed after loading scrap machinery. (Capt. O.S., Singapore, 0507 Z/29).

MARITZA

Split reports arrived Dubrovnik 27/6 to load bauxite. Another German ship expected Split on 15/7. (G.O.I. Alexandria. 1616/29).

OSLEBHAUSEN

Informed Rügen W/T station high pressure piston defective. Returning Kiel (? 0400/30) half speed (A.C.O.S., 2017/29).

GENERAL OSORIC

Reported by W/T 0813/28 she would not arrive Kiel until 1400/29, presumably from Oslo. (I.C., 0496/40).

WAR DIARYITALIAN MERCHANT SHIPS.29.6.40.
SaturdayABBZIA

Varna, June 29. (Galatzi, 1022/29)

FORTUNATAExpected to sail from Casablanca 29/6.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1735/29). *See 30/6.*CAPO ARMAReported at Galatz laid up 24/6.
(I.C. 0496/40).TORCELLO

At Voma 24/6. (I.C. 0496/40).

CATERINA MADRE

At Galatz 24/6. (I.C. 0496/40).

GIOVANNIBrigantine in 44° S 41° E at 1105
GMT 27/6. (I.C. 0496/40.)CAPO OLMOHas arrived at Gibraltar from
Marseilles. (I.C. 0496/40).

AGUGLIA

BIANCA MARIA

GIAN PAULO

GIORGIO ORSINI

RUBATTINO

and two others

passed through Corinth Canal for Leros
between 1700 and 1730/29/5.
(I.C. 0496/40.)

S.S. EMPIRE TOUCAN

GROSS TONS & ARMAMENT: 4187; no gun.

DATE AND TIME: 8.20 a.m. Saturday 29th June.

POSITION: 49° 20' N. 13° 52' W.

SPEED: At time 5 to 6 knots.

ROUTE: Garston to Port Sulphur - Louisiana.

CARGO: In ballast

IN CONVOY: Yes, at first, but had fallen out due to engine trouble. Doing No. 10 zig-zag.

ESCORT: 2 destroyers.

FATE OF CREW: 34 all told; 8 missing.

WEATHER CONDITIONS: moderate.

REMARKS:- The previous morning (Friday) at 1 a.m. a wireless message had been received advising of a S/M 100 miles to the North. Weather was bad then but cleared and moderated later. At above time noise of a gun heard on starboard quarter. The shell passed through the accommodation and blew the third Engineer's bunk right through the alley way. The shot appeared to have been fired at close range. U.S. S/M went out immediately. Two more shots were fired into after accommodation. Ship stopped, boats in water. As master climbed down into boat enemy fired again. The shell passed by men standing in boat and into side of ship so master had to climb back and descend by rope. These shells did not explode. The S/M now on starboard side fired another 3 shells. These were fired at point blank range and went through the engine room. Then S/M torpedoed vessel between No. 3 and 4 tanks; while S/M was on the surface. A terrific burst of flame shot up about 150 feet high with column of dense black smoke to 300 feet and ship disappeared almost immediately. All this time S/M was in sight, cruising from starboard quarter to port quarter across the stern. Then S/M came over to master's boat and asked for name of the ship and asked if any were injured. She remained about 20 minutes but no further conversation took place. Very little was showing above water and her decks were well awash, about 200 feet long and had a long conning tower with 5 or 6 men leaning over it. She carried no gun (forward) only, and resembled U-26. Eventually she went off to Northward and was in sight until she submerged at 8.55 a.m. Took 10 minutes to submerge. Weather was fine. At 8.30 a.m. destroyer H.M.S. HURRICANE and later destroyer sank the bow of the EMPIRE TOUCAN which was still floating.

This is a good example of a belated ship in convoy being attacked by enemy S/M on the surface.

DATE: 16/7/40.

11Xx8B.

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29.6.1940
SaturdayU-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MININGShips AttackedEMPIRE TOUCAN*Was struggling owing to
breakdown of steering gear.*

British, 4127 tons, torpedoed 0425/29 in 49.20'N., 13.52'W., about 220 miles S.W. of Bantry (Land's End Radio, 0325/29) Sailed in convoy from Mersey 25/6. Escort had parted company (D.O.R. 299) Sinking rapidly by the stern. (Gibraltar W/T, 0434/29) 3 killed (D.9 1207/29) Ship torpedoed 49.06 N., 14.24'W. (COPTIC via Gibraltar W/T 0348/29) Cancel my 0348 correct position 49.20 N., 14.08 W (COPTIC, 0800/29) Vessels ordered to attack U-boat. C. in C., W.A., 0514/29, 0851/29) Entire crew rescued except 3 killed (Capt. D 9 1207/29)

Unnamed Ship
0317

Attacked by U/B 0317/29 in 52.08'N., 6.24'W 245° Tuskar Rock 9' (I.C. 0496/40)

MOORDRECHT
? Date

Dutch. Presumed torpedoed approx 220 miles W. Finisterre (survivor's report) Date not known. (I.C. 0497/40)

Submarines Reported

Estimated U/B dispositions.

- 1 in Finisterre Area
Possibly 1 in Bay of Biscay or W. of Ushant
- 2 in Western Approaches.
- 1 passing through Western Approaches homeward bound from Cape St. Vincent area.
- 1 in St. George's Channel. May have come through Irish Sea.
- 1 N.W. of Ireland homeward bound.
- 1 N. of Shetlands homeward bound.
- 1 Northern North Sea possibly about 59. N.,
2. E steering S.E.
(D.D.I.C. 1222/29)

0325 G.M.T.

49.20' N., 14.08' W (D.D.I.C., 0615/29) (C. in C., W.A., 0514, amended 0851/29, COPTIC 0348/29, 0800/29.

0348 G.M.T.

49.06'N., 14.24' W. (D.D.I.C., 0615/29) (C. in C., W.A., 0654/29) Capt (D) 9 ordered to search (C. in C., W.A., 1036/29)

1248

D.F., 50.N., 11.W., unreliable fix. (D.D.I.C. 1324/29) (C. in C., W.A. 1344/29)

1242

D.F., indications of U-boat 120-150 miles further southward of 1248, position indefinite (D.D.I.C. 1324/29)

0317

52.04 N., 06.20 W., 9 miles W.S.W. from Tuskar Rock. VANOC to attack (C. in C., W.A. 0504/29)

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SaturdayU-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MININGSubmarines Reported, Contd.

- ~~XXXX~~ Position is 52.15' N., 06.00 'W (C. in C., W.A. 1807/29) Continue to hunt (A.C.W.A. 1847/29)
- 0124 S.E. Shetlands, position indefinite (I.C. 0496/40)
- 0158 49.50' N., 15.40'W., 248° Fastnet 252' position reliable. (I.C., 0496/40)
- 1040 58.36'N 2.38' W Suspected U-boat reported by aircraft B 4 (I.C. 0497/40)
- 2320 57.N 4.40'E reliable (I.C. 0497/40)
- 2025 51.4'N 1.35'E aircraft sighted P/s course 140° B 3 (I.C. 0497/40)
- 1300 27' N.W. of Ymuiden, course about 300. A/C report (H.Q.B.C. Recd. 0152/30)

Submarines Attacked

- 0100/26 Attack by BARON ERSKINE in company with BARON NEWLANDS, on U-boat which shelled both ships 0100/26 16 miles N. of Cape Sigh, Algeria. One certain direct hit and possibly second one at range of about 2.5 cables. Strong possibility of U-boat sunk (F.O.C.N.A., 1233/29)
- 2157 U/B depth charged by WHITE BEAR (See 28/6) no contact. 3 patterns fixed in position relative to mask buoy given by WHITE BEAR No results. (FORTUNE, 2157/29)

See also pp. 597, 639, 673.

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29.6.1940.
Saturday.U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MININGMediterranean & East Indies.Submarines Reported

1837

34.00 N., 27.30 E., about 90 miles S.E. of Crete. Reported by H.M.S. DAINTY (D.S.299)

Submarines Attacked~~See (separate sheet)~~

(CONSOLE GENERALE LIUZZI)

LIUZZI* SALPAUEBI SCEBELI*(Survivors, see p. 674)** *(SALPA not a confirmed sinking in A/S.W. list)*

Italian submarine LIUZZI sunk 27/6 in position 33.46'N., 27.27' E. Italian submarine SALPA* sunk in position 35.24' N., 20.10'E. Italian submarine UEBI-SCEBELI sunk in position 35.29'N. 20.06'E., 0800 to-day Saturday. Have secret orders for Italian submarine which orders them to be in following position at 0400 to-morrow Sunday, 30/6:- ONDINA, 34.16 N., 23.24'E., ANFITRITE, 34.43'N., 23.40' E., SALPA, 33.46'N., 23.10'E. UEBI SCEBELI, 33.16'N 22.56'E., returning to Augusta, July 10. Am sweeping towards northern position stated (DAINTY, 0915/29) Request publication deferred for present. (C. in C., MED. 1427/29)

GALVANI

(see 24/6) Summary of FALMOUTH's written report on destruction. (S.N.O. Persian Gulf, 09502/29 0955/29) 3 officers and 23 ratings lost, 31 survivors including C.O. and 3 officers.

*(RUBINO, p. 674)*RUBINO

Sunderland F/B No L 5804 reports having sunk enemy submarine in position 39.10' N., 18.49'E and has picked up survivors. Request publication be deferred for present. (C. in C., Med. 1733/29) 4 survivors picked up by Sunderland (H.Q. R.A.F., 2100/29) Result of interrogation (V.A. Malta, 1405/30) H.Q., R.A.F., Middle East, Operational Summary No. 22. Para 1, Egypt, June 29, one Sunderland 201 Group successfully destroyed Italian submarine. 2 250-lb. A/S bombs released. One direct hit abaft conning tower. Bubbles, debris and oil appeared after submarine sank, later large oil patch 300 by 500 yards appeared on surface. Sunderland alighted and rescued four of submarine crew. (HQ, RAF, ME, 1836/2/7)

War Diary.

30.6.40.
Sunday.SITUATION REPORT.HOME COMMANDS.SEVERN

At 1900/30 SEVERN unsuccessfully attacked a north-bound destroyer 50 miles S.W. of Lister.

E-Boats attacked the British S.S. HELDER 41 miles off Cape Barfleur during the night 29/30. HELDER reports she sank one of the enemy.

 Germans land
in Guernsey.

War Office reported at 2300/30 that 9 German troop carrying planes had landed in Guernsey and that telephonic communication had ceased. The aerodromes in Guernsey and Jersey were reported by a/c reconnaissance 3 hours earlier to be fully serviceable.

Convoys.Troops for
Iceland.

S.S. ANDES and 2 destroyers arrived at Sedisfjord, Iceland 1915/30.

Force H.

V.A. Sir James Somerville arrived at Gibraltar in ARETHUSA at 1800/30. He is to transfer his flag to HOOD.

French Fleet.

FAULKNOR and FEARLESS left Gibraltar at 0742/30 to patrol 30 miles west of Oran.

HERMES is patrolling off Dakar and VELOX off Casablanca.

It is reported that the ARUNDEL CASTLE, which called at Dakar for fuel 27/6 was subjected to long delay and obstruction because she had some troops on board. She left p.m. 28/6 without fuelling.

EMILE BERTIN at Martinique is disembarking gold. FIJI left Martinique today to fuel at St. Lucia. DUNEDIN remains at Fort de France. BEARN at Martinique has not yet disembarked her aircraft.

It is very doubtful if anything can be done to secure co-operation of the French Fleet, and, short of surrender to enemy, position cannot deteriorate further. Feelings of officers vary from definite hostility to negative wishes not to embarrass British Fleet. (War Cabinet Summary 337).


SITUATION REPORTAir.

3 enemy a/cs. bombed Portland in daylight this evening. No damage was done. 18 bombs were dropped, 7 of which did not explode at the time. Shipping off Peterhead was also bombed.

There were further raids on the U.K. after dark last night and incendiary bombs were dropped in many parts of the country. No damage of any military importance was done and there were very few casualties.

The entire North Sea area was covered by our patrols from dawn and throughout last night. An area from the North of Scotland, the Faeroes and the English Channel as far west as the Isle of Wight, was patrolled during the night.

At 2030 our a/cs. unsuccessfully attacked 6 enemy E-Boats off Terschelling.

Attacks on barges in the Maasli^{us} Canal last night were unsuccessful. The old aqueduct of the Dortmund-Ems Canal was attacked and two 500 lb. bombs were dropped in the Canal about 50 ft. from the lock gates. The aerodromes at Barge, Norderney, Borkum, and Schipol were attacked.

Gardening continued in the Sehmarn Belt area successfully.

Mining.

The Amble (near Coquet Island) is closed. All other ports in the U.K. are open. Magnetic mines were exploded off Portland and in the Portsmouth approach channel today.

Movements.

ILLUSTRIOUS has been ordered to return to Scapa. Her defects will necessitate her remaining at Halifax until 6 July.

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30.6.40.
Sunday.

SITUATION REPORT .

Italian Hostilities.

Malta was bombed by 8 a/cs. p.m. to-day. Little damage was done and there were few casualties. Submarine patrols have been established off Oran and Algiers.

Aircraft dropped bombs without success on destroyers in the Central Mediterranean.

Preparations for Invasion.

From all the evidence available, the preparations for sea and air ~~borne~~ expeditions appear to be nearing completion. (C.I.C. Report 31).

30.6.40.
Sunday.

HOME COMMANDS.

Defence of U.K.

Your 2304/29. MANCHESTER, SHEFFIELD, NEWCASTLE, YORK are now at 15 minutes for steam.
(F.O.C. 18 C.S. 0045/30 to C.in C. H.F.).

Movements.

Position of S/ms. and movements for following 24 hours at 0600/1/7.

Positions from S.P. 02274 (4).

TRIAD, TRITON vicinity Fro Havet TRITON leaving 1800 coastwise for Rosyth.

TAKU D N L Z 1530 proceeding on surface to Fro Havet.

TRIDENT G B M F 2050 proceeding on surface to Rosyth.

SNAPPER C. One.

SEALION C. 4.

SEVERN J Z U B 3030.

STURGEON and H.50 in H. One and H.2.

NARWHAL vicinity R Q G R 1010 proceeding on surface Northward.

H. 31 due Blyth 0800 from Southward.

H.34 arriving Harwich a.m. from Gap E.
(V.A.S. 1726/30).

Operations.

Swedish Destroyers.

Swedish PATRICIA with Destroyer Crews and Passengers and under orders from Swedish Govt.unexpectedly ready for sea, presumably for Kirkwall. CASTOR still at Skaale Fjord. Request instructions for ST.MAGNUS and WINDERMERE.
(N.O.I.C. Faroes 0100/30.)

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Sunday.HOME COMMANDS.Operations.S/ms.

SEVERN.

At 1900 unsuccessfully attacked one northbound Destroyer in 57°28'N. 5°31'E.
(SEVERN 2331/30 to R.A.S.)

Dover.

Naval. (N.O.I.C. Dover 2256/30 to Dover Force).

E-Boats.

E-Boats Attacked. M.T.Bs. will carry out sweep tonight to destroy E-Boats and M/Vs. off mouths of Maas and Scheldt. Sweep will cease at 0200/1, and 3 Fighter A/c. will provide protection from dawn 1/7. (Chatham A.C.H.Q. 2051/30 to Adty.)

British HELDER, 979 tons, sank an E-Boat during night 29/30 June about 40 miles from Cape Barfleur. (C. in C. Nore 1505/1 to Adty). p. 475.

Air.Enemy Air Activity.EMPIRE
HENCHMAN.

Off Peterhead. Bombed at 1250/30. (Scapa W/T. Recd. 1300/30).
No damage (I.C. 0493/40).

TOPAZ

British, 577 tons, attacked 220 Beachy Head 20' (ARABIS 0035/30).

It is reported that nine German troop-carrying A/C. landed in Guernsey on 30 June. (D.S. 300).

Three enemy A/C. made a daylight attack on Portland in evening of 30 June. No damage. (D.S. 300).

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30.6.40.
Sunday.HOME COMMANDSMining.E.Coast mine barrier.

In view of new situation, am of opinion that further consideration should be given to prolonging the East Coast Mine Barrage in a N.W. direction to protect shipping between Kinnairds Head and Pentland Firth. (C. in C. Rosyth 1147/30 to Adty.)
C. in C. Rosyth's 1147/30. I agree. (C.in C.H.F. 1009/1 to Adty.)

Portland.

3 Magnetic Mines were exploded off Portland, 2½ miles East of Grove Point, within QZ 38.
(I.C. 0498/40).

Flamborough.

A Moored Mine was cut this morning in the field off Flamborough possibly indicating a 22-day delay action. (I.C. 0497/40).

Portsmouth Approach Channel.

One Blue Mine detonated by L.L. at 308° Nab End Buoy 11 cables.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 1804/30 to Adty.)

Enemy Intelligence.

Clock Point reports hearing foreign language, believed German, between 0004 and 0023 today while on routine R/T watch with Boom Trawlers (F.O.I.C. Greenock 0036/30 to Adty.)

A/C.attacks on 2 destroyers.

Two small Enemy Warships of Destroyer type escorted one Tanker type Enemy M/V. 10,000 tons, at 58°48' N. 4°40' E. Attacked by A/C.
(Donibristle 0925/30).

Two Destroyers and one M/V. course 180° at 58°48' N. 4°40' E.
(A/C. of 233 Sqdn. 0600/30).

Fifteen ships at 0030 at 54°41' N. 10°40' E. steering N.W. (R.A.S. 0201/30 to SEALION).

15 to 20 vessels at 53°30' N. ? longtd. A/C.report.
(A/C. 220 Sqdn. 2245/30).

Bergen.

One M/V. 12,000 tons anchored at S.E. corner of Asko Island at 1130/30. (Donibristle 1603/30).

Haugesund.

About 12 M/Vs. 800 to 1500 tons anchored in mouth of harbour p.m./30. (Donibristle 1603/30).

HOME COMMANDS.Shipping.

Admiralty 1404/30 present FN and FS convoys are often overborne and an unescorted party have to sail ahead. It is not known how many additional vessels will now have to be included as result of OA convoys becoming amalgamated but it is considered that on those days OA run additional escorts should be provided and that the convoy should run in two parts or that coastal traffic between Tyne and Southend should be reduced to those numbers which will bring the total convoy to 50. (C. in C. Rosyth 2304/30 to Adty.)

West Coast Shipping.

Reference 1732 from Admiralty 28th June paragraph (d) and reference 1612 from Admiralty 29th June, request information as to whether homeward independent shipping for West Coast ports from Gibraltar is to be routed via the Northern Approaches from now onwards. (F.O.C.N.A. 1102/30).

Your 1102/30. It is intended that the movements of Independent Shipping shall in due course conform to that of Convoys. They should therefore begin to arrive by Northern Approaches on and after 15th July and be routed to the westward of the Lane defined in my 1903/26 paragraph A.3.C. They are to cross this Lane to the northward of 53 degs.00' North and to the southward of the Area defined in my 1948/24. (D.T.D. 2328/30 to F.O.C.N.A.)

Miscellaneous.

R.A.Spooner appointed R.A.C. Northern Patrol in succession to V.A. Raikes, to date 15 July. (M.012450/40).

Weather.

