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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.

Home Commands.

K.M.F.2.

Convoy K.M.F.2 (17 ships) sailed from Greenock at 2333A today.

At 0100 today the destroyer BROCKLESBY sighted and engaged 3 enemy merchant ships escorted by 2 T.Bs and 1 Trawler about 13 miles West of Sept Iles and continued to attack intermittently at a mean range of 3000 yards until 0430, when she was ordered to return to Plymouth. Many hits were observed on both merchant ships and escorts and one enemy vessel is believed to have been set on fire. No casualties were sustained by BROCKLESBY.

KRAKOWIAK from Plymouth and TYNEDALE with 4 M.T.Bs from Dartmouth proceeded this evening to intercept a convoy which was expected to proceed eastward from Morlaix. The destroyers sighted south of Roches Douvres and engaged at 2320 the convoy which consisted of 2 merchant ships with 4 escort vessels. After scoring hits on the enemy ships, one of which appeared to catch fire internally the destroyers disengaged and the M.T.Bs attacked with torpedoes, but no definite results were seen. KRAKOWIAK suffered minor damage and 2 casualties and TYNEDALE slight superficial damage. There were no other casualties or damage to our ships.

A report graded B.2 states that a pocket battleship or heavy cruiser passed through Sortland Sund (68° 35' N. 15° 13' E.) northbound at 1100A/28. The Admiralty consider the report probably refers to HIPPER which was last located in Ofot Fiord on 21st October and that her destination is probably Alten Fiord (70° 0' N. 23° 10' E.) On 2nd November the Admiralty asked S.B.N.O. North Russia to arrange periodic photographic R/C of Alten Fiord, to locate German main units still thought to be in North Norway.

S.N. 3F.

R.A.(M) reported Operation S.N. 3F completed at 1530 today.

North Atlantic.

SCYLLA and OPPORTUNE arrived at Gibraltar at 0930A today.

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A report on the sinking of the U.S. STEPHEN HOPKINS on 27th September has now been received. It is stated that the ship was attacked in 28° 8' S. 11° 59' E. (another report gives longitude 20° 1' W.) by two raiders, the larger of which appeared to be armed only with machine guns and the smaller with four 6 inch guns. The STEPHEN HOPKINS left the smaller raider in flames from her gunfire and it is believed the ship sank; the larger raider is believed to have been damaged: survivors landed from ship's boats at Barra do Itabapoana (Brazil) on 27th October.

Brazilian SS. CUYABA made S O S today in 16° 13' N. 22° 22' W. (20 miles east of Boa Vista, Cape Verde Is.) A Portuguese sloop is proceeding to her assistance.

SS. MENDOZA reported that she was torpedoed at 1333 G.M.T. today in 29° 20' S. 32° 13' E. (about 80 miles E.N.E. of Durban). The ship apparently sank.

SS. EMPIRE GUIDON, New York for Durban and Alexandria, was torpedoed this morning in 30° S. 33° E. (about 120 miles east of Durban) and reported she was making for the coast.

ASTURIAS commenced a blockade runner patrol this evening to northward of Ascension Island. (For U.S. patrols see 27th October.)

SS. GEORGE THATCHER was torpedoed and set on fire in 2° 20' S. 8° 16' E. (about 210 miles N.W. of Pointe Noire) at 1800 today. * SPEDDEN and *BARWICK were ordered to go to her assistance and tow her in if practicable.

**not identified.*

Mediterranean.

Torpedo Wellingtons attacked a convoy of 2 small merchant vessels attempting to enter Tobruk early this morning and sank one; Beauforts sank the other at dawn.

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East Indies.

Operation
"Demcat".

Force Q was disbanded today.

America and West Indies.

S.O.(I) Jamaica reports that the Master and 37 of the crew of the Norwegian M.V. PRIMERO were landed at Trinidad yesterday. The time of sinking is given as 1340 G.M.T./25th October and position 13° 8' (or 38') N. 53° 55' W.

Australia and New Zealand.

About 2300Z today six Fortresses attacked a light cruiser or large destroyer and two transports in 7° 20' S. 148° 40' E., apparently attempting to land reinforcements in New Guinea. One transport is believed to have been damaged by a near miss. Nine Zeros intercepted, and 4 or 5 were destroyed. Ten B.25s and 8 Fortresses made two attacks later, hitting one transport and possibly damaging the second by near misses. The convoy was unsuccessful in landing.

Nine Catalinas and 12 B.17s attacked shipping in the Buin Faisi area early this morning and report a direct hit on a transport, and other possible hits and near misses.

Seven B.25s attacked Lae aerodrome early this morning and started fires in the dump area.

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Southend Unless unforeseen difficulties arise the combined
C.C.O. operation base Southend for approx. the first
Base. half of total number will be ready for commission
17th Nov.

Owing to delay in requisitioning it will not be possible to adhere to original date for completion of whole scheme which will now possibly not be before 3rd week in December. (N.O.I.C. Southend 1256A/1 to C. in C. Nore.)

L.C.T. Following received from Comamphoreu.
Mark 5. Request L.C.T. convoy speeds be reduced to seven in lieu of ten knots and engine speeds not to exceed 1600 R.P.M. Also request all ferry personnel be informed L.C.T. arriving from U.S. are for British account, to be operated, maintained and repaired by British. Opinion prevails craft are for U.S. only temporarily being ferried and maintained by the British. 1516/31. Ends.
2. Request this information which refers to L.C.T. Mark 5 may be promulgated as necessary.
(C.C.O. 1453A/1 to Admty.)

Disembarkation Cancel my 1503/7th April.
of Alien (D.T.D. 1535A/1 to N.C.S.O. Aultbea.)
Civilians.

LILLY OF Danish Motor Fishing-Vessel LILLY OF LEMVIG 20 tons
LEMVIG. gross 10 tons nett 60 H.P., crew 4 Danes,
surrendered voluntarily to examination vessel at
H L/F 1100 today. Left Esbjerg 21st Oct. for
fishing grounds vicinity Dogger Bank, became separated from her consorts, and decided to make for Humber. Vessel has been delivered to Admty. Prize Marshal Grimsby and arrangements for sale of fish-cargo made. Crew being sent Central Reception Depot London by Security Control a.m. tomorrow. No papers of interest.
(F.O. Humber 1815/1.)

ITCHEN. When ready for sea ITCHEN should be sailed to Tobermory to work up.
When worked up C. in C. W.A. is requested to sail her for temporary loan to R.C.N. as convenient in accordance with A.M. 1028/14th Oct.
(D.O.D. (H.) 1858A/1.)

LOCUST. C. in C. Portsmouth's 1327A/29. LOCUST will be administered by S.N.O. Force J as from 1st. Nov.
(S.N.O. Force J 2141/1.)

GIL EANES. Your 0042A/31. Portuguese ship GIL EANES intercepted in 044° 00' N 023° 30' W at 2100Z/1st. Only person of similar name on board Chief Wireless Operator Gastao Crowford de Freitas Ferraz who was removed. Armed guard of one officer and 7 ratings placed on board. Vessel left St. Johns N.F. on 26th bound Oporto, Portugal. Master agreed not to arrive before 9th.
(ORIBI 2355Z/1 to C. in C. W.A.)

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- P.223. My 1714/31. Add new para. (K). P.223 escorted by NORTHERN WAVE leaves Liverpool 1200/1, E.T.A. Clyde 0930/2. (F.O.S. 0924A/1.)
- SKEENA. Your 1001/31. Fuel has been ordered for you at Ponta Delgada. After fuelling proceed best speed subject to weather to St. Johns N.F. (C. in C. W.A. 0930Z/1 to SKEENA.)
SKEENA will arrive Ponta Delgada about 3rd Nov. (C. in C. W.A. 1023A/1 to N.C.S.O. Ponta Delgada.)
Cancel my 1023/1. (C. in C. W.A. 2323A/1 to N.C.S.O. Ponta Delgada.)
- TIGRIS. F.O.S. 1248/31. If TIGRIS is ready intend sail her escorted by ^{*}PENYLAN to arrive E.A.5 Buoy 0800/7.
C. in C. Portsmouth is requested to arrange onward passage in accordance with F.O.S. 1248/31. (C. in C. Nore 1028A/1.) ** see p. 14.*
- AJAX R.A.M. 1014/31 ^{/N.T.N.W.D.} and my 1400/30. ^{N.T.N.W.D.}
MONTROSE Intend to sail AJAX for Scapa a.m. 8th, pass 25
AGAMEMNON Buoy daylight 9th.
MENESTHEUS 2. Escort from this Command MONTROSE and one Hunt Class destroyer of which MONTROSE is available to continue to Hoxa Gate if required.
3. A.C.O.S. is requested to sail AGAMEMNON and MENESTHEUS escorted by VESPER to pass Flamborough Head at 0100/10. Hunt Class destroyer escorting AJAX will transfer to AGAMEMNON and MENESTHEUS when met a.m. 9th.
4. If a second escort for AJAX is considered necessary after Hunt Class destroyer transfer request she may R/V with AJAX off Aberdeen.
5. Cancel para 2 of my 1400/30. (C. in C. Nore 1002A/1.)
- FORESTER FORESTER proceed passing Switha 1900 tomorrow
MUSKETEER to Hvalfiord routed through 058° 52' N 006° 59' W thence through Reykjanes Passage.
C.S.1 is requested to sail MUSKETEER for Scapa on arrival FORESTER. (R.A.D. 1143A/1.)
- TROOPER Intend sailing ^{*}LA CAPRICIEUSE escorting TROOPER,
P.312 P.312, P.216 from 055° 08' 005° 30' at 1600A/3
P.216 via searched channel and Minches to Port HHZ, E.T.A. 1400A/4. ^{* see next page}
2. Thence LA CAPRICIEUSE, P.312, P.216 west of Orkneys to Lerwick, E.T.A. 0800A/5. Speed throughout 11 knots. (Capt. S.3. 1151A/1.) ^{see called 3/11 - see p. 78.}

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North Atlantic dispositions. Disposition of operational units in North Atlantic. Area Iceland (C) BERWICK, LONDON, one destroyer. Area Scapa: ANSON, KING GEORGE V, SUFFOLK, seven destroyers. Operational area: RODNEY, FURIOUS, BERMUDA, CHARYBDIS, three destroyers. On passage to Operational area: DUKE OF YORK, NELSON, RENOWN, FORMIDABLE, VICTORIOUS, ARGUS, ARGONAUT, CUMBERLAND, NORFOLK, SHEFFIELD, DELHI, JAMAICA, SCYLLA, AVENGER, BITER, DASHER, fourteen destroyers. (D.O.D. H. 1224A/1 to C. in C. U.S. Fleet.)

M/S.15. Seidisfiord departures at 0815/1 for Hvalfiord. M/S.15, FRASERBURGH, LYME REGIS, BEAUMARIS, WORTHING, LLANDUDNO, BOOTLE and ARDROSSAN. (A.C.I.C. 1307A/1.)

AMARAPOORA. My 2337A/24. Hospital ship AMARAPOORA should be sailed for Gibraltar for orders on 3rd Nov. to arrive on 10th. (D.S.T. 1647A/1 to A.C.O.S.)

P.339. My 1539/30. Sailed P.339 and P.49 escorted by P.49. JAN VAN GELDER. (N.O.I.C. Barrow 1715A/1 to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)

L.23. Sailed*LA CAPRICIEUSE and H.M.S. L.23 in accordance with Capt.S.3. 1031A/30. (TITANIA 1732A/1.) * *see previous page.*

TRIBUNE. My 1545A/29 and 1431A/29. Cancel para (3) of my 1431A/29. *See p. 9.* You are to proceed through (A) 49.36 08.50 at 1900A/2. (B) 49.00 12.10 at 0700A/3. (C) 46.01 12.10 at 1900A/4. (D) 43.01 12.10, E.T.A. 2100A/5. (Capt. S.3. 1743A/1 to TRIBUNE.)

Operations.

Patrols. Cancel my 1436A/31 and my 2237A/31. WALPOLE return to Harwich on completion patrol. WHITSHED is to carry out patrol one today. (Capt. D.16 0014A/1.)

My 1101A/31. "Pugdog" returned 0440/1 owing to weather. (F.O.I.C. Portland 0444/1.)

Patrols tonight. A. CAMPBELL. B. GARTH. 1. WHITSHED. 2. *SOUTHDOWN. 3. HOLDERNESS. 4. PYTCHLEY. 5. GUILLEMOT. 6. MALLARD. * *see next page.*

(C. in C. Nore 0930A/1.)

1. Intend to sail M.Ls 246 (S.O.) and 303 to patrol on latitude 50° 20' N between longitude 1° 35' W and 2° 10' W tonight, leaving Weymouth at 1930 and patrol line at dawn.

Codeword "Pugdog"

(F.O.I.C. Portland 1036A/1.)

/Patrol...

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Patrols Contd. Patrol tonight M.T.Bs 55 (S.O.) 54, 56, 49 in vicinity 50° 15' N 0° 20' W passing E.A.5 Buoy 1830 and 0730. Force is to return to St. Helens Roads if weather unsuitable. Codeword "Advent".

2. Chasseurs on patrol near E.A.5 Buoy. Portland patrol 2 M.Ls on latitude 50° 20' N between 1° 35' W and 2° 10' W. FERNIE at Yarmouth standing by.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 1146A/1 to HORNET.)
Sheerness departure *SOUTHDOWN at 1327 for patrol, thence to Harwich.
(C. in C. Nore 1418A/1.) *See previous page.
M.L. patrol tonight.

2. Forces employed M.Ls 491 (S.O.) and 153.

3. Patrols, 5 miles 065° and 245° from 110° Start 22 miles.

4. Object, to intercept E-Boats.

5. Information. Own. 2 destroyers and 4 M.T.Bs sail Dartmouth to southward at 1630/1 returning so as to be within 20 miles of Start Point by daylight. Enemy E-Boats may operate from Cherbourg or Guernsey.

6. Execution, proceed at 1715 today to patrol-line at daylight 2nd and return to Dartmouth. Codeword "Cloak 6".
(C. in C. Plymouth 1544A/1.)
M.Ls 202 and 207 from Ramsgate patrolling between Dumpton and North East Spit Buoys, E.T.D. 1825, E.T.R. 0735/2.
M.Ls 139 and 137 near 'C' One Buoy.
(V.A. Dover 1654A/1.)
Coastal force patrols tonight Sunday.

(1) 4 M.G.Bs (S) vicinity 53° 23' N 2° 00' E.
(2) M.G.Bs 313, 321, 327 at Z 30.
(3) M.G.Bs 334, 325 at Z 27.
M.G.Bs in (2) and (3) will cross patrol 1, vicinity 57 C buoy at approx. 1900.

(4) M.G.Bs 610, 603, 607 vicinity 53° 12' N 2° 15' E.
These M.G.Bs will cross patrol 2, vicinity 54 D Buoy at approx. 1815.

(5) M.G.Bs 79, 80, 81 vicinity 52° N 3° E returning to Z 10 at 2300.

(6) M.G.Bs 58, 60, 64, 65 vicinity 52° 05' N 3° E, returning to Z 7 at 2300.

(7) M.Ls 146, 152 patrol H U with trawler.
(C. in C. Nore 1723A/1.)
My 1036A/1. "Pugdog" sailed 1945A/1.
(F.O.I.C. Portland 1947A/1.)

Attack on enemy convoy by BROCKLESBY. 3 small merchant vessels bearing 240° distant 4 miles, course 070°. My position 282° X X 13.
(BROCKLESBY 0100/1.)
My 0100. 4 small merchant vessels.
(BROCKLESBY 0102/1.)
Have been engaged with enemy.
(BROCKLESBY 0123/1.)
One ship on fire.
(BROCKLESBY 0126/1.)
Enemy lost in fog.
(BROCKLESBY 0136/1.)
2 more hits obtained.
(BROCKLESBY 0221/1.)
My 0100. 6 hits observed.
(BROCKLESBY 0226/1.)
Am engaging enemy.
(BROCKLESBY 0307/1.)

/Enemy...

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Attack on enemy convoy by BROCKLESBY. Contd. Enemy course and speed are 080° 6 knots. (BROCKLESBY 0308/1.) 3 M/Ships, 2 torpedo boats, 1 trawler, course 077°, 6 knots. Visibility perfect for air attack. Sea calm. Enemy's position 260° XX 9 miles at 0322. (BROCKLESBY 0339A/1 to C. in C. Plymouth.) Return now to Plymouth at high speed. (C. in C. Plymouth 0421A/1 to BROCKLESBY.) Have lost touch with enemy. Believed proceeding Begleguer. My position now 49° 58' N 3° 50' W. (BROCKLESBY 0445A/1.) At 0530 check and repeat enemy position given in your 0339. Also signal your E.T.A. Plymouth. (C. in C. Plymouth 0501A/1 to BROCKLESBY.) Expect escort of 2 aircraft Spitfires at first light. (C. in C. Plymouth 0511A/1 to BROCKLESBY.) My 1801/31.

(ii) At 1915/31 BROCKLESBY with S Gunboat 8 and M.T.Boats*240, *235 and*231 proceeded from Dart Buoy. * *see below 08 H.Q.* At 2045 M.T.Boats turned back on account of weather and 2211 S Gunboat 8 was ordered to Portland for same reason. BROCKLESBY thence proceeding alone to vicinity of Sept Iles.

(iii) At 0100/1 BROCKLESBY in position 282° Sept Iles 13 sighted 3 merchant ships, 2 M Class or torpedo boats, and one trawler bearing 240° 4 miles and steering 70°. These were engaged at 0108, and one vessel may have been set on fire.

(iv) BROCKLESBY closed and engaged merchant ship at 3,000 yds. scoring hits. Enemy's fire was confused, but smoke screen by enemy and fog caused interference.

(v) BROCKLESBY continued intermittent attacks on convoy and escorts at mean range of 3,000 yds. until 0430/1 and states many hits observed on both escorts and merchant ships. Enemy believed to have taken shelter in Morlaix. BROCKLESBY states one small vessel like a Dutch Schoot seen abandoned and sinking at about 0430 off Triagoz Bank.

(vi) 2 Hampden torpedo aircraft from Thorney Is. failed to sight enemy.

(vii) BROCKLESBY arrived Plymouth 0815/1, having sustained no casualties but minor damage mainly to internal fittings due to own gunfire. (C. in C. Plymouth 1607A/1 to Admty.)

Operation F B CAPE MARIATO sailed for rescue patrol. (S.B.N.O. Archangel 0801A/1 to S.B.N.O. North Russia.)

Operation H Q Land books on arrival at Dartmouth and be ready to leave by 1630. (C. in C. Plymouth 1403A/1 to TYNEDALE. N.O.I.C. Dartmouth.)

Information. Enemy convoy from Morlaix escorted by torpedo boats and trawlers may be proceeding eastwards by coastal route bound St. Malo or Cherbourg.

2. Object. To sink convoy and escorts.

3. Execution. KRAKOWIAK (S.O.) TYNEDALE and M.T.Bs 203, *231, *235 and*240 are to R/V in 145° Start 14 at 1800 today and proceed in company at 20 knots to pass north of Roches Douvres through

* *see below*

/positions...

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Operation H Q Contd. positions 49° 00' N 2° 40' W and 48° 58' N 2° 49' W, thence 270° to 4° W thence to Start Point.
4. Ships are to keep 15 miles off coasts of Guernsey and Jersey unless hotly engaged and are to be within 20 miles of our coast by first light.
5. Force will be known as Force H Q.
Lettered positions Hancois Light X X Sept Iles Light Y Y
6. Codeword "Occasion".
(C. in C. Plymouth 1527A/1.)

Operation S E *See p. 11.* If not in contact at 1800/1 return to Sullom Voe.
(C. in C. Rosyth 1610/1 to CHIDDINGFOLD (R) MIDDLETON. LEDBURY.)

Allied Air Activity.

Search for A/C dinghies. Request you will sail SLAZAK forthwith to search for dinghy with 5 British airmen sighted in 50° 11' N 13° 29' W at 1855/31. Aircraft from 19 Group co-operating. Dinghy may make distress signals on 500 K/cs. Codeword for SLAZAK "Warrant".
(C. in C. Plymouth 0311A/1 to F.O.I.C. Milford Haven.)
C. in C. Plymouth's 0311/1. Sailed SLAZAK.
(F.O.I.C. Milford Haven 0611/1.)
My 0311/1. A/C report dinghy in 050° 04' N 012° 28' W at 0549.
(C. in C. Plymouth 1103A/1 to SLAZAK.)
1. My 0311A/1. It is hoped that dinghy will fire flares each half hour from 2000 to 2400 today.
2. You are to continue search at daylight tomorrow if not previously successful. Aircraft will assist.
3. Estimate WELSHMAN will pass you bound west about 0400/2.
4. Latest known position of dinghy was 050° 04' N 012° 28' W at 0549/1.
(C. in C. Plymouth 1705/1 to SLAZAK.)
2 dinghies sighted 49° 08' N 7° 07' W. Lost contact.
searching.
(A/C 2030/1 to 19 Group.)
Well done. Return to Plymouth passing through 049° 05' N 008° 28' W where another dinghy is reported. 2 M.Ls and aircraft using searchlights searching. *TRIBUNE leaves 180° Bishop Rock 10 miles at 0030/2 approx. thence proceeding unescorted through 049° 30' N 013° 05' W. CUTTY SARK pass to TRIBUNE.* *See p. 6*
(C. in C. Plymouth 2157A/1 to SLAZAK (R) CUTTY SARK. TRIBUNE)
Following is a repetition of my 2207. My 2203. On leaving TRIBUNE proceed 049° 53' N 007° 52' W and search 2 aircraft dinghies with live airmen. 2 R.A.F. pinnaces and searchlight aircraft also searching.
(C. in C. Plymouth 2222A/1 to CUTTY SARK.)
My 1705/1. SLAZAK left 50° 04' N 12° 28' W at 2112/1 proceeding to Plymouth through 49° 05' N 08° 28' W.
(C. in C. Plymouth 2257A/1 to WELSHMAN (R) SLAZAK.)

/Air attack...

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Air attack requested. BROCKLESBY reports enemy force of three M/Vs two torpedo-boats and one trawler believed proceeded Begleguer near Lannion early today. It is possible this force may have proceeded to Lesardrieux. Request a strike against both these ports may be arranged as soon as possible.
(C. in C. Plymouth 0857A/1 to 10 Group.)

Largs. Proposed A/C Reception Base. Your 1804/24. No objection if following restrictions observed:-
(a) Aircraft to land north of line 290° from Fairlie pier and then taxi Ballochmartin Bay.
(b) Under no circumstances may aircraft taxi across dangerous area in south Largs Channel.
(c) Largs pier to be used for embarkation and disembarkation.
(d) Moorings to be laid inside or as near as possible to 2 fathom line.
2. If above are complied with there should be little or no interference with A.S.E.E. Fairlie.
(C. in C. W.A. 1258A/1 to Admty.)

Bombing restrictions. Request surface bombing restrictions from 1630/1 until 0800/2 in area Berry Head, St. Malo, Ile de Bas, Plymouth.
(C. in C. Plymouth 1623A/1 to H.Q.C.C. (R) KRAKOWIAK.)

S.S. QUEEN ELIZABETH. Request you will pass to A.T.28. Expect (?to) meet 2 Liberator aircraft from 0915/2 carrying out A/S sweep in your area from east to west returning west to east.
(A.C.I.C. 2353A/1 to Admty.)

Enemy Air Activity.

KAOLACK. AAAA. Position 44° 15' N 14° 50' W.
(KAOLACK 0837/1.)
Following from Lands End Radio. Intercept at 0902 G.M.T. from KAOLACK. AAAA aircraft has not attacked. Afraid will return. Position 44.15 N 14.50 W.
(C.C.O. Plymouth 1003/1.)
Following from Lands End Radio from KAOLACK. Am alone under continual A/C R/C. Has attacked once. Need protection urgently. (?P.C.S.) 045° 34' N (?013°) 34' W, (?064°) 002°, 6 knots at 1800 G.M.T. Route instruction destroyed. Please reply.
(C. in C. Plymouth 1815/1 to Admty.)

A/C attacked. Am being attacked by Ju.88 height 2000 feet my position 47° 40' N 8° 48' W.
(A/C 304 Duty T. 1020A/1 to 19 Group.)

S.L.125 G F.W. aircraft are active in your vicinity.
(D.D.I.C. 1126A/1 to Escorts S.L.125 G.)