North Sea.	W.or N.W.light or moderate in West. S.moderate or fresh in East.	Mainly good, Local coastal mist Tyne.	Wind backing S.W. slowly in West; veering in East.
Channel and W.Approaches.	N.light or moderate.	Very good.	Wind backing slowly S.W.
Horns Reef.	S.Moderate.	Good or moderate.	Wind veering N.W.
Dutch Coast.	" "	" " "	" " "
Norwegian Coast.	Southerly moderate to strong.	" " "	Similar except in S.W. where wind will veer and moderate.

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30.6.40.
Sunday.

HOME COMMANDS.

Casualties and Defects.

ILLUSTRIOUS

Your 1602/30 and my 2211/29. Defects affect seaworthiness. Intend to sail ILLUSTRIOUS on completion of defects. (See A. and W.I. Station).

War Diary30.6.40
SundayFOREIGN STATIONSNorth AtlanticFrench Personnel

At Gibraltar, escaped by A/C from French North Africa. Enquiring whether they are to be repatriated (F.O.C.N.A. 1302/30)

Polish and Czech troops

Inform French Admiral they should not be interned as ships are now on way to Casablanca (F.O.I.C. Gib.2350/30)

French Warships

Destroyer patrol to be established westward of Oran. Orders for and procedure re French warships met. (1st S.L. to V.A.A., 0015/30)

Oran patrol

FAULKNER and FEARLESS left Gibraltar 0742/30 to patrol 30 miles W. of Oran in accordance with Adty. 0015/30 (S.O.(1) Gibraltar 1026/30)

Situation Spain.

German tanks (?) number unknown parked on beach at Hendaye. Total German forces on frontier so far small.

Many reports of varying reliability that Germany will demand passage to Portugal by north Spanish coast or attempt this locality. Appears fairly certain that any such demand will be refused and attack resisted. Resistance would be overcome but Spain would then be hostile to Germany. Identical source states no such German movement contemplated immediately.

British now very unpopular because apparently losing. Germans getting less popular because winning too much. Navy disposition normal. (N.A. Madrid 2101/29)

South Atlantic

French Shipping Instructions how to be dealt with (D.T.D. to N.O.I.C's Simonstown and Durban, 0249/30)

CORFU

To proceed to Freetown, route (C. in C.S.A. 1903/30)

War Diary30.6.40
SundayFOREIGN STATIONSMediterraneanOperations

JERVIS Position north of Galita Island (F.O. Malta, to S/M's 1025/30)

Oran and Algiers Patrols Your 1938/29. Please verify and check. Adty. 1346/29 ordered patrol off Oran and Algiers while your 2130/29 (re. PROTEUS and PANDORA patrols) orders patrol off Marseilles and Algiers (C. in C. Med. 1341/30 to V.A. Malta.)

Amend my 2130/29 as follows. Cancel all references Marseilles. PROTEUS is to establish dive reconnaissance patrols off Oran they have been bounded by lines joining following positions. Position 1. Latitude 036 degs 04' North Longitude 001 degs 00' West. Position 2. Latitude 036 degs 03' North Longitude 000 degs 30' West. Position 4. Latitude 035 degs. 53' North Longitude 001 degs 00' West. (2) Course to be followed. (F.O.I/C Malta 1705/30. to PROTEUS)

LIVERPOOL To embark one battalion Black Watch and convey them to Aden at best speed. Battalion is due Suez a.m./1/7 (C. in C. Med. 1719/30).

Air.

Malta Raid this morning by 2 bomber formations (Governor, 1158/30) Slight damage at Naxar (Air. Min.D.S.347)

Destroyers attacked. Four reconnaissances were made between Sicily and South Italy and Greece, and 4 - 250 lb. A/S bombs were dropped in an attack on destroyers, but with negative results. (Air Min. D.S.347)

Mining.

British S/M Losses C. in C., Med., believes that losses of submarines may be due to extensive defensive minelaying by Italians, even to depths of 200 fathoms. Steps have been taken to safeguard submarines against this possibility. (D.O.R., 300)

Enemy Intelligence

Cruisers at Port Augusta Air R/C reports that at 2115/30 the following warships were at Port Augusta 3 8-inch cruisers and 4 6-inch cruisers and about 5 merchant ships.

At Syracuse 2 or 3 (? small) ships observed but not identified. (S.O.(1) Malta 2231/30)

War Diary30.6.40
SundayFOREIGN STATIONS
EAST INDIESTroop
Transport

Your 1802/29. If 2 ships are employed they are to be sailed together as only one warship is available for escort. (C. in C.E.I., 1216Z/30 to N.O.I.C. Kilindini)

TAKLIWA

My 1038/28. 16/7 can now be accepted (C. in C.E.I. 1217Z/30)

ChinaUse of Ships

Your 0517/25 Before requisitioning ships under Right of Angary use should be made of any neutral ships under British Charter. (Hd. of M. to Cdre. Hong Kong, 1606/30)

America and West Indies

ILLUSTRIOUS

To be sailed for Scapa with all convenient despatch (D.C.D.(H) 1602/30 to C. in C.A.W.I.). Expect to leave 29/7. (C. in C.A.W.I. 2211/29) Your 1602/30 and my 2211/29. Defects affect seaworthiness. Intend to sail ILLUSTRIOUS on completion of defects (C. in C.A.W.I. 2222/30)

Situation at
Martinique

DUNEDIN considers Robert intends to carry out Armistice terms vide DUNEDIN's 1701/28. FIJI just arrived considers French ships will scuttle if necessary and advocates maintenance (?if possible) of trust without which Robert might request our ships to leave, thus increasing our difficulties. My own opinion is that Robert lacks guts and in absence of any strong lead from French territory will not issue orders contrary to Armistice terms. BEARN and EMILE BERTIN are at Martinique, JEANNE d'ARC at Guadaloupe. Disembarking of gold from French cruiser EMILE BERTIN is proceeding. Am anxious about aircraft in French Aircraft Carrier BEARN which we may lose if they are disembarked, and consider strong and swift measures essential if we are to get them. FIJI is proceeding St. Lucia to fuel today 30th June, DUNEDIN remaining Martinique. (C. in C.A.W.I., 1001/30)

FURIOUS

Details of U.S. aircraft on board. (F.O.C.3B.S. 1921/30)

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SundayGERMAN MERCHANT SHIPS

- WILHELM
A. RIEDEMANN (10,326 tons) left Tallinn where she had arrived in May and sailed for Kiel 27/6 with 10500 tons of Estonian oil and (D.S.300)
- CONSUL CORDS) Arranged to ship timber at Riga for Germany about
KLAUS OLDENDORF) 17/7. (I.C. 0498/40)
NORDFELS)
- 4 German steamers of 2000 tons and under reported loading timber and props at Oul^a, Finland, in latter half of June. (I.C.0498/40)
- MARITZA Arrived Dubrovnik 27/6 for 5000 tons bauxite. (I.C., 0498/40)
- Another German ship expected at Split on 15/7. (I.C. 0498/40)
- ITHAKA Next port Batoum, due 1/7. (Salatz, 0944/29)

ITALIAN MERCHANT SHIPS

- CASAREGIS At Venice on 27/6 but was expected shortly at Trieste (I.C. 0498/40)
- CONTE BIANCAMANO At Colon. Owners informed agents at Colon 27/6 to arrange for her unloading and placing of goods in suitable storage (I.C. 0498/40)
- BRONTE Tanker, at Bandar Shapur, informed on 27/6 she will receive instructions re probable repatriation of part of crew. (I.C. 0498/40)
- CABOTO At Bandar Shapur, has completed unloading. Arrangements suggested for sending 26 of crew by road transport to Erzerum and thence by sail to Istanbul and Trieste. (I.C. 0498/40)
- CATERINA 4786 G.T. Expected to sail from Casablanca 29/6.
(Ex. FORTUNATA) (Should not be confused with FORTUNATA, 2715 G.T., reported as scuttled. (I.C. 0498/40)

SINKING OF S.S. AVELONA STAR (Refrigerator Ship)

GROSS TONS & ARMAMENT: 18,376 and armed with one 6" and one 3" gun.

DATE AND TIME: 2030/30/6.

POSITION: Latitude 46°59' N. Longitude 11°39' W.

SPEED: 14 knots.

ROUTE: Buenos Aires to London.

CARGO: Meat and fruit, including 1000 tons of oranges.

IN CONVOY: Yes, 34 in convoy (Commodore's ship) Doing zigzag No. 7 by day, No. 15 at night.

ESCORT: Armed Auxiliary Cruiser ~~and another fast ship.~~

FATE OF CREW: 37 all told including Commodore's staff. Two are missing, reported to have been picked up.

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Very moderate wind, force 3, easy swell.

REMARKS:- Torpedoed without warning between No. 3 hatch and forward stoke hole, She listed about 20° at once. Boilers blew up. The escaping steam adding to confusion and difficulty. Nevertheless, boats were lowered in good order and got away to the allocated rescue ship in convoy, S.S. BRIGNON (5218 tons) and survivors proceeded in her trying to catch up the convoy.

At 3 a.m. the next morning, July 1st, the BRIGNON doing 11 knots was struck by a torpedo and boats had again to be lowered. There were now 30 members of BRIGNON's crew in addition and a raft designed to carry 10 had to accommodate 25. It was towed by one of the boats on a log line. All boats and raft picked up by a Destroyer after drifting 8 hours. There was apparently no loss of life. The AVELONA STAR took 8 minutes to sink.

DATE: 9th July 1940.

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SundayU-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MININGShips AttackedZARIAN

British, 4,871 tons, torpedoed 2320/30, 250 miles W.S.W. of Scilly Is., Atlantic, 48.09' N., 11.03' W. Torpedo struck vessel port side between No 5 lower hold and after peak. Main propeller shaft fractured and engine-room flooded. Watertight door immediately shut and fires shut off from boilers. Wireless aerial, which had been carried away, was re-rigged and message sent to Admiralty for tug assistance. Vessel was towed to Falmouth by Tug SALVONIA. Towed from 1800/1 to 2000/4. (Minute sheet and B. of T. Casualties.)

M. V. BELMOIRA

Norwegian (3214 tons) under Govt. Charter left Dakar in ballast for Avomouth 18/6 is reported to have been sunk 30/6, Spanish trawler landed survivors at Corunna 2/7 (D.S. 3030)

GEORGIOS
KYRIAKIDES

Greek. Torpedoed 1200/30 Ship's time, approx 50° 30' N., 14° 53' E., Sunk. (N.O.I.C. Milford Haven 1220/4/7)

MERKUR
Sunk

Estonian (1219 tons) inward bound, was torpedoed 1730 200 miles S.W. Scilly. Not in convoy. 48° 26' N., 10° 58' W., (D.S.307) Now reported sunk. (D.O.R. 310) Casualties 4 killed. Capt considers that the S/M was Italian. (C.O. GARDENIA M. 013799/40)

AVELONA STAR

British 13375 tons torpedoed and sunk 46° 59' N., 11° 39' W., 2030/30. 3 missing Crew picked up by SS BEIGNON (MO13350/40) Minute Sheet and B. of T Casualties)

CLAN OGILVY

British 5802 tons. Torpedoed 1015/30. 46° 17' N., 14° 35' W. Hole in port bow and damage to collision bulkhead and shell plates. Reached Falmouth Roads 2109/4/7 under own power. (Minute sheet) (C. in C., W.A. to WINDSOR, VESPER 1541/30) (C. in C., W.A. to VANSITTART 1818/30) (C. in C., W.A. to ROCHESTER, GLADIOLUS, WINDSOR VESPER 0901/1)

War Diary.30.6.40.
Sunday.U-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MINING.Ships Attacked.CLAN OGILVY.

British (5802 tons) torpedoed about 1010/30 in position $46^{\circ} 17' N.$, $14^{\circ} 35' W.$ Able to steam astern. British ship GODFREY B. HOLT standing by. Tug being sent. (C. in C. W.A. 1451/30, 1541/30) $46^{\circ} 17' N.$ $13^{\circ} 32' W.$ (C. in C. W.A. 1954/30) In homeward bound Convoy S.L.36. (IC, 0498/30).

HELDER.

British, for London, passed St. Catherines C730 bound East and reported having been attacked by torpedo and gunfire in position Cape Barfleur $134^{\circ} 41$ miles, presumably during night. (C. in C. Portsmouth, 1252/30).

L.M.S. SNAPPER.

Attacked by U-boat 207^o Lister Light 27 miles. (SNAPPER 1854/30).

AVELONA STAR.

Torpedoed (C. in C. W.A. 2319/30) British (13,376 tons) in homeward bound Convoy S.L. 36 was torpedoed at 2130, 300 miles W. by S. of Ushant (O.S.) $46^{\circ} 46' N$ $12^{\circ} 20' W.$ C. in C. 0498/40 gives position $46^{\circ} 46' N.$, $12^{\circ} 17' W.$ 251^o Ushant 315'.

BEIGNON.

British (5218 tons) in homeward bound convoy S.L. 36. Torpedoed 300 miles W. of Ushant (D.S. 300)

MARIAN.

British (4871 tons) in ballast, in outward bound convoy S.L. torpedoed 2320 $48^{\circ} 3' N.$ $11^{\circ} 11' W.$ (260 miles S.W. of Ushant). Position at 0508 $48^{\circ} 1' N.$ $11^{\circ} 18' W.$ VANSITTART to tow. (C. in C. W.A. 0508/1,0824/1).

S/M's Reported.2320/29.

D.F. reliable fix, $57^{\circ} N.$, $4^{\circ} 40' E.$ (ODIC 0001/30).

1010.

$46.18 N.$, $14.33 W.$ reliable fix. (C. in C. W.A., 1314/30).

1226.

D.F. unreliable fix, $47^{\circ} N.$, $13^{\circ} W.$ (C. in C. W.A., 1342/30).

1310.

$46.17' N.$ $14.35' W.$ WINDSOR and VESPER to attack. (C. in C. W.A. 1451/30).

0515.

$57^{\circ} N.$ $7^{\circ} E.$ Position indefinite. (IC.0497/40)

1027.

Off Bantry Bay or Dingle Bay. Position indefinite. (IC.0497/40).

1916.

By D/F, U boat following S.L. convoy, signalling continuously (C. in C. W.A., 1916/30, 2032/20 to WINDSOR)

2132.

$225^{\circ} 47^{\circ} N.$ $12^{\circ} W.$ 18 miles by DUFFEGAN CASTLE (C. in C. W.A. 2234/30)

30.6.40.
Sunday.War Diary.U-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MINING.1542.60.50 N. 3° E. 294° Bergen 73' approx. position
(1 C. 0498/40)1148.55° N. 10° to 12° W. say 90' W. of Bloody Foreland
position indefinite. (IC. 0498/40).West Indies.2125.47° 30' N. 11° 20' W. 244° Ushant 280' position
very indefinite. (IC. 0498/40).1900/28.St. Vincent reports unidentified S/M on surface
off north coast approached from northward,
departed eastward submerging while in sight
C2 (CO(1) Kingston Jamaica 0932/30).S/M's Attacked.U-Boat depth charged by WHITE BEAR and FORTUNE.
(see 28/6, 29/6) Contact reduced to 600 yards.
Now difficult to locate submarine. (WHITE BEAR,
0420/30). See also p. ~~27~~ 673Mediterranean and East Indies.S/M's Reported.Red Sea.Estimated 8 on station when war began. 1 captured
3 definitely sunk, one bombarded and damaged
whilst ashore, leaving at present only 3 on
station. (IC. 0498/40).



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MOST SECRETWar Diary1.6.1940.
Saturday.HOME COMMANDSOperationsEvacuation of B.E.F.HAVANT

Request of C.O. on action and sinking by aircraft (M.O. 10879/40)

AirBASILISK
Sunk by
bombing 1/6)Destruction of ~~asdic~~ gear by SHELDRAKE
(M.I.0990/40 SHELDRAKE R of P 30/5 - 3/6)PRAGUEBritish 4220 tons. At 1025/1. Attacked by aircraft off Dunkirk. No direct hits, but some damage and 1 of crew killed.
(Shipping Casualties)LADY ROSEBERY

Wooden, 108 tons, attacked 0200/1 at Dunkirk and sunk. 1 man lost, cause not known (Minute Sheet & B of T Casualties)

Casualties & DefectsETHEL EVERARD

Store Ship 189 tons. Beached & abandoned at La Panne 0130/1. Crew picked up by destroyer (Shipping Casualties 145973)

ST. ABBS (H.M.T.S.)

Report of bombing and sinking off Dunkirk 0930/1 (M.O. 011353/40)

DORIS

83.40 tons. Reporting of sinking 3 m. E of Dunkirk (Shipping Casualties, Collision & Foundering)

WAR DIARYHOME COMMANDS.1.6.40.
Saturday.Operation Dynamo

Analysis of ships' reports establishes that 35 enemy aircraft were destroyed and at least 31 others were damaged and in distress, all by ships' gunfire between 0300/27 and 2000/1. (V.A. Dover 834/17).

Casualties & Defects.SCOTIA

Bombed and machine-gunned and sunk off Dunkirk. Had 2900 French troops on board, number lost not known, 28 of crew lost, 54 saved (Board of Trade.)

ST. HELIER.

1952 tons. Shelled by enemy Coastal batteries in Dunkirk harbour 1830/1 while embarking troops. Damaged. No lives lost. (Board of Trade.)

FOREIGN STATIONS.America and W. Indies.

N.S.H.Q. Ottawa 1706/1 see operations, Iceland.

Your 1425/16/5 if Italy enters war in next 48 hours propose to despatch EMERALD to mop up Italian trawlers on banks &c. and LACONIA to assist in Nantuket area. (R.A. 3 B. 3 2054/1)

South Atlantic

General situation in South American Countries. (Report by N.A. Buenos Aires) (N.I.D. 02272/40).

War DiaryHOME COMMANDS.2.6.40.
Sunday.Air.Enemy Air ActivityS.T. GREY NIGHT.

Sunk in air attack 0930/2 54°40'N
1°30' E. Sunk by incendiary bomb.
Skipper killed in lifeboat, 4 others
wounded by machine-gun fire.
(I.D. Form A.A.)

KATREEN Seine Netting

Damaged in air attack 0940/2, 85 miles
E.N.E. Humber Lt. V. 10 bombs and gunned
for 1½ hours. No casualties.
(I.D. Form A.A.)
Master's interview on 7/6 (S.C. Section,
Trade Division).

S.T. AQUARIUS

Damaged by machine-gun bullets 1100/2,
54°50'N 1°25'E while trawling. No
casualties (I.D. Form A.A.)

NOVELLI

Damaged by machine-gun 54°37'N, 1°55'E.,
at 1100 G.M.T. 6 attacks, over 100 hits,
raked fore and aft. No casualties.
(I.D. Form A.A.)

AENOS.

Greek (3554 tons) attacked at Marseilles.

EL NIL

Egyptian (7690 tons) attacked at
Marseilles.

Casualties & Defects.CATS EYE

British Trawler bombed 94' N.E. by E.
Spurn Point at 1020/2. Afloat but badly
riddled. (I.D. Form A.A.)

LIBERIA

British trawler 250 tons bombed at 1100/2
at 54°45'N. 1°30'E. Badly damaged.
Six bombs dropped; one hit but did not
explode. (I.D. Form A.A.)

FOSSA

105 tons. Stranded and abandoned off
Dunkirk 0230/2. No casualties. Has
become a total loss (Board of Trade).

ENA

90 tons. Damaged by bombing at Dunkirk,
date not given but apparently 2/6.
Found stranded off Sandwich 2/6 (was
abandoned 2/6). Has since been refloated
(Board of Trade).

U-Boat Campaign & Mining.Ships attacked.

BLACKBURN ROVERS)
WESTELLA)

Report on probable cause of sinking,
from Capt (A.P.) Dover. Cause
attributed to mines. M.011248/40.

MOST SECRETWar Diary5.6.1940.
WednesdayHOME COMMANDSOperations- NarvikAerodromes

Admty. 0107/5. This will be done, observing Bardufoss and Skaanland being used till last moment. Fear it will not be possible to deny use for more than a few days. Norwegian Air Force occupying Bardufoss. A good aerodrome has been prepared at Laxelv on Porshapper Fiord entirely in Norwegian hands. Other landing grounds also available Evvenos, Bjervik. Will see what can be done about them. (F.O. Narvik 1420/5)

Army Forces Embarked

Pass to Troopers, London, AZ 30/5, from N.W.E.F. Following embarked SOBIESKI, (Army details, including Polish Battalion of approx. 1,000, H.Q., Foreign Legion 240, H.Q. Polish Brigade 400, total 1706) (F.O. Narvik, 1524/5) - Admty.

Pass to Troopers, London, AZ 31/5, from N.W.E.F. Following embarked MONARCH OF BERMUUDA, Polish Battalion, approx. 750; 201st Battery, R.A., 221; 6th Bn. Chasseurs Alpine, 502; 63rd A/A., 523; R.A.F., 100; 165th A/A, 31; total 2127 (F.O. Narvik, 1526/5) Admty.

Pass to Troopers, London. AZ 32/5 from N.W.E.F. Following embarked BATORY: French H.Q., (and details French Troops, also various British Troops & R.A.F.) total 2356 (F.O. Narvik 1528/5) Admty.

Air- Enemy Air ActivityM/V SWEEP II
Sunk by mine

1245/5. Off Landguard Point Ship Hit and sank in 1½ minutes. Mate killed. survivors picked up by ALDION Trawler (Interview with Chief Engineer, Shipping Casualties Section, Trade Division)

Aircraft
Minelaying

Reports of enemy aerial minelaying off Portsmouth and Portland Bill on 5/6 June 1940 (M.O. 11099/40)

HOME COMMANDS.Operations.Evacuation of Norway.

My 1505/5. VALIANT sails 2100/6 with orders meet Group 1 and give close support Dover to Lat. 61° N. and then return to meet Group 2. A/S escort of 5 destroyers will rendezvous with Group 1 at 63°N. 4° W. to escort them to Clyde. Both Groups routed as in my 1505/5. (C. in C. H.F. 1807/6 to F.O. Narvik).

Narvik.

It now appears Norwegians may continue resistance after our evacuation. Most important that news of our evacuation kept secret as long as possible in order not to prejudice Norwegian plans. Trust you can arrange this in London and Paris. (Genl. Authinleck to Genl. Dill 2302/6).

FOREIGN STATIONS.East Indies.

Red Sea Force. Flag of S.N.O., Red Sea Force, was transferred from LIVERPOOL to LEANDER on 4/6. The composition of the Red Sea Force is at present as follows :-

Cruisers LEANDER (Flag), HOBART.
A/A Ship CARLISLE.
28th Div. Destroyers, KANDAHAR, KINGSTON,
KIMBERLEY, KHARTOUM.
Sloops, AUCKLAND, FLAMINGO, SHOREHAM,
CORNWALLIS, GRIMSBY.

Aden Force.

The following are based on Aden and will be known as the Aden Force :-

Minesweepers, HUNTLEY, DERBY.
A/S Vessels, AMBER, MOONSTONE.
Contraband Control Service, CHANTALA,
CHAKDINA, SAGITTA.

(M.07210/40, Serial No. 507, 6.6.40).

China.Anglo-Thai
Pact.

Intercepted letter from Italian Legation, Bangkok, to Rome, intercepted Calcutta, states that as a result forceful Japanese representations completion of Anglo-Thai Pact would be delayed to prevent it being signed before Thai-Japanese Non-Aggression Pact. (C.O.I.S. Singapore, 0858/6.)

Ichang Area.

Situation. If Ichang threatened, approved to withdraw H.M.S. FALCON to Chungking. Ichang raided by light bombers 1128 today. Damage and casualties very slight. (S.N.O. Upper River, 1953/6).

MOST SECRETWar Diary7.6.1940.
FridayHOME COMMANDSOperations.Evacuation of Norway

Your 0052/7. Paragraph (b) would entail delay. Propose therefore to advance at 25 knots through positions F.C.J.Y., D.R.O.O., P.F.H.N., Request final destination and that A/S screen may meet me as far North as possible. (F.O.I.C. 1st C.S. 0954/7 to F.O.I.C. Narvik)

My 0954/7. Will pass through position FCJV at 1000/8. Have on board two principals and 102 important passengers, about 70 refugees and 314 troops. Norwegian Warships and Heinkel Seaplanes are proceeding first to Thorshaven. British Trawlers ELLESMERE and THIRLMERE are endeavouring to make contact and escort three British M/V's and several Norwegian M/V's which left Tromso 1700/7 for Scapa, speed $8\frac{1}{2}$ knots. Intend maintain W/T silence. (CSI 0001/8 to Adty.)

Embarked in ORMONDE total 1845 French and Polish Troops (F.O.I.C. Narvik 1052/7 to Adty.)

Embarked in ARANDORA STAR total 1923 Troops (F.O. Narvik 1128/7 to Adty.)

U-Boat CampaignShips AttackedEROS

Reported herself mined, but C. in C., Rosyth considers she was torpedoed. Beached S.S.E. of Tory I. (I.D. Form S.A., M.O 11522/40)

Submarines Attacked

By HIBISCUS 1137/7. $49^{\circ} 56' N.$, $2^{\circ} 07' W$
Result doubtful (MO 13182/40)

MOST SECRETWar Diary8.6.1940
SaturdayHOME COMMANDSEvacuation of Norway

GLORIOUS - }
ACRSTA }
ARDENT }

List of Survivors and their reports on
the action on 8/6/40 (MO 12683/40)

ORAMA

Report on circumstances leading up to
the destruction of ORAMA, from R.A.,
A/A Ships, 17/7/1940. (M.012233/40)

Air

STRATHDERRY }
NEWHAVEN }
BEN ROSSAL }

Bombing and machine gunning of (Gubbins
Flotilla R. of P. 3-12 June 1940
(MO11912/40)

Casualties & DefectsMACLAREN

British 2330 tons. Aberdeen to Methil
in ballast. Stranded off N. Coast Fyfe
Ness 0035/8. Refloated without assistance
(Shipping Casualties O.N. 135602)

U-Boat Campaign & MiningHARDINGHAM

Mined at 1210/8 off South Knock Buoy in
Thames Estuary. Sank. Crew saved. Ship
de-gaussed, but deviation of compass
observed in Tyne suggested to Master that
it was not switched on. (Interview with
Master. S.C. Section, Trade Division)

HOME COMMANDSAir.Enemy Air
Activity

RIVER NESS

Bombed and sunk approx. 8 miles N.E. by N. of the Outer Skerries. Interview with Capt. D.B. Craig, Master (Trade Div., Casualties Section, 14/6). Refers to R.A.F. on his return to Lerwick being annoyed at receiving no S.O.S. although BRACONDENE, in company, had sent one. Wick Radio said their instructions were to inform the Wick authorities, Lyness, and the Wick lifeboat, not to pass information to anyone else.

FOREIGN STATIONSSouth AtlanticDisposition
of Italian
submarines

EVANGELISTA

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Your 1146/8.* Following 8 Italian submarines South of Suez on 10/6 GUGLIEMOTTI, GALVANI, TORRICELLI, ^{GALILEI} FERRARIS, ARCHIMEDE, ^{GALILEI} GALILEI, FERLA, MACALLE. Only movements known as follows 3 submarines no names reported off Ras Hafun on 1st June, ARCHIMEDE reported off coast Italian East Africa on 5th June. Only information available endurance and minelaying contained in C.B.1815 (October) 1939 or (April) 1940. Note in C.B. that TORRICELLI and ARCHIMEDE serving in Spanish Navy now considered untrue. (D.N.I. 1555/10 to N.O.I.C. Simonstown

* Requesting information available as to radius of action, minelaying capabilities and movements of Italian s/m's south of Suez.

Italian Merchant Ships

MARZOCCO

Seized off Peterhead. Entire crew captured but ship had been scuttled in accordance with radio instructions. The MARZOCCO finally ran aground 11/6. (T.S.D. 4163/40)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MININGShips Attacked

VIOLANDO N.
GOULANDRIS sunk

Greek 3598. Sunk by s/m off Cape Finisterre Crew landed. (D.S. 284)

SONJA
sunk

Swedish (1828 tons) sunk off Floro, near Bergen. 10/6. 9 survivors, 12 lost.

VANDYCK
sunk

M/S Trawler sunk off Andenes (Harstad) p.m./10. Believed torpedoed. 5 crew missing, 6 seriously wounded. Stockholm report (B.C.N.S. 262)

MOST SECRETWar Diary10.6.1940.
MondayHOME COMMANDSEvacuation of NorwayVANDYCK

Report on circumstances leading up to the loss of VANDYCK, from R.A. A/A Ships 17.7.1940. (M012233/40) At 0810/9, C.S. 20 received a signal from VANDYCK giving her position. Two destroyers, DELIGHT and FIREDRAKE, were detailed to try and find VANDYCK. C.S.20 made no effort to get into W/T touch with VANDYCK, but ordered DELIGHT to do so. DELIGHT failed to establish communication with VANDYCK and reported this fact at 2300/10. DELIGHT reported that VANDYCK had probably intercepted a signal made to DELIGHT by C.S.20 D.S.D. considers this assumption entirely wrong. C.S.20 should have taken steps to ascertain very much earlier that DELIGHT had failed to pass his message to VANDYCK. R.A.C.A/A Ships informed accordingly, by Admty. Letter 22/7)

MediterraneanSituation

Main Fleet at Alexandria. Destroyer sweep by 2 D.F. and two flying boats 201 Sqdn. in progress vide C. in C., Med's 1209/9.
CALYPSO on patrol in Kithera Channel
CALEDON at Port Said
FIONA in Area CD
CAPETOWN, just relieved, on passage from corner of Crete to Alexandria.
All French cruisers and destroyers at Beirut.

News was received at 1900 of Mussolini's declaration of war at 0001/11. Admiralty order was not received until 2208 but preparations were proceeding meanwhile. Fleet went to two hours' notice. RAMILLIES abandoned refit. Floating dock prepared for flooding, and flooded down at 0100. Order issued that no merchant ship to approach within three miles of Malta, Cyprus or Palestine between sunrise and sunset.

Submarine patrols were instituted off Candia and Suda Bay. (C. in C., Med., War Diary, 10/6 to 13/6, T.S.D., 4736/40)

U-Boat Campaign & MiningSubmarines
Attacked

By H.M.T.CYPRESS 3 mile 100° from No 20 Channel Buoy Dropped 2 d.c.'s. Doubtful results. (M011419/40)

MOST SECRETWar Diary11.6.1940.
TuesdayITALIAN MERCHANT SHIPS

Italian Merchant Ships in neutral ports
11/6:-

In Europe	24 ships	of 86204 tons
In Africa	24 "	116086 "
In Asia	16 "	86778 "
In The Americas	71 "	436519 "
Total	135	725587 tons.

CASUALTIES & DEFECTSST SIEROL

1586 tons Bombed by enemy aircraft,
damaged, no casualties, about 1500/11 in
Havre Roads (Board of Trade)

PIRIAPOLIS

Belgian (7340 tons) Reported from Berne
sunk by enemy aircraft 11/6.

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MININGShips AttackedMOUNT HYMETTUS

Part of crew landed here of Greek steamer
MOUNT HYMETTUS, reported torpedoed May
11th (June?) 0800, 150 miles west of
Finnisterre. (Consul, Vigo, 1926/13/6)

ATHELPRINCE

British 8784 tons. London to W. Indies
attack by U-Boat, damaged but escaped
(M.011873/40)

ST RONAIG

British 509 tons. Sunk by mine in fog
4 killed at 1015/11 (Minute Sheet,
Shipping Casualties)

Submarines Attacked

By PERIWINKLE 48° 16' N., 7° 40' W., Result
doubtful (M013178/40)



War Diary.

HOME COMMANDS.

12.6.40.
Wednesday.

Air.

Norway.

Order of Battle of German Air Force in Norway. (N.I.D.02370/40).

SS. GRO.

(Norwegian) reported by Master that he was attacked evening 12/6 by enemy triple engined seaplanes, in position 240 miles W.N.W. of Lofotemis. The a/c's carrying out the attack appeared from direction of Jan Mayen Island (I.C.0491/40) 70° 5' N. 4° 0' E. approx. attacked 2115/12. Damaged by machine ~~gun~~ fire, I.W. (1D Form AA)

Casualties and Defects.

Train Ferry No. 2.

British, 2687 tons, was abandoned on the beach at Le Havre 12/6 during the withdrawal of troops.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Mediterranean.

Malta.

Heavy bombing attack about 20 planes commenced 1725 G.M.T. yesterday with Dockyard and TERROR apparently as objectives. Neither objective damaged. Very heavy bombs dropped in sea off Tigne while others caused considerable damage Verdala barracks further damage caused to civil property Sliema, Tarxien, Paula, and Zabbar areas. Two enemy planes destroyed one confirmed one unconfirmed. Casualties military 7 wounded civilians approximately 30 killed 50 wounded (C. in C. Malta 1418/12 to War Office)

Reference my 2321 11th June. Naval casualties in last night's raids killed 1 officer 2 wounded 1 chief engine room artificer and 6 ratings killed. Civilian casualties 25 killed 125 wounded. I now consider from H.M.S. DIAMOND's evidence that her attack on submarine probably successful. (FDIC.Malta 2231/12 to Admiralty).

MOST SECRETWar Diary12.6.1940.
WednesdayFOREIGN STATIONSMediterraneanCALYPSO
Sunk

At 0200 CALYPSO (taking part in Fleet sweep) was seen to drop back and subsequently reported she had apparently been struck by a torpedo. CALEDON and DAINTY were detached to stand by her, and rescued 24 officers and 394 ratings. She sank at 0330. One Officer and 36 ratings missing. CALEDON and DAINTY rejoined C. in C., at noon and were then detached to Alexandria to land survivors. (C. in C., Med., War Diary T.S.D. 4736/40)
C. in C. remains unconvinced loss was due to submarine action (14/6) (M. 012348)

Mining

Areas declared dangerous by the Admiralty owing to British or Italian minefields. (C. in C., Med., War Diary, T.S.D. 4736/40)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MININGShips AttackedORKANGER
Sunk

Norwegian tanker sunk by U-Boat 2330/12. 31° 43' N., 28° 53' E., (M013207/40)

EARLSPARK

Reporting of sinking 42° 26' W., 11° 33' W to 1115/12 (M 012966/40) British, 5,250 tons, Sunderland to Bordeaux, unaccompanied, torpedoed 1115/12, 3 firemen presumed killed by explosion, Master and Boatswain were drowned. A Fireman and Chief Engineer died from exposure because of adverse weather, port lifeboat filled when it reached water. Same boat fouled a raft in clearing ship and capsized, throwing its occupants into water. Starboard lifeboat apparently atrained by explosion, required constant bailing. Survivors drifted about 100 miles wo Southward when rescued by H.M. ship 16/6. Chief Engineer died 21/6 in rescue ship from exposure. (Minute Sheet and B. of T. Casualties)

Submarines Attacked

2100

By CARNARVON CASTLE 44° 18' N., 13° 53' W
2 depth charges dropped Attack
unsuccessful (M.013386/40)



MOST SECRET

War Diary

13.6.1940.
Thursday

CASUALTIES & DEFECTS

ROEBUCK

776 tons. Shelled by enemy shore batteries 0440 off St. Valery en Caux 2 K. Damaged. (Board of Trade)

FOREIGN STATIONS

Mediterranean

Situation

Sweep to the south-eastward continued. Vice Adm. (D) with 7th C.S. rejoined C. in C., at noon, after carrying out sweep ordered in C. in C., 1127/2 No incident occurred during sweep.

Hunting force of destroyers ordered by R.A. Alexandria to search for submarine reported by MOY. One submarine was sunk by VOYAGER. A second was attacked and the presence of a third suspected. Number of mines discovered possibly jettisoned by the submarine when being attacked.

R.A. Alexandria, declared 3 mined areas close together N.W. of Alexandria, covering an area 20 miles long and 10 miles wide in a direction N.E. and S.W.

No flying boat reconnaissance was available 13/6.

Air raid on Tobruk resulted in one large cruiser, believed SAN GIORGIO being set on fire and beached. Naval jetty and one ship alongside was set on fire. (C. in C., Med., War Diary T.S.D. 4736/40)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MINING

Ships Attacked

BRITISH INVENTOR

Tanker 7100 tons. Mined approx. 0710 B.S.T., 6 1/2 miles East of the Shambles, 5 miles from land. Interview with Mr. W.P. Booth, Chief 15/6. (Trade Div. Casualties Section) Was towed for about 2 hours, then sank (beached) about 5 hours after being hit. Had left convoy to call at Portland for degaussing. 9 of crew injured. (Board of Trade)

HOME COMMANDSOperationsFrench CoastEnemy Battery

T.H.V. PATRICIA whilst picking up "H" light buoy 274° Calais 11 miles Wednesday 12th reports having been fired at from batteries at Calais. Batteries appeared to be low down, four guns in a group at about the junction of the Western Breakwater and the shore and one gun slightly to the left. Guns increased their range to within six cables of PATRICIA but Master suggests that this may have been the limit of their range. (V.A. Dover 1745/14)

My 1745/14. H.M.T. GRIMSBY TOWN while escorting PATRICIA reports new battery being established about half-way up the cliff ($\frac{1}{4}$ miles N.E. of C. Blanc Nez.) (V.A. Dover, 1838/15)

ShippingAvoiding
the Downs

Cancel my 2022/12/2 and 1753/25/4. All vessels bound North and South through the Downs to or from ports north of the Thames are to proceed to Southend and should be routed accordingly. Anchoring in the Downs is undesirable and should be avoided unless absolutely necessary. (A.C.N.S.(T) 1204/14)

CASUALTIES AND DEFECTS

ELLAVORE

Norwegian (1302 tons) was abandoned at Havre 17/6 (D.S. 292)

FOREIGN STATIONSMediterranean

Surface raider 43° 44'N, 16° 35'W. SUSSEX chased by warships (Scapa W/T 1740/14)

Received 0944 G.M.T. 43° 33'N, 16° 35'W. SUSSEX chased by warship 1635/14. (Portishead Radio 0925/15)

Italian
oil tanks

Proposing that air attack should be made on tanks with Italian aviation spirit at Aquila, Trieste. Reported that Pola and Brioni are practically undefended and giving position of oil tanks. (Belgrade 2030/14)



War Diary

15.6.40.
Saturday

HOME COMMAIDS

Miscellaneous.