/OMEGA...

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attacked
on 31st
October.*see p. 9*

Your 1104A/1. Met OMEGA at 2100A/31 in 044° 54' N 015° 38' W. My P.C.S. with OMEGA in company now 046° 28' N 015° 28' W, 001° 6½. OMEGA attacked by two F.W. aircraft noon yesterday, claims one down. OMEGA has no wireless set in working order. I have eight days endurance left. Propose to carry on with OMEGA as her engines are in precarious state. Request approval.
(STELLA CARINA 1200A/1 to C. in C. W.A.)

CHIDDINGFOLD
(Operation
S E)*see p. 9*

Am being shadowed by one aircraft bearing 030° 10 miles in 64° 33' N 4° 02' W.
(CHIDDINGFOLD 1235A/1 to Scapa W/T.)

Portuguese
Coast.

At least 3 F.W. aircraft are operating in area west of Portuguese coast as far as 20° W. One A/C probably reported S.L.125 G at 1150/1.
(D.D.I.C. 1353A/1.)

Iceland.

One D O 17 sighted from Seidisfiord at 1300, course S.E. Cloud 10 10th, 3,000 feet, visibility 30 miles.
(N.O.I.C. Reykjavik 1815A/1.)

Mining.Operation
E Y

My 1435/25. Swept channel completed one mile wide either side of a centre line joining the following positions. (1) 065° 26' N 013° 28' 18" W. (11) 064° 53' N 013° 18' 6" W. Check sweep carried out with negative results. M/S 15 sailed for Hvalfiord through Reykjanes passage at 0600/1.
(A.C.I.C. 0145/1.)

S.N.3 F

Operation S.N.3 F completed.
(R.A.M. 1530/1.)

Lyme Bay
sweeps.

Your 1626/31. "Ounce V" arrived 1544A/1. (F.O.I.C. Portland 1554A/1 to N.O.I.C. Dartmouth.) Width of area swept extended to width of 2.6 miles. 2 mines cut and sunk in 050° 34' 36", 003° 00' 48", 050° 34' (42"?), 002° 59' 12" W. One mine detonated in 050° 34' 30", 003° 01' 54" W. Intend sailing 0700 tomorrow. Codeword "Scent".

(M/S 4 1724A/1 to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Cancel my 1241/1. Intend BEN URIE and LOCH BUIE at 0730/2 to make an exploratory sweep round position 50° 22' N 03° 19' W. Codeword "Ounce".

(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 1809/1 to C. in C. Plymouth.)

Search
of
Q.Z.X.801.

Intend sailing with 6 fleet sweepers and SARGOSSA at 0730 tomorrow to continue search of Q.Z.X.801, returning to Newhaven at 1800. Request fighter protection.
(TENBY 1655/1 to C. in C. Plymouth.)

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Sunday.HOME COMMANDS.Enemy Intelligence.

PRINZ (1) PRINZ EUGEN sighted Kiel Oct. 27th. New rudder and propellers are being fitted. Report states she will not be ready for service until mid-January. Graded A.3.
 EUGEN.
 GRAF (2) GRAF ZEPPELIN sighted Gdynia Oct. 20th. Graded A.3.
 ZEPPELIN.
 LEIPZIG. (3) LEIPZIG, NÜRNBERG in Baltic ports Oct. 25th. Graded A.3.
 NÜRNBERG. (N.A. Stockholm 1206/1.)

Narvik. P.R.U. at 1230/1.
 Trondheim. Narvik - No main units present.
 Foetten Fiord - Obscured by cloud.
 Lofjord - One vessel indistinctly seen at berth occupied by SCHEER on 31st. Oct.
 (D.D.I.C. 1952A/1.)

E-Boats. Suspected E-Boat activity 026° Lowestoft 28.
 *(WESTMINSTER 2135/1.) * *see p. 14.*

HIPPER. Report Graded B.2 states a pocket battleship or heavy cruiser passed through Sortland Sund (68° 35' N 15° 13' E.) northbound at 1100A/28.
 Comment: Report probably refers to HIPPER which was last located in Ofot Fiord on 21st. Oct. Destination probably Alten Fiord 70° 00' N 23° 10' E.
 (D.D.I.C. 2239A/1.)

U-Boats.

U-Boats Indefinite D/F bearings at 2140Z and at 2258Z reported. suggest U-Boat possibly in vicinity S.C.106.
 (D.D.I.C. 0049A/1 to S.C.106.)
 D/F bearings at 1946Z suggest U-Boat still in vicinity ARGUS or K.X.4B.
 (D.D.I.C. 0358A/1.)
 Am over enemy submarine in 57° 12' N 23° 46' W. Enemy on surface and observed to submerge, course 270°, speed 7 knots.
 (A/C 6LFJ 0957/1.)
 Am over enemy submarine in 57° N 25° W.
 (A/C 6LFA 1106/1.)
 Am over enemy submarine in 58° 05' N (?longitude). Enemy on surface and observed to submerge, course 272° speed 7 knots.
 (A/C 6LFJ 1154/1 to 15 Group.)
 By D/F at 0838Z and 0842Z U-Boat within 60 miles of 49° 40' N 19° W.
 (D.D.I.C. 1216A/1 to F.O. Force "H".)
 Submarine sighted position 50.15 N 49.25 W at 1230 G.M.T.
 (A/C 6KTC 1232 G.M.T./1.)
 Inconclusive D/F bearings at 0721Z and 0807Z indicate U-Boat in your vicinity.
 (D.D.I.C. 1412A/1 to ARGUS. K.X.4B.)
 D/F bearings at 1945Z/1 indicate U-Boat in your vicinity.
 (D.D.I.C. 2155A/1 to Escorts S.L.G.125.)

/U-Boat...

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Sunday.HOME COMMANDS.U-Boats - Contd.

U-Boat attacked. Am over enemy submarine in 47° 26' N 15° 42' W. Periscope sighted only, on a course 082° speed 4 knots.
(A/C 59 Duty C 1650/1 to 19 Group.)
My 1650. Have attacked enemy with depth charge, and estimate nil hits.
(A/C 59 1650/1 to 19 Group.)

Casualties and Defects.

P.556. Your 1701/31. It is understood port engine is efficient and should therefore give a speed of about 8 knots at 300 revs per minute. Report forthwith conditions obtaining in port engine and ships speed. Presume action as follows is being taken to remedy defect.
(a) Number 8 starboard main bearing brass being cleaned up.
(b) Numbers 7 and 8 starboard pistons if totally seized to be slung.
Your best chance of safe return is by your own exertions and resources.
(F.O.S. 0018A/1 to P.556.)
Your 0018A/1. (a) Yes. Now renewed brasses. (b) Pistons have been slung.
Advised by MAIDSTONE not to exceed 80% on port engine, 270 revs. per min. giving only 4 knots.
(P.556 0207A/1 to F.O.S.)
P.556 is to proceed on port engine at 270 revs. per min. speed 4 knots, as power is limited to 80% on your instructions. Request you will check and report estimated revs. per min. obtainable and resulting speed at above power limitation.
(F.O.S. 0631A/1 to Capt. S.8.)

Raft. Raft with survivors position 62° 31' 23° 09'.
(A/C 6LFC No T.O.O./1.Recd. 1330/1.)

ABOSSO. LONDONDERRY 1500Z/31. Unless LANDGUARD and LULWORTH recovered remaining boats from ABOSSO detach BRADFORD to continue search to P.L.E. subject to refuelling at Ponta Delgada and subsequently proceeding to Gibraltar.
(D.O.D. (H.) 1406A/1 to LONDONDERRY (R) SKEENA.)
Have completed oiling from K.M.S.2. Lifeboats reported by LONDONDERRY to be in 049° 20' N 023° 20' W. Estimate I can reach area by daylight tomorrow to continue search. Request confirmation if this is satisfactory. P.C.S. of K.M.S.2. 045° 33' N 026° 41' W 185° 8 knots at 1700Z. Following from LONDONDERRY. C. in C. W.A. 1406A/1. BRADFORD has never been in company. SKEENA instructed as above.
(SKEENA 1652Z/1 to C. in C. W.A.)
A.M. 1406A/1. Delete "BRADFORD" and substitute "a suitable ship".
(D.O.D. (H.) 1745A/1 to LONDONDERRY.)
Proceeding in execution of my 1652Z/1. P.C.S. at 2000Z, 045° 17' N 026° 30' W 044° 22 knots. Request call sign of any aircraft assisting in search.
(SKEENA 2016Z/1.)

/Your...

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- ABOSSO
(torpedoed
30th Oct.)
Contd. Your 1652/1. Arrangements most satisfactory.
Report if you have survivors picked up by BIDEFORD
on board. No air assistance being sent.
(C. in C. W.A. 2254Z/1 to SKEENA.)
- PENYLAN.
see p.5 My 1115/30. ^{N.T.M. H.S.} Sailing postponed at least 24 hours
due to E.R. defect now under repair.
(F.O.I.C. London 1610A/1.)
- FRONTENAC. Proceed along track of FRONTENAC damaged by
torpedo in 51° 55' N 20° 03' W at 0235Z/31,
steering approx. 075° 5 knots. Fuel permitting
escort her to North Channel.
(C. in C. W.A. 1639A/1 to SARDONYX, SKATE.)
Estimate you may meet FRONTENAC damaged tanker homeward
bound independently during dark hours tonight.
(C. in C. W.A. 1820A/1 to GLAISDALE.)
Your 1639A/1. Fuel low. Could A/C assist locate FRONTENAC
in case she has altered course. My P.C.S. 051° 47' 017° 18'
053° 11.5 altering to 075° at 0212.
(SKATE 1900A/1 to C. in C. W.A.)
Sail DEXTEROUS at best speed to assist FRONTENAC damaged in
53° 20' N 13° 15' W at 2000A/1, steering approx. 070° 8 knots.
Air will co-operate.
(C. in C. W.A. 1929A/1 to N.O.I.C. Oban.)
Your 1920 and your 1929A/1. Cannot exceed 12 knots. (?Have)
detached SARDONYX.
(SKATE 2130A/1 to C. in C. W.A.)
Your 1929/1. Sailed DEXTEROUS.
(N.O.I.C. Oban 2259A/1 to C. in C. W.A.)
- M.L.230. My 1639A/1. ^{N.T.M. H.S.} M.L.230 returned to harbour with
engine defects.
(N.O.I.C. Newhaven 1730A/1.)
- DONAX
(torpedoed
22nd Oct.) Arrived Tug NIMBLE with 8 British and 2 Chinese
survivors from DONAX.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock 1824A/1.)
- PAN NEW
YORK. (H.X.2/1) Clyde arrival H.M.C.S. SUMMERSIDE with two
survivors from PAN NEW YORK.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock 2214A/1.) *see next page.*
- WESTMINSTER. My steering gear defective. Steering by main
engines.
see p.12. (WESTMINSTER 2317A/1 to C. in C. Nore.)

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- H.X. 212. Survivors from H.X. 212 will be brought in November 1st as follows. At Liverpool, ALBERNI 91, VILLE DE QUEBEC (? 54). At Glasgow, *SUMMERSIDE 2, At Londonderry, ROSTHERN 19. BARRWHIN destination Oban separated from convoy reported to have 27. BIC ISLAND recovered survivors but was torpedoed on later attack and not seen thereafter. * — previous page.
(C.T.U. 24.1.13, 0015Z/1.)
Following is a repetition of my 1120Z/31 begins:
My 2030Z/30. East Coast ships are to proceed independently to Loch Ewe from position "O".
Either VILLE DE QUEBEC or ALBERNI is to escort "B" portion. No local escort available. Ends.
(C. in C. W.A., 1153Z/1 to CAMPBELL, ALBERNI, VILLE DE QUEBEC.) GEORGE W.
24.1.3 in CAMPBELL, *BADGER, TRILLIUM, ROSTHERN arrived from H.X. 212. ALBERNI, *SUMMERSIDE, VILLE DE QUEBEC standing on to U.K. * — previous page p. 32
(C.T.G. 24.7, 1715Z/1 to C.T.F. 24.7)
My P.C.S. 2000Z/1 is 059° 19' 005° 15' 170° 7.
((?) Request your P.C.S.)
(VILLE DE QUEBEC, 2052Z/1 to BODO.)
E.T.A. Bar 1100Z/2nd.
→ ALBERNI, Vice Commodore of convoy, and Mersey portion H.X.212 in company.
(VILLE DE QUEBEC, 2058A/1 to N.O.I.C. Liverpool.)
- K.M.F.2. R.D.F. plot indicates head of K.M.F.2 at 0215A/1 to be 054° 58' N. 005° 17' W. and of PELICAN and 5 Sloops at 0217A/1st 055° 08' N. 005° 46' W.
(N.O.I.C. Belfast, 0231A/1 to GORLESTON.)
My 1608A/31. Less VILLE D'ANVERS sailed. For Comdre. of "A" portion read Vice Cmdre.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 2334A/1.)
K.M.F. 2 sailed at 2333/1. Names of 17 M/Vs.
(D.S.T.O. Greenock, 2340/1.)
- K.M.S. 3. A.M. 1331/30.
(1) A/S Escort BLACK SWAN, FOWEY, CARNATION, LA MALOUINE, MYOSOTIS, MALLOW, STONECROP, CAMPION, NASTURTIUM, WEYBURN, LUNENBURG.
(2) N.O.I.C. Liverpool is requested to sail ships now at Liverpool (except MYOSOTIS) to Londonderry as soon as ready for exercises.
(3) MYOSOTIS will escort EMPIRE FOAM to rendezvous off Skerryvore.
(4) N.O.I.C. Londonderry is requested to arrange maximum amount of practices and to sail (a) BLACK SWAN, FOWEY and 2 corvettes to arrive Loch Ewe a.m. November 7th in time for convoy conference. (b) Remaining corvettes to join convoy at rendezvous off Skerryvore.
(5) Escorts should be warned that they must be prepared to fuel at sea.
(C. in C. W.A., 1018A/1.)

/Propose ...

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K.M.S. 3. Propose sailing (?*VIRGINIA) as additional escort
(Contd.) to K.M.S.3 breaking off as necessary for Freetown.
If approved, request onward route from position
anticipate parting company.

(C. in C. W.A., 1718A/1 to Admty.)* *Amended by p. 86.*

A.M. 1331/30 as amended by A.M. 1535/31.

1. Route. R/V at A. 270° Skerryvore 10 miles at 1600Z/8 thence
B. 55° 28' N. 13° 01' W. C. 53.30 19.59. D. 50.36 24.25.
E. 42.43 26.00. F. 37.24 22.02. G. 36° 15'. H. 36° 10'.
2. Thence by positions in accordance with T.S.G.O. (28) 57.
82. 56. "O" Section to 69. "A" Section to 89. 100. 14.
3. Speed of Convoy is to be adjusted to pass through position
H at 1600Z/22/November.
4. Stragglers route as convoy route, but lettered O to V with
instructions that, if straggling, ships are to keep 30 miles
to starboard of route given.
5. Fighter protection codeword "Redbreast".
(D.O.D(H.), 2303A/1.)

S.C. 106. C. in C. W.A's 2055A/31. A/S trawler GAVOTTE
detailed.
(N.O.I.C. Belfast, 1018A/1.)

Convoy Deviation Signals. Recently convoys have deviated from their route
for various reasons and when reporting this the
procedure has been solely to report their
position course and speed. In future when
making this report they should add to the signal
the next position on the convoy route through
which it is intended to pass.
(C. in C. W.A., 1102A/1.)

Ships for South Africa. All ships sailing for South Africa are to be
given instructions for entry into Walvis Bay,
Saldanha Bay, Capetown, Port Elizabeth, East
London and Durban.
(D.T.D., 1120A/1.)

Q.P. 15. It is desired that either British or Russian
S/Ms shall operate in areas 2 and 2A during
passage of Q.P.15. Object to deter enemy main
units from putting to sea.
(ii) Will Russian S/Ms be available to operate in this area.
If not request arrangements be made for them to keep clear
so that British S/Ms can do so.
(C. in C. H.F., 1125A/1 to S.B.N.O. North Russia.)

O.N.S.142, K.X. 5. To avoid SEVERN, O.N.S.142 and K.X.5 alter
course forthwith for (a) 055° 29' N. 011° 04' W.
(b) 054° 01' N. 015° 10' W. thence to (U).
(C. in C. W.A., 1220A/1 to NORFOLK.)

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- OMEGA. Your 1200/1. Escort OMEGA to U.K.
in p. 11. (C. in C. W.A., 1438A/1 to STELLA CARINA.)
- P.S. 2, P.S. and S.P. 2 cancelled.
S.P. 2. (C. in C. Portsmouth, 1536A/1.)
- A.N.D. My 1146/6/6, para. 2 add:- HUDSON'S HOPE,
Ships. VERMILLION, and SLAVE.
(D.T.D., 1544A/1.)
- Valuable C.A.F.O. 2172/42. Cancel my 1214/1/4/42 and
Ships. substitute:- Valuable ships such as Trinity
Anti-Mine House vessels should be safeguarded by LL S.A.
protection. sweepers when proceeding in shallower water
likely to be mined with ground mines and by
Oropesa sweepers when in waters likely to
contain moored mines.
(C. in C. Nore, 1632A/1.)
- Operation Position of S/Ms at 0800A/2 and movements for
F.B. the following 24 hours.
(A) TUNA vicinity 75° 15' N. 14° 14' E.
(B) O.15 vicinity 75° 04' N. 07° 58' E.
(F.O.S., 1811A/1 to Admty.)
- A.T. 28. BX amend route from (L) to new (Q) 59° N. 25° W.
(R) 59° N. 21° W. (S) 57° N. 16° W., thence to
(N), omit (M). Admiralty pass to Comtask Group
24.7. QUEEN ELIZABETH informed via F and BN
broadcasts.
(Connav, 1820/1 to QUEEN ELIZABETH.)
- T.A. 28. QUEEN ELIZABETH will leave Clyde p.m. 6th Nov.
for New York.
2. She will be sailed independently and maximum
fighter protection should be afforded on 7th November.
3. Admiralty will promulgate route.
4. Fighter protection codeword "Hickory".
(D.O.D.(H), 2022A/1.)
- K.X. 6. A.M. 1921/30 and A.M. 1940/31.
Route: By Q.Z.L.18 to D. 180° Fastnet 10 miles.
E. 50.12 N. 14.38 W. F. 45.21 N. 15.55 W.
G. 38.50 N. 14.45 W. H. 36.33 N. 10.00 W. thence to Gibraltar.
2. Stragglers route as convoy route but lettered S to W., with
instructions that ships are to keep 30 miles to starboard of
route given if straggling.
3. Ships which straggle before reaching E should, if returning,
conform to M.A.R.I. Section 1 par. 5(F).
4. Speed of Advance 6 knots.
5. Fighter protection codeword "Gosling".
(D.O.D.(H), 2306A/1 to F.O.I.C. Milford Haven.)

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Sunday.FOREIGN STATIONS.North Atlantic.

*SILVERWILLOW, Your 2002/31st. Tug and escort being sent.
 x ALASKA. (F.O.C.N.A. 0357A/1 to COWSLIP.)
 (S.L.125.) My 0357A/21st.* Sailed LEYLAND and tug JAUNTY
 to assist. *See p. 20.*
 * *See next page.*
 x *See p. 20* (F.O.C.N.A. 0812A/1 to Admty., C. in C. W.A.
 COWSLIP.)* 0357/1 intended.

SCYLLA, Arrival 0730.
 OPPORTUNE. (F.O.C.N.A. 0930A/1.)

U/B. S/M has dived in position M course 030°. My
 position 45.00 N. 08.35 W.
 (A/C C 5 W G 0937Z/1 to R.A.F. Gibraltar.)

*K.M.S.2. Following from N.C.X.F. at Gibraltar.
 K.M.S.3. Ref. your 0840A/20th and 1331A/30th LUNENBURG
 * *See p. 20* is shown as escorting both convoys. LOUISBURG
 who was understood to be escorting K.M.S.2 is
 shown as escorting K.M.S.3. Please clarify.
 (F.O.C.N.A. 1044A/1 to Admty.)

ALGERINE. Onward route from position L through
 M. 038° 01' N. 014° 59' W.
 N. 036° 01' 009° 59'.
 O. 036° 05' 006° 01' thence to Gibraltar.
 (F.O.C.N.A. 1036A/1 to ALGERINE (R) Admty.,
 C. in C. W.A.)

AMAZON. E.T.A. 1630A/1, acknowledge.
 (AMAZON 1045/1 to F.O.C.N.A.)

STURGEON. Onward route. Proceed on surface at discretion
 to pass through 039° 01' 011° 01' at 0600A/4th.
 225° Cape St. Vincent 10 miles at 2200A/4th,
 036° 35' 007° 01' at 0800A/5th and R/V escort in 035° 59' 006°
 01' at 1400A/5th for onward escort to Gibraltar.
 (2) Report if unable to comply within 2 hours of these times.
 (3) Total bombing restriction arranged 10 miles either side of
 route from 35 miles ahead to 35 miles astern estimated position.
 (F.O.C.N.A. 1110/1st to STURGEON (R) Admty., F.O.S., C. in C.
 Plymouth, Capt (S) 3, Capt. (S) 5.)

A/C Unidentified aircraft 136 39° N. 10° W. 33,
 SCOTTISH. course 180°. Weather report.
 (SCOTTISH 1125/1 to F.O.C.N.A.)

/S.L.125 ...

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S.L.125. Following received from ^{**}PETUNIA (begins):
AMSTERKERK proceeded independently 1900Z/30th
route probably on amended stragglers route.

See p.22 → BARON VERNON and BARON ELGIN missing since night 30th. Do
not consider they have been torpedoed. Have now 26 ships
remaining. KELANTIN has 43 survivors from BRITTANY and 55
from ^{**}SILVERWILLOW, ends. * *See previous page*

^{**}(SPIREA 1131Z/1 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) Admty. etc.) *** see next page*
My 1500/31st. SERPA PINTO found vessel still afloat 1500/
31st and boat. Damaged vessel refused assistance and said she
was expecting assistance from British Man of War. SERPA ^{PINTO}
ceeded Lisbon. Capt. of Port Funchal now reports BARON ELGIN
arrived with 84 survivors from 3 ships sunk 130 miles North of
Funchal. This vessel reports at least (?group missing)
ship sunk in this position 1830/30th and other boat(s) with
survivors still (not?) picked up in that area. Wind North West.
No ship available to send from here or Madeira.

(N.A. Lisbon 1157/1 to Admty. (R) S.O.I. Gib.)

U/B Result of attack unobserved, submarine surfaced
attacked firing 5 course 056, 8 knots, A/C hit, am
by A/C. returning to base.
(Gib. A/C 1207/1 to Gib. W/T.)

P.228. *(above)!*
After hydrophone control valve chest heavily
scored. Am returning via buoy route. My
position 036° 28' (?03° 12°) 38' West. E.T.A.
Gibraltar 1930.

(P.228 1230A/1 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) S.8.)

P.228 in 036° 28' N. 003° 38' W. at 1230A/1st is returning
to Gibraltar on surface to arrive 1930A/1st.

(F.O.C.N.A. 1336A/1 to 8 S/M F.)

My 1336/1 (Presumably 1336A/1 from F.O.C.N.A. intended)

H.M.S.*P.51 sailed 1600A/1 to relieve P.228.

2. P.51 will proceed by P.228's route on the surface until
dawn 3rd Nov.

(Capt. S.8, 1440A/1 to 8 S/M F.) * *see p.23*

ROBERTS. Ref. 1751/23rd Oct. from R.A. West Africa.
See p.21 E.T.A. 0700Z/2nd.
(ROBERTS 1245Z/1 to F.O.C.N.A.)

PACIFIC STAR My 2001/31st. 23 survivors of PACIFIC STAR landed
survivors. in own boat on La Palma and are now in Tenerife.
(N.A. Madrid 1310/1 to F.O. Gibraltar Force
(R) Admty.)

My 1915/31st. Further 16 survivors landed in Island
Palma (Canaries) Oct. 31st.
(Consul Tenerife 1630/1 to Admty. (R) F.O.I.C. Gibraltar.)

/K.M.S.2 ...

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- K.M.S.2. In order to adjust your time of arrival at R/V amend route to pass through new position B. 42° N. 27° W. thence to Y.
See p. 18
2. *CLEVELAND, *ALBRIGHTON and *ESKDALE amend R/V accordingly.
3. Stragglers route from H. to new M. 42° N. 27° W. then to J. (D.O.D. (H) 1312A/1 to Escorts of K.M.S.2., CLEVELAND, ALBRIGHTON, ESKDALE (R) F.O.C.N.A.) * *see next page*
- *HOPECASTLE, Your 1050A/30, concur with para (1) (D).
*ALASKA, Search should not be instituted unless this can
S.L.125. be done without prejudice to other more promising
* *see p. 18* salvage operations. Your 0357A/1 refers.
X *see p. 22* 2. COWSLIP's 2002/31. Suggest for consideration
endeavour should be made to get ALASKA to Lisbon.
(D.T.D. 1317A/1 to F.O.C.N.A.)
- U/Bs. Special U/B estimate. Admiralty recypher and
Weather retransmit to Task Group 34.11 via British
Forecast. Broadcast schedules. Probably four shadowing
S.L.125 1200Z position about 40° N. 14 - 30 W.
Two area 39° N. 14° W. from numerous D/Fs.
One 38° N. 12° W. by poor D/F 0132Z/1. Four Northbound.
36 N. 15 W. from D.F. 1353Z/31. 30 N. 20 W. from poor D.F.
1652Z/31. 31 N. 24 W. 35 N. 25 W. Two patrolling. 40 N. 22 W.
30 W. by poor D.F. 0147Z/1. 36.30 N. 23 W. by poor D.F.
2212Z/31. Possibly one patrolling off Gibraltar Straits.
Possibly three Area 10 N. 20 W. Two Italians estimated same
area. Refuelling Sub estimated North Cape Verde Islands.
Possibly two U/Bs same area. No further information on patrol
line west of Azores and Cape Verde Islands. Forecast next 24
hours Atlantic Coast Morocco. Cloudy to overcast. Rain
followed by showers then slow clearing. Fair visibility
becoming good. South-West wind shifting to North-West 16
knots. 25 knots at front. Sea very rough decreasing. Swell
North short heavy decreasing. Azores 0001 Sunday swell North
East 3 to 4 feet period 8 seconds. Following change in
Broadcast schedules received from Admiralty. Gibraltar call
letters G Y W. Transmits forecasts at 0430Z on 5560 and 44.8
k/cs. At 1630Z on 0075 and 44.8 k/cs. Aircraft observations
transmitted with call letters ZZ8 at 0125Z on 6383 k/cs and at
0725. 1325. And 1825Z on 13180 k/cs. Portuguese. Spanish,
and Atlantic Islands weather reports broadcast in plain language
at 0900 and 2000 on same frequencies at 1630 and 0430 messages
respectively.
(Cominch 1353/1 to Admty.)
- Situation at P.614 35.43 14.40 on Area "X" surface 187° 7½.
2002 1st. (2)*S.L.125 *PETUNIA, WOODRUFF, CROCUS, RAMSEY,
*SPIREA, COLTSFOOT, KELANTAN 40.48 16.01 00° 7.
(3?) *CORIOLANUS 35.40 07.18 through 36.01 07.01
thence Gibraltar, 8. * *see previous page*
- (4) K.X.4 (a) 4 trawlers, 37.03 11.39 to R/V GERANIUM and 4
trawlers 36.53 11.16 at 1400A/2nd.
- (5) GERANIUM 4 trawlers 36.43 09.43 to R/V with K.X.4 (a)
36.53 11.16 at 1400.
- (6) K.M.S.1 ALYNBANK, STORK, DEPTFORD, VANSITTART, AVENGER, 8

/Corvettes ...

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Situation at 2002 1st (contd.)
Corvettes, 4 Minesweepers 35.01 20.20 through 35.01 19.01 thence 072° 8½. *See below.*
(7) K.X.4 (B) BRIKHAM, BUDE 38.27 11.47 through 36.20 10.01 thence Gibraltar, 7.
(8) TYNWALD, LAMERTON, WHEATLAND, WILTON, POZARICA, *TROUT through (?) 22.07 07.55 and 36.35 09.02 thence 106°, 10. *not identified. ? v. s. s/m.

→ (9) *Fleet unit *JAMAICA, DELHI, ZETLAND, BICESTER, DASHER, **see p. 22*
FARNDALE 38.18 11.50 through 36.15 10.01 thence Gibraltar, 11½.
JAMAICA probably leaving 0900/2nd for Gibraltar, 22. *ARGUS.
(10) SCOTTISH 38° 5' 009° 30' direct Gibraltar 10.
(11) COWSLIP (? standing) by 2 merchant ships in 34.22 17.16 approx. *see p. 18.*
(12) SIRIUS 27.32 20.09 through 30.05 19. 14 and 31.39 15.01 thence 45° 19½.
(13) Swedish relief ships AKKA, YARROWONGA 36.01 19.46 270° 12.
(14) BROKE, WRESTLER 36.27 07.59 to Gibraltar, 20.
(15) VENOMOUS, MALCOLM leave Gibraltar p.m./1st to rejoin K.X.4 (a)
(16) KINGSTON CHRYSOLITE off Tarifa to Gibraltar 8.
(17) EDAY, STROMA, INCHMARNOCK, OHELLO, 36.38 08.20 to Gibraltar, 9.
(18) (? ALGERINE) one merchant ship 39.32 16.59 through 38.01 14.59 thence 116° 10½.
(19) *ROBERTS, BURDOCK, SNOWDROP, 33.35 10.25 through 35.50 08.07 thence Gibraltar, 10. **see p. 19.*
(20) Spanish Training Ship JUAN SEBASTIAN DE ELCANO cruising in area between Canary Is. and point 36.01 30.02.
→ (21) CALPE 40.05 14.38 through 38.30 11.59 and 36.15 10.01 to overtake *fleet unit in para (9), 15. *ARGUS.
(22) JAUNTY, LEYLAND 35.46 07.13 260° 8. *see p. 18*
(23) Port. Des. TEJO left Funchal for Ponta Delgada 31st.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1424A/1, 2258A/1, 0255/2.)

Situation at 1958 1st.
(1) Area Y. K.M.S.1 ALYNBANK, STORK, DEPTFORD, VANSITTART, AVENGER, 8 Corvettes, 4 Minesweepers 035° 01' 020° 20' through 035° 01' 019° 01' thence 072° 8½. *See above, previous page.*
(4) QUEEN OF BERMUDA 028° 42' 028° 35' 347° 14. *see p. 30.*
(6) CLEVELAND, ESKDALE, ALBRIGHTON 041° 01' 025° 52' 000° to R/V K.M.S.2 at 1200/2nd in 045° 01' 025° 50' 15. *See previous page*
(7) K.M.F.1 SHEFFIELD, IBIS, D.S. ISAAC SWEERS, ESCAPADE, HARTLAND, WALNEY, CLARE, *MARNE, BITER, 2 Sloops, 4 Corvettes, 040° 45' 024° 55' 118° 10½. * *see p. 23*
(8) W.S.24 ROTHERHAM, ONSLOW, OFFA, *ORIBI, HOLCOMBE 044° 25' 023° 01' through 043° 15' 023° 01' thence 224° 12.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1430A/1.) * *see p. 4. (GIL EARNES)*

/BARON VERNON ...

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BARON VERNON (sunk 30/10) (S.L.125.)
See p.19.

Ref. Trade Division memorandum 4th Sept. 1939.
(1) BARON VERNON.
(2) Hogarth and Son.
(3) 2100/30th Oct. 036° 06' N. 016° 59' W.
(4) Not Seen.
(5) Not Seen.
(7) Ship sunk.
(8) None.
(10) Torpedoed.
(N.C.S.O. Funchal 1548/1 to Admiralty, S.O.(I) Gibraltar.)

P.614. My position 035° 02' N. 014° 37' W. S. of A. 8 knots. (corrupt group) be 10% fuel remaining at Freetown. Intend passing position P at 2000A/3rd. Weather.
(P.614 1601A/1 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) Admty. etc.)

S.L.125. One Catalina close escort to S.L.125 from 0740A to dusk.
(V.A.C.N.A. 1627A/1 to Admty.)

MINNA. Patrol vessel MINNA painted pink leaves Gibraltar 1930A/31st speed 13 knots to Eastward. (2) MINNA will be operating off North African coast between 001° 55' E. and 002° 20' E. on night of 2nd/3rd Nov. (3) If weather is unsuitable on this night MINNA will return to this area on one of next 2 nights.
(Capt. S.8 1730A/31 to 8 S.F.) *See 31/10 - p. 967.*

JAMAICA. E.T.A. 1100A/2nd. At Northern entrance 1201A/2nd.
See Minutes
page 12 continuation
2002/11
My position 1800A/1st, 37.57 N. 11.47 W. speed 20.5 knots.
(JAMAICA 1800A/1 to F.O.C.N.A.)

HOPECASTLE. Ref. T.D. Memo 4th Sept. 1939.
See p.20.
(1) HOPECASTLE. (2) Mann, Stott and Fleming.
(3) 2000/28th Oct. 031° 35' N. 019° 23' W.
(4) Passed close ahead of ship from port to starboard.
(5) Passed under the stern from starboard to port after firing torpedo. (6) On the surface. (7) Believed to have sunk but not seen. (8) For survivors see my 2356/31st Oct. (9) No details could be seen. (10) Torpedoed.
(N.C.S.O. Funchal 1835C/1 to Admty. S.O.I. Gib.)

Bombing Restrictions. Request total bombing restrictions in following areas.

Area.	From.	Until
G.26	0030 3rd	2130 3rd
G.27	1330 3rd	0330 4th
G.16	1930 3rd	1800 4th
G.15	1000 4th	0100 5th
G.14	1700 4th	0800 5th

All times zone - one.
(V.A.C.N.A. 1906A/1 to Admiralty A.O.C. in C.C.C. (R) F.O.S.)

/Air ...

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Report.

Resume for 1/11. Hudson W/233 attacked U-boat in 37.35 N. 01.38 E. S/M surface and circled, firing at aircraft which was damaged in tail. E/233 on A/S sweep overdue and must be considered lost.
(A.H.Q. Gibraltar 1910Z/1.)

Orders to
S/Ms.

W.M.P. 23, P.217, P.222 and *P.51 are to operate in area A, B and C respectively. * *p.19*
(2) No further instructions as yet for P.219.
(Capt. S.8 1920A/1 to 8 S/M F.)

Bombing
restrictions.

A.C.433 1/11. Serial number G.331. From 0400/2 to 0800/4, institute total submarine bombing restrictions 25 miles either side of a line joining 47° 01' N. 13° 25' W. and 48° 59' N. 13° 02' W.
(H.Q.C.C. 2120A/1 to R.A.F. Gibraltar, F.O.C.N.A. S.8.)

K.M.F.1,
MARNE.*p.21.*
(Sit: 1958/1)

Your 1900/1st (N.T. in W.R.) Estimated P.C. and S. of Convoy at 2000A/1st was: 40.43 N. 24.55 W. 145° 10½, altering to 118° on passing through position 40.10 N. 24.24 W. Continue to search for convoy escorting from route. Do not break W/T silence to report Met or Not Met. If not met before, R/V with K.M.F.1 in 36.14 13.49 at 1300A/4th.
(F.O.C.N.A. 2340/1 to MARNE (R) C.S.10.)

South Atlantic.

U/B.

X 118 (Read on 500 k/cs) Sub sighted 0657 N.59 X 331 De Nau.
(Freetown W/T 0011/1.)
W.R. Note.- X 331= portions missed indicated by X 331.

EMPIRE
GUIDON
torpedoed.

Following has been read. SSSS 30° S. 33° E. EMPIRE GUIDON torpedoed (portion missed) in boats, making for Coast.
(Simonstown W/T T.O.R. 1412/1.)

/DESPATCH ...

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DESPATCH. Your 1147Z/29. ?E.T.A. Freetown 0900Z (? 13th)
18 knots.
(DESPATCH 0500Z/1 to R.A.W.A. (R) C. in C. S.A.
Admty.)

Your 1801C/1st, 1800Z/2nd. My P.C. and S. at 2000Z/1st
019° 51' S. ?011° 10' E. 318° 18 knots. Weather.
(DESPATCH 1805Z/1, 1915Z/1 to C. in C. S.A.)

NIGELLA. Departure 0644 G.M.T. NIGELLA for Capetown,
route R.9 S. of A. 12 knots, E.T.A. 0900Z/3rd.
(N.O.I.C. E. London 0718Z/1 to Admty. etc.)

ILE DE FRANCE. Your 0458/30 and your 1520/15. ILE DE FRANCE
dry docking is for bottom cleaning and inspection
only requiring about four days. Request
N.S.H.Q. Ottawa be informed accordingly if
necessary. Your 0106/19 refers.
(P.S.T.O. Capetown 1101C/1 to D.S.T. (R) B.A.D.
Washington for B.M.W.T.)

→ COMMANDANT Departure 31st Oct.
D'ESTIENNE (S.O.I.) Freetown 1111/1 to Admty.)
D'ORVES.

Dispositions. HYDRANGEA about 007° 55' 014° 10' to join C.F.7.
* SHROPSHIRE, HECLA, ARROW, ACTIVE, AMARANTHUS,
SOUTHERN PRIDE with C.F.7 006° 28' 012° 56' to
→ Freetown 12½. ^ D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES about 005° 10'
012° 15' to 002° 01' 009° 59' thence 090° 11.
3 Motor Launches with T.S.23 004° 40' 010° 10' 306° 8½ at
1958 1st. RUMBA off Marshall. BRUNSWICK BAY escorting 004° 01'
007° 35' to Lagos 7. ST. WISTAN about 004° 02' (? 006°) 55'
to Monrovia 8½. * CORINTHIAN escorting about (? 004°) 45' 000°
20' E. to Freetown 9. → KELT escorting from Pointe Noire to
Lagos ?9. 2 Chasseurs escorting about 002° 15' S. 008° 10' E.
to Pointe Noire 9. TRUANT and K.14 007° (? 01' or 30') South
003° 20' E. 304° 8½.
(R.A.W.A. 1145Z/1 to A.I.G. 150.) * *see next page*

→ KELT. Arrival Port Ellen Gentil 1800Z/31st KELT.
Departure KELT Nov. 1st escorting SS BRITISH
COAST to Lagos direct. E.T.A. (?Lagos) 0700Z/4th.
(B.N.L.O. W.A. 1225/1 to R.A.W.A.)

/STEPHEN ...

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- STEPHEN HOPKINS, (raider attack 27/9) Following is paraphrase of report made to Connav by U.S. Naval Attache, Rio de Janeiro (begins): U.S. STEPHEN HOPKINS was attacked by two raiders in 028° 08' S. 011° 59' E. on 27th Sept, larger of which appeared to be armed only with machine guns and smaller with 4 6" guns. As result of gun fire exchanged smaller raider was left in flames and believed sunk, other raider believed damaged. Survivors landed from ship's boats at Barra Do Itabapoana (Brazil) on 27th Oct. (Ends.)
(S.O.I.) Montevideo 1229Z/1 to Admty.)
Corrected position, see 1755Z/3 page 98.
- BIRMINGHAM. Arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Durban 1236Z/1 to Admty. etc.)
- Brazilian Movements. Arrivals 1st Brazilian destroyer MARANHAO, Brazilian minesweepers CANANEA and CAMOCIN.
(R.O. Florianopolis 1307Z/1 to Admty.)
- CORINTHIAN. Arrangements have been made for CORINTHIAN to dock at Rio de Janeiro. Intend CORINTHIAN to leave Freetown about 10th Nov to carry out blockade runner patrol to position (A) 010° N. 030° W. Thence if you concur to Rio de Janeiro through position (B) 001° N. 032° W. (C) 006° S. 029° W. and (D) 023° S. 037° W. E.T.A. Rio de Janeiro about 23rd Nov.
(R.A.W.A. 1307Z/1 to Comsolantfor.)
See p 24 (Dispositions)
- MENDOZA torpedoed. Following has been read. SSSS 29° 20' S. 32° 13' E. MENDOZA torpedoed De ZTM.
(Colombo W/T T.O.R. 1333 G.M.T./1.)
- NIEUW AMSTERDAM. Arrived.
(N.C.S.O. Durban 1636C/1 to Admty. etc.)
- TAMARISK. Arrival 1st.
(N.O.I.C. Lagos 1700Z/1 to Admty. etc.)
- C.F.7. E.T.A. with ARROW, HECLA, ACTIVE, AMARANTHUS and 5 ships of C.F.7 Outer end swept channel 1000Z/2, Gate 1100Z/2.
(SHROPSHIRE 1752Z/1 to R.A.W.A.)
See p 24 (Dispositions)
- ILEX. Following is a repetition of my 1813/1st to N.C.S.O. San Miguel (Ponta Delgada) repeated B.N.A. Lisbon (Begins): It is anticipated ILEX will call St. Vincent for fuel p.m. 6th Nov. if Portugal Authorities have no objection. Estimated requirements 300 tons, Admiralty furnace oil and marine diesel mixed.
(R.A.W.A. 1817Z/1 to Admty. etc.)
See p. 30 (Dispositions) See on next day)

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SOUTHERN GEM. Departure Pointe Noire 1500Z/1st Nov. SOUTHERN GEM. E.T.A. Libreville a.m./3rd Nov. Thence escorting SS PIERRE LOTI to Duala and (?Lagos (Nigeria)) direct.
(B.N.L.O. W.A. 1835/1 to R.A.W.A.)

EMPIRE ORIOLE. Arrival 1st Nov.
(N.O.I.C. Takoradi 1920Z/1 to Admty.)

Cable Repairs. My 1244/29. Repair to Freetown (?Konakri) cable will be commenced 2nd Nov. Request early information of future movements of LADY DENISON PENDER.
(R.A.W.A. 1942Z/1 to Admty.)

? Vichy
E/Vs and
S/Ms. At 1415/1st Wellington aircraft flying at 1000 to 2000 feet sighted 5 submarines and 1 escort vessel in 017° 30' N. 017° 30' W. course 360° 12 knots. Escort Vessel possibly flying French flag. Subs. deployed but did not submerge on sighting.
(S.O.I. Freetown 2109Z/1 to Admty. (R) F.O.C.N.A.)
At 1530/31st aircraft sighted Vichy Convoy of 7 ships and 2 Escort Vessels in 022° 25' N. 016° 59' W. course 190° 8 to 10 knots. One of 10,000 tons, one 8,000 tons, 5 between 1000 and 3000 tons.
(S.O.I.) Freetown 2145Z/1 to Admiralty (R) F.O.C.N.A.)

Mediterranean.

Enemy Units. Following received P.C. and S. of enemy, 1 destroyer 2 merchant vessels, 32° 37' N. 23° 30' E. 165° 6 knots.
(A/C Call sign 8 W C Q 0135/1.)
P.C. and S. of enemy 4 identity unknown 32.36 N. 23.27 E. 165° 6 knots.
(A/C Call Sign 8 W C H 0140C/1.)
P.C. and S. of enemy 4 identity unknown 32.40 N. 23.27 E. 180° 6 knots.
(A/C Call 8 W C V 0235/1.)
P.C. and S. of 1 enemy Merchant Vessel of 6000 tons 34.50 N. 23.40 E. 090° 5 knots.
(A/C using call sign R 5 P L 0913B/1.)

/TAKU ...

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TAKU, Aegean. You have freedom of action as in my 1025/29th and 1202/30th.
(Capt. S.1 1009B/1 to TAKU (R) Greek S/M NEREUS, C. in C. Med. Capt. (S) 10, S/Ms on patrol.)
Proceed to patrol within 35 of Elamhonisi, S.W. Crete keep South of 035° 30' N. until further orders.
(Capt. S.1 1517B/1 to TAKU.)
(W.D. Note.- Cancelled by 2022B/2, q.v.)

ALBARO, SZEGED, OSSAG. A. Italian Tanker ALBARO arrived Istanbul Nov. 1st from Constanza loaded for Aegean. No indication yet when voyage will be continued.
B. SZEGED sailed for Bourgas Nov. 1st.
C. My 1030C/31. OSSAG entered Black Sea 9 hours G.M.T. Oct. 31st but put back to Bosphorus 4 hours later.
Z.B. failed to contact ALBARO escort.
(S.O.(I) Istanbul 1020C/1. to S.O.(I) Mediterranean, S.1 (R) D.N.I.)
My 1030/31. OSSAG now anchored Istanbul claiming tanks. Submitted as this tanker was formerly employed by Shell Company latter may have claims outstanding which might enable arrest to be effected through Turkish Courts.
(S.O.(I) Istanbul 1804C/1 to D.N.I.)

P.43. Departure.
P.37. (V.A. Malta 1057A/1 to Admty. etc.)

Cositrep (C. in C. M.E. 1200 G.M.T./1.)
573. Part
2. Air.

Libya. Report graded B.O. Rommel was instructed by German General Staff to fall back on prepared positions at Mersa Matruh when our attack developed but refused. He was told he must assume responsibility for his decision.
(S.O.(I) Istanbul 1210C/1 to S.O.(I) Mediterranean, D.N.I.)

Hospital Ship. Following has been read 32.17 N. 24.58 E. 090° 15 knots, Hospital Ship 10,000 tons.
(A/C Call Sign R5PL 1233B/1.)

U/B At 1025A/1st, 1 S/M P.C. and S. 037° 10' N. 019° (730') E. 150° 12 knots.
(V.A. Malta 1247A/1 to C. in C. Med. (R) Capt. (S) 1, S/Ms on Patrol.)

/Cositrep ...

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No.574.
Part 2.

8. Halifaxes and (2) Liberators bombed Maleme aerodrome Crete starting large fires and explosions.

9. Request no publicity to following. During day 30/10, aircraft sighted a submarine North-East of Port Said. One good attack made with Torpex depth charges but no results observed. H.M. ships subsequently continued attacks and submarine surfaced and surrendered during following night. Submarine later sank.
(C. in C. M.E. 1805 G.M.T./1.)Malta Air
Report.I.84 1/11 C.S.R. Malta. Part 1. Night 31/1st. No enemy activity. 1st. 1105 hours. 12 Spitfires Airborne for raids which turned back before reaching Malta. 18 Spitfire Sorties on reconnaissance patrols North of Malta. No sightings.
(A.H.Q. Malta 1810/1.)Attacks on
U/Bs.A.M. 1916/9/7/42. Assesments of attacks on U/Bs, Nos.357 to 394 inclusive, June to August 1942.
(C. in C. Med. 1829B/1) See Lion Copy.U.559
(sunk 30/10)

Ref. C. in C. Med. 1043/31st Oct. (Situation report re sinking of U-boat etc.) Following advance information has been obtained from survivors. Grade A.1.

(A) 7 German U-Boats were concentrated in Western Mediterranean for attack on FURIOUS 28th and 29th Oct. An additional 2 boats were withdrawn from Levant for this attack but do not appear to have passed Messina by 29th Oct.

(B) U.559 was operating alone in Eastern Med. when sunk.

(C) 14 German U-Boats (? in all) are mentioned as operating in Mediterranean between 21st Sept. and 29th Oct.

(S.O.I. Med. 1915B/1 to Admty. etc.)

SECRET

1829B/1st November.

PTC 7

MESSAGE.

IN

From Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean Station. Date 2.11.42.
Recd. 1747

NAVAL GATHER (ND) BY W/T.

Addressed Admiralty, B.A.D. Washington.