W/T
Communication
Established

Emergency W/T communication now established between London G.P.O. and French W/T Station Croix d'Hins at Bordeaux. (C.T.O. received 2250/15).

Operation XD (Demolition)

Party "M" for St. Malo is assembling in VERNON. Includes one officer and 10 ranks R.E. Party to be at 4 hours notice. (D.O.D.(H) 1841/15 to C. in C. Portsmouth).

Iceland

EMERALD

On arrival Reykjavik to embark survivors from British aircraft 4 German prisoners, etc. (C. in C. Rosyth, 1629/15).

Air.

British Air Activity

Daily R/c
of German
& Norwegian
bases suggested.

The quite unexpected appearance of heavy enemy forces in far North on 8th June which ~~is~~ led to sinking of GLORIOUS and other ships shows it to be absolutely essential that our scheme of Air Reconnaissance should be overhauled. Most galling that enemy should always know just where our ships are whereas we generally learn where his major forces are when they sink one or more of our ships. Suggest a daily R/c of Wilhelmshaven, Brunsbuttel, Bergen, and Trondheim areas and of Kiel every other day, to locate enemy B.C.'s, pocket Battleships and Cruisers. (C. in C., H.F. 1541/15 to Adty.)

Norwegian
Coast

Aircraft attacked two armed M.Vs of 8,000 to 10,000 at 1015 /15. No damage. (Donibristle to O.I.C. Recd. 1630/15).

Attack on
Trondeim

My 1832/14. Attack on Trondheim not carried out owing to weather. (C. in C., Rosyth, 0840/15 to C. in C., H.F.).

Ref. RO/G19/14/6. Attack to be carried out tonight by 6 Hudsons 233 escorted by 4 Blenheims 254 Sqdn. (Donibristle to O.I.C.: Recd. 2205/15).

MOST SECRETWar Diary15.6.1940.
Saturday.U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MININGShips Attacked→ ERIK BOYE
Sunk

I.D. Form S.A. (M011908/40)

ANDANIATorpedoed 2330/15, 62.36 N., 5.19 W.,
First A.M.C. to be attacked success-
fully by U/Boat while on patrol.
(Northern Patrol. R of P. M., 014809/40)Submarines Attacked

0445

By Anson aircraft 59.52 N., 5° 38' W.,
Submarine sighted at periscope depth.
Visibility 200' to 300 yards.
Continuous heavy rain. Attacked immediate-
ly with 2-100 lbs H.E. bombs across the
starboard quarter from 500 ft.
Bombs fell 3 to 6 yards on starboard
side alongside the periscope. Estimate
that a submarine was definitely hit as
two large dark brown patches 10-15 ft
in diameter appeared 3-5 yards apart
also there was a pale blue patch about
6 ft in diameter which appeared about 7
minutes after the bombs had exploded.
Temporary appearance as of oil in con-
junction with the pale blue patch. Took
one photo at the time of bombing.
Circled the area for 3 hours 15 minutes
but saw nothing further than already
mentioned. Both pilot and navigator
were struck with the peculiar brown and
grey camouflage on the periscope.
(Donibristle, 0940/15)

U-Boat
Damaged

German broadcast of slight damage caused
to U-Boat which had sunk SCOTSTOUN 13/6,
by being rammed by a ship in convoy.
Thought to have occurred when ITALIA
and ERIK BOYE were sunk in convoy HX 27
night 14/15 in about 50° 38' N., 8° 44'
W., (T.D. 563/DEMS 40)



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MOST SECRET

17.6.1940
Monday

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HOME COMMANDS

Air- Enemy Air Activity

→ LANCASTRIA

In Charpentier Roads, Aubere Bay, had embarked 5,200 troops, several refugees, and had a crew of 320. Attacked by aircraft which came out of the clouds at 1,000-2,000 ft. 4 bombs dropped, 2 or 3 scoring direct hits. Ship abandoned and sunk 1555, 10 minutes after being hit. Survivors picked up by destroyer, French tugs and trawlers, during which time they were bombed again and transferred to other ships. Military survivors known to have been landed, 3733. There were 63 casualties among crew of LANCASTRIA.

(M. 015456/40)
(Cin.C.W.App) (R.O. Case 7063)

SS TEIRESIAS

(7405 tons) Bombed and sunk (? off St. Nazaire) British 7,405 tons, bombed and sunk at 1555/17 off St. Nazaire. One killed by bomb splinter. Crew took to boats and picked up by SS HOLMSIDE. Vessel broke in two. Was intensively bombed for 1 1/4 hours and rendered unmanageable by flooding of engine room and stokehold. (Minute Sheet and B. of T. Casualties)

→ SS LANCASTRIA

Bombed and sunk while evacuating troops from St. Nazaire. Had on board 5200 troops and a number of women and children, about 2500 saved out of a total of about 5500. 70 of crew of 330 lost. (Master's Statement)

Mining

Weymouth & Portland

Enemy air minelaying Weymouth Bay and Portland Harbour night 16/17 June. (M011869/40)

CASUALTIES & DEFECTS

ELLAVORE

Norwegian (1302 tons) was abandoned at Havre.

Shipping

DIDO

In dry dock at Brest for repairs after standing off Ushant. Master and crew ordered to abandon at 1530/17 by D.S.T.O. (On French capitulation) (Minute Sheet and Casualty Form)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN...



War Diary

MOST SECRET

17.6.1940
Monday

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MINING

Ships Attacked

ELPIS
Sunk

Greek 3651 tons. 43° 46' N., 14° 06' W., at 0000/17. Crew warned to abandon ship and lowered boats. Ship torpedoed and sunk. Crew picked up by SS MERKLAND. (Interview with Master Shipping Casualties Section, Trade Division)

Submarines Attacked

By JACKAL 2205/17, 52° 24.5' N., 2° 09' E., Result doubtful. (MO12695/40)

MOST SECRETWar Diary

17.6.1940.

MondayHOME COMMANDSE-BoatsVESPER

A.1. received warning of E-Boat activity when passing the Folkestone Gate. At 0114 1 E-Boat sighted and engaged. VIVACIOUS joined in the attack, but contact was lost at 0145 (M.012150/40)

ITALIAN MERCHANT SHIPSAmerica & West Indies

Present position Italian ships Jamaica Intelligence area:-

Tampico:- AMERICANO, ATLAS, FEDE, GENOANO, LUCIFERO, MARINIO, STELVIO M.V., TUSCANIA, VIGOR.

Puerto:- ITALIA

Havana:- REDCA

San Juan de Porto Rica:- COLOERADO

La Guaira:- JOLE FASSIO

Puerto Cabello:- TROTTIERA, BACICIN PADRE, TERESA ODERO.

Maracaibo:- ALABAMA, DENTICE, former aground latter ground fired.

Cartagena:- RAPALLO, ANTEO M.V.

Balboa:- CONTE BIANCAMANO.

Punta Arenas, Costa Rica:- FELLA M.V.

(Unaccounted):- PIAVE, departure 22/5 Havana for Curacao, and GIULIO GIORDANI, due Houston, Texas, about 15/6. (S.O.L., Kingston, Jamaica, 1046/17)

ShippingFrench Ports

Following received, addressed Norwegian ANNAVORE, from Brest Radio:-
All Norwegian ships and particularly ships lent to account for the French Government should continue to use French Ports.
(C. in C., Nore, 2219/17)

/Air.....

MOST SECRETWar Diary18.6.1940
TuesdayHOME COMMANDSOperation X D Party P. (L'Orient)→ CUTTY SARK
Damaged

Attempt to carry out the operation. CUTTY SARK (A/S Yacht) bombed, damaged in Raz de Sein (St. Nazaire). towed back to Plymouth. Party P subsequently returned to their depot, the R.E. in the party proceeded to La Pallice in VISCOUNT, and F.L.O. at Plymouth reported that the oil and dockyard at L'orient were destroyed by the French. (MO12278/40 Operation XD, Party P Lorient, report)

Enemy Air ActivityANTHIPPI N.
MICALOS

Greek, 3,298 tons, attacked by enemy aircraft off Brest, noon. No direct hits, but damage sustained from concussion of bombs. (Minute Sheet and B. of T. casualties)

Casualties & DefectsRONWYN

Lloyds 1766
1894 tons. Damaged and abandoned. Rochefort, France 0300/18. (Shipping Casualties 142322)

→ CUTTY SARK

A/S Yacht. Bombed, damaged see Operation X.D.

HESTER

1199 tons. Rendered useless and abandoned at Rochefort. Crew transferred to ESKWOOD (Shipping Casualties, Shandings etc.)

War Diary19.6.40.
Wednesday

SITUATION REPORT

Air.Raid on
England

German aircraft operating from Amsterdam and Lille areas raided England last night. Bombs were dropped on aerodromes, iron and steel works and an oil refinery.

Minelaying operations took place off Le Verdon. Four raids were made on Bordeaux during the afternoon and La Pallice was bombed after dark.

Patrols

Normal patrols were flown on 19/6, with the exception of reconnaissance flights to the Danish and Norwegian coast, though 3 aircraft left at midnight 19/20 to reconnoitre the coast of Norway.

Attack on
Ymuiden

F.A.A. aircraft left at 2200/19 to attack docks and merchant vessels at Ymuiden and 4 barges reported at the Hague. Aircraft report that many of the usual light buoys off the Dutch coast are working again.

Mining

Magnetic mines have been exploded off Portland, Dover and a moored mine cut off Flamborough Head.

A total of 12 magnetic mines were destroyed at Cherbourg up to 19/6.

Italian Hostilities

Shipping concentrations in Trieste, Genoa and in more southerly ports are not known to have been dispersed.

The probability of German formations becoming available for employment outside France can be linked up with a report regarding the contemplated move of some German formations through Italy and Africa. (J.I.C. Report 44).

Gibraltar,
Morocco.

Recommendations of Governor, Gibraltar, for reinforcing French Morocco (see Operations Volume).

Casualties.

GRAMPUS, in the Med. is reported overdue at Malta from patrol.

War Diary.ATTITUDE OF FRENCH.20.6.40.
Thursday.Morocco.

Morale appears to be stiffening and it seems likely that French Resident General will fight on, and if forced to stop, will send A/C to Sudan.

Tunis.

Attitude of Resident General satisfactory. He abhors peace overture and is convinced hostilities will continue in N. Africa under the French Government. But he rules out possibility of local separatist movement.

Jibuti.

Governor states that if instructed by French Government to surrender Jibuti he would do so. But G.O.C. declares he would forcibly prevent Governor from doing so and would continue to fight under British orders.

French Equatorial Africa.

Would not accept capitulation of Colonial Troops. Would ask for British protection of colony or would leave for Nigeria, Sudan, or Kenya with 9/10 ths of Troops and population (F.O. Telegram 0445/20 to H.M. Reps.)

French Council of Ministers have decided that, on approach of enemy to Bordeaux, President of Republic, Presidents of 2 Houses of Parliament, and 3 or 4 Ministers will proceed overseas to carry on Government. It is possible General Weygand will go too. (F.O. Telegram 0555/20 to H.M. Reps.)

HOME COMMANDS.Shipping.

My 1110/17. This instruction no longer applies to French Colonial ports outside Mediterranean. (D.T.D. 1134/20 to A.I.G. 47).

AEGEUS.

Greek, with timber for Alexandria, now at Algiers. French military authorities willing to buy cargo, but AEGEUS ordered by Admiralty to England. Requesting instructions (Nos.3. (Dillon) Military Mission, Algiers, 1355/20).

CASUALTIES AND DEFECTS.INWISULVA.
SWALLOW.

British motor ship (264 tons) Reported useless
- do - (269 ") and abandoned at
Paris 20/6.
(D.S. 292)

MOST SECRETWar Diary20.6.1940
ThursdayHOME COMMANDSAir-Enemy Air ActivityF.O.I.C.
Portland

Report of enemy aircraft attack on Weymouth and Portland. MO12281/40.

STESSO

British 2290 tons 0045 Cardiff Docks Bombed By enemy aircraft. No casualties, ship submerged (Shipping Casualties 145495)

Operations-SubmarinesCLYDE.
Attack on
Capital ship

At 2150, CLYDE was patrolling on surface and charging north of Fro Havet in position 64.43' N., 9.52' E. Single aircraft sighted to S.E., and CLYDE dived and steered 120° towards Kya. At 2209, two large ships sighted about two miles apart and nine miles distant. Mast of a third ship, thought to be a destroyer, was between the two. CLYDE altered course to cross the bow of port wing ship and avoid the destroyer. At 2232 the first torpedo of a dispersed salvo was fired, and the remainder at 9 seconds interval on a course of 225°. Torpedoes were staggered for depth at 14 and 18 feet. Range on firing estimated at 4,000 yards. Voilent explosion heard 2 minutes 55 seconds after firing first torpedo. About 8 minutes later two faint explosions heard may have been torpedoes striking sea bed. Attack had lasted 23 minutes. CLYDE was counter-attacked by enemy destroyer, a pattern of eight depth charges arriving six minutes after going deep. None particularly close, though the last broke a few lights and caused an oil fuel supply pipe joint to blow. Hydrophone effect heard for a further ten minutes, but no more charges dropped. At 0100/21, CLYDE surfaced to make enemy report, nothing in sight. (CLYDE, R. of P. MO12987/40)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGNShips AttackedMORDRECHT
A.

Dutch M.V. Sunk 1420/20 43° 34' N., 14° 20' W by torpedo. Crew 29, all drowned or killed by explosion, except 5 on upturned boat, but only 4 were picked up. Ship left Bermuda-England convoy 18/6. (I.D. from S.A.)

/Bempire Conveyor...

War Diary.21.6.40.
Friday.HOME COMMANDS.Operations.

Admiralty 1558/21 (personal distribution)
 WANDERER and WITHERINGTON detailed.
 (C. in C.W.A., 2006/21) My 2146/21
 WINCHESTER is to be employed on duty
 mentioned in my 1558/21. (D.O.D. (H)
 2204/21 to F.O.I.C. Greenock).

Iceland.R.M.F.U.

Royal Marine Fortress Unit required for
 mounting Army defence equipments in
 Iceland. Will be attached to Army who
 will be responsible for administration,
 etc. Anticipated will be required to
 embark in 9 days' time and will be requir-
 ed for at least 4 weeks from time of
 arrival in Iceland. (D. of L.D. to C. in
 C. Portsmouth 2049/21).

Air.British Air Activity.French Coast.

Attack on new gun battery Cap Blanc Nez
 50° 54' 40" N., 01° 44' 00" E. at 1440.
 4 direct hits, several near misses. A/C
 E/801 shot down in sea by A/A fire. Guns
 of target thought to be 4-7" (A.C.H.Q.
 Chatham 1715/21).

Texel.

Coastal search of Texel and attacks on
 M.V's and aerodrome by 206 and 826 Sqdns.
 (Chatham A.C.H.Q. 1945/21, 2135/21).

Enemy Air Activity.DEMNIS ROSE.

Bombed 2345/21. No casualties or damage
 at 20 C. Buoy. (D. Form AA).

Enemy Intelligence.

One Northbound 3000 Ton M/V. flying
 Danish colours sunk at 1810/21 by H.44
 at 55° 18' N. 4° 28' E. (V.A.S. 1131/27).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN AND MINING.Ships attacked.ALFA.

Danish ⁸⁴⁴~~1300~~ tons sunk near Dutch coast
 after an explosion. Had been in a Dutch
 harbour since 9/4, the day of invasion of
 Denmark, and was on her way home. Danish
 legation at Berlin reports all but 2 of
 the crew rescued. (Kalundborg Radio
 1130/27/6, quoting statement of J.
 Lauritzen, Ltd.)



War Diary

21.6.1940
Friday

HOME COMMANDS

Operations

Home Fleet (To intercept SCHARNHORST)
MANCHESTER (V.A.C. 18 C.S.) R. of P. 21-22
June 1940 (MO 12346/40) "SCHARNHORST"
Remarks on the operation by V.A.C. 18th C.S.
(MO12363/40) C. in C., Rosyth P of P 21/6
and 22/6. (M.012828/40)
Refers to variation in reports of enemy's
position from aircraft Air Ministry
requested to take up matter with R.A.F.
Commands.

FOREIGN STATIONS

Mediterranean

RORQUAL

Minelaying off Tolmeita. Fired at Italian
cargo ship; torpedo failed to explode
though it hit target. (MO18392/40 RORQUAL-
Narrative of Patrol July 1940)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MINING

Ships Attacked

YARRAVILLE

Ref. I.D. Form S.A.
(1) British ship YARRAVILLE
(2) Standard Transportation of Hong Kong
(3) 1430/21/6, 39.40' N., 11.34' W.
(4) Not sighted
(5) Not seen
(6) Submerged
(7) Sinking and on fire
(8) 5 Chinese
(9) Not seen
(10) Torpedo
(11) Confidential books thrown overboard in
weighted bag, no mails.
(12) Captain left at Gibraltar where crew
first landed. (N.C.S.O., Milford Haven,
2144/12/7) (S.O.I. Gibraltar, R.S.
310/20)

ADAMTIOS

Greek, 4277 tons, information received from
Greece dated 8/7 states ship was sunk at La
Rochelle between 17/6 and 21/6 (Lloyds
Gazette, quoted in D.S. 313)

SARMATIA

Finnish. (Torpedoed in Finisterre Area,
position not yet known (I.C., 0498/40, 1.7.40)

Submarines Attacked

1320 -
2010

By VIVA II 46.28 N., 03.51 W. Probably
successful (M.013742/40)

FRENCH FLEET

Admiral West and staff with destroyer LE HARDI arrived here and MAMELUCK and battleship French Battleship JEAN BART arrived Casablanca.

Message received en route gave succession of command after Darlan if necessary as De Laborde, Esteva, Abrial, Gensoul, ordered navy to continue fighting unless orders are cancelled by legal French Government and states that on no account must any ship fall into the hands of the enemy.

Senior officers appear almost resigned about the future of the fleet and quite expect may have to be sunk in consequence. Junior officers show considerable feeling against possibility which is described as treason. Two main arguments are (a) French families are in the power of the enemy and hands of officers and men are therefore tied (b) Present Government knows best and orders must be obeyed whatever they are.

Request that liaison officers may be kept up to date with progress of negotiations (such knowledge lends authority) and prior information as to any British move which may be used to influence French naval officers. (B.N.L.O. Brest at Casablanca 2315/22 to A.C.W.A. & Adty.)

HOME COMMANDSAir

EMMA PLEIN

Dutch, 5435 tons. Attacked by a/c at 0045/22 in 53° 4'N, 1° 34'E. In convoy. No damage or casualties. (I.D. Form A.A.)

FOREIGN STATIONSMediterraneanAlgiers

In port, cruisers , , MARSEILLAISE, JEAN DE VIENNE, LA GALISSONNIERE.

LIGHT CRUISERS

Patrol off
Minorca

Destroyers L'INDOMPTABLE, LE TRIUMPHANT

Convoys

Normal between Oran and Gibraltar, and special between Oran and S. France. Special operations between Algiers and S. France to withdraw troops and stores.