Attacks on U/Boats

101. A.M. 1916/9/7/1942, paragraph nine. *NT in W.D.*

- (A) 357 (B) 1118. (C) GLOMINIA (D) 32. 28. N. (E) H.
23. 8. 42 34. 51. E.
- (A) 358 (B) 1515. (C) BEAUFORT (D) 32. 07. N. (E) F.
17. 8. 42. 32. 46. E.
- (A) 359 (B) 1150. (C) AMBER (D) 31. 24. N. (H)
14. 5. 42 HYACINTH 32. 29. E.
- (A) 360 (B) 0128. (C) PAKENHAM (D) 31. 33. N. (E) F.
16. 7. 42. 33. 41. E.
- (A) 361 (B) 1133. (C) PROTEA (D) 32. 51. N. (E)/H.
17. 8. 42. 34. 52. E.
- (A) 362 (B) 0036. (C) 815 Sqdn. (D) 31. 39. N. (E) F.
9. 6. 42. Swordfish. 27. 26. E.
- (A) 363 (B) 2146. (C) 815 Sqdn. (D) 31. 34. N. (E) F.
10. 6. 42. Swordfish. 26. 50. E.
- (A) 364 (B) 0208 (C) 815 Sqdn. (D) 32. 10. N. (E) F.
22. 6. 42. Swordfish. 26. 51. E.
- (A) 365 (B) 1915 (C) 13 (H) Sqdn. (D) 31. 23. N. (E) G.
29. 6. 42 Blenheim. 30. 01. E.
- (A) 366 (B) 0544 (C) 700 Sqdn. (D) 33. 06. N. (E) G.
1. 7. 42. Walrus. 34. 01 E.
- (A) 367 (B) 1655 (C) 47 Air Ech. (D) 31. 47. N. (E) F.
4. 7. 42. Wellesley. 31. 27 E.
- (A) 368 (B) 1104 (C) 13 (H) Sqdn. (D) 32. 05 N. (E) G.
5. 7. 42. Blenheim 24. 15 E.
- (A) 369 (B) 1600 (C) 13 (H) Sqdn. (D) 034. degs (E) F.
5. 7. 42. Blenheim Ras El Tin
31.
- (A) 370 (B) 0207 (C) 815 (D) 32. 48 N (E) F.
6. 7. 42. Sqdn. Swordfish 30. 11 E.
- (A) 371 (B) 0924 (C) 47 Air Ech. (D) 32. 04 N.
11. 7. 42. Wellesley 34. 21 E
- (A) 372 (B) 1340 (C) 459 Sqdn (D) 31. 50. N. (E) G.
19. 7. 42. Hudson 32. 20 E.
- (A) 373 (B) 075 (C) 203 Sqdn (D) 32. 36. N. (E) P (K)
24. 7. 42. Blenheim 34. 50 E.

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/(A) 374.....

(A) 374	(B) 0512 25.7.42.	(C) 47 A.E. Wellesley	(D) 32. 35. N. 34. 05 E.	(E) - F.
(A) 375	(B) 0933 25.7.42.	(C) 13 (H) Sqdn. Blenheim.	(D) 32. 45 N. 34. 38 E.	(E) - F.
(A) 376	(B) 2139 25.7.42.	(C) 221 Sqdn. Wellington	(D) 32. 07 N. 34. 10 E.	(E) - F.
(A) 377	(B) 1529 27.7.42.	(C) 47 A.E. Wellesley.	(D) 32. 21 N. 33. 51 E.	(E) - G.
(A) 378	(B) 0730 28.7.42.	(C) 13 (H) Sqdn. Blenheim.	(D) 32. 23 34. 32 E.	(E) - F.
(A) 379	(B) 1507 29.7.42.	(C) 13 (H) Sqdn. Blenheim.	(D) 32. 30 N. 34. 20 E.	(E) - G.
(A) 380	(B) 1112 3.8.42.	(C) 47 A.E. Wellesley.	(D) 32. 35 N. 34. 39 E.	(E) - F.
(A) 381	(B) 0539 4.8.42.	(C) 815 Sqdn. Swordfish.	(D) 32. 08 N. 29. 50 E.	(E) - G.
(A) 382	(B) 0130 4.8.42.	(C) 815 Sqdn. Swordfish.	(D) 31. 45 N. 29. 59 E.	(E) - D.
(A) 383	(B) 1110 10.8.42	(C) 700 Sqdn. Walrus	(D) 210 degs. Type 15	(E) - F.
(A) 384	(B) 2004 12.8.42.	(C) 221 Sqdn. Wellington.	(D) 31. 58 N. 34. 06 E.	(E) - F.
(A) 385	(B) 0413 14.8.42.	(C) 815 Sqdn. Swordfish.	(D) 31. 57 N. 34. 16 E.	(E) - F.
(A) 386	(B) 0046 18.8.42.	(C) 815 Sqdn. Swordfish.	(D) 32. 33 N. 32. 57 E.	(E) - D.
(A) 387	(B) 1422 20.8.42.	(C) 13 (H) Sqdn. Blenheim	(D) 32. 15 N. 34. 41 E.	(E) - F.
(A) 388	(B) 1832 21.8.42.	(C) 47 B.E. Wellesley.	(D) 31. 48 N. 34. 04 E.	(E) - F.
(A) 389	(B) 0610 22.8.42.	(C) 221 Sqdn. Wellington	(D) 32. 15 N. 33. 30 E.	(E) - D.
(A) 390	(B) 0840 23.8.42.	(C) 13 (H) Sqdn. Blenheim.	(D) 32. 34 N. 34. 47 E.	(E) - H.
(A) 391	(B) 1357 24.8.42.	(C) 15 S.A.E.F. Sqdn. Bisley.	(D) 32. 57 N. 28. 13 E.	(E) - G.
(A) 392	(B) 1301 25.8.42.	(C) 15 S.A.E.F. Sqdn. Bisley.	(D) 32. 03 N. 31. 40 E.	(E) - E.
(A) 393	(B) 1540 25.8.42.	(C) 15 S.A.E.F. Sqdn. Bisley.	(D) 32. 16 N. 31. 50 E.	(E) - F.
(A) 394	(B) 1218 26.8.42.	(C) 47 A.E. Wellesley.	(D) 31. 26 N. 33. 30 E.	(E) - B.

Ends.

1829B/1.

- 1st Lord.
- 1st S.L. (2)
- C.N.A.S.
- A.C.N.A.S.
- V.C.N.S.
- A.C.N.S. (H)
- A.C.N.S. (F)
- A.C.N.S. (T)
- A.C.N.S. (W)
- N.A. 1st S.L.
- Ops. (3)
- O.D. (5)
- Q.I.C. (2)
- D.N.I. (5)
- D. of P. (3)
- D.S.D. (2)
- Air Branch.
- D.N.A.D.
- C.C.L.S.
- D.A.C.D.

- M. (2)
- D.M.S.
- D.M.S. Citadel.
- D.A/S.W. (A/S.W. 673/42)
- U.S.N. (3)
- Ad. Blaka.
- Ad. Osborne.
- I.P. (3)
- W.D.

SECRET

28E

1430/6th November

From C, in C. Mediterranean.
Naval Cypher KD by W/T.

Date 10.11.42.
Recd.1814.

Addressed Admiralty repeated B.A.D. Washington.

Your 1226A/4. Reference my 1829/1.

Item 366 is..

- (B) 0544/1/7/42..
- (C) 700 Sqdn. Valrus.
- (D) 33 06 North 34 01 East.
- (E) G.

Item 373

- (B) 0752/24/7/42..293 Sqdn. Blenheim
- (D) 32 36 North 34 50 East.
- (E) E..

Item 383

- (B) 1110/10/8/42
- (C) 709 Sqdn. Valrus.
- (D) 210 degs. Tyro 5'
- (E) F.

Item 389.

- (B) 0610/22/8/42
- (C) 221 Sqdn. Wellington.
- (D) 32 15 North 33 30 East.
- (E) D.

Item 390

- (B) 0849/23/8/42.
- (C) 13(H) Sqdn. Blenheim.
- (D) 32 34 North 34 47 East.
- (E) H.

1430/6.

1st Lord
1st S.L. (2)
C.N.A.S.
A.C.N.A.S.
V.C.N.S.
A.C.N.S. (H)
A.C.N.S. (P)
A.C.N.S. (T)
A.C.N.S. (V)
N.A. 1st S.L.
Ops. (3)

originated by War Registry
requesting repetition of items
366, 373, 383, 389 and 390 of
C. in C. Mod.'s 1829/1.

O.D. (5)	C.C.L.S.	Ad. Blake
O.I.C. (2)	D.A.C.D.	Ad. Usborne
D.N.I. (5)	M (2)	I.P. (3)
D. of P. (3)	D.M.S.	V.D.
D.S.D. (2)	D.H.S. Cit.	
Air Br.	D.A/S.W. (A/S.W. 673/42)	
D.N.A.D.	U.S.N. (3)	

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Sunday.FOREIGN STATIONS.East Indies.

Patrols "Bitter", "Mild". Patrols "Bitter" and "Mild" are being moved 80 miles on a bearing 115° from present position. Proceed at best speed to conform. (F.O. Ceylon, 0232Z/1 to Force Q, (R) HAWKINS, C. in C. E.F., N.O.I.C. Addu Atoll.)

ASTER. Departure at 0345^Z/1st. (N.O.I.C. Trincomalee, 0350Z/1 to Admty., etc.)

Eastern Fleet W/T. Intend keeping wireless watch as follows:
(1) On sailing 0800Z/2nd broadcast J and group N.U. Group N.U not expected to be 100% readable before 1700Z/3rd.
(2) At 1500Z/4th shift from broadcast J to Group V.
(3) Watch will also be maintained on broadcast S.L. to ascertain its performance.
(C. in C. E.F., 0859Z/1 to Dep. C. in C. E.F., C. in C. S.A.,
(R) F.O. Ceylon, Admty., N.O.I.C. Durban, F.O. 2 in C. E.F.)

Force Q. Force Q has now been disbanded. (N.O.I.C. Colombo, 1130Z/1 to S. & A East Indies Station.)

Air Report. Intelligence Summary for 1st November.
(a) 31st October. 1 Blenheim bombed, hit building and destroyed River Schooner Kyauktaw.
Small craft vicinity M/Gunned. One Blenheim bombed Kalemyo. Buildings hit.
(A.H.Q. India, 1152Z/1.)

MAURITIUS, ENTERPRISE. MAURITIUS arrived and left. ENTERPRISE arrived. (N.O.I.C. Seychelles, 1400Z/1 to Admty., etc.)

Shipping, Lourenco Marques. Pass to N.C.S.Os. Ships other than transports and hospital ships bound for Durban are to be routed to Lourenco Marques to wait there until called forward. Ships are to be given complete route onward to Durban from Lourenco Marques to avoid unnecessary delay. (C. in C. E.F., 1849Z/1 to E.I. Stn.)

Port F. My 1355/15 (re development of Port F.) H.H. Jam Sahib of Nawanagar leaves U.K. shortly. Can any report be made yet? (Hd. of M., 1945A/1 to C. in C. E.F.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

America and West Indies.

ESSO
MANHATTAN.

Masta 4035. Ref. Masta 3945, next voyage of ESSO MANHATTAN from Curacao to Freetown will be on Admiralty account and therefore should be added to list of vessels on Admiralty Service. Presume para. 1 of Amast 3187 will apply. (M.W.T., 0015/1 to British Merchant Shipping Mission Washington via Sparks New York.)

U/B
Positions.

C.E.S.F's 1950/31.
(Comnavu, 0357/1 to Admty.)

U/B.

Following received. Intercept 0327 G.M.T. 500 k/cs de NAU (S. Juan, Puerto Rico) XXX C Q F M Radio Trinidad CK 9 urgent war warning sub. sighted 06.57 N. 58.03 W. at 2205/31/G.C.T. (Lands End Radio, 0430/1 to Admty.) (Gallon Head Radio, 0438/1 to Adm. Lyness.)

U/Bs.

D/F bearings between 0209Z/1st and 0652Z/1st indicate at least 2 submarines in your vicinity. (N.S.H.Q., 0916Z/1 to T.U. 24.1.14, T.U. 24.1.18.4, C.O.A.C., C.O.N.F., (R) Admty., S.B.N.O. W.A., Opnav.)

T. 23.

Departure U.S. Cruisers OMAHA, MARBLEHEAD, U.S. Destroyers DAVIS, JOUETT, U.S. Seaplane Tender OSMOND INGRAM, U.S. Destroyer ELLIS, BADGER, escorting convoy T.23. *2/10 - 2/10 p. 1000*
(N.O.I.C. Trinidad, 1002Q/1 to S.B.N.O.W.A., (R) Admty., etc.)
Sailing telegrams.
(B.R.L.O. Trinidad, 1147Q/1, 1149Q/1.) ** Seaplane Tender - Dest. at Landings - 2/10*

Movements
Summary.

1800 G.M.T./1st.

Ship	Position	Course	Speed
QUEEN OF BERMUDA	28½° N. 28½° W.	340°	14
A.T.28	54½° N. 38½° W.	030°	26½
ILEX	12° N. 56° W.	080°	16
REGENT	36½° N. 70° W.	299°	14

Convoys on passage to operational area:-

K.M.S. 2 47° N. 27° W. 180° 7
(D.O.D.(F), 1055Z/1, 1854Z/1 to Opnav, (R) Comnavu.)

G.A.T.17.

Arrival U.S. Ship BRECKENRIDGE, U.S. Gunboat ERIE, U.S.P.C. 495, 566. 609 escorting G.A.T.17. (N.O.I.C. Trinidad, 1102Q/1 to S.B.N.O.W.A., (R) Admty., etc.)

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U/B Dropped pattern on doubtful contact in position
 attacked. 046° 20' N. 060° 10' W.
 (VISVALU (sic) VISON intended, 1135Z/1 to
 N.O.I.C. Sydney C.B., (R) C.T.F. 24, Admty.,
 Connav, etc.)

Following received. (Begins). N.O.I.C. Sydney C.B. (R)
 A.I.G. 302 from VISON. Dropped pattern on known contact in
 position 046° 20' N. 060° 10' W. 342° 1125Z/1st. Tentative
 classification non-submarine. Am continuing search.
 T.O.O. 1220Z/1st. (Ends.) ~~1125~~ p.33
 (N.O.I.C. Sydney C.B., 1337Z/1 to C.T.F. 24.)

Shipping Connav's 2041/31 informs as follows:
 Casualties. Serial No. 31. October 25th DOMINION HALSYD
 sunk near Portsmouth N.H. probably as result
 of collision with APOHAQUI. APOHAQUI towed
 Portsmouth.

October 29th GDYNIA, H.X. 212 torpedoed approx. 55 N. 23 W.
 October 29th J.A. MOFFETT JR. salvaged towed to Key West.
 Had been torpedoed and beached July 8th.
 October 30th ABOSSO torpedoed 48.30 N. 28.50 W.
 (Comnaveu, 1214/1 to Admty.)

PRIMERO Norwegian PRIMERO torpedoed and abandoned 1340
 (sunk 25th G.M.T./25th 013.08 N. 053.55 W. Master and 37
 October.) landed Trinidad 31st, two missing.
 (S.O.(I.) Jamaica, 1217R/1 to Admty., etc.)
 W.D. Note:- Cominch 2022/1 gives position 13°
 38' N. 53° 55' W.

U/B Special estimate etc.
 Positions. (Cominch 1353/1.)
 See North Atlantic.

U/B. Following has been read. 1/11 corrected position
 of submarine 50° 25' N. 49° 40' W.
 (Halifax W/T, 1420 G.M.T./1 to C. in C. W.A.,
 E.C. Londonderry, Admty.)

Trawlers. Admty. 1950/28 (Trawlers to be sent to Halifax
 for working up.) B.A.T.M's 2139/29th and
 Admty. 1319/31st are passed to C.O.A.C., F.O.N.F.
 and N.O.I.C. Quebec for necessary action.
 2. On arrival at Halifax of these ships report by signal to
 Admiralty. A. - Defects or uncompleted items. B. - Number
 of days to complete A. C. - Date on which working up will
 be completed. D. - Proposal for sailing either as additional
 escort for convoy or direct to Londonderry in Paris (as received
 pairs intended?)
 (N.S.H.Q., 1430Z/1 to C.O.A.C.)

/GURNARD ...

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Sunday.FOREIGN STATIONS.America and West Indies - Contd.

GURNARD. C.T.F. 25 2046/31. U.S. Submarine Notice.
GURNARD departs position 7 miles East of Montauk Point 2330/1st November. All times Z, all dates November, at 14 knots on the surface. Diving at discretion. Proceeding to arrive position A. 38.49 N. 70.27 W. 1000/2. Thereafter at 12 knots on surface in darkness and 2.5 knots submerged by day proceeds through position B. lat. 38.12 long. 66.23 at 2330/3. Thence on the surface advancing 300 miles per day. Diving at discretion will pass points following at times and dates indicated.
C. 39.37 N. 43.51 W. 1200/7. D. 46.50 N. 33.30 W. 1400/9. E. 52° 26° 2030/10. Submarine will report if ahead of estimated position 50 miles or if 100 astern. Likewise if more than 15 miles either side of track or if route is changed.
(Cominch, 1530Z/1 to Cinclant, Admty.)
My 1602/1st. Departure of U.S.S. GURNARD delayed 24 hours.
(Cominch, 2358/1 to A.I.G. 304, etc.)

U/B S/M estimate November 1st and U.S. Submarine
Positions. Notice.
(Cominch, 1602/1, 1603/1, 1615/1, 1616/1, 1617/1, 1856/1.)

U/B Preliminary D/F bearing indicates U-Boat has
S.C. 107. made contact report in your vicinity at 1617Z/1st.
(N.S.H.Q., 1620Z/1 to C.T.U. 24.1.14, C.O.A.C., F.O.N.F., (R) Admty., S.B.N.O.W.A., Opnav.)
Further transmission between 1259Z/1st and 1826Z/1st indicates that you are still being shadowed.
(N.S.H.Q., 2022Z/1 to C.T.U. 24.1.14, C.T.U. 24.1.16, C.O.A.C., F.O.N.F., (R) Opnav, Admty., S.B.N.O.W.A.)

Movements. 24.1.3 in U.S.S. ^{GEORGE W.} CAMPBELL, U.S.S. BADGER, TRILLIUM, ROSTHERN*arrived from H.X.212.*London delly ALBERNI, SUMMERSIDE, VILLE DE QUEBEC standing on to U.K.
(C.T.G. 24.7, 1715Z/1 to C.T.F.24, (R) Connav, Admty., etc.) *Sum p.15.*

Tankers, Your 2212/29th to B.A.D.
Gulf Ports. BRITISH DILIGENCE sailed 1900Z/31st for Mobile via N.K. route "Bard" and K.H. route "Work".
E.T.A. 8th November S. of A. 10½ knots.
S.P. 02413 (97).
(B.R.L.O. New York, 1730Z/1 to Admty.)

Movements. Departure 1st November U.S. A.T. FREDERICK C. JOHNSON, U.S. S/S.C. 666, S.C. 670.
(S.O.(I) Kingston, 1741R/1 to Admty., etc.)

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- S/M R.1. S/M Estimate Nov.1st . My 1616/1st R.1. departed North West point anchorage area 1000Z/1st course 319° average speed 9 submerging at will, E.T.A. Bermuda 1200Z/2nd.
(C. in C.U.S. Fleet, 1755/1).
- A.T.21. Sailing Telegram
(Radio Washington, 1803/31).
- U/B. Am over enemy S/M 37.35 N. 1.38 E. have attacked
attacked. with torpedoes?
(A/C Call Sign ? 1845/1 to A/C Y70).
- KING My 1843/12 and Admty 1302/28 which is being
HAAKON passed you. Sailing KING HAAKON VII 1700Z/1 to
VII. St. John's N.F. escorting ~~TEAKWOOD~~ routed through
(J) 44.30 N. 62.10 W. (K) 46.10 N. 52.30 W. (L) 47.31
N. 52.20 W. speed 8.5 knots. E.T.A. St. Johns
1100Z/4. W/T Watch 105 K/Cs.
2. Request KING HAAKON VII be sailed to U.K. as additional
escort for S. C. 108.
(C.O.A.C. 1922Z/1 to F.O.N.F.).
- Sub Attack A. PRIMERO Two Torpedo Hits. 13.38 N. 53.55 W.
& Sighting 1340Z/25. *See p.31*
Summary. B. LAWRENCE chased by Sub. 07.03 N. 58.07 W. 2204Z/
31. S/M sighted 50.15 N. 49.25 W. 1230Z/1.
C. U.S.S. ~~SURPRISE~~ attacks Sound Contact 17.50 N.
73.39 W. 1813Z/17.Oct.
D. U.S.S. BAINBRIDGE Sound Contact 22 N. 73.44 W. 1620Z/1.
VISON attacks Sound Contact 46.20 N. 60.10 W. 1125Z/1. *See p.31*
(Cominch 2022/1 to Admty (R) N.S.H.Q.).
- U/B. ~~QUEEN~~ U-Boat D/F 1936Z/1 in vicinity 053.30 N. 036.00' W
ELIZABETH. accuracy within 100 miles, frequency 10510 K/Cs.
ENIGMA, 30 groups.
(N.S.H.Q. 2250Z/1 QUEEN ELIZABETH, (R) Admty).
- EMPIRE M.of W.T. wish to embark women and children in
GRACE. SS. EMPIRE GRACE for passage Bermuda to U.K.
2. In view of infrequency of opportunities
of this nature request you will endeavour to
obtain U.S. agreement to sail EMPIRE GRACE with women and
children up to half lifeboat capacity Bermuda to U.K. direct.
3. Lifeboat capacity of EMPIRE GRACE is 110 plus crew, speed
15½ knots.
4. Ship is due Balboa 1st Nov.
(D.O.D.(F) 2258A/1 to B.A.D.).
U.S. authorities agree (B.A.D. 2221/2).

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Sunday.FOREIGN STATIONS.Australia & New Zealand.

- Situation. Digest Serial No. 283 31st Oct. Aerial R/C Oct. 31st indicates 47 vessels including 2 heavy Cruisers, 2 light cruiser, 15 destroyers, 3 Seaplane Tenders, 15 Merchant Ships, 3,000 - 9,000 tons (total approx. 77,000 tons) 1 Minelayer, 1 possible Military Landing Craft Carrier, 8 unidentified Vessels Buin Faisi Area.
2. One 3,000 ton Cargo Vessel reported stationary 30 miles South Kavieng Oct. 31st.
3. 9 B.17s attacked shipping Rabaul early morning 31st Oct, 1 unidentified vessel on fire other vessels possibly damaged.
- (4) Photographic R/C Rabaul Area Oct. 31st indicates 33 Vessels including 2 light cruisers, 2 destroyers, 3 Auxiliary Vessels (5,000 - 7,000 tons) 1 Seaplane Tender, 2 possible Military Landing Craft Carriers. 5/7,000 tons, 20 Merchant Vessels ((3/10,000 tons) totalling approx. 120,000 tons) 3 smaller Merchant Vessels, also two half sunk, Destroyers in Harbour, 3 small unidentified vessels and 3 small torpedo boats. 12 bombers, 45 fighters, Lakunai Aerodrome. 1 heavy Cruiser, 1 Destroyer sighted 70 miles N.W. Rabaul, 1 medium, 1 small Cargo Vessel sighted 15 miles North Rabaul. B.17 on R/C Rabaul intercepted by 11 fighters. 3 possibly destroyed.
5. 24 Fighters landed Lae evening Oct. 31st. Reported to Oct. 30th, Japanese consolidating defence perimeter, Lae Area.
6. One Catalina attacked Lae and Salamaua Area early morning Oct. 31st. Results not observed.
7. Three B.25s attacked enemy Motor Transports Gona Area Oct. 31st. Results not assessed.
8. Allied advance continued at dawn Oct. 31st towards Kokoda.
9. Three A.20s attacked Naru Area (3 miles N.N.W. Alola) Oct. 31st Results not observed.
10. Merchant Vessels departed Dilli Oct. 30th. 4 enemy Aircraft Dilli Aerodrome Oct. 31st. 2 Hudsons attacked Dilli p.m. Oct/31st bombs dropped Aerodrome Area.
11. Land activity Timor Area. Japanese parties ambushed Manatuto Area Oct. 29th. 57 Enemy casualties. 400 Japanese reported Bobonaro Oct. 30th. Unconfirmed report Japanese proceeding to Beaco 30/10.
12. Two Merchant Vessels sighted Ambon Bay R/C noon 31st Oct.
13. 9 B.17s attacked shipping Buin Faisi Area early a.m. 31st Oct 2 direct hits and 2 near misses on possible heavy Cruiser, explosion seen. 1 direct hit on Merchant Vessel, 2 near misses on Light Cruiser.
- (G.H.Q. S.W.P.A. 0753Z/1 to Admty etc).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.Submarines Reported.

Indefinite estimate at 1500A/1.
(D.D.I.C. 1449A/1, 1504A/1).

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Monday.

SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

Operation.
SE.

CHIDDINGFOLD, LEDBURY and MIDDLETON arrived at Sullom Voe at 0908A today.

At 1025 today SS.KAOLACK made a submarine distress signal in 47° 18' N. 15° 32' W and reported that a U-Boat was about to attack her. The message was cancelled at 1109 G.M.T. The S/M was P.556 (See 31st October.)

Two groups of E-Boats operated off East Anglia last night, but no visual contact was made with them. It is thought that one group was searching for a convoy and the other possibly minelaying. Visibility was low with rain.