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MOST SECRET24.6.1940
MondayHOME COMMANDSOperationsTRIDENT

unsuccessfully attacked inward bound tanker in 64° 21' N., 9° 12' E., (V.A.S. 1621/3)

E-BoatsALBUERA

British, 3477 tons, torpedoed (twice) off Dungeness 0015/24. Crew picked up by Dutch MEROPE, 5 lives lost, transferred to armed trawler and landed Dover. Members of crew lost probably injured when second explosion occurred (Minute Sheet and B. of T. Casualty Form)

Air-Enemy Air ActivityCLAN ROSS

Interview with Master.

FOREIGN STATIONSSouth AtlanticMadagascar and Reunion

Message passed by N.C.S.O., Duala. Governor-General, French Cameroons, has received following message from Governor-General, Madagascar. "Madagascar and Reunion have decided that whatever happens they will remain French, but they are seriously threatened by presence in their waters of seven Japanese cargo steamers which for last week have been hanging about within 100 miles of their coast. Madagascar and Reunion have no means naval or air to deal with this menace." This information is passed to you as French Cameroons is now nearest French territory with which Madagascar can communicate. (A.M.C. BULOLO to C. in C., S.A., 2035/24)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MININGShips AttackedCATHRINE

Estonian, reported sunk by gunfire. 50° 8' N 14° W., 246° Fastnet 180° (I.C. 0494/40) 19 survivors landed in West Coast Port. (D.S. 297)

S/MS Attacked

By H.M.T. ELM 56° 34' N., 7° 5' W Result doubtful. (M013548/40)

Mediterranean & East Indies~~██████~~ GALVANI

Sunk by FALMOUTH. Report. Information obtained from the C.O. (M.017397/40)

War Diary25.6.1940
TuesdaySITUATION REPORTFrench & Italian Armistice Terms

French Fleet to be assembled at ports under Italian or German control and demilitarised except, in the German terms "Those ships necessary for watching the coast and mine sweeping" and, in the Italian terms, "except for units the Italian or German Governments design for the protection of French Colonial interest"

Whatever interpretation the French Government may have given to these terms, it was clear to the British Government that the Germans and Italians had thereby provided themselves with excuses for keeping the whole French Fleet in a state of readiness for action against us when they wished. (Adty. Communique No 54)

Operation Collar

Re- low flying enemy seaplane V.C. near the French coast. Will prove a handicap to any further operation which might be contemplated, but in foggy or misty weather the risk should be negligible (D.C.0010/40) Advance Naval Intelligence from Operation "Collar")

U-BOAT CAMPAIGNShips AttackedSARANAC

One boat with 13 survivors, but 26 of crew are missing in 2 other boats. (D.S. 299) (Capt. D. 9. 1207/29)
British, 12,049 tons, torpedoed at 1454/25, 48.15 N., 15.05' W., and sank in about 3½ hours. Torpedoed about 5 minutes after WINDSOR WOOD, which was in same convoy. 4 lives lost, one fractured skull, two presumed trapped in stokehold and one from explosion. Nine men from boat picked up by CALIPH, trawling 10 miles N.E. of Bull Rock, 1/7, and landed Berehaven. Three boats got clear of ship, and some time later submarine surfaced and began shelling. (Minute Sheet and Casualty Form)
Report from ARLETTA re complicity of Spanish trawler in sinking of SARANAC and WINDSOR WOOD (C. in C., A.W.I., 0956/16/8)

/WINDSORWOOD.....



War Diary

25.6.1940
Tuesday

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN

Ships Attacked-Contd.

WINDSORWOOD
Sunk

Details in 1 D Form S.A. In Convoy. Attacked 1145 in 48°31' N., 14° 50' W. Sank 1505, two torpedoes. SS ANDERBY, called up by aircraft, saved crew after 16 hours in life boats.

Submarines Attacked

1118-
1124

By DEPTFORD, 39° 45' N., 12.41' W. Stationed on starboard bow of convoy. Thought non-sub probably whale. (M. 014289/40)



MOST SECRET

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War Diary

26.6.1940
Wednesday

HOME COMMANDS

Air-Enemy Air Activity

TRITON

Machine gunned 0133 by seaplane when on patrol. (V.A.(S) 2152/4)

Humber Area

Report of Air Raid 0010-0200/26. from C. in C., Nore, (M.O. 12728/40)

Mining

Tyne

Report of enemy aerial minelaying 25/26 June near Tyne Harbour. (M.O. 12388/40)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN

Ships Attacked

DIMITRIS

Greek 5254 tons, torpedoed and sunk, westward of Gibraltar. Was bound for Liverpool. Not in convoy. (D.O.R. 302) Possibly an Italian Submarine.



War Diary

27.6.1940
Thursday

HOME COMMANDS

Mining

Tyne area, report of enemy aerial minelaying 27/6. (MO12478/40)

N.O.I.C. Blyth. Report on enemy Air mine-laying in harbour and approaches. 27/6. (MO12670/40-)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MINING

Ships Attacked

LLANARTH

British, 5053 tons, bound Aberdeen for Australia, torpedoed and sunk at 2330/27 in 47.30 N., 10.30 W., Not in convoy. (D.O.R., 302, 2/7) (about 185 miles S.S.E. from Ushant) (Vice Consul, San Sebastian, 1545/1) (N.C.S.O. Milford Haven 1724/14/7)
Torpedoed 2330/27 in approx. 47° 30' N., 10° 30' W., Wireless signal was made at the time. 19 of crew brought to Pasajes by Spanish ship, Captain and 15 of crew in another boat but contact was lost. (V-C. San Sebastian, 1545/1/7)

LETICIA

Interview with Master.

Submarines Reported

1343

Sighted by DEUCALION 45° 2' N., 13° 53' W., course 025° 14 knots. C/T visible at 9 miles (N.C.S.O. London 1735/30)

Submarines Attacked

SALPA }
CONSULE GENERALE LUZZI }

Survivors see UEBI SCEBELI 29/6.

PERLA?

The submarine attacked 26/6 by KINGSTON 140 miles S.E. Massawa was found beached 27/6 by KINGSTON and 2 other destroyers and was shelled successfully. The submarine is reported to be the PERLA (W.S.I.No 3.)

By A.M.T'S ELM & STOKE CITY 58° 26' 7 N., 2° 30.8' W., Result considered promising (MO13548/40)



War Diary

28.6.1940
Friday

FRENCH FLEET

If BEARN leaves Martinique she is to be shadowed.

Mediterranean

ESPERO
Sunk

My 0315/29. Destroyer sunk was Italian ESPERO, SYDNEY brought back 44 survivors, of these 23 were wounded. (C. in C., Med. 0125/2)

Action of the 7th Cruiser Squadron against 3 Italian destroyers on 28th June resulted in destruction of 1 enemy and excessive expenditure of nearly 5000 rounds 6 inch ammunition.

2. Conditions were chase, in failing light, of destroyers zigzagging and making smoke ranges 18000 to 14000 yards.

3. Peace experience showing low rate of hitting to be expected in these conditions was overruled in ships concerned by desire to get decisive result before light failed in their first surface contact in the Mediterranean. We have learnt our lesson.

4. Satisfactory features were (i) 7th Cruiser Squadron held Italians for speed. (ii) generally excellent performance of 6 inch turret machinery.

5. Italians fired with moderate accuracy at 18000 yards but did not hit.

(C. in C., Med, 2303/20/7)

ITALIAN MERCHANT SHIPS

PAGANINI

Caught fire and sank 28/6 about 12 miles off Durazza, Ship was 2,427 ton liner used as a transport. 220 Italian and Albanian Officers and men dead. Was on way from Bain to Durazzo (Italian Official Announcement)

/U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.....

MOST SECRETWar Diary28.6.1940
FridayU-BOAT CAMPAIGNS/M's Attacked

WHITEBEAR reports 28/6, 1745, position 58.23N 05.33 W., gained contact by H.E. Asdic contact at 1500 yards. Carried out 5 attacks at 1827, 1907, 1912, 1917, 1927. H.E. lost after first attack. 1908 submarine surfaced on beam ends, range 200 to 300 yards. Apparently stationary, rolled over and disappeared. Still in Asdic contact. 3 further attacks produced no other effect. Contact stationary, tapping heard in submarine.

At 0420/30 no contact could be obtained outside 600 yards. Remained in contact until 0830/30. Good record on chemical recorder. (S.2. 1224/1, M 013118/40)

LLANARTH

British 5053 tons. 47° 39' N., 10° 17' W., at 0110/28. Torpedoed and set on fire. (Interview with Master, Shipping Casualties Trade Division)

My 1405/30. Pilot of ^{Sunderland} ~~SUNDERLAND~~ L 5804 now reports he also attacked submarine in 037° 29' N., 019° 51' E., at 1405 on 28/6 with two 250 pound A-S bombs which were seen to hit, nose of submarine rose to surface and disappeared. Large air bubbles rose to the surface four or five minutes later and large oil patch observed over spot on return two hours later. (V.A. Malta 1625/2)



War Diary

29.6.1940
Saturday

HOME COMMANDS

Air

Issue of Red Warnings

Report of Air Raid 28/19 unsatisfactory issue of red warnings. (C. in C., W.A. M. 012980/40)

Mining

Tyne

Report of enemy aerial minelaying 28/29 June (MO12656/40)

FOREIGN STATIONS

CAP PADARAN

French. Carrying 200 troops for Madagascar. Not arrived Cape Town. (S.O.(I) Cape Town 0928/29)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN & MINING

Ships Attacked

F. B. GOULANDRIS Sunk

Sunk 1500 about 130 miles S.W. of Fastnet. (I.C. 0506/40)

EMPIRE TOUCAN

Shelled and torpedoed, 49.20 N., 14.45 W. 3 lives lost. Broke in two, after end sank, bow portion sunk by destroyer. Had lost touch with convoy (engine trouble) (Minute Sheet & B. of T)

Submarines Attacked

RUBINO Sunk

My 1733/29. This submarine was RUBINO (C. in C., Med. 0125/2/7)

UEBI SCEBELI Sunk

CONSULE GENERAL

My 1427/29. 95 survivors picked up from LUZZI (Sunk 27/6) and UEBI SCEBELI. None from SALPA (C. in C., Med. 0125/2/7)

By H.M.T. ELM attacked asdic contact 58° 42' 2" N., 3° 56.2 W. Result doubtful.

Mediterranean

Flying boat No L. 5806 attacked Italian submarine in position 38.12' N., 18.06' E., at 0645 29th June. Nearest bomb 40 yards ahead of diving position just after U-Boat dived. Result unknown. (C. in C., Med, 1701/5/7)



MOST SECRET

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War Diary

30.6.1940
Sunday

HOME COMMANDS

E-Boats

HELDER

Report of Engagement with 2 M.T.B's 1430/30
One believed sunk, the other escaped in
darkness. Slight damage to HELDER.
(M 013179/40)

Enemy Intelligence

Minesweepers

SNAPPER reports 7 minesweepers close in
shore to Lister Light 30/6 (Capt (S) 3.
1137/4)

FOREIGN STATIONS

North Atlantic

Your 1854/30. Inform French Admiral that
Polish and Czech troops should not be in-
terned as ships are now on way to
Casablanca. (F.O.1/c Gib. 2350/30 to B-C
Casablanca)

Mediterranean

My 1555/30. LIVERPOOL is required to
embark one battalion of Black Watch and
proceed with them to (?Aden) at best speed.
Battalion is due Suez a.m./1/7. (C. in C.,
Med 1709/30 to LIVERPOOL)

America & West Indies

Dutch West Indies

French officers commanding troops Aruba
arrived at Curacoa yesterday at request of
local authorities. Neither O.C., British
Troops, S.N.O., or myself, were informed
and British authorities showed disinclination
to allow O.C. British Troops take any part
in any discussion. Authorities have
previously indicated that they consider
Aruba no concern of ours, underlying reason
probably fear that British might obtain
too strong a hold on this colony if British
troops took over Aruba on departure of
French. (Consul, Curacoa, 1901/30, to Admty)

/U-BOAT....



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- China War Diary, June 1940. Relations with Dutch, information as to Italian merchant ships, relations with French, Governor Indo-China, and C. in C. (T.S.D., 4364/40.)
- F.O.C.R.I.N. All ships to be completely darkened with effect from sunset 15/6, and all Bombay navigation lights extinguished. Ships sailing from W. Coast of India ports for Persian Gulf not to proceed beyond Karachi until further orders, 21/6. PATHAN seriously damaged off Bombay, 23/6. Lt. Com. Durston, Sub.-Lt. Currey and 3 ratings killed. PATHAN sank early 24/6. Considered loss due to torpedo or mine. Bombay closed until adequate sweeping, not possible up to 30/6 owing to weather. Statistics of Naval Reserves, and of ships degaussed, P.Vs. fitted, and armed. (T.S.D., 5013.)
- C. in C. Med. Operations in connection with mines and submarines off Alexandria, June, 1940. (M. 017348/40.)
- ROYAL DAFFODIL. British, 2050 tons, on Government transport attacked 2/6 by 6 A/C 296° 7 miles from Ruytingen Bell Buoy Hit on starboard side amidships. 1 killed, 2 wounded. Towed to Dover. (Shipping Casualties, 167210.)
- WESTON. Minesweeping operation "Quidnunc". Report of Proceedings. (M. 011362/40.)
- WESTELLA. Sunk, probably by mine, near T Buoy, during Operation "Dynamo". GRIMSBY TOWN took on board survivors. Ch. Skpr. A. Gove R.N.R. in command. (Loss of H.M.S. WESTELLA, Investigation, N.L.11166/40)
- O804/3. S/M attacked. By A/C, Coastal Command, 55.58 N., 00.42 E. Report. (M. 012271/40.)
- E-Boat attack on SHELDRAKE. 2335/3. (M. 010990/40, SHELDRAKE, R. of P. 30/5 - 3/6.)
- HIGHWOOD. At anchor in Roven River, 15 miles up from Havre. At about 2130/4, crew took action stations at 12-pdr. and Lewis guns on hearing A/A fire from direction of Havre. At 2140, plane sighted and fired at. One shell seen to burst very close, and shortly afterwards 2 parachutes, apparently supporting men, were seen coming down close to river bank. Fire opened on these with Lewis guns and rifles. (Report of I. Stephenson, Master, Trade Div.)

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S/M attacked. By A/C escorting Convoy H.G.F.32 1915/4. Claim to have hit conning tower, but possibly wreck of POLYCARP. (U-Boat Incidents, Report 274. 1096).

S/M reported 2230. By H.M. fishery protection trawler ETHEL TAYLOR (not fitted with A/S) 8 miles W. S. Lizard. M. 011358/40.

MARGARET. H.M. Trawler (damaged by A/C bombing) sc^uttled in bad weather when in tow of H.M.Tr. STRATHDERRY on passage from Harstad to Scapa, as STRATHDERRY had insufficient coal to tow all the way. Position 67° 35' N., 3° 36' E. (M.011912/40. Gubbins Flotilla, R. of P 3 - 12 June, 1940).

S/M attacked 6/6. By ARABIS 47° 30' N., 9° 24' W. 2 D.Cs. dropped, doubtful contact. Result unsuccessful. (M.013154/40).

Operation "Alphabet" Evacuation of Norway. Report by V.A.(A) (M.015561/40). Report from Vice Admiral R. Hill, Commodore with Group I. Left Greenock in MONARCH OF BERMUDA May 28/1940. June 4/0314 anchored in Ers Fiord. Embarked troops in MONARCH OF BERMUDA, LANCASTRIA and GEORGIC. June 5/0600 anchored in Risoy Sund - embarking troops. June 6/0830, arrived 69° 30' N., 6° 40' E. June 7, sailed for U.K. - MONARCH OF BERMUDA, VINDICTIVE, GEORGIC, FRANCONIA, LANCASTRIA, BATORY and SOBIESKI total troops 13,888. June 8/0100 H.M.S. VALIANT and 4 T.B.Ds. joined. 8/2230 H.M.S. ATHERSTONE and 4 T.B.Ds. joined H.M.S. VALIANT and 4 T.B.Bs. parted company. June 10/0630 arrived Greenock. (M.011319/40).

M015561/40
M011319/40
M012911/40
M012023/40

DULWICH. (4103 tons) Struck submerged object off Villeguier 2302/9. Grounded set on fire and abandoned. (Shipping Casualties 162564)

OTTO. Estonian 1959 G.T. Attacked 1500/9 River Seine by dive bombers. 3 bombs exploded within 20 ft., causing leakages. (Minute sheet and B. of T).

EMPIRE COMMERCE. Mined at 1144. Thames Estuary. 2 lives lost, presumed killed instantaneously by explosion. Engines disabled. Vessel beached at Margate Spit with help of a tug. Vessel refloated herself on 10/6 but was again beached with help of a tug on 12/6, at Mucking Flats. (Minute Sheet and B. of T. Shipping Casualties)

Operation F.D.17. (Minelaying off Norwegian Coast). French S/M RUBIS Report. (M.012367/40).

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- VALIANT. Report of enemy air attacks 1430 onwards in 65° 2' N., 1° 53' W. (M.012573/40)
- Blocking of Dieppe. Carried out 0500 /10 June. Operation C.P. Blocking ships RIVER TYNE, KAUP0 and JACOBUS. RIVER TYNE mined off the harbour at 0441/10. Escorting ship H.M.S. VEGA. (Report of Captain G.A.Garnons-Williams R.N. in M.011359).
- TIMAVO, GERUSALEMME. Attempted interception by planes of South African Air Force. Report on operations by O.C. S.A.A.F. Durban. Report on condition and salvage attempts of TIMAVO. (Both ships went ashore off Oro Point, TIMAVO machine gunned by A/C, GERUSALEMME intercepted by RANCHI. TIMAVO total loss). (M.016371/40). (M.016608/40) (M.017817/40)
- Air attack on Trondheim. Report by V.A. (A). (M.015561/40) (Note. for attack on SCHARNHORST see M.011951/40).
- Attack on Mersa Tobruk. By LIVERPOOL and GLOUCESTER. (M.015591/40).
- Operation "Cycle" St. Valerie. Extract from notes by Capt. D.B.Long, Cameron Highlanders. Contrary to reports, there was no fog. Impression gained by soldiers and officers that no attempt was made to get them off. Saw Navy (French or British?) standing out fairly near on 12/6 before they were actually rounded up, and then it just appeared to go off into the blue. Naval liaison officer working with the Division was taken prisoner and escaped and his wireless, which was the only means of communication, was thrown into the sea. Valerie was on fire. There were there one Highland Division and 2 Divisions of French (?). (Forwarded by M.1.9. 12/12/40. Officer was in 51st Div. and recently escaped from France to Cairo).
- S/Ms. Attacked. 16/6 By JACKAL 1342/16 52° 15' N., 2° 05' E. Result doubtful. (M.012695/40)
- 19/6. By GLEANER and H.M.Ts. VICTRIX and PAYNTER 54.45 N., 05.32 W. Consider non-sub. (M.013742/40)
- TUDOR sunk by S/M. I.D. Form S.A. (M.012328/40)
- YARRAVILLE. In convoy British, 8627 tons. Torpedoed 1430/21, 39.40 N., 11.34 W. Crew 50. Casualties 5. Presumed sunk. (Ref. Form Wr. 1).