SS.GDYNIA, reported torpedoed on 29th October in Convoy H.X. 212 arrived in the Clyde today.

North Atlantic.

The monitor ROBERTS from South Atlantic Station arrived at Gibraltar this morning. JAMAICA arrived at Gibraltar this afternoon from the U.K.

AVON VALE, BEAGLE, BOADICEA, OPPORTUNE, BRILLIANT, BULLDOG, LOOKOUT, PANTHER, PENN and PUCKERIDGE sailed from Gibraltar at 1600A today.

Trawlers POLRUAN, STORNOWAY, FELIXSTOWE, CLACTON, ROTHESAY and RHYL sailed from Gibraltar at 2000A today.

The patrol positions of S/Ms of 8th Flotilla are given in Capt.(S) 8,1934A/2 and 1836A/5.

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SITUATION REPORT.

South Atlantic.

C. in C.S.A. gave orders today that ships of under 10 knots are to be routed as closely as possible to the coast between Capetown and Lourenco Marques. Navigation lights are not to be shown East of 20° E.

C. in C. Eastern Fleet is sailing corvette *JASMINE for Durban now and asks C. in C.S.A. to keep NIGELLA for the present. * *Sanitised - see p. 65*

SS. EMPIRE ZEAL is reported to have been torpedoed and shelled and sunk at 0558Z today in 0° 30' S. 30° 45' W.

Mediterranean.

Four M.T.Bs simulated landings off Ras Gibeyssa and Ras el Daba last night. There were no damage or casualties to our forces.

Torpedo and bomber Wellingtons were dispatched last night to attack a southbound convoy of 2 merchant vessels with naval escort south of Crete. The escort vessels only were located and hits with bombs are reported on 2 destroyers and near misses on another. One torpedo Wellington attacked a suspected "Condottieri" Class cruiser, but did not see the result. Beauforts and Beaufighter escort were despatched to make a day attack on the convoy and hit with torpedo a 5,000 ton merchant ship North of Tobruk and set it heavily on fire. One Beaufighter and 2 Beauforts were shot down by enemy fighters over the convoy.

Five American B.17s bombed Tobruk harbour this afternoon: a 2,000 ton merchant ship was seen burnt out next day.

ENDEAVOUR went aground this morning in the outer harbour, Port Berenice (about 350 miles N.N.W. of Port Sudan)

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Monday.SITUATION REPORT.America & West Indies.U-Boat
Trend.

In his bi-weekly U-Boat Trend No.5 of 31st October Cominch states that the withdrawal of U-Boats from all U.S. Sea Frontiers indicates strategic redistribution. Resumption of operations in the above areas are unlikely for at least 2 weeks. Shipping lanes South of 20° N. and in the South Atlantic are likely to be attacked this winter, submarines being refuelled at sea. North Atlantic convoy routes will continue to be attacked by U-Boat packs. The total number in the Atlantic is 106, of which 56 are in the U.S area. (With regard to the first sentence above, there is a considerable concentration of U-Boats at present in the Eastern Atlantic).

SS. PLM 27 and ROSE CASTLE were torpedoed and sunk in 47° 36' N. 52° 57' W in Wabana Harbour (Conception Bay) at 0605Z today.

S.C.107
9 ships
torpedoed.

* Position later
amended to
53° N 47° W at
0400Z/2.

Mass attacks by U-Boats were made on Convoy S.C.107 from 0034 onwards today, when the convoy was about 360 miles east of Belle Isle. The following ships were torpedoed: EMPIRE SUNRISE (at 0034 in 51° 56' N, 46° 12' W), MOUNT PELION, RINOS, MARITIMA, HARTINGTON, EMPIRE LEOPARD, EMPIRE ANTELOPE, DALCROY all in approx 52° N. 45° W. and SS. PARTHENON at 1645Z in 52° 59' N 44° 2' W in low visibility. At 1711Z VANESSA was detached from the escort of H.X.213 to reinforce S.C.107 and later the U.S. Destroyers INGHAM, LEARY and SCHENCK were sailed to augment the escort. (TITUS See 3rd November).

Australia & New Zealand.

Nine Marauders attacked Dilli (Timor) today and caused much damage ashore.

Fortresses attacked a convoy at 0800Z today in 6° 40' S. 150° E. (South of New Britain) causing a fierce fire in a transport which was seen at 2200Z/2 and again at 0500Z/3 in approximately the same position.

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Monday.HOME COMMANDS.Movements.

- OXFORDSHIRE. Hospital ship OXFORDSHIRE should be sailed for Gibraltar for orders on 4th November to arrive on 9th.
- TIGRIS. (D.S.T. 0030A/2 to P.S.T.O. Liverpool.)
C. in C. Nore's 1928/1. Intend sailing TIGRIS at 1800/7
Nov. unescorted diving by day for position (h) 043° 00' 012° 30'.
E.T.A. 1400/12. Routed Q Z S 284 and 293, thence through
(a) 050° 34' 001° 50' (b) 180° Start Point 25 miles
(c) 180° Lizard Head 40 miles (d) 049° 15' 008° 30'
(e) 049° 10' 012° 00' (f) 047° 00' 012° 10'
(g) 045° 00' 012° 20'
(2) thence TIGRIS proceeds to Gibraltar as ordered by F.O.C.N.A.
(Capt. S.5 0035A/2.)
- P.223. Arrived P.223.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock 0946A/2.)
- VERSATILE. Turn over convoy to H.M.S. WOLSEY and part company so as to arrive Rosyth by 1700.
(C. in C. Rosyth 1105A/2 to VERSATILE.)
- P.339 Arrived P.339 and P.49 escorted by JAN VAN GELDER.
P.49. (F.O.I.C. Greenock 1116A/2.)
- 26th E.G. Request if possible Canadian corvettes of 26th Escort Group be sailed on completion to assemble Moville for exercise by November 17th.
(N.O.I.C. Londonderry 1207A/2.)
- CARLISLE. When ready for sea request you will sail CARLISLE for Scapa to work up.
(D.O.D. (H.) 1250A/2 to C. in C. Plymouth.)
- W.A. Situation at 1956A/2.
Command. (C. in C. W.A. 1359A/2)
See Lion Copy.
- M/S 15. My 1307/1st. Arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Reykjavik 1616A/2.)
- PLOVER. 1. It is desired to hold PLOVER available for further operations on the East Coast.
2. Request she may be sailed as convenient for Harwich or Immingham, as preferred by C. in C. Nore.
(A.C.N.S. (H.) 1931A/2 to R.A.M.)
- FORESTER. Sailed FORESTER for Hvalfiord, E.T.A. 1100A/4.
(R.A.D. 1958A/2 to C.S.1.)

MOST SECRET

MESSAGE
MOST SECRET1359A/2nd November
IN.

From: C. in C. Western Approaches

Date: 2.11.42.
Recd: 1915.

Addressed: Admiralty.

Situation at 1956A/2/11Section N.E.

FORESTER		58 45 03 34	To	58 52 06 59	16
				Thence Hvalfjord	
S. C. 106 C. T. U. 24.1.17	HARVESTER GARLAND ORCHIS NARCISSUS LOBELIA ACONIT RENONCULE KITCHENOR CALGARY CAMROSE	57 40 11 27	To	56 33 08 37	7
				Thence North Channel	

Section S.E.

SEVERN L. 23	LA CAPRICIEUSE	55 32 05 02	To	Clyde	12
B. B. 32	P. C. 74 KINGSTON BERYL FOXTROT MAZURKA SOUTHERN BREEZE GOODWIN	52 50 05 04		Southbound	9
Convoy	DERBY COUNTY	52 34 05 03		Northbound	7½
H. M. 56	ROSEMARY	53 09 05 02		Milford Haven	8
SARDONYX (E)		Vicinity Malin Head	To	Londonderry	12

Section N.W.

A. T. 28	Unesorted	60 30 23 32	To	60 30 21 00	26
				Thence 57 00 16 00	

Section S.W.

NORFOLK CUMBERLAND		51 08 19 17	To	49 01 22 02	17½
				Thence 42 29 23 31	

SKEENA

Searching in vicinity
of 49 20 23 20

WELSHMAN/

MOST SECRET

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Section S.W. (Contd.)

WELSHMAN		47 05 14 42	Tb	45 10 15 05	18
FLEET UNIT ARGONAUT	12 destroyers	45 59 19 40	Tb	39 30 18 05	16
SLAZAK		Searching in vicinity of 50 11 13 20			
1 M/V in tow of tug	SKATE	54 10 11 36	Tb	North Eastward	4
K.M.S.2	LONDONDERRY 6 Sloops 2 Cutters 3 Corvettes	42 15 26 59	Tb	42 00 27 00 Thence 38 19 20 20	8
K.M.F.2	PELICAN 5 Sloops	55 29 10 26	Tb	55 17 15 20 Thence 51 37 24 03	11½
K.X.5	GLAISDALE BLEAN 4 Corvettes 4 Trawlers	51 42 15 11	Tb	50 12 15 38 Thence 45 18 16 45	7
Convoy 24	ROTHERHAM HOLCOMBE ONSLow OFFA ORIBI	40 10 25 11	Tb	38 22 26 30 Thence 35 30 30 20	12
S.L. 125 (E)	RAMSEY PETUNIA WOODRUFF CROCUS CCLIPSFOOT	42 37 61 00	Tb	50 59 16 01	7
S.L. 125G	SWEET BRIAR DAHLIA	47 55 15 30	Tb	50 00 14 00 Thence 55 01 10 00	7½
O.N.S. 142 C.T.U. 24.1.5.	FIREDRAKE RIPLEY SUNFLOWER LOOSESTRIFE ALISMA PINK 4 Trawlers	55 15 18 04	Tb	55 02 23 01	7½
O.N. 143 C.T.U. 24.1.11.	CHAMBLY EYEBRIGHT NAPANEE BATLEFORD CHILLIWACK SHEDIAC KENOGAMI	55 43 08 10	Tb	55 55 14 52	9

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Section S. W. (Contd.)

1 M/V	STELLA CARINA	49 50 15 30	Tb	50 02 15 30	0½
				Thence 55 00 10 00	

1359A/2.

C. N. A. S.
 V. C. N. S.
 A. C. N. S. (H)
 A. C. N. S. (F) (2)
 A. C. N. S. (T)
 N. A. 1st S. L.
 D. O. D. (H) (2)
 D. O. D. (F) (2)
 D. C. (2)
 D. D. I. C. (2)
 Hd. of M.
 D. T. D. (3)
 D. T. D. (M)
 D. A. S. W.
 D. of P. (2)
 D. N. I. (4)
 D. T. D. (C)
 D. of L. D.
 Ad. Ramsey (2)
 Ad. Blake
 D. D. O. D. (M)
 I. P. (2)
 W. D.
 D. N. A. D.
 D. A. C. D.

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Monday.HOME COMMANDS.Operations.

- Operation CAPE ARGONA sailed for Rescue Patrol.
F.B. (S.B.N.O. Archangel 0705A/2.)
Positions of S/Ms at 0800A/3 and movements for following 24 hours
- (A) TUNA vicinity 75° 30' N. 14° 30' E.
(B) O.15 vicinity 75° 10' N. 08° 15' E.
(F.O.S. 1747A/2 to Admty.)
- Operation Your 1527A/1 M.T.Bs returned Dartmouth.
H.Q. (N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 0836/2 to C. in C. Plymouth.)
KRAKOWIAK My 1527A/1.
damaged. 2. At 1850/1 KRAKOWIAK from Plymouth and TYNEDALE with M.T.Bs 203, 231, 235, and 240 from Dartmouth joined in 160° Start 22 and proceeded in accordance with para 3 of message quoted.
3. At 2320 KRAKOWIAK and TYNEDALE sighted and engaged Eastbound enemy convoy comprising 2 merchant ships each of about 2,000 tons escorted by 3 M-Class and 1 probable trawler type in 48° 59' N. 2° 56' W. After scoring hits on enemy ships, one of which appeared to catch fire internally, destroyers disengaged to the N.W. at 2324 and M.T.Bs were ordered to attack.
4. At 2333 M.T.B. 231 fired 2 torpedoes at a large trawler, reporting a possible hit, of which there is no confirmation. At 2334 M.T.B. 203 fired 2 torpedoes at one of the merchant ships at 600 yards and claims one possible hit. M.T.B. 235 fired one torpedo at the merchant vessel but claims no hits. M.T.B. 240 lost touch and was unable to attack.
5. KRAKOWIAK having received a shell hit aft which put electrical communications to after guns out of action, decided to break off the action and return to Plymouth with TYNEDALE. M.T.Bs returned independently to Dartmouth.
6. KRAKOWIAK suffered minor damage and 2 ratings wounded. TYNEDALE slight superficial damage only. No casualties or damage in M.T.Bs.
(C. in C. Plymouth 1541A/2.)
- Operation Sullom Voe arrival CHIDDINGFOLD, LEDBURY,
S.E. MIDDLETON.
(N.O.I.C. Lerwick 0908A/2 to A.C.O.S.)
- Patrols. My 1036A/1. "Pugdog" arrived 0912A/2.
(F.O.I.C. Portland 0915A/2.)
M.L. patrol tonight.
2. Forces employed. M.L.186 (S.O) 180, and 259. *See next page*
3. Patrol. 7 miles 065° and 245° from 130° Start 30 miles.
4. Object. To intercept E-boats.
5. Information. Own. Convoy W.P.242 passes Dart Buoy to eastward at approx. 1700/2. Enemy. E-Boats may work from Cherbourg or Guernsey.
6. Execution. Proceed at 1330 today to patrol line, passing through 180° Start 4 miles. Leave patrol at daylight 3rd and proceed to Dartmouth, speed on passage not to exceed 12 knots.
7. Codeword "Occasion".
(C. in C. Plymouth 1049A/2.)

/1. Intend ...

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Patrols (contd.) → 1. Intend to sail M.G.Bs 54 (S.O.) and 51 to patrol on latitude 50° 20' N, between 1° 35' W. and 2° 10' W. tonight, leaving Weymouth at 1930 and patrol line at dawn. Codeword "Device".
(F.O.I.C. Portland 1112A/2.)

→ M.T.Bs 95, 85, 84 proceed to patrol near 50° 15' N. 00° 20' W, passing E.A.5 buoy 1830/2 and 0730/3. Codeword "Advent". If weather is foul return to St. Helens. 2 Chasseurs patrolling near E.A. 5 buoy. Portland has 2 M.G.Bs patrolling between 2° 10' W. and 1° 35' W. in 50° 20' N.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 1146A/2 to HORNET.)

→ Proceed at 1645/2 as requisite to R/V with *M.L.186,* 180, and *259 at 1800/2 in 180° Start 4 miles. Thence patrol in company as in my 1049A/2. N.O.I.C. Dartmouth pass my 1049A/2 to M.Ls^x153 and 491. * See previous page. x see below
(C. in C. Plymouth 1401A/2 to M.Ls 153 and 491.)

→ 1. M.T.Bs 95, 85, and 84 patrolling to the southward passing E.A.5 Buoy at 1830 and 0730/3.
→ 2. M.G.Bs 54 and 51 patrolling S. of St. Albans Head leaving Weymouth 1930 and patrol line at dawn.
3. 2 Chasseurs patrolling near E.A.5 Buoy.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 1540A/2.)

→ Your 1401A/2. Sailed less 153. *see above.*
(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 1701/2.)

M.Ls 450 and 220 from Ramsgate patrolling between Dumpton and N.E. Spit buoys, E.T.D. 1825, E.T.R. 0740/3.
M.Ls 141 and 143 near C.one buoy. M.Ls 104, 210, 213, 125, 102 and 101 carrying out operation N.P.51A route via No. "U" and "V" buoys each way E.T.D. 1845, E.T.R. 0030/3. M.G.Bs 329 and 324 from Dover at "V" buoy in support of N.P.51A E.T.D. 1845 E.T.R. 0030/3.

(V.A. Dover 1817A/2.)

Operation "Bluestone"*

Operation carried out 2359A/1st. At 1000A 2nd passed ship similar to Portuguese SS ANGOLA wearing Spanish markings, P.C.S. 042° 19' N. 010° 00' W. 020°, 10 knots. Unable to identify positively.
(UNBEATEN 1930A/2 to F.O.S.)

UNBEATEN Patrol.

Your 1930/2. Proceed forthwith diving by day to area K.501 for operations in accordance with F.S.L.One.
(F.O.S. 2212A/2 to UNBEATEN.)

45° 20', 10° 18', My 1747/2 para (F), amend to read: UNBEATEN very approx. proceeding to Zone K.501 diving by day.
(F.O.S. 2321/2 to Admty.)

* Details of operation, see HUSH, F.O.S. 1051A/22/10.

Loss of UNBEATEN after this operation. F.O.S. 1104A/15/11, page 655

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Monday.HOME COMMANDS.Allied Air Activities.Altenfiord
R/C.

It would be appreciated if periodical photographic R/C of Altenfiord, particularly Kaafjord (69° 57' N. 23° 08' E) could be arranged to locate German main units stillthought to be in North Norway.
(A.C.N.S. H. 0016A/2 to S.B.N.O. North Russia.)

SS QUEEN
ELIZABETH.

My 2353A/1st. Request confirmation position Q on route of A.T.28 is 059° 00' N. 025° 00' W. If this is correct request you pass following to A.T.28. Begins: In addition Liberator aircraft you may also see Catalina aircraft from 0900/2 carrying anti-Sub. sweep in your area. Ends.
(A.C.I.C. 0401A/2 to Admty.)

Channel
Islands R/C.

Request if possible P.R.U. of St. Malo and Channel Islands today.
(C. in C. Plymouth 0831A/2 to Admty., H.Q.C.C.)

Search for
~~ABOSSO SUBMARINE~~
ABOSSO SUBMARINE
11-13-14.

Will continue search during day in area 049° 20' to 050° 40' N. 020° 10' to 021° 20' W. at 20 knots. In view of C.C.N.F. reference 1752Z/31 and necessity for boiler cleaning, rebricking and A/S repair, consider it necessary to leave for St. Johns N.F. at 2000Z/2 arriving approx. 2200Z/5.
(SKEENA 1152Z/2 to C. in C. W.A.)
Your 1152/2 concur.
(C. in C. W.A. 1552Z/2 to SKEENA.)
Regret search unsuccessful. P.C.S. 049° 26' N. 022° 40' W. 265°, 17 knots.
(SKEENA 2003Z/2.) *p. 45*

Bombing
restrictions.

My 2357/31. Extend restrictions to 2000/2.
(F.O.S. 1306A/2 to H.Q.C.C. (R) P.556.)

Mining.

S.N.3 F.

R.A.(M) arrived in SOUTHERN PRINCE, PORT QUEBEC, AGAMEMNON, ADVENTURE, MENESTHEUS, CASTLETON, LANCASTER, BRIGHTON and WELLS.
(TRELAWNEY 0830/2.)

Arrived SCOTT.
(TRELAWNEY 0916/2.)

Norwegian
waters.

Cancel my 1322/13. This report probably refers to areas already reported in F.S.K one.
(F.O.S. 1511A/2 to S/Ms.)

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Mining - contd.

- Q.Z.X.801. Searched to latitude 50° 35' 20" N. No mines found. Intend sailing with 6 Fleet sweepers at 0730 tomorrow to complete northern part of area, returning to Newhaven E.T.A. 1600. Request fighter protection. Propose BANGOR remain at Portsmouth. (TENBY 1800/2 to C. in C. Portsmouth.)
- Portsmouth. One magnetic mine red detonated by LL in approx. 194° 3.6 miles from Nab Tower. (C. in C. Portsmouth 1800/2.)
- Harwich. One ground mine detonated by M.M/S in approx. 51° 40.5' N. 01° 5.3' E. at 1240 today. (F.O.I.C. Harwich 1807A/2.)
- Humber. One mine detonated by Sweepers at 1715/2 in 314° 58A Buoy 2 miles. Details. (F.O. Humber 2107A/2.)

Enemy Intelligence.

- SCHARNHORST. Your 1201/1. It is believed SCHARNHORST is still at Gdynia but she may be proceeding to Norway in near future. (D.D.I.C. 0950A/2 to N.A. Stockholm.)
- PRINZ EUGEN, GRAF ZEPPELIN, LEIPZIG, NÜRNBERG. Following report has been received graded A.2. PRINZ EUGEN sighted in Kiel Bay 27th October. GRAF ZEPPELIN sighted Gdynia 20th October. LEIPZIG and NÜRNBERG in Baltic Ports 25th October. (D.D.I.C. 1016A/2.)

- E-Boats. Preliminary report of E-boat operations last night.
1. Weather conditions. More swell than is usual on an E-Boat night. Wind and sea rising after about 2300. Heavy rain made star shell ineffective.
 2. Two Groups operated. No.1 Group of at least 6 boats reported by WESTMINSTER and D.21 escorting F.N.#54 at 2135 between 54 D and 57 buoys. From reports so far received it seems probable that this group were searching for the convoy and not minelaying. It is possible low visibility in rain and weather defeated them. No.1 group set course east at 2304. No visual contact made by destroyers although star shell were fired on several occasions. HOLDERNESS on patrol near 57 buoy throughout obtained no visual contact and from information considers E-Boats did not get on to swept channel. Reports from D.21 and SOUTHDOWN support this.

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Monday.HOME COMMANDS.Enemy Intelligence - LWTB.

E-Boats contd. 3. No.2 Group in two units reported by CAMPBELL on patrol 'A' at 2157 between East Dudgeon and 57 D buoy. One unit retired southwest, the other southeast. Minelaying possible in Q Z S 277 and 308 south of East Dudgeon. Owing to heavy rain E-Boats were not sighted. Sweeping is in progress. (C. in C. Nore 1548A/2.)

U-Boats.

U-Boats reported. (70146)A/2nd, 37.50, U-boat 072° 15' N. 009° 40' E.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia 0310A/2 to Admty.)
D/F bearings at 2150Z/1 indicate U-Boat probably within 30' radius of 35° N. 17° W.
(D.D.I.C. 0505A/2 to Escorts K.M.S.1.)
By D/F at 1112/2 G.M.T. U-Boat estimated to be anywhere within 60 miles of 47° 30' N. 21° 30' W.
(D.D.I.C. 1346A/2 to F.O. Force H.)

Ship attacked. De unread. SSSS unread torpedoed ends.
(Valentia Radio 0726/2)
(North Foreland Radio 0840/2.)

U-Boat attacked. Am over enemy submarine in 48° 40' N. 15° 55' W. When first sighted submarine was on surface, course 270°, and observed to submerge.
(A/C 59 Duty D. 1000/2 to 15 Group.)
Have attacked S/M with depth charges. Estimated no hits.
(A/C 59 0/19 1005/2 to 15 Group.)

Convoy H.X.212 attacked on night 27/28 and 28/29 October. Preliminary investigation into attacks on H.X.212 reveal the following: The Convoy was attacked twice on the night 27/28 October and twice on the night 28/29 October. In all seven ships were sunk, including two ships astern of the convoy, one of which had already been torpedoed.
(1) First attack. 2110Z/27. Escorts were disposed as follows: U.S.S. CAMPBELL broad on port bow, SUMMERSIDE ahead, U.S.S. BADGER on starboard bow, ALBERNI starboard beam, VILLE DE QUEBEC port beam, TRILLIUM 12 miles on port beam, returning from sweep, ROSTHERN 16 miles broad on starboard bow. Numbers 12, 21 and 23 were torpedoed very close together. Illumination by Convoy was tardy and ineffective. Sea rough, heavy swell. Escorts carried out operation "Zombie", in which high speed sweeps with star shell are made round convoy. At 2141Z SUMMERSIDE got R.D.F. contact 6000 yards fine on starboard bow of Convoy and then sighted a U-boat which dived. No Asdic contact was made, but two charges were dropped. Attack probably came from port side. The moon rose on the port bow of the Convoy immediately after the attack.

/(2) Second ...