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NEION.	Attacked by U-boat I D Form S.A. (M.012434/40)
S/Ms attacked. 22/6.	By H.M.T. ELM. 58° 40.6' N. 30° 35.3 W. Probably non-sub. (M.O 13548/40)
	By SCARBOROUGH 48.50 N., 07.50 W. from 2130/20 to 1800/22. Consider U/B was destroyed. (M.013742/40)
Sweep to intercept SCHARNHORST.	V.A.C. 18 C.S. (MANCHESTER) Narrative of Events and Reports by MANCHESTER and BIRMINGHAM on aircraft reconnaissance flights carried out during the operations 21/6 and 22/6. Squadron consisted of MANCHESTER, BIRMINGHAM, SHEFFIELD, YORK with GALLANT and WALPOLE attached. (Later was left at Rosyth on account of her low speed and endurance) Squadron left Rosyth 0600/21. Inexperience of observer in MANCHESTER's aircraft considered by D.N.A.D. to be chief reason for failure of this reconnaissance. (18 C.S. R. of P. 21 - 22 June 1940, M.012378/40)
Minelaying off Spithead	Report of enemy minelaying operation off Spithead night 21/22. (M.012227/40)
WINDSORWOOD. British 5395 tons.	Torpedoed 1445/25/6 48.31 N., 14.50 W. (Atlantic) Crew 40. Casualties nil. Sunk. (Ref. Form Wr. 1)
RAVONIA.	British, 813 tons. Attacked by a/c 14.55/27. 52.9 N., 1.54 E. Crew 14. No casualties. Slight damage. (Ref. W.R.1940)



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List of Docketed Papers

(War Diaries, Reports of Proceedings etc.,)

Dealing with Events of This Month

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War Diaries. R. of P.. Summaries etc., for June 1940 (contd.)

- ✓ SANDWICH R. of P. 17-23/6/40)
(Convoy H.X. 49))
M. 013499/40.
- ✓ FOWEY R. of P. 10-23/6/40)
(Convoy H.X. 47))
- ✓ Convoy H.X.47. R. of P. 2/6-16/6/40. (M.012098/40).
- ✓ F.O.I.C. Tyne Area. War Diary 1/6-15/6/40 (T.S.D.5187/40).
- ✓ C.in C. Mediterranean. War Diary 10/6-13/6/40 (T.S.D.4736/40).
Dispositions of Fleet in Italian Ports.
Declaration of War.
Sinking of CALYPSO.
- S.S. BLACKHEATH R. of P. 7/6-13/6/40. (M.012693/40).
- ✓ N.O.I.C. Tees and Hartlepool. War Diary 15/6-30/6/40 (T.S.D.5163/40).
- ✓ B.N.L.O. Cherbourg. R. of P. 12/6-17/6/40 (M.017485/40)
- ✓ V.A.C. B.C.S. R.P. 5/6-9/6/40. (M.012555/40)
- ✓ C.in C. W.A. Operation Aerial R. of P. 15/6-18/6/40
(M. 012978/40).
- ✓ N.O.I.C. Blyth. War Diary 15-30/6/40. (T.S.D.4338/40).
- ✓ C.O. ASCANIA. R. of P. of Convoy BHX 47.(M.012893/40).
- ✓ C.in C. Nore. War Diary 1/6. 15/6/40.) T.S.D.
Dunkirk, Shortage of) 4813/40.
Destroyers, B.S. Mine-)
laying, Mounting of Naval)
guns at E. Coast ports.)
- ✓ ARK ROYAL. R. of P. Operation Alphabet 3/6-13/6/40
(M. 012911/40).
- ✓ CLYDE. Report of Patrol P.O. 2 M. from 4/6
to 24/6. (M. 012 987/40).
Includes attack on German capital ship
20/6.
- Operation Valentine Report on Operation Valentine (R.M.
Force at the Faroes) by Lt. Col.
T.B.W. Sandall, R.M. Force sailed in
SUFFOLK, 12/4, arrived Faroes 13/4.
Was relieved by a Battalion of Lovat
Scouts 27/5 and embarked in ULSTER
PRINCE for passage to England.
(M.014695/40, covering A.G., R.M.,
No. P.P.1948).
- Operation J.D. Appendix II, to be added to Portsmouth
No. 0221/79 of 29.6.40,
Operation J.D. (Identification Marks).
(M. 013707/40)
Operation J.D. interception of enemy
landing forces. General Instructions
for conduct of Auxiliary Patrol in the
/Portsmouth Command...



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Operation
J.D.

Portsmouth Command. (M.012674/40).

Operation X.D.

Party "O", Brest, Report of Comdr. G. Congreve, R.N. dated 21/6/40. (M.012356/40).

Iceland.

Report of Situation and Proceedings 2/6 - 15/6. Many reports of enemy landing, but all proved groundless. (M. 012206/40).

H.M.C.S. FRASER.

R. of P., 3/6 - 25/6, when ship lost after collision with CALCUTTA.

F.O.I.C. Tyne.

War Diary 16/6 - 30/6. Air Raids, 22/6, shore damage; 46/6, magnetic minelaying; delays from enemy mining 22/6 - 29/6, but on no occasion traffic held up for more than one day. (T.S.D. 5188/40).

Mediterranean Fleet.

Report of Movements and other related action between 10/6 and 14/6 (M.012348/40). Initial cruise after entry of Italy into war. Italian ideas on air reconnaissance at sea not very developed. Most serious obstacle in bringing the enemy to action is weakness of our air reconnaissance. Limitations of EAGLE. Need for a base in Greek Islands, preferably Suda Bay. Loss of CALYPSO, doubt it was due to Submarine action. (C.in C. Med).

Convoy H.X. 48.

R. of P., C.O. RANPURA, 26/6/40. (M. 014561).

V.A.C. 1 C.S.

War Diary. 1 - 15/6. (T.S.D. 4389/40) Evacuation of Norway, embarkation of King and Ministers in DEVONSHIRE. At 1730/8, interception of a barely readable signal from GLORIOUS to V.A.A., timed 1640 which subsequent events proved probably amplying report of two pocket battleships. Meeting of Norwegian Cabinet in Gun Room of DEVONSHIRE at 1700/9. Return to Clyde. DEVONSHIRE had had steam on main engines for 34 consecutive days and men no leave for some two months. Night leave to each watch approved.

V.A.C. 1 C.S.

War Diary, 16/6 - 30/6. (T.S.D.4390/40). Passage of DEVONSHIRE to Halifax, and shadowing of EMILE BERTIN. SUSSEX and NEWCASTLE remained Scapa. Signals exchanged with EMILE BERTIN, 21/6.

N.O.I.C.. Aberdeen.

War Diary, 15/6 - 30/6. (T.S.D. 4164/40) Air raids, 27/6 and 30/6.

/ VIVIEN.

War Diaries, R. of P., Summaries, etc. for June 1940. (Continued)

- VIVIEN. Report of E-Boat attack on VIVIEN and Convoy F.N.92 on night of 9/6-10/6. 32 ships in convoy stretching for about 6 miles. VIVIEN sole escort. C.O., Lt. Com. W.D.G. Weir, commended for able way he handled convoy and countered attack. No ships sunk or damaged. (M. 011665/40).
- ✓ N.C.S.O. Methil. War Diary, period ending 15/6. (T.S.D. 4762/40). Seizure of Italian Ships, immobilisation plans.
- HURRICANE. R. of P. 25/6-30/6. (M. 014108/40).
- Northern Patrol. R. of P., 15/6-30/6. (M. 014809/40). Sinking of ANDANIA, first A.M.C. to be attacked successfully by U/B while on patrol, 15/6. For first time since Northern Patrol was instituted, no ship was intercepted during the whole period. Usual number of fishing vessels sighted and examined. Chances of preventing a single ship from reaching Iceland small unless whole of N.P. diverted from its main object and redispersed westward of Iceland. Average number of ships on patrol per day 11.8.
- ✓ Dutch Torpedo Boats. Employment of. (O.D. 1200/40). Approved by A.C.N.S.(H) 15/6 to employ Z. 5, 6, 7 and 8 as proposed by V.A.(S) - based on Dundee in company with Dutch Submarines. Signals appertaining. - V.A.S., 2026/12/6, 2027/12/6, 2028/12/6, D.O.D.(H) 1348/16/6, S.N.N.O.P., Portsmouth 1535/16/6.
- ✓ C.in C. Rosyth. War Diary 16/6-30/6. (T.S.D. 4989/40). Swedish destroyers released 26/6. Daily notes arranged under Weather, Convoys, Northern Patrol and A.M.C.'s, Submarines, Movements, Aircraft, Enemy Intelligence and Miscellaneous.
- ✓ Northern Patrol. R. of P. 1/6-14/6. (M.013837/40). CARINTHIA torpedoed and sunk 6/6, SCOTSTOUN ditto 13/6. Results of patrol showed complete absence of east and westbound traffic.
- ✓ C.in C. W.A. War Diary 1/6 - 15/6. (T.S.D. 5213/40). Chiefly U/Boat Campaign.
- ✓ C.in C. Nore. War Diary 16/6 - 30/6. (T.S.D. 4814/40) Collapse of France. Preparations against invasion. Enemy Air Activity. British B.S. Minelaying Operations.
- ✓ R.A..18 C.S. R. of P. 16/6 - 30/6 (M.013175/40). At Scapa. Nothing of interest.
- ✓ C.in C. S.A. Report on Visit to Dakar and shadowing of RICHELIEU etc. No.930/018, 4/7/40. (M.014020/40). / HAVANT



War Diaries, R. of P., Summaries, etc., for June, 1940 (Contd.)

HAVANT.

R. of action off Dunkirk and loss of ship. (M.010879/40) Left Dover for Bray at 1815/29/5. Left Dunkirk 1/6 for Dover with about 500 men, many wounded. At 0906 hit by two bombs in engine room which passed through the starboard side. Just afterwards, large bomb fell in water about 50 yds. ahead, delay action, and exploded underneath ship as she passed over it. Abandoned, and sank at about 1015/1. Casualties, 1 off. 7 men killed, about 15 wounded, also about 25 soldiers killed or wounded.

A.C.O.S.

War Diary, June 1940, (T.S.D. 4837/40). ASTRONOMER destroyed by torpedo, mine or internal explosion 1/6. Extinguishing of lights not absolutely necessary for navigation, 8/6. Raid by Skuas on enemy ships at Trondheim 13/6. ANDANIA torpedoed 15/6. Movements of Swedish destroyers, Faroes 21/6 etc.

V.A. Aircraft carriers.

War Diary 3 May to 28 June 1940. (T.S.D. 4212/40) Operations in ARK ROYAL with HOOD to intercept French Battleship RICHELIEU off Dakar. 26/6 to 28/6.

F.O.I.C. Invergordon

War Diary 1 - 14 June 1940. (T.S.D. 4662/40).

V.A. 18 C.S.

Capture of Narvik. R. of P. Lt. Com. A.N. Balfour, R.N., N.L.O. French Troops, 7/6. (M.012538/40).

C.in C. Med.

War Diary for 14/6. (T.S.D. 4739/40) Sweep to Eastward continued along south Coast of Crete. Precautions A/S and entire mining for entry of Fleet into harbour, (Alexandria).

S.N.O. Simonstown.

War Diary 1 - 30th June 1940 (T.S.D. 5038/40). Increase of work due to closing of Mediterranean to traffic. Italian S.S. SISTIANA seized on outbreak of war with Italy. S.S. TIMAVO beached herself; seized by RANCHI (eventually became total loss).

S.S. GERUSALEMME beached herself in Portuguese waters. 13/7 Convoy CM arrived.

Lack of A/S protection in Union ports. 30/6 SISTIANA taken over by SAR and H, and renamed MYRICA.

ALCANTARA.

War Diary May and June 1940. T.S.D. 5291/40. No interest.



War Diaries, R. of P., Summaries etc. for June, 1940 (Contd.)

- V.A. Dover. War Diary 16-30 June 1940 (T.S.D. 4489/40)
- 16/6. Atlantic Convoys to be sailed in 2 portions (1) ocean going (2) smaller coasting craft, as temporary measure to reduce size of outward Atlantic Convoys until more escort vessels available. (See C.in C. Nore 22⁰⁶/16).
- 17/6. VIVACIOUS, VESPER, engagement with E.boats.
- 19/6. Failure of 12 small motor yachts from Newhaven to reach Dover. One caught fire and sank, remainder returned. ROSEBURN torpedoed by E.boats.
- 20/6. "Sausage net" patrol against E.boats begun.
- 21/6. Two of 4 M.T.B's allocated to Dover arrived. Several unexplained explosions.
- 22/6. M.T.B's operated near Dungeness on this and subsequent nights.
- 24/6. ALBUERA torpedoed. SVEND FOYN brought in. Attempt to intercept enemy train ferry.
- 27/6. M. A/S B's engage E.boats.
- 28/6. E. boats attack WELLARD. A/C attack CODRINGTON near Folkestone.
- 29/6. New trawler patrol instituted to counter enemy minelaying.
- This Diary contains a "General Appreciation; the chief points of which are the increasing activity of E.boats, increase of inshore anti-invasion patrols. A quiet period.
- Appendices. Destroyer Patrol in Straits (Short title "O.O"). Ships available.
- C.in C. W.A. War Diary. 16/6 - 30/6. Narrative based on Signals of Operation "Aerial". Numerous ships attacked by U/B's. Air Raids, Cardiff Area, Devonport area, etc. Fortnightly reports for F.O's I.C., Cardiff, Liverpool, Milford H., and Belfast, N.O's I.C., Falmouth and Dartmouth. (T.S.D. 5214/40).
- F.O.I.C. Portland. War Diary 1/6 - 14/6. (T.S.D.4938/40). Harbour defence and A/A defences, etc., Degaussing Establishment, Contraband Control Base, (statistics).



War Diaries. R. of P.. Summaries, etc. for June, 1940.(Contd.)

- R.A.(D) H.F. ✓ War Diary 1/6 - 15/6 (T.S.D.4614/40). Sinking of ASTRONOMER, 2/6; CARINTHIA, 6/6; enemy force and sinking of GLORIOUS etc., 9/6; SCOTSTOUN torpedoed, 13/6; ANDANIA torpedoed, 15/6.
- C.in C. Portsmouth. ✓ War Diary 1/6 - 14/6. (T.S.D. 4963/40). A/S Operations, Operations Cycle and Dynamo, Minesweeping, Convoys, Local Defence Measures, VERNON mining and minesweeping development.
- C.in C. Med. ✓ War Diary for 14/6, in continuation of Med. 0590/94/22 of 15/6/40. (T.S.D. 4739/40). Sweep to eastward continued along south coast of Crete. A/S and anti-mining precautions taken for entry of Fleet into Alexandria. Submarine contacts during passage, no definite result from any of these contacts.
- Ex-German ALSTER. R. of P., 12/4 - 5/6. Norway. Accommodated PENELOPE ship's company. Unloaded cargo at Tromso. Embarked iron ore at Kirkenes, and left for Harstad and U.K., after embarking crew of S.S. MASHOBRA. (M. 015079/40).
- C.in C. Nore. ✓ Operation Order "PE" (Purge), repelling invasion, dated 11/6/40. (M.017190/40).
- V.A.S. O.R.P. ORZEL, Circumstances of loss and appreciation of services. (M.011826/40).
- C.in C. Home Fleet. ✓ War Diary 1-15 June 1940. T.S.D.4589/40. Loss of GLORIOUS see 11/6.
- N.O.I.C. Lerwick. ✓ War Diary June 1940 T.S.D.4713/40. Loss of RIVER NESS by aircraft attack 10/6.
- R.A. (M.L.) ✓ War Diary 17/6-30/6. (T.S.D. 5336/40) Flag of R.A. (M.L.) hoisted TRELAWNEY 17/6. Mine Supply. Defences of Port Z.A.
- V.A. Aircraft Carriers. ✓ War Diary 3/5 - 28/6. Scapa to Gibraltar and operations to intercept RICHELIEU. (T.S.D. 4212/40)
- F.O.I.C. Invergordon War Diary 1/6 - 14/6. (T.S.D. 4662/40) Nothing of importance.
- Hospital Carrier ST. JULIEN. ✓ Master's Report of Enemy Air Attacks. (M. 011272/40).
- V.A.S. ✓ War Diary 1/6-30/6. (T.S.D. 5112/40)

War Diaries, R. of P. Summaries etc. for June 1940. (Contd.)

- South Atlantic Station. Annual Report of South African R.N.V.R. to 30/6. Force not mobilised on outbreak of war, but volunteers called for, and port war signal stations and examination services put into operation. Provision of M/S and A/S vessels, crews for D.M.C.'s and D.E.M.S. Seaward Defence Force established 9/10/39, by loan or transfer of volunteers from S.A.N.S. R.N.V.R. (S.A.) R.N. retired officers, and new entries. Started to function 15/1/40. Provision of armed guards. Statistics. (M. 016106).
- V.A. Dover. War Diary. 1/6 - 15/6 (T.S.D.4488/40) Dunkirk evacuation. Losses from air attack. On 1/6 personnel ships, out of 29 originally available, 8 sunk, 7 in dock for major repairs, 2 undergoing minor repairs, leaving 12 in running order. Despite strain, magnificent spirit of personnel. Average troops carried by destroyers rose from 700 to 1500. Blocking operations, French ports. List of ships available at Dover 1-15/6. General Appreciation.
- N.O.I.C. Aden. War Diary 1/6 - 30/6. (T.S.D. 4188/40) Italian entry into war. Air raids 12/6 and onwards. Capture of Submarine GALILEO GALILEI by MOONSTONE, 19/6.
- North Atlantic Command. R. of P., 1/5 - 30/6. (M.015952/40). Entry of Italy into the War. Gibraltar evacuations. Attitude of French Fleet. Interview of F.O.C.N.A. with Adm. Esteva 24/6. French Armistice 25/6. Operations against French Fleet. Force H formed 28/6. Convoy statistics and Control Service details. Evacuation of refugees and Allied troops from south of France. Reports of KEPPEL and VELOX at Port Vendres.

War Diaries, R. of P., Summaries etc. received for June 1940.

Operation Cycle (evacuation of British and French troops in Havre district) M.011853/40. Transports sailed pm/9, operation completed 0400/13. About 11,200 men were evacuated from Havre; and 1350 British and 930 French from St. Valery. Following ships were lost:-

BRUGES - Passenger vessel - by air attack.
 No.2 Train Ferry - by air attack.
 2 Dutch Schoots - one mined and one sunk by shore batteries.
 8 small motor craft.
 Several lifeboats abandoned.
 H.M. Ships damaged - BULLDOG, BOADICEA, AMBUSCADE, H.M.T.B.69.

REVENGE / R. of P. 30/5 - 8/6/40 (M.012082/40).
 REVENGE took £40,000,000 in gold to Halifax.

TRIBUNE Patrol Report 10-25 June 1940. (M.012755/40).
 21/6 supported SOUTHAMPTON class cruiser sighted.
 22/6 unsuccessful attack on an M.V.

ICELAND / Report of N.O.I.C. 21/5-2/6 (M.011172/40, M.011366/40).
 Intention to use Hvalfjodr as an advanced fuelling base for general fleet purposes and as a temporary anchorage for a striking force.

COMET Patrol Report 8-19 June 1940 (M.012521/40)
 Special secret patrol.

Operation Alphabet Group I evacuation of troops from Northern Norway. R. of P. 28.5.-10.6. by V-A.Hill. (M.011319/40).