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- Convoy H.X.212 attacked on night 27/28 and 28/29 October. (contd.)
- (2) Second attack. 0345Z/28. Escorts were back in Station except for ALBERNI and VILLE DE QUEBEC who were astern picking up survivors. ROSTHERN was on starboard quarter, TRILLIUM on port bow. Number 22 SS COSMOS (?oil refinery ship KOSMOS II) was torpedoed on starboard side. Sporadic but immediate illumination by Convoy took place. Escorts swept without success. Number 14, BARRWHIN, dropped back to help COSMOS (?KOSMOS II) still floating, but at 0722Z/28 COSMOS, screened by ROSTHERN was sunk by torpedoes 20 miles astern of Convoy. BARRWHIN was also sunk later.
- (3) During daylight hours on 28th U.S.S. CAMPBELL was informed on R/T by Liberator aircraft of presence of 2 U-Boats on the port bow of the Convoy and was enabled to drive them off.
- (4) Third attack. At night fall escorts were redisposed in view of the heavy weather to form a more complete ring round the Convoy. At 0116/29 number 42, a Tanker, was torpedoed on port side. Ship burst into flames and the arena was brightly illuminated by burning pool of fuel 600 yards square. Nothing was sighted, and operation "Zombie" revealed nothing.
- (5) Fourth attack. 0420Z/29. Number 24 was torpedoed and sank almost at once. At 0458Z VILLE DE QUEBEC on port quarter smelled diesel oil and illuminated area without result.
- (6) Night of 29/30. At 1857Z SUMMERSIDE, now placed astern, got R.D.F. contact 4 miles astern of Convoy. The object was moving fast across the stern towards number 94 who was straggling badly. The contact was lost, but 2 charges were dropped. At 2058Z ALBERNI made a firm contact 5 miles on starboard quarter of Convoy, and counter attacked. Contact was later regained and a ten charge pattern was dropped, after which contact was lost.
- (7) In general the pack is thought to have consisted of at least 5 U-boats and many H.F/D.F bearings were received. The heavy weather during the whole period precluded successful Asdic sweeps.
- (C.T.G. 24.7 1916/2 and 2108/3 to C. in C. W.A.)

Casualties and Defects.

- ABOSSO (Torpedoed 30/10.)
See p. 42
- Following from Unknown station begins:
Hello lifeboats of ABOSSO. Report on 500 if you can hear me, end.
(Valentia Radio 0901/2.)
- Unknown ship. Class 1 bearing by D/F 323° distress G.K.L.S (undecypherable).
(A.C.O.S. 0914/2 to Admty.)
- FRONTENAC (Torpedoed 28th Oct.)
- Estimated P.C.S. FRONTENAC at 0800A/2 from air report 053° 17' N. 012° 41' W. 070° 4 knots.
(C. in C. W.A. 1019A/2 to SKATE, SARDONYX.)
Your 1019/2. My P.C.S. at 1100, 054° 25', 010° 13', 050°, 12 knots. Insufficient fuel to proceed to position indicated.
(SARDONYX 1108A/2 to C. in C. W.A.)

/Your 1338A/2 ...

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FRONTENAC Your 1338A/2. Unable to locate FRONTENAC.
(Torpedoed Returning owing to lack of fuel.
28th Oct.) (SKATE 1645A/2 to C. in C. W.A.)
(Contd.) Destinations for FRONTENAC Lamlash, then
Ardrossan if her condition permits. Report her
estimated draught on arrival. If FRONTENAC
cannot enter Lamlash she is to proceed to Clyde. Escort as
long as fuel permits and report intentions.

(C. in C. W.A. 2112A/2 to SKATE.)

At estimated P.C.S. vessel 2050A/2. Have not contacted
Searching the area. Request information.

(DEXTEROUS 2130A/2 to C. in C. W.A.)

Sail MIGNONETTE when ready to relieve SKATE escorting
tanker FRONTENAC to Clyde. Position at 1853A/2 316° Eagle
Island 24 miles. Speed 5 knots.

(C. in C. W.A. 2208A/2 to Cdre. Londonderry.)

Re-fit of Your 1821/31 para 2. Not until return of
LONDON. NORFOLK and completion of working up by KENT.
(C. in C. H.F. 1357A/2 to Admty.)

P.556. My 2233/26. Amend route as follows: from
position (R) 048° 59' 013° 02' proceed to new
position (S) 180° Fastnet Rock 10 miles for
onward escort.

2. Estimate your position and speed at 0800/3 048° 22', 013°
10', 4 knots. If your position will differ by more than 20
miles and/or your speed by more than one knot from above, report
your P.C.S. and conditions after dark tonight.

(F.O.S. 1613A/2 to P.556.)

My 1613/2. Condition of P.556 is such that risk of air
attack on passage up channel to Portsmouth is unacceptable.
(2) It would be appreciated if C. in C. W.A. could provide a
surface escort for P.556 from Fastnet Rock to Milford Haven
where I intend examining her before she proceeds further.
(3) Estimate P.556 will be in 180° Fastnet Rock 10 miles p.m.5th
Nov.

(4) P.556 has no Q message for passage outside English Channel.

(5) It is desirable that escort should be capable of towing
P.556 in emergency.

(F.O.S. 1614A/2 to C. in C. Plymouth, C. in C. W.A.)

Following from P.556. Your 1013/2. Expect to pass
position R at 1200/3. Speed of advance 7 knots. Starboard
engine running as 6 cylinder unit, port engine as 7 cylinder
unit, 270 r.p.m. both. Both air compressors running. Port
main motor can be run grouped down only, the necessary field
being unobtainable for grouping up due to zero insulation
reading on field coil. Stopped and identified KAOLACK at 1037A/2
in 47° 19' (13°?) 33'.

(F.O.S. 2156A/2 to Admty.)

INVERCLYDE. Request I may be informed as quickly as possible
reasons for loss of INVERCLYDE in order that steps
may be taken to allay misgivings among crew of 5
remaining vessels as to their seaworthiness for
an ocean voyage.
(N.O.I.C. Milford Haven 1923A/2 to Admty.)

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Monday.HOME COMMANDS.Shipping and Convoys.

Possible My 2240/1. Position now is 147°, 7 miles.
Stragglers off (C. in C. Portsmouth 0029A/2 to COTTESMORE.)
Newhaven.

K.X.5. Sailed AUBRETIA to overtake K.X.5.
(N.O.I.C. Londonderry 0130/2.)

Q.P.15. My 1937/23. R.A.D. H.F. is requested to sail
FAULKOR, ECHO and IMPULSIVE for Seidisfiord to
arrive a.m. 7th November, fuel, and proceed for
Kola Inlet to arrive p.m. 11th November.
(2) Route to Seidisfiord through position
(A) 62° 25' 04° 55'
(B) 66° 15' 12° 20'
(X) 65° 36' 13° 30'
(Y) 65° 21.5' 13° 27.5'
(Z) 65° 18.2' 13° 43.5'.

Presence of enemy mines is suspected in approach to Seidisfiord
and route is to be closely followed.

(3) To Kola Inlet. Through positions (Z) (Y) (X) West of Jan
Mayen to (F)(F), thence by reverse route for Q.P.15 as in my
1937/23rd as far as position (C)(C). Thence Kola Inlet as
ordered by S.B.N.O. North Russia.

(4) The five destroyers referred to in paragraph six of my
1937/23rd are to be ready to sail from Scapa from a.m. 13th Nov.

(5) F.O.S. is requested to withdraw S/Ms in rescue zone by 2359/8
Nov.

(6) R.A.D.H.F. pass to all destroyers concerned my 1937/23 and
S.B.N.O. North Russia's 2110/25. S.B.N.O. Archangel pass these
messages to HALCYON. S.B.N.O. North Russia's 0758/27 has been
passed R.A.D. H.F.

(C. in C. H.F. 1127A/2.)

Your 1125/1, para 2. Russian S/Ms will not be available.
Area will be kept clean.

(S.B.N.O. North Russia 1728A/2 to C. in C. H.F.)

O.N.145. It is understood earliest return of WHITE PLAINS
WHITE PLAINS. to United States is required. Ship ready to
leave Cardiff 4th November.

2. Master declares highest speed maintainable
14½ knots under ideal conditions. In these circumstances we
are reluctant to sail ship independently through present U-boat
concentration in Eastern Atlantic.

3. Propose to include ship in O.N.145 with possibility of
detaching in mid-ocean for completion of voyage independently.
(D.T.D. 1131Z/2 to Connav.)

/LADY OF MANN ...

COPY.

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MOST SECRET

MESSAGE.

2030/2nd November IN.

Date 3.11.42.

Recd 0230

From Connav.

U.S. X by cable.

Atlantic Convoys, Routes.

Addressed Admiralty repeated C. in C. Western Approaches, C.T.F. 24, C. in C. Lant, N.S.H.Q.

In view of the large number of enemy submarines operating in North Atlantic, the approaching season of heavy weather forcing eastbound convoys to steer a more easterly course, fuel limitations of escorts, shortening time at sea for convoys, areas of air coverage etc., all of which you are cognizant, suggest for consideration

- (1) That general evasive for H X, S C. and O N convoys routes be discontinued,
- (2) Re-establish routes 150 miles either side great circle track drawn from 48° North 45° West to 58° N 20° W.
- (3) Southbound shipping to break off between 45° and 55° West.
- (4) Diversion be limited to avoiding other convoys and definitely known submarine concentration ahead on track.
- (5) Escort Commanders continue to divert convoys within limitations now prescribed and as dictated by known submarine situation within vicinity particular convoy.

~~tax~~

2030/2.

Advance copy D.C., D.O.D. (H), D.T.D., D.D.I.C.

1st Lord.
1st S.L. (2).

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HOME COMMANDS.

Shipping and Convoys - Contd.

LADY OF MANN, Intend sailing transports PRAGUE, LADY OF MANN
PRAGUE. escorted by OAKLEY at 2000/4 speed 17 knots,
for Invergordon. E.T.A. 0700/5th. Routed 5
miles east Sumburgh Head 35 buoy, Q.Z.S. 352 150.
(N.O.I.C. Lerwick 1150A/2 to A.C.O.S.)

S.C.107. C. in C. W.A. 1155Z/2 to C.T.G. 24.6. See
A. & W.I.

Convoy Attacked by U-Boats on nights 27/28 and 28/29
H.X.212. October. Details. See U-Boats. pp 44 & 45.

BERGENSFJORD. BERGENSFJORD is due Glasgow about 4th November.
No cargo on board. Personnel Army 25, R.A.F.
51, Civilians 9. May need drydocking for
examination of rudder pintles.
(D.S.T. 1958A/2.)

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- S.L.125. Expect Catalina T R 1 H on anti-submarine escort from 0800 to 1400. Catalina T V 5 O 1500 to 1930.
(F.O.C.N.A. 0007A/2 to S.L.125 (R) Admty.)
- Bombing restrictions. Institute submerged bombing restrictions 20 miles either side of line joining the following positions
A. Serial G332 (49° 36' N 08° 50' W and 49° 00' N 12° 10' W from 1900A/2 until 2300A/3.)
B. Serial G333/333 (49° 20' N 12° 10' W and 45° 30' N 12° 10' W from 0400A/3 until 2300A/4.)
(H.Q.C.C. 0120A/2 to R.A.F. Gibraltar. (R) F.O.C.N.A. S.8.)
- Oran R/C 1st. Nov. A.226 2nd Nov. P.R.U. Gibraltar W.1. 2nd Nov. A.M. (W) AX.55 26th Oct. Sortie G.214 dated 2nd. Nov. time (?1202 or 1002) hours shows Oran Naval shipping shows decrease since 19th Oct. of one **L'ALCYON** or **SIMOUN** Dr. one Naval unit 200 approx. one S/M. 220/240, three possibly four S/Ms 200/220, and increase of two S/Ms 260. CASSARD C.t. has vacated floating dock and **L'ALCYON** or **SIMOUN** Dr. has entered floating dock. Total naval shipping now present comprises one CASSARD C.t. two Alcyon or Simoun Drs. one of which is dry docked, one **ELAN** E.V. two S/Ms 26- approx. two probably three S/Ms 200/220, one probable S/M 200/220 in floating dock.
Merchant shipping. Departure of 8 M/Vs 200/450 including one cargo WINLR 350/400 and arrival of seven M/Vs 200/400 leaves total of ten M/Vs over 200 including tanker LORRAINE as against eleven on 19th Oct. Mers el Kebir. No shipping of size present.
Oran la Senia A/D. One large A/C approx. 95 feet wing span, one medium uncamouflaged A/C approx. 60 feet wing span, three fighter A/C twenty two A/C in dump on southern boundary.
Tafaroui A/D. One probable Bloch 131 visible.
(P.R.U. Gib. 0330Z/2 to Admty. etc.)
- P.614. P.614 in 037° 58' 015° 00' at 0700Z/2 course 187° on surface 8 knots.
See next page (Disruption)
(F.O.C.N.A. 1206A/2 to U.S. S/Ms. GUNNEL, HERRING. BARB.) *see p. 52*
Your 1601/1. R.A.W.A's 1831/1 (N.T. in W.R.) and my 1710/25. Proceed on surface at 8 knots to pass positions R. 020° 01' 018° 59' at 1600A/6 and S. 014° 01' 019° 01' at 1300A/8, thence Bathurst.
2. Shift wireless watch at 1600A/6.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1238A/2 to P.614. (R) R.A.W.A. Admty. F.O.S. N.O.I.C. Bathurst.)
5 U.S. S/Ms (Cruiser type) may be encountered north of 030° N.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1240A/2 to P.614.)
- ANGLO MAERSK. Your 1907/1 (news of British ship ANGLO MAERSK.) Regret to report vessel foundered, understand all crew safe.
(Las Palmas 1230/2 to Admty.)
Your 0330A/2 (sent by War Reg. requesting repetition of message referred to in 2200/31 from Consul Tenerife.) Following is a repetition of my 1030/29 (begins) My 1030/27. Vessel now
/reported...

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MAERSK
Contd.reported sunk Oct. 27th. Crew landed Hierro for
onward transport to Tenerife. 1030/29. (ends.)
(Consul Tenerife 1711/2 to Admty. (R) F.O.I.C.
Gib.)BARON
ELGIN
(S.L.125.)BARON ELGIN arrived Funchal. PETUNIA pass to
Commodore.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1313A/2 to PETUNIA (R) Admty. C. in C.
W.A. SPIREA.)
C.S.A. Funchal's 1946/31st Oct. BARON ELGIN is to
be held pending instructions.
(D.T.D. 1541A/2 to F.O.C.N.A. C.S.A. Funchal.)

Movements.

Arrival 1015, ROBERTS, BURDOCK, SNOWDROP, 1130,
CORIOLANUS.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1406A/2 to Admty. R.A.W.A. N.O.I.C.
Bathurst.)
Arrivals H.M. Trawlers EDAY, INCHMARNOCK, STROMA,
CAVA.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1407A/2 to Admty. (R) C. in C. W.A.)

Dispositions.

- Situation report for Area X at 1958A/2.
- (1) P.614. 31.25 15.20 on surface 8 knots to
28.35 15.45 at 2000/3 course 187°. *see previous page.*
- (2) STURGEON passes 43.01 13.01 0430A/3 to 39.01 11.01 at
0600A/4.
- (3) S.L.125. PETUNIA, WOODRUFF, CROCUS, RAMSEY, COLTSFOOT,
KELANTAN 42.32 16.01 000° 7.
- (4) K.X.4 (a) VENOMOUS, MALCOLM, WRESTLER 4 trawlers 36.21
10.18 through 36.15 10.01 thence to Gibraltar 6½.
- (5) K.M.S.1. ALYNBANK, STORK, DEPTFORD, VANSITTART, AVENGER,
8 corvettes, 4 minesweepers 35.40 16.20 through 36.01 15.01 thence
91 8½.
- (6) K.X.4 (b) 36.17 09.43 to Gibraltar 7.
- (7) TYNWALD, LAMERTON, WHEATLAND, WILTON, *POZARICA, *PALOMARES
35.56 06.18 to Gibraltar 10. ** see next page*
- (8) *Fleet unit, DASHER, DELHI, 3 destroyers, 36.02 07.30 to
Gibraltar 11½. *ARGUS.
- (9) SCOTTISH 37.19 09.30 direct to Gibraltar 10.
- (10) COWSLIP standing by *2 damaged merchant ships in approx.
position 34.22 17.16. ** SILVERWILLOW * ALASKA. * see p. 52.*
- (11) SIRIUS 32.09 13.55 through 35.50 06.03 thence to Gibraltar
19½.
- (12) ALGERINE, one merchant ship, 37.05 12.48 through 36.01 09.59
and 36.05 06.01 to Gibraltar 10½.
- (13) Spanish training ship JUAN SEBASTIAN DE ELCANO cruising in
area between Canary Islands and point 36.01 30.02.
- (14) CALPE 36.12 09.11 to Gibraltar 15.
- (15) JAUNTY, LEYLAND, 35.13 11.08 260° 8.
- (16) K.M.F.1. *MOY, IBIS, D.S. ISAAC SWEERS, ESCAPADE, HARTLAND,
WALNEY, CLARE, MARNE, BITER, 2 (?sloops), (?4) corvettes, 38.35
20.32 118 10½. *see next page. * SHEFFIELD included.*
- (17) Fleet (?unit), ARGONAUT, 12 destroyers, (?44).46 19.19 through
39.30 18.(?05) thence 125 16. (see amendment following) *next page*
- (18) LOUISBURG 40.12 13.(?39) direct to (?Gibraltar) 15.
- (19) BULLDOG, BEAGLE, AVON VALE, PENN, PANTHER, LOOKOUT, BRILLIANT
BOADICEA, PUCKERIDGE, OPPORTUNE 36.03 06.17 286 15. *see next page*

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- Dispositions. (20) RHYL, POLRUAN, FELIXSTOWE, CLACTON, (Contd.)
ROTHESAY, STONEWAY in Straits of Gibraltar
thence 270, 9. *see p. 54.*
(21) L.S.T. BACHAQUERO, MISOA, TASAJERA,
GERANIUM 4 at 36.32 11.46 through 35.37 13.01 thence 88, 6.
(22) SPIREA (e) 37.35 10.37 to Gibraltar 12 $\frac{1}{2}$.
(23) BERMUDA leaves Gibraltar 1930/3rd through 35.55 06.01
thence 281, 19.
→ (24) JAMAICA leaves Gibraltar 1300/3rd through 35.55 06.01
thence (? 271), 18.
(25)*PALOMARES,*POZARICA, AMAZON, ACHATES, ANTELOPE, HUNTLEY,
WISHART, WESTCOTT, VERITY, VELOX leave Gibraltar 0300/3rd
through 35.55 06.01 and 36.10 10.01 thence 271, 13. * *see p. 1941*
(F.O.C.N.A., 1509A/2.) * *see previous page*
My 1509A/2nd. Amend para. 17 to run: 045° 59' 019° 40'
170°, 16. *see previous page*
(F.O.C.N.A., 1822A/2.)
My 1509A/2nd. Add paras. 25.
WELSHMAN 047° 05' 014° 42' through 45.10 15.55 and (?40).12
13.55 thence 136°, 18.
26. BROKE left Gibraltar 2000A/2nd to R/V K.X. 4A. Speed 20.
(F.O.C.N.A., 2040A/2.)
Situation 2005A/2 Area Y.
(1) Swedish relief ships AKKA and YARRAWONGA 36.01 25.43
270°, 12.
(3) K.M.S.2, LONDONDERRY, CLEVELAND, ESKDALE, ALBRIGHTON, 6
Sloops, 2 cutters, 3 corvettes 44.09 25.10 146°, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$.
(4) W.S.24, →ROTHERHAM, ONSLOW, OFFA, ORIBI, *HOLCOMBE, 40.07
25.17 through 38.22 26.30 thence 227° 12. *see p. 57.*
(5) QUEEN OF BERMUDA 34.08 29.57 through 35.30 30.20 thence
047° 14 to R/V W.S.24 approx. 1410A/3rd. *see p. 69*
(6) K.M.F.1, SHEFFIELD, IBIS, D.S. ISAAC SWEERS, ESCAPADE,
HARTLAND, WALNEY, CLARE, MARNE, BITER, 2 sloops, 4 corvettes
38.35 20.32, 118°, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$. *see previous page*
(7)*SKEENA, *PRINCE, 27° (?) 26° 01' to Ponta Delgada, 15.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1538A/2 as amended 0310A/3.) * *see p. 42. X 201-1*
Situation 1956A/2nd, Area Z.
1. ORFELY, MAGNOLIA, 1 Tug, 1 Ferry Steamer 20.25 21.06 through
20.01 (?21).01 thence 162°, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$.
2. GUARDIAN, ARMERIA, CYCLAMEN 17.22 20.07 006°, 11.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1531A/2.)

→ JAMAICA, Arrival 1230.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1511A/2 to Admty.)

→ ROTHERHAM. Arrived Ponta Delgada 1645 G.M.T./2nd.
(N.C.S.O. Ponta Delgada, 1520/2 to S.O.(I)
Gibraltar, (R) Admty.)

Movements. Departure AVON VALE, BEAGLE, BOADICEA, OPPORTUNE,
BRILLIANT, BULLDOG, LOOKOUT, PANTHER, PENN,
PUCKERIDGE. *see previous page*
(V.A.C.N.A., 1600A/2, 1244A/3 to Admty.)

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U/B.

Large submarine sighted 1835 G.M.T./2nd 037° 36'30" N. 025° 28'30" W. proceeding westward on the surface. A.1. P.U.F.
ROTHERHAM fuelling here has been informed.
(N.C.S.O. Ponta Delgada, 1745/2 to S.O.(I) Gibraltar, (R) Admty.)

SUEVIA.

Spanish SUEVIA expected sailing tonight without Navicert in ballast destination Vigo.
(R.O. Oporto, 1754/2 to S.O.(I) Gibraltar, (R) Admty.)

ALASKA.

*See p. 51
(Dispositions)*

My 1500/31st and my 1157/1st (re report steamer RENASCENT sinking.) Vessel found by SERPA PINTO was ALASKA who according to Funchal was rescue ship of convoy.
(N.A. Lisbon, 1803/2 to S.O.(I) Gib., (R) Admty.)

SHAD,
GUNNEL,
HERRING,
BARB.

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(1) Your approx. positions at 1900 G.M.T./2nd November and 0700 G.M.T./4th (?) are estimated to be:
SHAD 35.09 14.40, 34.10 09.39.
GUNNEL 34.22 14.(45), 33.19 10.17.
HERRING 33.45 16.21, 33.22 11.15.
BARB 31.08 17.21 31.55 12.21.

(2) Estimated you are making about 150 miles per 24 hours, average speed submerged $2\frac{1}{2}$ knots, average speed on surface 10 knots.

(3) Bombing restrictions arranged 20 miles either side of your route 50 miles ahead and astern of your estimated positions.
(N.C.X.F., 1804A/2 to U.S. Submarines SHAD, HERRING, GUNNEL, BARB, (R) Admty.)

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W.M. P.23 para. 3 (E). Expect to arrive area C 0800A/6th. My P.C. and S. 180° Cape Palos (?14) 054° 9 knots. Uncoded weather report.
(P.51, 1808A/2 to Capt. S.8.)

Vichy
Prisoners.

See next page

Your 0224A/20th October (re French prisoners from Madagascar.) French N.A. informs me French Admiralty (? regards) reply as quite satisfactory and hopes officers will be allowed to (? visit) men whenever desired within reason.
Confirmation would be appreciated.
(N.A. Madrid, 1811/2 to Admty.)

Aircraft.

My 1156/1st part 2. Unknown aircraft flew over Ponta Do Parcio Madeira 2100/29th course S.W. B.2.
(? N.A. Lisbon, 1819/2 to S.O.(I) Gibraltar, (R) (? Admty.))

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Operation "Torch". K.138 "Ton 2." S.O. in harbour of each serial are to order steam as requisite. Serials are to sail to comply with "Ton 2" as ordered by S.O. of each serial.

(2) F.O.C.N.A. is requested to order steam and sail corvettes, trawlers, M.L., motor (? minesweepers) in accordance with "Ton 2". Instruct them to open orders and S.D.9999 immediately before sailing.

(3) Signals to be (? repeated) in all cases to N.C.X.F. (N.C.X.F., 1843A/2 to All British ships and authorities concerned in Operation "Torch", V.A. Malta (excluding ships refitting in U.K.))

K.140. Attention of ships calling at Gibraltar is again drawn to the paramount need for secrecy concerning this operation and also the identity of N.C.X.F. Instruction in "Ton 1" para. 29 is to be rigidly applied. If any possibility of leakage exists in his ship the C.O. is not to hesitate to forbid communication with shore whilst at Gibraltar.

(2) I am anxious that C.Os should visit me. Visual signal signalling proposed call should be addressed to N.O.I.C. Gibraltar not N.C.X.F. (N.C.X.F., 2132A/2 to All British ships and authorities concerned in Operation "Torch", V.A. Malta (excluding ships refitting in U.K.))