5/6 embarked:	MONARCH OF BERMUDA	2265
and proceeded.	GEORGIC	2026
Arrived Greenock	BATORY	2261
10/6.	LANCASTRIA	2651
	SOBIESKI	1762
	FRANCONIA	2617
	VINDICTIVE	306

13,888

Submarine H.28 R. of P. 14/6 - 24/6/40. (M.012989/40).

~~V.A. Battle Cruiser Squadron War Diary 1-16/6/40 (T.S.D. 4288/40).~~

VIVACIOUS R. of P. 15/6-18/6/40 (M.012240/40)
 Unsuccessful E-boat attack.

N.O.I.C. Tees-Hartlepool War Diary 1/6-14/6/40. (T.S.D.5162/40).



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WILK Patrol Report 18/6-25/6/40 (M.012941/40).

N.O.I.C. Dundee War Diary 1/6-15/6/40. (T.S.D.4512/40).

F.O. Norwegian Military H.Q. Intelligence Request.
(N.I.D. 02485/40).

Operation XD Party J (Havre, demolitions) Report (M.012210/40)
Demolitions were carried out on 10/6.
✓ Comdr. Chatwin and his party were in Havre for
2 or 3 weeks. As result of orders given by
French Admiral commanding no lock gates or
caissons were destroyed.

SOUTHAMPTON R. of P. 2/6-15/6/40 (M.012057/40).
Operation Alphabet.
Embarkation of troops from Harstad.
Sinking of VANDYCK, GLORIOUS.

GLEANER R. of P. 6/6-9/6 (M.012197/40).
Assistance to CARINTHIA & EROS.

N.C.S.O. Methil War Diary 1/6 - 16/6/40 (T.S.D. 4763/40).
✓ (Actually diary 16-30/6/40 wrongly marked on
outside).

Submarine H.44 Patrol Report 18/6-25/6/40. (M.013072/40).

War Diaries, R. of P., Summaries etc. received for June, 1940.18th C.S. War Diary 1-15 June 1940 (T.S.D. 4437/40).

MANCHESTER, SHEFFIELD, BIRMINGHAM and 3 destroyers under operational control of C. in C., Nore. At Humber 3/6. The 3 destroyers (FURY, FORESIGHT, FORTUNE) ordered to Harwich. No replacements available, 5/6 WALPOLE and GALLANT arrived Humber. 10/6. Cruisers left Humber for Rosyth, as presence in Humber now probably known to enemy. NEWCASTLE covering convoys from Norway. 15/6. Command of 18th C.S. was transferred to V.A. Sir G.B.F. Edward Collins K.C.V.O., C.B.

N.O.I.C. Blyth, War Diary 1-14 June 1940 (T.S.D. 4337/40).

No interest.

NARWHAL - Patrol Report 9 - 18 June (M.012544/40).

Laid mines 12/6 off Rovaer.

H.34. Patrol report for 8-15 June 1940 (M.012371/40).

No events.

Operation X.D. Party L. (Cherbourg Demolition R. of P. 13/6/40. M.O. 12174/40).

Lack of Higher Military Command.
Satisfactory work of younger R.E. officers.

N.O.I.C. Iceland R. of P. 2/6 - 15/6/40. M.012206/40.TRIAD Patrol Report 29/5 - 12/6/40. M.011671/40.Aircraft minelaying. Reports of 5 enemy minelaying operations on 2/6, 3/6, 6/6, 7/6. (M.011218/40).DUNNOTTAR CASTLE War Diary 5-25 June 1940 (M.012564/40).

Steamed 38,174 miles from 6/2-25/6. In port 18 days.

French M.T.Bs at Antibes, possible retention of, N.I.D. 2665/40.

SALMON	Patrol Report 20/5 - 3/6/40	M.011592/40.
STURGEON	Patrol Report 22/5 - 6/6/40	M.011594/40.
TRIDENT	Patrol Report 18/5 - 3/6/40	M.011597/40.
Convoy HX 45	Report of Commodore. T.D.(C) 729/40, dated 8.6.40	
Submarine L.26	Patrol Report dated 1/6/40.	M.011213/40.
NARWHAL	R. of P. on patrol 1/6 - 5/6.	M.011593/40.
SEAWOLF	Patrol Report 29/5 - 8/6.	M.011630/40.
SEVERN	Patrol Report 25/5 - 7/6	M.011828/40.
TRUANT	Patrol Report 16/5 - 1/6	M.010971/40.
ORZEL	Polish submarine. Information on last patrol and loss of. (V.A.S. No. 632/SM 116, 17/6/40).	
TRITON	Patrol Report 19/5 - 2/6. M.011651/40. Examination of Danish fishing vessel 2/6. Bona fide fishermen.	
TAKU	Patrol Report 27.5. - 12.6.40	M.012015/40. No incidents.



NOTE ON THE IMMOBILISATION OF PORTS.

The immobilisation of Ports consists of measures such as sinking emergency blockships, observation mines, torpedo tubes, immobilising cranes, etc. Every port varies but in every port the closest liaison has to be maintained with Military authorities who are in some ports responsible for putting the scheme into operation.

The following broad review of the situation therefore does include steps which are the responsibility of different authorities. No attempt is made to review the position of beaches as this is an entirely military commitment.

At the end of May orders were issued to the Flag Officers concerned to prepare schemes for immobilising ports between Aberdeen and Swanage. The schemes for these ports are well advanced and except for some ports where the blockships and the observation mines are not ready it may be said that if the order to immobilise is given the schemes will be fully carried out.

In the middle of June orders were given to prepare schemes for immobilisation of certain ports in Northern Ireland and these are proceeding satisfactorily.

In the middle of June also orders were given to prepare schemes for ports from Swanage to Lands End. These schemes are also proceeding satisfactorily.

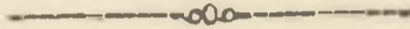
Finally at the end of June orders were given to prepare schemes for immobilisation for ports from Lands End to Holyhead.

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Note.- Corrections to this list are in War Diary Folder No. 2.

There are more than 300 errors in this list.

LIST OF SHIPS WHICH TOOK PART
IN OPERATION
"DYNAMO"



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FLAG OFFICER COMMANDING
DOVER.
25th October, 1940.

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PART I - BRITISH SHIPS.

<u>A.A. CRUISER.</u>		
CALCUTTA		
<u>DESTROYERS.</u>		
ANTHONY	INTREPID	VENOMOUS
≠ BASILISK	IVANHOE	VERITY
OODRINGTON	JAGUAR	VIMY
ESK	JAVELIN	VIVACIOUS
EXPRESS	≠ KEITH	≠ WAKEFUL
GALLANT	MACKAY	WHITEHALL
≠ GRAFTON	MALCOLM	WHITSHED
≠ GRENADE	MONTROSE	WINCHELSEA
GREYHOUND	SABRE	WINDSOR
HARVESTER	SALADIN	WOLFHOUND
≠ HAVANT	SCIMITAR	WOLSEY
ICARUS	SHIKARI	WORCESTER
IMPULSIVE	VANQUISHER	
<u>SLOOP.</u>		
BIDEFORD		
<u>CORVETTES.</u>		
GUILLEMOT	MALLARD	SHELDRAKE
KINGFISHER	SHEARWATER	WIDGEON
<u>GUNBOATS.</u>		
LOCUST	≠ MOSQUITO	
<u>MINESWEEPERS.</u>		
ALBURY	HEBE	ROSS
≠ BRIGHTON BELLE	KELLETT	SALAMANDER
BRIGHTON QUEEN	LEDA	SALFASH
≠ DEVONIA	LYDD	SANDOWN
DUCHESS OF FIFE	MARMION	SHIRPSHOOTER
DUNDALK	MEDWAY QUEEN	≠ SKIPJACK
EMPEROR OF INDIA	NIGER	SNAEFFELL
FITZROY	ORIOLE	SPEEDWELL
GLENAVON	PANGBOURNE	SUTTON
GLENGOWER	PLINLIMMON	≠ WAVERLEY
GOSSAMER	PORTSDOWN	WESTWARD HO
≠ GRACIE FIELDS	PRINCESS ELIZABETH	WHIPPINGHAM
HALCYON	QUEEN OF THANET	

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PART I - BRITISH SHIPS (continued)

<u>MINESWEEPING CRAFT.</u>		
ALCANTARA	JEANNIE MACINTOSH	REED
ARLEY	JOHN AND NORA	RELONZO
BOTANIC	JOHN CATTILING	RENASCENT
BROCK	LORD BARHAM	RESTRIVO
✱ CALVI	✱ LORD CAVAN	REWGA
CLYTHNESS	LORD COLLINGWOOD	RIG
CHICO (E.S.)	LORD GREY	SARAH HYDE
✱ COMFORT	LORD HOOD	SARGASSO
CONIDAW	LORD INCHCAPE	SATURN
DORIENTA	LORD KEITH	SILVER DAWN
FEASIBLE	LORD MELCHETT	STARLIGHT RAYS
FIDGET	LORD RODNEY	STELLA RIGEL
FISHER BOY	LORD ST. VINCENT	STRATHELLIOTT
FYLDEA	MARE	STRIVE
GENIUS	MARETTA	SWIFT WING
GULA	✱ NAUTILUS	TARANSAY
GULZAR	OLIVAE	✱ THOMAS BARTLETT
INVERFORTH	OUR BAIRNS	THOMSONS
JACKETA	OVERFALLS	THREE KINGS
JACKEVE	✱ POLLY JOHNSON	TWEENWAYS
		UNICITY
<u>A/S TRAWLERS.</u>		
✱ ARGYLLSHIRE	KINGSTON ANDALUSITE	SPURS
✱ BLACKBURN ROVERS	KINGSTON OLIVINE	✱ STELLA DORADO
CAPE ARGONA	LADY PHILOMENA	✱ THURINGIA
CAYTON WYKE	OLVINA	TOPAZE
GRIMSBY TOWN	ST. ACHILLEUS	✱ WESTELLA
KINGSTON ALALITE	SAON	WOLVES
<u>THAMES SPECIAL SERVICE SHIPS.</u>		
✱ CRESTED EAGLE	GOLDEN EAGLE	ROYAL EAGLE
<u>M.A./S.B's. M.T.B's. ETC.</u>		
D.C. MOTOR-BOAT	M. A/S. B. 10	M.T.B. 68
(ex "EXCELLENT")	M.T.B. 16	M.L. 100
M. A/S. B. 6	M.T.B. 22	M.T.B. 102
M.A/S. B. 7	M.T.B. 67	M.T.B. 107
<u>DOVER FLARE-BURNING DRIFTERS</u>		
✱ BOY ROY	GOLDEN GIFT	✱ PAXTON
EILEEN EMMA	GOLDEN SUNBEAM	SHIPMATES
FORECAST	LORD HOWARD	THE BOYS
GERVAIS RENTOUL	LORD HOWE	TORBAY II
GIRL GLADYS	MIDAS	UT PROSIM
✱ GIRL PAMELA	NETSUKIS	YORKSHIRE LASS
		YOUNG MUN

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PART I - BRITISH SHIPS (continued)

PORTSMOUTH A/P YACHTS

AHOLA	CARYANDA	NONETA
ANLAH	EILA II	SERIOLOA
ANKH	LAHLOO	THELE
BOUNTY	MASAYRU	

MISCELLANEOUS H.M. SHIPS (small craft)

A.L.C. 5 F AMBLEVE	GREY MIST (Dan-laying Vessel)
A.L.C. 15 F ESCAUT	F GRIVE (F.A.A. Yacht)
A.L.C. 16 F EUSE	KINDRED STAR (Drifter)
A.L.C. 17 F SAMBRE	F KING ORRY (Armed Boarding Vessel)
ALOUETTE II F YSER	LLANTHONY (Examination Service Vessel)
(Echo Sounding Yacht)	LORMONT (Armed Boarding Vessel)
F AMULREE (Harbour Defence Patrol Craft)	MONARDA (Drifter)
ARONIA (Yacht)	MONA'S ISLE (Armed Boarding Vessel)
BEN AND LUCY (Drifter)	ST. OLAVES (Rescue Tug)
BLUEBIRD (M.B.)	TARRET (A/S Yacht)
BYSTANDER	THRIFTY (Drifter)
(Echo Sounding Yacht)	V. 4 ("Vernon's" pinnace)
CALETA (Harbour Defence Patrol Craft)	VELIA (Armed Trawler)
CHRYSTOBEL II (Harbour Defence Patrol Craft)	VERNON I
"DOLPHIN'S" MOTOR-BOAT	VIVIANA (A/S Trawler)
EVELYN ROSE (Trawler)	
"EXCELLENT'S" A/A MOTOR-BOAT	
GAVA (Trawler)	
GLALA (Harbour Defence Patrol Craft)	

DUTCH SKOOTS (Commissioned with Naval Crews)

ABEL TASMAN	DOGGERSBANK	PACIFIC
AEGIR	FREDANJA	PASCHOLL
ALICE	FRISCO	PATRIA
AMAZONE	GORECHT	PRINCESS JULIANA
ANTJE	HEBE	REIGER
ATLANTIC	HILDA	RIKA
BART	HONDSRUG	RUJA
BORNRIF	HORST (Abandoned)	SAN ANTONIO
BRANDARIS	JAVA	SURSUM CORDA
CARIBIA	JUTLAND	TILLY
DELTA	KAAPFAIGA	TINY
DEMOK I	LENA	TUNG
DENEK	ORANJE	TWENTE
DESPATCH II	ORANGE YREESWLJH	VREDE
		ZEUS

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PERSONNEL AND HOSPITAL SHIPS

ARCHANGEL	MANXMAN
AUTOCARRIER	* MONA'S QUEEN
BEN-MY-CREE	NEWHAVEN
BIARRITZ	NEPHRITE (Store Ship)
CANTERBURY	NGAROMA
* CLAN MACALISTER	* NORMANIA
COTE D'ARGENT	* PARIS (Hospital)
* COTE D'AZUR	PRAGUE
DINARD (Hospital)	PRINCESS MAUD
DORIAN ROSE (Store Ship)	* QUEEN OF THE CHANNEL
* FENELLA	ROEBUCK
FOAM QUEEN	ROUEN
ISLE OF GUERNSEY (Hospital)	ROYAL DAFFODIL
ISLE OF THANET (Hospital)	ROYAL SOVEREIGN
KILLARNEY	ST. ANDREW (Hospital)
KING GEORGE V	ST. DAVID (Hospital)
LADY OF MAN	ST. HELIER
LEVENWOOD (Store Ship)	ST. JULIAN
LOCH GARRY	ST. SEIRIOL
* LORINA	* SCOTIA
MAID OF ORLEANS	TYNWALD
MALINES	WORTHING (Hospital)
MANXMAID	WHITSTABLE

OTHER BRITISH SHIPS

ADVENTURESS	BONNY BELLE
AGNESS CROSS (Life-boat)	BOURNEMOUTH LIFE-BOAT
ALBATROSS III	B.P. ONE
ALOUETTE	BRITANNIA
ANDORA	BULLFINCH
ANDORA II (R.A.F. Launch)	CABBY
ANNE IV	CANVEY QUEEN
ATHOLA	CAVERSHAM (M.B.)
AURA	CHAMOIS (Lighter)
BAIL	CHERFIELD
BAT (Lighter)	* CLAUDE (Water Boat)
BEE (Lighter)	COMMODORE
BELFAST	CONSTANT NYMPH
BLACK ARROW	CORDELIA
BLACK JAVA	CORNELIA
BLACKPOOL	C. 9) (Tugs)
BOBELI (Motor Cruiser)	C. 11)
BONNY HEATHER	C.Y. 63
	DABB II
	DEFENDER
	DHOON (Trawler)

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DOGGER BANK	HANDY BILLY
DORIA (Tug)	HASTINGS LIFE-BOAT
DREADNOUGHT II	HOLLAND
DREADNOUGHT III	HOPPER 26
DUCHESS OF YORK	HOUND (Lighter)
DWARF	HYPHE (Coaster)
D. 1)	IOLANTHE
D. 4)	IOTE
D. 7) (Harbour	IRMA MARIA (Fishing boat)
D. 9) Launches)	JABA
D.16)	JACINTA (Trawler)
D.C. 715	JAMES 67 (Hopper Barge)
D.G. 694	JANIS
D.G. 950	JOHANNA (Eel Boat)
EASTBOURNE LIFE-BOAT	JONG
EDWARD NISSEN	JORDAN
EDWINA (Trawler)	KAYELL
ELIZABETH QUEEN	KESTREL
E.M.E.D. (Motor Life-boat)	KINGSGATE
EMPRESS	KITCAT (M.B.)
EMPRISE (Harbour Launch)	K.L.
ENDEAVOUR	LADY BRASSEY (Rescue Tug)
ENTERPRISE (M.B.)	LADY CABLE (M.B.)
ERICA	LADY SHEILA
ESKBURN	LADY SOUTHBOROUGH
FAIR BREEZE (Drifter)	(Hopper Barge)
FAWLEY (Gosport Ferry)	LANDANIA
FERRY KING (Gosport Ferry)	LANSDOWNE
FERVENT	LAROC
FISHBOURNE (I.O.W. Ferry)	LETITIA (Smack)
FOREMOST 2 (Hopper Barge)	LITTLE ANN (M.B.)
FOREMOST 87 (Tug)	LOTUS
FORMIDABLE	LOUISIANA
FORSA	MADAM SANSGENE
* FOSSA (Tug)	MAID ERRANT
FRIGHTENED LADY	MALDEN
F.W. 23 (Lighter)	MALDEN ANNIE IV
GALLEON'S REACH (Hopper)	MA JOIE
GALZAR	MARASOLE
GAY CRUSADER	MARGERITA
GLENWAY (Barge)	MARLBOROUGH (W.D. Craft)
GLITTER II	MARQUIS (Tug)
GOLIATH	* MARY ROSE
GOURKA	MARY SPEARING I
GRACE DARLING	MARY SPEARING II
GRAPPLER (Lighter)	MASSEY SHAW (Fire Float)
GREATER LONDON LIFE-BOAT	MAYSPEAR
GONDIA (Tug)	MEANDER
H. 75	MERMAIDEN (M.L.)
HAIG (W.D. Craft)	M.F.H. (Lighter)
HALFWAY	MICHAEL STEVENS
	MINEKOI (Tug)

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OTHER BRITISH SHIPS (continued)