CANADA, Your 0121/?20th October (re SS. CANADA to be Repatriations. allowed to go to Jibuti for exchange of sick personnel.) French N.A. informs me French Admiralty hope shortly to suggest exchange by Hospital Ship CANADA of sick on basis outlined and to include some British "near (? sick)". (N.A. Madrid, 1919/2 to Admty.)

Orders to S/Ms. Submarine situation:
(1) P.217, P.222 and *P.51 proceed to area A, B and C respectively to arrive first 2 on 5th and P.51 on 6th. ** See previous page*
(2) P.219 in waiting position approx. 042° 01' 006° 01' E.
(3) Other submarines of 8th S/M Flotilla are to proceed as previously ordered.
(4) P.46 is to take P.37's patrol off Cape San Vito. (Capt. S.8, 1934A/2 to 8 S/M.F.)

Vichy Exchange of Prisoners. Your 0004/26th October. Suggestion has been put to French Admiralty. Meantime it has (corrupt group) letter asking your opinion on following suggestion.
See previous page
To initiate private exchange we send 4 or 5 men (or officers) to Lisbon and they send 5 or 6 of ours to Lisbon. We both then carry on in same manner but we must make first move.
We risk nothing by sending sample batch to Lisbon. We are asked to begin with personnel from French Sub. PONCELET and French Sub. AJAX.

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Vichy Exchange of Prisoners. (Contd.) It must clearly be understood that no one else in Madrid must know anything about it. French N.A. said if French Admiralty agree to conduct all future negotiations through American Naval Attache Vichy - and he thought they would - it must be on basis of complete secrecy from everyone except American N.A. No Diplomat could be safely concerned.
(N.A. Madrid, 1947/2 to Admty.)

Movements. Departure H.M. Trawler POLRUAN, STORNOWAY, FELIXSTOWE, CLACTON, ROTHESAY, RHYL.
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(V.A.C.N.A., 2000A/2 to Admty.)

U/B Santander. Following for D.N.I. U.S. Assistant N.A. returned from visit to Santander, reports Italian S/M hull repairs completed. No sign of any work on board. I have taken all possible steps to ensure parts now awaited will not arrive in time. I am seeing Minister of Marine to obtain repetition of undertaking she must be in condition to submerge before she is allowed to leave. Torpedo control arrangements may be made to sell her to Spanish Government as in case of nuisance clause. No reply from M.F.A. yet on any of these cases.
(N.A. Madrid, 2002/2 to Admty.)

Air Report. A.1, 133 2/11. Operational summary 24 hours ending 1800 2nd November.
1. 2 Catalinas on A/S escort to convoy K.M.S.1 0020/2 to 0150/3.
1 Catalina on A/S escort to ARGUS 0700/2 to 2030/2.
1 Catalina on A/S escort to convoy K.X.4A (0400/2 or 0500/2 corrupt) to 2100/2.
2 Catalinas on A/S escort to convoy (S.L.125?) 0010/2 - 0200/3.
1 Catalina on U-Boat hunt for U-Boat sighted by Met. Flight Hudson AK, 36° 57' N. 12° 20' W. at 1110A.
1330 to 2330 3 Hudsons A/S sweep to 02° 40' E.
0900 to 1615 1 Hudson on Met. Flight to 13° W. (0815 or 0855 corrupt) - 1430 hours.
Operational hours 1800/1 to 1800/2 Catalinas 127 hours 17 mins. Hudsons 21 hours 7 mins. Beaufighter 1 hour 55 mins. Spitfire 3 hours 55 mins. Met. Flight Hudson 6 hours 14 mins.
2. No enemy activity over Rock.
3. 1202/1. 1 Spitfire photo R/C Oran. 1 **CASSARD** Cr. 2 **ALCYON** or **SIMOUN** Drs. 1 ELAN E/V, 6 S/MS., 10 M/Vs., over 200 including tanker LORRAINE, ORON/LA SENIA 1 large aircraft 1 medium and 3 fighters at Roui? 1 probable Bloch 131 1025/2 to 1430/2, 1 Spitfire photo R/C Algiers 4 transit aircraft 1 Sunderland 5 Catalinas and 1 C.47 from U.K. 3 Beauforts to Malta 4 C.47 2 Hudsons 1 Albemarle to U.K. 3 Liberators 1 Halifax to Middle East. 6 Wellingtons 1 Ensign to Bathurst.
(A.H.Q. Gibraltar, 2020/2.)

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Algiers
R/C.

Secret P.R.U.228 2nd November. P.R.U./Gib./W.2
2nd November.

Sortie G.215 2nd November 121 22 hours shows
Algiers Naval shipping present comprises ELAN
E/V, two submarines approx. 260 cable ship ALSACE
now in dry dock and one Naval unit 190. Merchant shipping shows
increase. Since 24th October tanker RHEA, one cargo liner,
350/400 and seven M/Vs 200/400 have arrived. JAMAIQUE type
cargo liner, ~~CHES~~ DJENNE type cargo liner, and three M/Vs 200/350
have left. Total of 24 merchant vessels now present. ALGIERS/
MAISON BLANCHE A/D two very large, two large, seven medium, seven
small A/S visible. BLIDA 8/D one small A/C visible.
(Gibraltar, 2300Z/2 to Admty., etc.)

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South Atlantic.

W.S.23. Simonstown departure EXPRESS, #CATTERICK to join W.S.23.
(C. in C. S.A. 0800Z/2 to Admty. (R) DURBAN etc.)
See next page (Dispositions)

WARSPITE, BIRMINGHAM, NAPIER, HOTSPUR. Sailed WARSPITE wearing flag C. in C. E.F., BIRMINGHAM, NAPIER wearing flag S.O.(D) E.F., HOTSPUR, via Mozambique Channel for Kilindini, E.T.A. 1100.
(N.O.I.C. Durban 0821Z/2 to Admty. etc.)

LAPLACE (torpedoed 29th Oct.) Received on 500 k/cs. 38.10 S. 21.20 E. doubtful S O S 38.10 S. 21.2 E. lifeboats LAPLACE S O S please missed to Spot. T.O.R. 0816 De ZTX T.O.R. 0828/2.
(Slangkop W/T 0840/2.)

CUYABA, S O S. Local Authority St. Vincent received on 1st Nov. S O S from Brazilian ship CUYABA in 16° 13' N. 22° 22' W. Portuguese sloop GONCALO VELHO proceeding to assistance. E.T.A. 1000Z/2/11.
(S.O.I.) Freetown 1051Z/2 to Admty. (R) F.O.C.N.A.)

EREBUS. Arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Durban 1101Z/2 to Admty. etc.)

Dispositions. ASTURIAS, SOUTHERN PRIDE off Freetown to South East 12½.
3 M.Ls with T.S. 23, 06.30 12.40 to Freetown 8.
COMMANDANT D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES escorting, 02.01 09.55 090° 10 at 2000/2nd.
RUNSWICK BAY 04.03 05.20 to Lagos, 7.
CORINTHIAN escorting about 03.59 03.10 (?257°) 9. *see p. 59*
2 chasseurs escorting off Pointe Noire.
TRUANT and K.14 05.40 W. 00.25 E. 304° 8½.
KELT off Lagos.
(R.A.W.A. 1125Z/2 to Area P.)

PINTO, EGYPTIAN. Expected sailings PINTO and EGYPT (?EGYPTIAN) escorted by M.L. 290, 305, 2000Z/2nd routed through:- (A) 013° 10' N. 017° 30' W.
(B) 011° 30' N. 017° 30' W.
(C) 010° 30' N. 016° 40' W. S. of A. 8 knots, E.T.A. Freetown a.m. 5th Nov.
(N.O.I.C. Bathurst 1130Z/2 to R.A.W.A.)

Movements. Arrival 1st Nov. HYDRANGEA, F.S. COMMANDANT DROGOU.
(S.O.I.) Freetown 1131Z/2 to Admty.)
Arrived GLENEARN.
(N.O.I.C. Durban 1143Z/2 to Admty. etc.)

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*HOLCOMBE, TAMAROA. A.M. 2011/28th not to Capt. (D) 17. HOLCOMBE will reach Azores a.m. 3rd Nov. with not more than 35 tons fuel remaining. She will not have sufficient endurance to reach Freetown (along?) route ordered but can reach Bathurst direct. On completion fuelling therefore HOLCOMBE is to proceed direct to Bathurst unless overriding instructions are received. R.A.W.A. is requested to arrange A/S escort for SS TAMAROA to Freetown along route ordered in Admty. 2032A/22nd Oct and 2035A/31st Oct. (Capt. D.11 1141Z/2 to R.A.W.A. HOLCOMBE.)

Shipping
under
10 knots.

Ships of under 10 knots are to be routed as closely as possible to the coast between Capetown and Lourenco Marques.
2. Navigation lights are not to be shown east of 020° E.
(C. in C. S.A. 1155C/2 to N.C.S.Os.)

Aircraft
sightings.

(a) B.O.A.C. aircraft reports sighting battle cruiser and 2 destroyers in 31° 47' N. 11° 40' W. course 50° at 1020/31/10. Comment. Probably ROBERTS and escorts then in vicinity.
(b) American transit aircraft reports sighting 1 battleship and 1 light cruiser on 13° 16' N. 20° 27' W. course 330° magnetic at 1816/1/11. Comment. GUARDIAN and 2 corvettes were in this position.
(S.O.(I.) Freetown 1155Z/2 to Admty.)

MAURETANIA.

Sailed 1st Nov. for Suez E.T.A. 11th Nov.
Personnel on board.
(D.S.T.O. Durban 1234C/2 to S.S.T.O. Suez (R)
P.S.T.O. Egypt etc.)

Dakar
R/C.

R/C of Dakar at 1210 on 1st Nov. shows change since previous cover 28/9. Arrivals, 1 Galissoniere-class cruiser, A.M.C. QUERCY.
Departures 5 submarines, 1 Redoubtable and 4 Sirene class, these may be the submarines reported in my 2109Z/1/11. B/S RICHELIEU had one aircraft shipborne, second catapult swung to port, gun in B. turret appears to be in position.
(S.O.(I.) Freetown 1234Z/2 to Admty.)

Dispositions.

DURBAN, CARTHAGE, NORMAN, *EXPRESS, *CATTERICK, KANARIS with W.S.23 034° 55' S. 18° (746') E. to Durban 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ knots. ROCKROSE, THYME, 035° 00' S. 018° 50' E. proceeding to search for lifeboats in area about 037° 30' S. 019° 40' E. *NIGELLA 035° 05' S. 020° 00' E. to Capetown 12 knots.
(C. in C. S.A. 1257C/2.)

* See previous page

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/DRAGON ...

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DRAGON. Intend sailing DRAGON for Freetown a.m. 3rd Nov. calling at Pointe Noire and Duala.
 (2) Ship should arrive Duala a.m. 11th Nov. and sail a.m. 13th Nov. Object of visit to Duala is further improvement in our relationship with Fighting French in this area and is repetition of this ship's visit in July 1940, which was most successful.
 (3) Request you will signal onward route from Duala to Freetown direct DRAGON.
 (C. in C. S.A. 1317C/12 to R.A.W.A. (R) Admty., B.N.L.O. W.A., N.C.S.O. Duala.)

ANNE HUTCHINSON, American ship ANNE HUTCHINSON was afloat in two halves for several days after being abandoned by crew. Fore part has now been towed into Port Elizabeth. All confidential books now recovered but not impossible that ship was boarded by U-boat and books examined while derelict was unattended.
 Neglect of C.Bs.
 (2) Master states books held were Mersigs, volumes one and two and S.P.02272 (18) (19) (20) (21) also British and American zig-zag diagrams.
 (3) Reasons for apparently unnecessarily abandoning ship and lack of any attempt to remove or destroy books are being investigated in conjunction with U.S. Naval Attache.
 (C. in C. S.A. 1340C/2 to Admty.)

EMPIRE CHAUCER. 15 survivors landed near Agulhas 31st Oct. from Brit. ship EMPIRE CHAUCER sunk by U-Boat 17th Oct. in 37° 30' S. 21° E. Two lifeboats are still adrift.
 (sunk 17th Oct.)
 (S.O.I. Capetown 1536C/2 to Admty. etc.)

U/B. A.1. On night 29th Oct. Portuguese sailing vessel JOVEM EDUARDO was hailed by S/M about 12 miles S.W. of Moita Seca Lighthouse St. Antonia De Zaire and 10 miles off coast and made to stop after 2 shots being fired. Master and crew were ordered into lifeboat, their sailing vessel being set adrift. Master ordered aboard S/M and interrogated, afterwards being ordered aboard lifeboat again and to take different course to original direction of sailing vessel. After S/M was out of sight Master and crew rowed to sailing vessel again thence proceeding Loanda where protest lodged before Port Captain in that sense. Interrogation of Master was in French.
 (Loanda 1600/2 to Admty. 292 Squadron, Freetown and Point Noire.)

MEXICO. American Army Transport MEXICO left Oct. 31st destination Recife (Pernambuco)
 (R.O. Natal 1850Z/2 to Admty.)

/CORINTHIAN ...

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CORINTHIAN. My P.C. and S. 003° (746') N. 004° 19' W. A.,
see p. 56
 (Dispositive) 256° 10 knots. Weather report.
 (CORINTHIAN 1901Z/2 to R.A.W.A.)

Bunkers, In order to minimize coal and oil offtake in
 W. Africa. West Africa, vessels proceeding there to load
 should have sufficient bunkers on leaving last
 South African port for (A) voyage to West Africa,
 as advised by N.C.S.O. plus (B) consumption on West African
 Coast plus (C) sufficient for a distance of 4,000 miles at full
 speed on leaving Freetown homewards with normal safety margin.
 Exceptional cases, such as when this amount of bunkers would
 seriously prejudice outward loading arrangements, may have to
 take limited quantity bunkers in West Africa.
 (D.T.D. 1922A/2 to C. in C. S.A., (R) R.A.W.A.)

A/C attack In 29° 46' S. 32° 25' E. at 1910C/1/11 Ventura
 on U/B. aircraft attacked submarine (submerging) with three
 depth charges. First two straddled bows, probably
 within ten yards. S/M submerged 3 seconds before
 first depth charge release.
 (2) Aircraft unable remain more than 5 minutes owing to failing
 light but reports a patch of oil. No definite results observed
 then or by air search today.
 (3) Estimate probably damaged.
 (C. in C. S.A. 1929C/2 to Admty.)

BISCAYNE. Pass to Navy Department from U.S.S. BISCAYNE.
 Arrived Freetown 1330Z/2 Nov. BISCAYNE Originator.
 Action Opnav pass to Comptwingslany and Cinclant
 for information.
 (R.A.W.A. 1940Z/2 to B.A.D.)
 (S.O.(I.) Freetown 2041Z/2 to Admty. etc.)

C.F.7. Arrivals 2nd Nov. SHROPSHIRE, HECLA, ARROW,
 ACTIVE, AMARANTHUS with C.F.7.
 (S.O.(I.) Freetown 2029Z/2 to Admty.)

? Vichy At 1335/2. Hudson aircraft report. Merchant
 Convoy. Ship 2 funnels.
 (S.O.(I.) Freetown 2204Z/2 to Admty.)
 Cancelled, see 1527/3.

SOUTHERN SOUTHERN GEM reports attack on U-boat in 002°
 GEM, 33' S. 009° 11' E. at 1730/2nd. No definite
 U/B. result.
 (? R.A.W.A. 2207Z/2 to Admty.)

"S" Report. The following has been read: Accuracy of
 following message is doubtful. SSSS de (Portion
 missed) 28.02 S. 06.09 E. (Portion missed.)
 (Simonstown W/T, No. T.O.O./2nd Nov. Recd.
 2240/2.)

/Lagos ...

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Lagos
Channel,
silting.

No.360. I am very gravely concerned at silting up of channel serving Lagos, since loss by enemy action of Nigerian Artillery dredger ROBERT HUGHES.
2. A new dredger is being constructed in England, but will not be available before the end of 1943.

War Office have agreed that PATUNGA, now in Middle East, can be released for transfer to Lagos and we have been awaiting her arrival since June.

3. I am informed that departure date from Middle East is still indefinite, latest cause of delay being given as need for dry docking vessel. Dry docking could however be effected at Lagos, provided that PATUNGA is not too unseaworthy to undertake passage in present condition.

3. Matter is of greatest importance, as Lagos will be used to an increasing extent. For example U.S. Army and R.A.F. will be using Lagos for disembarking and assembling aircraft and stores for Middle East.

5. I attach greatest importance to release of PATUNGA, and should be grateful for anything you can do to avoid further delay.

(Resident Minister, Achimota No T.O.O./2 to S. of S. for Colonies.)

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SULLBERG. Arrival 2nd November 11 hours German Steamer SULLBERG Marseilles for fruit. (Cartagena 0010 /2 to Admty).

PORPOISE. *See next page* Capt.(S) 1. 1612C/29th. Your route is through (1) 034° 24', 014° 51'. (2) 035° 20' 014° 04' R/V with sweepers as in memoranda Samat 1026A/5th (Capt.S.10. 0128A/2 to PORPOISE (R) C. in C.Med. Capt.S.1, S/Ms on patrol).

Enemy Units. *See next page* Following has been read:- Three enemy destroyers in positions 32.54 N. 23.40 E. (Med.A/C 0140/2).
Following has been received P.C. and S. of 2 enemy Merchant Vessels 1 Enemy Destroyer 34.46 N. 23.55 E. 180° 7 knots. (Alexandria W/T 0200B/2).
P.C. and S. of 1 Enemy Merchant Vessel, 2 enemy destroyers, 34.20 N. 23.54 E. 180° 20 knots. (Med A/C 0201B/2).
P.C. and S. of 6 small craft 33.41 N. 23.52 E. 180° 6 knots. (Med.A/C 0230/2.).
P.C. and S. of 3 destroyers 33.54 N. 23.33 E. 180° 15 knots. (Med.A/C 0300B/2.).
P.C. and S. of enemy, 1 Merchant Vessel, 2 destroyers, 5 aeroplanes is 33.20 N. 23.45 E. course 180°. Speed unknown, visibility 10 miles. (Med.A/C Duty K. 0832B/2).

S/Ms. CLYDE. S/Ms leave Malta at 1300A/3rd as follows:- P.211 P.212, P.247 Northwestbound, UNA, UTMOST, South of Q.B.B.95, bound east and then north. Sanctuary will be in force from 2300/2nd until your arrival. (Capt.S.10. 0247A/2 to CLYDE).

Joint War Communique Nov.2nd. Two enemy merchant vessels were sunk early yesterday morning when they were attempting to enter Tobruk. They were attacked by our torpedo carrying A/C and blew up after receiving direct hits. No enemy A/C crossed the Malta coastline yesterday. (Mideast. T.O.O. 0900Z/2).

/U/B.....

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(destroyed
30th Oct.)My 1043/31st Oct. and 1057/31st Oct. (N.T. in W.D.)
U-Boat sank position 032° 01' N. 032° 52' E.
(C. in C.Med. 0944B/2 to Admty).

PORPOISE.

*See previous
page.*Ref. your sailing orders. When West of 019° E.
you are to take no action against unescorted
Motor Vessels. They are to be avoided.
(Capt. S. 10. 1020A/2 to PORPOISE (R) Capt. (S) 1.
C. in C.Med).Cositrep.
No. 575.
Part 2.1. Night 31st Oct/1st Nov. Torpedo Wellingtons
attacking convoy 2 small merchant vessels about
1,500 tons North West of Tobruk sank one.
Second was sunk by Beauforts at dawn.
(C. in C.M.E. 1045 G.M.T./2).

RORQUAL.

Capt. (S) 10. 2022/31st. Onward passage through
(A) 035° 12' 021° 24'. On arrival at this
position you are to patrol in the vicinity until
dusk Nov. 5th. When you are to proceed through (B) 031° 53'
032° 33', thence direct to arrive Port Said searched channel
0530B Nov. 9th. Whilst in position (A) nothing is to be attacked.
Further signals will be made.
(Capt. S. 1. 1115B/2 to RORQUAL (R) C. in C.Med. Capt. (S) 10,
TAKU, Capt. Coastal Forces.)

TAKU.

By dawn Nov. 4th you are to be in position
036.02 025.01, where you are to remain until
further orders.2. On entering Aegean only southbound tankers and ships of
5000 tons or more may be attacked. After dawn Nov. 4th nothing
is to be attacked. Further signal will be made.(Capt. S. 1. 1140B/2 to TAKU (R) C. in C.Med. Capt. (S) 10
RORQUAL, Greek Sub. NEREUS.).1. Cancel my 1517/1st. Patrol area K. Keep East of
longitude 022° 30'.2. Ref. my 1140/2nd. 1st paragraph postponed until further
orders.(Capt. S. 1. 2002B/2 to TAKU, (R) C. in C.Med. RORQUAL,
G.S. NEREUS, Capt. (S) 10).Enemy
Units.P.C. and S. of enemy 6 medium vessels (4,000
tons) 2 destroyers, 3 twin-engined aeroplanes
36.55 N. 24.00 E. 000° 6 knots.
(A/C Call Sign T6N Duty H. 1320B/2 to 201 N.C. Gp)P.C. and S. of enemy, 5 merchant vessels, 1 cruiser, 10
destroyers, 1 aircraft, 33.59 N. 23.40 E. 175° 6 knots. S. 69.
(A/C Call Sign S6P Duty X 1504B/2 to 201 Group).

/Communique....

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Communique. Intend issuing following communique:-
During the past week our Coastal Forces have carried out operations against Area in rear of enemy lines. Fire was exchanged with shore defences and enemy aircraft attacked our force. All Units returned to Base without damage or casualties.
(C. in C.Med. 1539/2 to Admty).

ENDEAVOUR Regret to report ship took ground 0709 today
grounding. 2nd in outer harbour Port Berenice when proceeding out. No damage sustained and no plates strained but efforts to refloat her have so far been unsuccessful. Ship is aground only from bridge forward on a shelving sand coral bottom. Further signal will be made if it is considered a tug is required.
(ENDEAVOUR 1610C/2 to F.O.R.S.C.A.(R) C. in C.Med. N.O.I.C. Port Sudan).

U/B. At 1037A/2nd transit Beaufort reported 1 S/M 330, Cape Caxine 40 course 270° speed slow.
(V.A.Malta 1752A/2 to F.O.C.N. A.).

Situation 4 M.T.Bs simulated landings off Ras Gibeya and
Report Ras El Daba night of 1/2 Nov. Rafts, Calcium
No.287. flares and balloons were dropped which successfully
(?drew) enemy's fire. No damage or casualties to our forces. Press communique issued (see my 1539B/2/11 to Admiralty only) which includes operation in my 1719/29, para.1.
2. My 1043/31.Oct. The C.O. 4 officers and 35 ratings from U-Boat were taken prisoner.
(C. in C.Med 1802B/2 to Admty).

Malta Air 1.86 2/11 C.S. R. Night 1/2. No enemy activity.
Report. 2nd. 1220 hours 24 ME.109s some carrying bombs approached Malta at height and were intercepted North of Island by 11 Spitfires but enemy had height advantage and no combat resulted. A few bombs on Luqa aerodrome caused craters but runways remained serviceable. 1 ME.109F bomber was shot down by machine gun fire from Luqa R.A.F. ground defence. 1518 hours 30 plus ME.109s approached at great height and were intercepted 30 miles North of Malta by 16 Spitfires who forced majority of raiders to turn back. Enemy had height advantage and 1 Spitfire was destroyed pilot wounded. Today 27 Spitfire sorties have been made against 54 enemy sorties in addition 10 Spitfires sorties have been made in R/C patrols North of Malta but no enemy A/C or shipping was sighted.
(A.H.Q.Malta. 1915Z/2).

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SOLFONN, Axis are being asked for safe conduct for SS.
BRITISH SOLFONN and SS.BRITISH CHEMIST, from Abadan, to
CHEMIST. bunker second flight of repatriation liners at
repatriations. Berbera and Massawa.
2. Understand intention is to sail tankers from
Abadan 13th November, and Axis require maximum
period of notice.
3. Request you will confirm route to Berbera, markings and
illumination will be as in C. in.C.E.F.0931Z/3rd May. Request
also route of BRITISH CHEMIST to Massawa.
(M.Branch 1945A/2 to F.O.R.S. C. in C.E.F.).