MINORU II (M.B.)	≠	RENOWN
MINWOOD		RESOLUTE
MONARCH		RICAS
MOTOR-BOAT 42		ROBERT CLIFF
MOTOR-BOAT 27 B		ROSA WOOD AND PHYLLIS LUND
MOTOR-BOAT 43 (R.A.F.)		ROWAN (Smack)
MOTOR-BOAT 101 (R.A.F.)		RYGATE II (Yacht)
MOTOR-BOAT 102 (R.A.F.)		ST. ABBS
≠ MOTOR-BOAT 243 (R.A.F.)		ST. CLEARS
MOTOR-BOAT 270 (R.A.F.)	≠	ST FAGAN
MOTOR-BOAT 275		ST OLAF
M.L. 8 (W.D. Craft)		SAMBRA (M.B.)
MURIOUS		SAVIOUR
NANETTE (M.L.)		SCENE SHIFTER
NELSON (M.B.)		SCOTTISH CO-OPERATOR
NEMO IV		SEA FALCON
NEWHAVEN LIFE-BOAT		SEA FOAM
NEW PRINCE OF WALES		SEASALTER
No. 4)		SEINE
No. 101) (Hopper Barges)		SHAMROCK
No. 102)		SHEFFIELD (M. Barge)
OCEAN BREEZE		SILICIA (Coaster)
OFFERIA		SILVA FOAM
OLIVIA		SILVER BREEZE
ORIENT LINE (M.B.)	≠	SILVER QUEEN (M.B.)
PAULETEER		SINGAPORE
PEGGY IV		SYKLARK (Abandoned)
PELLAG II		SKYLARK I
PERSIA (Tug)		SKYLARK II
PIGEON (W.D. Craft)		SKYLARK VI
PIONEER		SMALL VIKING
PRIMA (Tug)		SOUTHEND BRITANNIA
PRINCE OF WALES		SPEEDWELL
PRINCESS FREDA		SPRITE (Harbour Launch)
PRINCESS LILY		SULTAN
PUDGE		SUN IV } (Tugs)
QUEEN		SUN X }
QUEEN ALEXANDRA		SUN XI }
QUEEN BOADICEA II		SWALLOW
QUEEN'S CHANNEL		S.O. ONE
(Hopper Barge)		TANGA (Tug)
QUEENSLAND		THARK
QUICKSILVER		TENIAS
QUI SI SANA (M.B.)		THYForsa
RAMSGATE LIFE-BOAT		THYRA
RAPIDE		TONY
REDA (M.B.)		TRITON
RELIANCE		TUG XV

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TWO RIVERS (M.B.)	WEST COVE
37270	WESTGROVE
VANGUARD	WHITE BEAR
VERA (M.B.)	WHITE HEATHER (M.B.)
VIEWFINDER	WHITE WINGS (M.B.)
VIKING (Motor Barge)	WOLFE (W.D. Craft)
VINCIA (Tug)	WOOTTON (I.O.W. Ferry)
WALMER CASTLE	W. 24 (Hopper Barge)
WALTON AND FRINTON	X 95)
LIFE-BOAT	X 134) (Lighters)
WARRIOR	X 209)
WAVE QUEEN (M.B.)	Y.C. 63)
WESSEX (Lighter)	Y.C. 71) (Lighters)
	Y.C. 72)

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PART II - FOREIGN WARSHIPS

<u>POLISH</u>		
BLYSKAWICA		
<u>FRENCH</u>		
AMIENS	DILIGENTE	MARCEAU
AMIRAL MOUCHEZ	EPERVIER	MISTRAL
ARRAS	FLORE	M.T.B. 24
BELFORT	≠ FOUDROYANT	SIMOUN
BOUCLIER	IMPETUEUSE	≠ SIROCCO
≠ BOURRASQUE	INCOMPRISE	T. 112
BRANLEBAS	LEOPARD	T. 113
CYCLONE		T. 143
<u>DUTCH</u>		
NETHERLAND MOTOR-BOAT M 74		

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PART III - FOREIGN SHIPS, OTHER THAN WARSHIPS.

ABEL DEWULF	HDAYA
≠ AMBEVE (Belgian launch)	H. 51 (Belgian Trawler)
ANDRE LOUIS	H. 75 (Belgian Trawler)
ANDRE MARCEL	INGENIEUR CACHIN
ANGELE	JEAN BART
ARRAS	JEAN RIBAUT
AUSA	JEUNE FRANCE
A. 5 (Belgian patrol craft)	JONGE JAN (Belgian Trawler
A. 73	0. 200)
A.D. 389	LA CERE
BARBARA AUGUSTE	LOUISE MARIE
BELGE	LUCIEN GAIGY
BERNADITTE DE LISIEUX	LUTTER
BESTA (Dutch)	MANA ELENA
BORDEAUX	≠ MARECHAL FOCH (Belgian Trawler
CAPORAL PUNGEST	0. 274)
CHALUTIER	MEUSE (Belgian Launch)
CHANTECLER (Dutch Eel Boat)	MONIQUE
CHASSE RAVE	MOYA
CHASSEUR	M.2 (French Trawler)
CHASSEUR 7TH	NORMANVILLE
CHASSEUR MARRIE	N. 53 (Barge)
CODS CENADE	ONDER ONS
COMMANDANT DELAGE	O. 92 (Belgian Trawler)
CONSTANT LEOPOLD	O. 87 (Belgian Trawler)
COR JESU (Belgian Trawler	O. 318 (Belgian Trawler)
0227)	PATRIE (French Trawler)
CUL DE FRANCE	≠ PIERRE MARIE (French Drifter)
DAME FRANCHE	PINETTE
DEVINS PAPIN	PRESIDENT BUARS
DRIFTER 145 (Belgian)	PUISSE MARIE
≠ DUPERRE (French trawler)	REINE DE FLOTS
DUTCH DAFFIL	SAMBRE (Belgian Launch)
DUTCH M.V.M.	SARZIK
≠ EMILE DESCHAMPS	≠ SIMONIS (Belgian Launch)
EMILE LASTUS	SIDERES LOUISE
EMILE LOUISE	SURCOUF DE GUESCLIN
≠ ESCAUT (Belgian Launch)	THERESE LOUISE
FRANSAH	V.P. 19 (French Barge)
GAMBOUL	WATONPRISE
GASTON RIVER	≠ YSER (Belgian Launch)
GATIVOIS	Z. 25 (Belgian Trawler)
GEORGES EDOUARD (Belgian	Z. 26
Trawler 0. 86)	Z. 40.
GILDA	
GUIDO GAZELLE (Belgian	
Trawler 0. 225)	

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Operation "Dynamo" - Troops Withdrawn from Dunkirk

The following table shows the numbers of troops from Dunkirk landed in England up to the dates and times given. (W.I.R. 13/36)

Date	Time	Total Withdrawn	Total withdrawn make up of :-			
			British		Allies	
			Fit	Wounded	Fit	Wounded
May 26	(Order to withdraw, 1857/26)					
" 27	0600	3,373				
" 28	2400	17,321				
" 29	1500	38,282				
" 29	2400	55,603				
" 30	1200	71,696				
" 30	2400	134,809				
" 31	0700	145,544	124,648	9,230	11,666	
" 31	2400	194,241	162,241	10,000	22,000	
June 1	1200	221,407	174,963	12,013	34,431	
" 1	2400	256,038	190,465	12,642	52,931	
" 2	0600	266,700	197,876	12,850	55,179	795
" 2	2300	292,380	209,564	13,004	69,017	795
" 3	1200	305,078	211,137	13,004	79,808	1,129
" 3	2400	310,216	211,258	13,053	84,675	1,230
" 4	1415	335,490	211,265	13,053	109,942	1,230

T.S.D. 1097/42

(by Vice-Admiral Kenneth Blunt)

S E C R E T

REPORT ON SINKING OF H.M.S. GLORIOUS.

1. The instructions for the evacuation of Narvik, prepared by the Flag Officer, Narvik (Earl of Cork), were approved by the Admiralty subject to the following remarks (A.T.1801/27 May)

- (A) Programme must be deferred one day.
- (B) Only three additional destroyers can be provided.
- (C) No cruisers in addition to these you now have can be provided.

In the same telegram F.O. Narvik was informed that:

"In view of the small number of destroyers you will have, it will not be possible to provide destroyer escort for all troop transports in the normal way. It is left to your discretion whether the ships in first group of transports are sailed independently without escort or whether this group should remain at sea and join up with the troop transports of phase III."

2. The question of protecting the convoys from the attack of heavy ships was raised by the Commander-in-Chief in 1709/30 who asked, with reference to A.T.1801/27, quoted in paragraph 1 of this report, whether a battlecruiser might be required to provide cover. On 31st May, the Flag Officer, Narvik asked Commander-in-Chief for a covering force to escort Group I, South (F.O. Narvik 1520/31). On 1st June, the Admiralty instructed Flag Officer, Narvik to signal estimated programme so that cover might be provided (A.T.0052/1). On 4th June, Flag Officer, Narvik telegraphed to Commander-in-Chief and asked whether a covering force could be provided to meet Group I where he (the Commander-in-Chief) considered necessary (F.O. Narvik 1150/4). On 5th June, the Commander-in-Chief replied that cover and A/S screen would be sent for Group I (Commander-in-Chief 1506/5). On 5th and 6th June, the Commander-in-Chief, signalled to Flag Officer Narvik and Admiralty arrangements for the VALIANT to meet and escort Group I and subsequently Group II (Commander-in-Chief 1506/5 and 1807/6). The signals referred to in this paragraph are quoted in the Appendix.

3. The first group of transports, consisting of six large ships carrying about 14,000 troops, sailed from Rendezvous B (see Charts) 0300 on 7 June. It was escorted by the repair ship VINDICTIVE carrying 1,000 troops and mounting six modern anti-aircraft guns.

4. The second group, consisting of seven ships, sailed about 48 hours later from Rendezvous A escorted by the cruisers COVENTRY and SOUTHAMPTON and six destroyers. Rear Admiral Vivian was in command of this group, but the Earl of Cork was present in the SOUTHAMPTON.

5. The third group, consisting of eight ships carrying stores and escorted by two destroyers (Senior Officer in H.M.S. ARROW), one sloop and several trawlers, left at 2200 on 7 June. Owing to the slow speed of this group, it was soon overtaken and passed by Group II. A fourth group consisting of some store ships, probably including the WAR PIONEER and a few trawlers left Tromso on the evening of 7 June.

6. The ARK ROYAL and GLORIOUS had been sent from Scapa Flow to Narvik on 31 May, the former to provide fighter protection

during/

during the embarkations and the latter to evacuate the R.A.F. Gladiator and Hurricane planes which were flown from the shore on to her landing deck during the 7th and 8th of June. The Vice Admiral Aircraft Carriers detached the GLORIOUS, accompanied by the destroyers ARDENT and ACASTA, to Scapa at 0300 on 8 June and at the same time informed the Commander-in-Chief and Admiralty that he had done so, giving her speed and route. (V.A.(A) 0303/8). Her approximate track is shown on Chart I. *

7. The fact that the GLORIOUS was sailed independently may have been due to her being short of fuel; for on 3 June, the V.A.(A) detached her to the N.W. "to conserve fuel until required for embarking shore-based aircraft". In any case, this procedure does not seem to have been considered unusual; for the ARK ROYAL, GLORIOUS and FURIOUS had during May crossed and recrossed the North Sea, singly or together, escorted only by destroyers.

8. It may be noted that the V.A.(A) took every possible precaution against surface attack, for, besides providing fighter protection during the embarkations, he carried out reconnaissance flights to the south and west "whilst the probability of surprise attack existed" (V.A.(A)'s Letter of Proceedings). After the embarkation had been completed, H.M.S. ARK ROYAL steamed to the westward preparatory to joining Group II. From 0405 onwards during 9 June, she despatched aircraft to search for possible enemy surface craft "in the most probable direction of their approach to the convoy".

9. Besides the GLORIOUS and the four groups of transports and storeships, proceeding independently to the United Kingdom, the cruiser DEVONSHIRE sailed alone from Tromso on the evening of 7 June with the King of Norway and other important passengers. Flag Officer, Narvik detached the VETERAN and VANOC to escort her the next day, but they failed to join her owing to shortage of fuel.

10. At the time of the evacuation, there were four ships in Northern Waters, the RODNEY, VALIANT, REPULSE and RENOWN, capable of protecting the convoys from the GNEISNAU and SCHARNHORST. The VALIANT escorted Group I for one third of the distance across the North Sea and Group II about one half. She left Scapa with four destroyers at 2130 on 6 June and joined Group I about 270 miles to the northward of the Shetlands at 0025 on 8 June. After escorting it to the southward of the Faeroes, she turned about and proceeded to a position about 400 miles to the northward of the Shetlands where she joined Group II at 2250 on 9 June and escorted it to the vicinity of Scapa.

11. In the meantime on 5 June, the Fleet Auxiliary PRUNELLA had reported sighting "two unknown vessels" in Lat. 64°40'N. 0°10'E. steering to the westward at 20 knots. The Commander-in-Chief thereupon ordered the RENOWN, REPULSE, NEWCASTLE, SUSSEX and five destroyers to proceed from Scapa

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* All positions and tracks shown on the attached charts are approximate as they are only based on data given in Letters of Proceedings and signals recorded in Admiralty.

to intercept these vessels. Next morning the PRUNELLA modified her report by saying that the two strange vessels were very difficult to identify, hull-down, but were probably merchant ships. On 7 June, the squadron was ordered to Icelandic waters by the Commander-in-Chief to investigate a rumour that German troops had landed in Iceland. At 0126 on 8 June, the RENOWN and two destroyers were ordered back to Scapa Flow by the Admiralty in order to have "two capital ships available to proceed South in case of invasion". The remainder of the squadron was to "continue present operations".

12. At 0901 on 9 June, the VALIANT, whilst returning North to meet Group II, sighted the hospital ship ATLANTIS, which reported that she had seen an enemy battleship and two destroyers with a seaplane, at 0900 on 8 June, firing at a two funnelled transport. This was the first intimation of the German attack on any ship. The transport in question was presumably the ORAMA, which owing to shortage of fuel was proceeding independently to the United Kingdom, and like the GLORIOUS was steaming between Groups I and II.

13. In view of the report from the ATLANTIS, the Commander-in-Chief ordered the REPULSE, NEWCASTLE and SUSSEX to proceed to meet Group II; and he himself sailed with the RODNEY, RENOWN and six destroyers to act as a covering force for the convoys.

14. For information concerning the actual sinking of the GLORIOUS, we are dependent on the recollections of survivors, a signal intercepted by the DEVONSHIRE, which passed about 100 miles from the scene of the action, and a German wireless bulletin. Reference to Chart I also shows that bodies were sighted in certain positions by the SOUTHAMPTON, the MARITA and BORGUND (Norwegian merchant ships), and a Norwegian patrol vessel. GLORIOUS was proceeding at 16 knots with a destroyer on either bow but no air reconnaissance was carried out.

15. At about 1600 on 8 June, two enemy ships were sighted to the north-westward about 10 miles away. Their identity is uncertain. They were probably either a battle cruiser of the SCHARNHORST class and a 6 - inch gun cruiser or an 8 - inch and a 6 - inch gun cruiser. A few minutes later, the GLORIOUS turned away to port and made an enemy report signal timed 1615, which no ship appears to have received. The DEVONSHIRE, however, intercepted a second signal timed 1640. It was very corrupt and was reported as 2 P.B. (pocket battleships) but was thought to be really 2 F.B. (Flying Boats) which was a very common report in Norwegian Waters. The signal was not passed at the time as it was not thought to be important and it was necessary to avoid disclosing DEVONSHIRE's position.

16. A running action ensued, in which the three British ships were sunk by about 1800. The ACASTA made a torpedo attack before foundering. Several hundred men got away from the GLORIOUS and ACASTA; but nothing more was seen of the ARDENT after she disappeared to windward of her smoke screen. Next day, some of the survivors sighted warships and aircraft which must have belonged to the escort accompanying Group II. Two days later, during the night of 10/11 June, the BORGUND picked up 38 officers and men and took them to the Faeroes.

17. In addition to the GLORIOUS, ACASTA, and ARDENT, the transports ORAMA, the oiler WAR PIONEER, and the trawler JUNIPER were sunk, also the A.M.C. VANDYCK which it is believed was sunk a day or two later by a submarine. The German bulletin said that naval forces including GNEISENAU and SCHARNHORST were operating in support of their Narvik forces. One Squadron is

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reported to have sunk the GLORIOUS and one destroyer. Another sank the ORAMA, WAR PIONEER and "a modern U Boat chaser". In addition it was stated that several hundred prisoners were taken. The proceedings of the VANDYCK are obscure. She failed to join Group II at the rendezvous, and appears to have returned towards the Norwegian Coast.

18. No information is available as to the route followed by the German raiders; but they evidently returned to Trondheim, the only German defended base in that area, and about 350 miles from the scene of the attack on GLORIOUS. When the Coastal Command reconnoitred that port on the morning of 10 June, it reported one battle cruiser two 8 inch gun cruisers and possibly a pocket battleship. Also following the ATLANTIS's report, Vice Admiral Submarines ordered H.M.S. GLYDE to leave her station off Stadtlandet and move North to patrol off Trondheim. On the afternoon of 10 June, she reported sighting a "Scheer" battleship and a "Hipper" class cruiser steaming to the north-westward.

Historical Section.
3 November, 1940.

A P P E N D I X

SIGNALS BEARING ON PROVISION OF COVER FOR CONVOYS.

1. Commander-in-Chief, Home Fleet, to Admiralty.

Your 1801, 27th May. Alphabet. Presume you will keep me informed of Flag Officer, Narvik's plan, particularly as regards paragraph 6, and also whether battle cruiser may be required to provide cover.

1709/30 May.

2. Flag Officer, Narvik, to Commander-in-Chief, Home Fleet
- Repeated Admiralty.

First group of transports will be using Rendezvous B, vide Commander-in-Chief, Rosyth, 1249, 29th May.

Rendezvous A will be used by second group. Ships not loading will have instructions to pass through their rendezvous at 0300 and 1500 daily, 2nd to 7th June. Much appreciate if some covering protection could be given. It is hoped that Group I will be loaded and at Rendezvous B, ready to sail at 0300 on 6th June, if covering force could escort them South. Otherwise Group I will be delayed to sail at same time as Group II, forty-eight hours later, under escort of Narvik force.

1520/31 May.

3. Admiralty to Flag Officer, Narvik - Repeated Commander-in-Chief, Home Fleet.

Request you will in due course signal estimated programme for Alphabet in order that cover may be provided.

Also your intentions as regards Admiralty Message 1801 of 27th May, paragraph 6.

0052/1 June.

4. Flag Officer, Narvik, to Commander-in-Chief, Home Fleet
- Repeated Admiralty.

With reference to my 1520, 31st May, and Admiralty message 1714 3rd June (not to you), requiring rapid disembarkation Clyde to enable subsequent troop convoy from another theatre to be dealt with, it would seem advantageous to sail Group I for United Kingdom as soon as ready, probably 0300 7th June in charge of VINDICTIVE, but without A/S screen. Could covering force be provided and convoy met where you consider necessary? All destroyers in area required for rapid embarkation last flight.

1150/4 June.

- /5. Commander-in-Chief,.....

Commander-in-Chief, Home Fleet, to Flag Officer, Narvik
- Repeated Admiralty.

Your 1150 4th June. Cover and A/S escort will be sent to meet Group I. Request convoy may be routed through positions 066° N. 001° W. and thence to 063° N. 004° W. Request speed of advance may be included in departure signal.

1506/5 June.

6. Commander-in-Chief, Home Fleet, to Flag Officer,
Narvik - Repeated Admiralty.

My 1505 5th June ~~should be~~ 15067 H.M.S. VALIANT sails 2100 Thursday 6th June with orders to meet Group I and give close support down to latitude 61 North and then to return to meet Group II. A/S escort of five destroyers will be sent to rendezvous with Group I in position 063° N. 004° W. to escort them to Clyde. H.M.S. VALIANT has been informed both groups will be routed as in my 1505 5th June.

1807/6 June.

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