Movements. 2nd Nov. Port Said arrivals PAKENHAM, JAVELIN,
CROOME, HURWORTH, ORION, ARETHUSA, EURYALUS,
KELVIN, HERO, Hospital Ship MAINE.
Departures. PAKENHAM, JAVELIN, CROOME, HURWORTH, ORION,
ARETHUSA, EURYALUS, CUMBRAE, L.C. T.108.
(N.O.I.C.Port Said. 2116B/2 to Admty C. in C.Med).

Genoa G/926 2/11. P.R.U.Sortie C/542 dated 2nd November,
Ansaldo, time 1240 hours.
Savona, (P.R.U. Benson 2310A/2 to Admty etc).
Turin.

Black Sea. 1. Naval(a) Night of October 30th enemy attempted
landings from 30 R-Boats at points 10 and 12
K/Ms S E. Novorossisk. Landing parties driven
off by artillery and machine gun fire.
(b) Same night Russian R-Boats took off R/C party which had
landed a few days previously near Anapa. Party killed 100
of enemy and (?captured) documents etc.
(2) Enemy air patrol now operating off Bulgarian Coast.
(3) (a) Novorossisk. Little fighting; Russian artillery fire
very effective.
(b) Tuapse. Enemy advance checked and several important
points recaptured.
(c) Bombers about Nalchik front.
(N.L.O. Black Sea No.T.O.O. Recd.1807/2).

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Departure - on 26/10 p 653 23/10. p. 473 + P.M.R. L. 1-2/11.
 Movements. (Corrupt group) 0120Z/2nd Nov. HAWKINS, LISMORE
 escorting Hired Transport KUTSANG.
 (N.O.I.C. Addu Atoll 0121Z/2 to Admty. etc.)
 Arrival 0440Z/2nd Nov. HOXA and FRITILLARY.
 (N.O.I.C. Addu Atoll 0442Z/2 to Admty. etc.)
 U.S. Sub THRESHER left.
 (N.O.I.C. Seychelles 0510Z/2 to Admty. etc.)
 2nd Nov. arrived FREESIA and Tanker EASDALE. Left
 FREESIA E.T.A. Kilindini 1330Z/5th.
 (N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez 1230Z/2 to C. in C. E.F. etc.)
 Colombo departures 2nd November, 1300Z, B.D.V. JAN DE WAELE,
 arrival 0235Z/ OKAPI.
 (S.O.I.) Colombo 1609Z/2 to Admty. etc.)

U/B, failure of Air Patrol. Your 1914Z/30th Oct. Chances of intercepting and destroying U-boat were spoilt by failure of Catalinas temporarily based at Addu Atoll to fly A.S.V. patrol on Friday and Saturday nights. On first night one Catalina hit reef while attempting to take off and other was switched from one patrol to the other, neither being efficiently covered. 2nd night 2 Patrols were organised to cover passage between Addu and Chagos but neither were flown. As visibility during daylight patrol was often poor, percentage efficiency air search must be reckoned very low and there is no reason why U-boat should not have passed through Addu - Chagos passage unobserved. (F.O. Ceylon 0323Z/2 to C. in C. E.F. (R) A.O.C. Ceylon, Admty.) (W.D. Note.-- Remarks by 222 Group See 1100/3.)

JASMINE, *NIGELLA. It had been intended to send 2 Corvettes to the Persian Gulf as soon as they could be afforded from East Africa and 1 Corvette later.
 * *Sign. p. 57 (Dispositions)*
 2. In view however of U-Boat activity in these Commands, I am sailing JASMINE for Durban now. Request you will keep NIGELLA for the present.
 3. It may be necessary to withdraw both of these ships should U-Boats appear in Persian Gulf or Gulf of Aden.
 (C. in C. E.F. 0707Z/2 to C. in C. S.A. (R) Admty., S.N.O.P.G. Commdre i/c Durban, F.O. East Africa.)
 Departure p.m. 2/11 JASMINE.
 (F.O. East Africa 1513Z/2 to Admty.)

Craft for Combined Operations. Your (?1640A)/25th. Special craft and equipment peculiar to Combined Operations against Japanese can in general be produced locally with the exception of engines for M.E. pattern of light assault craft and for Dhows, but this does not alter the landing craft requirements given in Armindia's 26572/GOS of 26th Oct. to C.O.S.
 2. Information regarding development of float planes is required since under certain conditions these might be useful.
 3. The main need is for small fast assault ships and special shipping such as L.C.T. carrying ships, and L.C.S.
 4. A scrutiny of C.C.O's progress report reveals that much specialised equipment applicable but not peculiar to Combined Operations against Japanese has been produced in England and proposals regarding allocation and despatch are being sent by signal and fast Air Mail. Certain of these having already

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been recommended in Arminia's 15562/G of 29th June to Troopers.
5. This telegram agreed to by the staffs of the 3 services.
(A.C.O.I. 0740Z/2 to Admty. for C.C.O.)

Addu
Atoll,
Cable.

In view of the revised functions of Addu given in A.M.1358/2nd Oct. and of the difficulties already encountered in connection with the diversion of the Seychelles - Colombo cable, express full concurrence with para 4 of F.O.I.C. Ceylon's 0916/30.

(C. in C. E.F. 0856Z/2 to Admty. (R) F.O. Ceylon, N.O.I.C. Addu Atoll.)

Your 0916/30. Suggest lay shore ends type E. from southern end Abuhera one mile eastward and then buoy. Then lay type D through either northern channel and splice up. Then treat other end similarly, possibly using other channel. Complete with bay lines from cable hut to cable station. No objection to laying cables over guard loops but mine loops should be avoided if possible. Suggest cables should be brought through each channel over guard loops and then follow the general run of the tail cables. Report by signal if plan of loops and minefields is held by N.O.I.C. Alternatively cables could be laid through the minefields and risk of possible damage to either would have to be accepted but this course should only be adopted as a last resort.

(D.S.D. 1920A/2 to F.O. Ceylon.)

China,
Air Report.

W.X. 3426 A.114 27/10. S.L. 2238/27.

1. U.S. China West Task Force Operations. Afternoon 25th Oct. 12 Bombers, 9 fighters attacked Hong Kong - Kowloon Area docks and shipping. Many fires M.T. After bombing, formation was intercepted by 18 Type O and 1 45 fighters of which 10 confirmed shot down 5 probable. 1 American bomber, 1 fighter lost, pilot of latter believed wounded but safe in free? Chinese territory.

2. Dark hours morning 26 Oct. Small force 5 or 6 bombers attacked North Point Power Station Hong Kong. Complete destruction claimed. All aircraft returned.

3. Later morning 26 October. Many fires started very mild explosion reported? after attack by bombers on white cloud airfield North East of Canton. All aircraft returned.

6. American H.Qrs. here receive very little more information U.S.A.A.F. operations in China than is published in press communiques. They receive their detailed reports 10th Air Force H.Qrs. to whom all operational intelligence China Air Task Force is submitted direct. In view of this do you wish me to continue to report to you what general details I receive from Americans here?

(Brit. Air Attaché, China 0900 G.M.T./27 to R.A.F. H.Q. India.)

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Kilindini
A/S loop.

- Your 1522/29. Loop sensitivity must be adjusted to suit tonnage of target.
2. Your para 4. Signature of large ship will mask that of midget. Identification of simultaneous crossing considered impracticable. Shunting down is recommended when large ship is about to cross to bring sensitive system back to zero as soon as possible.
 3. Suggestion in your para 3 is in hand but will not solve difficulty in your para 4.
 4. Difficulty will be aggravated by cable movement reported in para 3 of your 708/E.F 4751 dated 24th Aug. Suggest cable between ends of legs and junction box should be hauled taut. Alternatively improvement may be obtained by relaying loops with sinkers at corners from small lighter with power boat alongside.
 5. Also suggest periodic time of integrators see C.B.1869 clause 87 and voltage of supply should be checked.
(D.A/S W. 1926A/2 to C. in C. E.F.)

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America and West Indies.

U/B. Intercept de San Juan, Puerto Rico Radio.
S/M sighted 14.55 N. 64.10 W. at 1923Z/01.
(Valentia Radio, 0126/2 to Admty.)

EMPIRE S.C.107 attacked at 0034/2nd in 51.56 N. 46.12
SUNRISE W. No.93, EMPIRE SUNRISE, torpedoed port side.
(S.C. 107) No casualties, all survivors aboard rescue ship.
torpedoed. Consider ship capable of salvage. 2 hours
RESTIGOUCHE previously RESTIGOUCHE got within 400 yards of
attack on S/M on surface 8 miles astern of convoy and
U/B. carried out strong attack. Weather.
(C.T.U. 24.1.14, 0419Z/2 to C.T.F. 24, (R)
Connav, Admty., etc.)

Following is a recoded version of C.O.A.C's 0225/2 (begins)
N.S.H.Q. Ottawa from C.O.A.C. Following interception from
Belle Isle N.F. from E.C. "At 0025 G.M.T./2 intercepted
following on 500 k/cs - S S S S No.93 torpedoed starboard
side at 0007 G.M.T./2". No position given. No bearing due
to short transmission. 0225/2. (Ends.)

(N.S.H.Q., 0445Z/2 to Admty., etc.)
Co. T.U. 24.1.14's 0419/2nd. H.M.R.T. TENACITY sailed
1130Z/2nd St. Johns N.F. to salvage SS. EMPIRE SUNRISE and
tow to St. Johns N.F.
(C.C.N.F., 1045Z/2 to C.T.24, Admty., etc.)

S.C. 107, Further mass attacks, 5 more ships torpedoed.
further Details follow.
attacks. (C.T.U. 24.1.14, 0811Z/2 to C.T.F.24, (R) Connav,
Admty., C. in C. W.A., N.S.H.Q., F.O.N.F.,
C.O.A.C., C.T.G. 24.7.)

S.C. 107 was attacked at 0034/2nd in 051° 56' N. 046° 12'
W. and again at 0811Z/2nd. Request you will consider sailing
BIBB, INGHAM and SCHENCK as early as possible to reinforce
escort, with instructions that they remain with convoy until
further orders.

GEORGE M.

(C. in C. W.A., 1155Z/2 to C.T.G. 24.6, (R) Connav,
Escorts S.C.107, C.T.F.24, Admty., N.S.H.Q., F.O.N.F.,
C.O.A.C., C.T.G. 24.7.)

→ Detach one destroyer forthwith and direct him report
C.T.U. 24.1.14 as reinforcement escort of S.C. 107.
(C.T.24, 1711Z/2 to C.T.U. 24.1.16, (R) Escorts of H.X.
213, and C.T.U. 24.1.14, Admty., C.O.A.C., C. in C. W.A.,
Escorts S.C.107, N.S.H.Q., F.O.N.F., C.T.G. 24.7.)

C. in C. Western Approaches 1150Z/2nd (1155/2 intended).
Comply as consistent with commitments.
(C.T.24, 1725Z/2 to C.T.G. 24.6, (R) Connav, Admty., etc.)
Your 1155. C.T.U. 24.6.3 in INGHAM sailing at once.

U.S. Destroyer LEARY will follow tonight and U.S. Destroyer
SCHENCK will sail tomorrow Tuesday morning.
(C.T.G. 24.6, 1752/2 to C. in C. W.A., (R) Connav, C.T.U.
24.1.14, C.T. 24.)

→ Your 1711Z/2nd. VANESSA detailed.
(C.T.U. 24.1.16, 1815Z/2 to C.T.F. 24, (R) Connav, Admty.,
C. in C. W.A., N.S.H.Q., F.O.N.F., C.O.A.C., C.T.G. 24.7,
C.T. 24.1.14.)

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- S.C. 107, further attacks. (Contd.) S.C.107 P.C. and S. 53.18 N. 43.09 W. (B) 043° 7 knots. No.85 PARTHENON torpedoed and sunk at 1645Z/2nd in low visibility in 52.59 N. 44.02 W. survivors rescued. CELANDINE requires R.D/F valve C U 18 A. Weather. (C.T.U. 24.1.14, 2229Z/2 to C.T.F.24, (R) Connav, Admty., C. in C. W.A., N.S.H.Q., F.O.N.F., C.O.A.C., C.T.G. 24.7, C.T.U. 24.1.16, T.G. No. 24.6.)
- U/B. Intercepted from San Juan radio at 0120 G.M.T. submarine sighted 14.55 N. 64.10 W. (Kingston, 0559/2 to Admty.)
- U/B. U-Boat by D/F at 0351Z/2nd. in vicinity of 051° 30' N. 046° 00' W. accurate within 60 miles, frequency 7770 k/cs. (N.S.H.Q., 0602Z/2 to Task Unit 24.1.16, Task Unit 24.1.14, C.O.A.C., F.O.N.F., (R) Admty., S.B.N.O.W.A., Opnav.)
- Ship torpedoed, Wabana. Ship torpedoed off Wabana Anchorage Conception Bay at 0605Z/2nd. (C.O.A.C., 0705Z/2 to Admty.)
- Movements Summary. 1800 G.M.T./2nd.
- | Ship | Position | Course | Speed |
|------------------|----------------|--------|-------|
| QUEEN OF BERMUDA | 34° N. 29½° W. | 344° | 14 |
| ILEX | 13° N. 49½° W. | 080° | 16 |
- (D.O.D.(F), 1045Z/2 to Opnav, (R) Connaveu.)
- HOLMPARK. Overdue Trinidad British HOLMPARK. (S.O.I. Jamaica, 1119R/2 to Admty., etc.)
- B.Y.M.S. My 1931Z/30th, sailing delayed due to weather. (F.O.N.F., 1136Z/2 to Admty.)
- U/B. U-Boat by D/F at 0819Z in vicinity of 053° 00' N. 041° 30' W. accurate within 60 miles, frequency 7640 k/cs, ENIGMA 35 groups. (N.S.H.Q., 1221Z/2 to C.T.U. 24.1.14, C.T.U. 24.1.16, C.O.A.C., F.O.N.F., (R) Admty., S.B.N.O.W.A., Opnav, Connav.)
- U/B. U-Boat position by D/F at 1200Z/2 within 150 miles of 053° 043° 30' B.T. type 10510 k/cs. (C. in C. U.S. Fleet, 1450/2 to C.T.U. 24.1.16, C.T.U. 24.1.14, U.S.C.G. MANHASSET. C.T.F.24.)

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U/B Positions. 2nd Nov. S/M estimate and U.S. Submarine Notice. (Cominch, 1541/2, 1542, 1614, 1615, 1616/2.)

VAN KINSBERGEN. Arrival 2nd Dutch ^{CRUISER} ~~Corvette~~ ^{VAN} KINSBERGEN from unknown port. (R.O. San Juan P.R., 1621/2 to Admty., etc.)

Dutch Tugs. Your 2223/30th October para. 3. Tug allocations. Approved. (D.O.D.(F), 1628A/2 to B.A.D.)

OMAHA, MARBLEHEAD, JOUETT. This is repetition C.T.G. 23.3, 1222/02 action Opnav, C.T.F.23, (R) W.A. West Africa and Cinclant. On leaving convoy morning 6th November in approx. 5 N. 50 ^W; OMAHA, MARBLEHEAD, JOUETT will make endurance patrol east probable advance 12 knots to longitude 14° W. thence to Recife with E.T.A. 18th November. (Radio Washington, 1700/2 to Admty.)

U/B Situation. Following is summary of Cominch bi-weekly U-Boat Trend No. 5 of 31st October. Withdrawal of U-Boats from all U.S. sea frontiers indicates strategic redistribution. Resumption of operations in above area unlikely for at least 2 weeks. Shipping lanes south of 20° N. and in South Atlantic likely to be attacked this winter, submarines being refuelled at sea. North Atlantic convoy routes will continue to be attacked by Wolf Pack. Aircraft report from St. Lawrence indicate U-Boat painted sea green with white conning tower to simulate sailing boat. Total number in Atlantic 106 out of which 56 in U.S. area. Constant figure for Atlantic accounted for by enemy sending reinforcements to Mediterranean and Indian Ocean. (B.A.D., 1713Z/2 to Admty.)

GUADELOUPE (French) Extract from Vesca telegram ? arrived. (New Orleans, 1721/2 to M.W.T.)

Shipping, Entrance to U.S. Ports. Your 2307A/30 (Commodores of Convoys warned to use prescribed channels when entering U.S. Ports.) para. 7 of escort's report reads "also on 30th September the Commodore's 1400Z position was considerably in error to the southward and despite repeated information and instructions from me he disregarded the swept channel, finally approaching the Ambrose on a course of 270° approx. happily without incident". (N.S.H.Q., 1842Z/2 to Admty.)

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Bunkers, In order to minimize coal and oil offtake in
W. Africa. West Africa vessels proceeding there to load
should have sufficient bunkers on leaving last
American or Caribbean port for (a) voyage to
West Africa, as advised by Routeing Officer, plus (b) consump-
tion on West African Coast plus (c) sufficient for a distance
of 4,000 miles at full speed on leaving Freetown homewards
with normal safety margin. Exceptional cases, such as when
this amount of bunkers would seriously prejudice outward
loading arrangements, may have to take limited quantity
bunkers in West Africa. B.A.D. and N.S.H.Q. pass to Sparks
and Huband respectively.
(D.T.D., 1921A/2 to B.A.D., N.S.H.Q.)

O.N.139, (1) Commodore Brownrigg of O.N.139 states that
enemy the six ships keeping watch on Medium Frequency
signals. D/F between 350 and 450 k/cs heard nothing and
inference is that enemy only using H/F for
reporting.
(2) Not one of 28 transmissions recorded by Cairnvalona H/F D/F
Guard had characteristics of homing or sighting signal as
described in Confidential book 4002 N(2) or 3082, and inference
is that these are now concealed in guise of short signal or
perhaps with characteristics of weather report.
(B.R.L.O. New York, 1925Z/2 to Admty., (R) N.S.H.Q., B.A.D.)
Reply: Admty. 1938A/5.

KOSMOS II, Your 1532/31st October. KOSMOS II torpedoed
BIC ISLAND. and sunk. Survivors landed. Situation not
yet clear, BIC ISLAND. Further signal will be
made.
(D.T.D., 1929A/2 to N.S.H.Q.)

CLAN Following has been read 54.32 N. 27.46 W.
MACAULAY, Sub. sighted.
U/B. (CLAN MACAULAY, 2034/2.)

Shipping Connav Serial 1 and 2. AMERICAN LEADER Serial
Casualties. 30 officially presumed lost. NORLUNA aground
58 N. 68 W. probably salvaged. Tug (corrupt
group corrupt group) S grounded sunk same
location. *EMPIRE SUNRISE torpedoed 2nd November 51.56 (???)
46.12 W. Convoy S.C. 107. Still afloat tug despatched. 5
additional ships reported torpedoed in this convoy same date,
names unknown.
(Connav, 2052/2 to Comnaveu.) * *See p.68*

ILE DE Modify my 2153/18. ILE DE FRANCE will proceed
FRANCE. San Francisco for docking instead of Esquimalt.
About four days required in dock.
(C. in C. U.S. Fleet, 2055/2 to Admty., etc.)
Ref. Admty. 0106/19th October, para. 1. ILE DE FRANCE will
now be dry-docked at San Francisco.
(B.A.D., 2223Z/2 to N.S.H.Q., (R) D. of S.T., Admty., A.C.N.B.,
N.Z.N.B.)

/Bunkers ...

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Bunkers,
St. Thomas. Your 1810A/31. For your information bunker coal supply at St. Thomas very low, exact amount on hand unknown.
(Cominch C. & R., 2100/2 to Admty.)

U/B. Pan-American plane reports sighting submarine at 1140 G.M.T. in 19° 30' N. 68° 30' W.
(Kingston, J., 2135R/2 to Admty.)

Canadian Shipbuilding. My 2211Z/26 September (N.T. in W.D.) It has been found impossible to either build twin screw Corvettes in the Great Lakes and bring them out via Mississippi or to obtain designs of a suitable escort vessel which can get out through the St. Lawrence.
2. Naval Staff have therefore decided to build in the Great Lakes higher? Algerine class minesweepers which will be used primarily for anti-submarine escort or revised 190 foot single screw Corvettes.
3. Requested that Admiralty will comment on relative value of Algerine class compared with single screw Corvette for anti-submarine escort.
(N.S.H.Q., 2138Z/2 to Admty.)

Tankers,
Gulf Ports,
EMPIRE
FLINT. Your 2212/29 to B.A.D. (6 fast ships to be sailed to destination in Gulf.) EMPIRE FLINT sailed 1200Z/2 November for Baton Rouge via NK route "Bard" and KH route "Work". E.T.A. 12th November. S. of A. 11 knots.
(B.R.O. New York, 2140Z/2 to Admty., (R) N.S.H.Q. B.A.D.)

MARIPOSA. My 2121/15, cancel sailing MARIPOSA.
(C. in C. U.S. Fleet, 2150/2 to C.E.S.F.)

Sub attack and sighting summary. (A) Unidentified torpedoed 47.41 N. 52.55 W. 0605Z/2. *EMPIRE SUNRISE torpedoed 51.56 N. 46.12 W. 0007Z/2. Five unidentified torpedoed area 52.15 N. 45.10 W. 2nd November. British trawler sights sub. on surface 70.21 N. 15.18 W. 1225Z/1. *RESTIGOUCHE attacks sub. on surface 51.45 N. 46.20 W. 2230Z/1. ~~2-1-68. 171~~
(B) R.A.F. plane sights sub. 59.13 N. 19.47 W. 1250Z/1.
(C) Sub. sighted 14.55 N. 64.10 W. 1923Z/1 course 27. Panam plane sights sub. on surface 36.55 N. 74.55 W. 1355Z/2 course 200.
(D) JAN VAN BRAKEL attacks sound contact 06.21 N. 55.38 W. 1325Z/12 October. HESPERUS attack 51.07 N. 44.36 W. 0845Z/2.
(Cominch, 2159/2 to Admty. for O.I.C.)

/EMPIRE GRACE ...

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EMPIRE Your 2258/1. U.S. Authorities agree.
GRACE. (B.A.D., 2221Z/2 to Admty.)

U/B Comeastseafro's 1810/2.
Positions. (S/M Estimate 0800Q/November 3rd.)
 (Comnavau, 2243/2 to Admty.)

Australia and New Zealand.

Attacks My 1156Z/5th October. Nil returns for October.
on U/Bs. (A.C.N.B., 0829Z/2 to Admty.)

Situation. Digest Serial No. 284 November 1st. Reports indicate 2 heavy cruisers, 4 light cruisers, 20 destroyers and gunboats, 1 escort vessel or minelayer, 3 probable seaplane tenders, 15 cargo vessels, 1 tanker, 3 submarines Buin Faisi Area, afternoon 1st November. 1 heavy cruiser, 1 light cruiser sighted off Ovau Island course N.W. approx. same time. 20 landing barges sighted along Buin coast. 1 destroyer sighted 68 miles W.S.W. off Treasury Island early afternoon 1st November apparently crippled, course N.W.

2. 9 Catalinas, 12 B.17s attacked shipping Buin Faisi area early morning 1st November. Direct hit on one transport, probable hit on an unidentified warship, possible hit on destroyer several near misses. Some bombs dropped on Kihili airdrome.
3. Aerial R/C reported 1 cruiser, 2 cargo vessels (10,000 and 12,000 tons) 3° 56' S. 150° 19' E. at 2155Z/31 course 225°.
4. 7 B.25s attacked Lae aerodrome early morning 1st November. Fire started in dump area. 14 A.20s escorted by 16 P.40s intercepted by fighters in mission to attack Lae. 3 Zeros possible destroyed. At least 25 fighters at Lae airdrome 1st November.
5. 3 B.25s on armed R/V 1st November were intercepted by 7 fighters 20 miles N.W. Buna.
6. Forward elements advanced forward of Abari and Isurava 1st November, no enemy contact.
7. Possibly 3 aircraft attacked Port Moresby area early morning 1st November, nil damage or casualties.
8. Timor area. 1 merchant vessel, 1 destroyer sighted 31st October south of Alor Island proceeded west of Liquica (15 miles west of Dilli.) 100 Japanese reported at Maobisse 31st October. Enemy aircraft bombed Villa DM Ourique (18 miles S.S.W. of Manatuto and Mape 30th October.) (G.H.Q. S.W.P.A., 0903Z/2 to Admty., etc.)

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Arrival 31st Oct., Townsville, U.S. Transport BANTAM. 1st Nov., U.S. transports ANHUI, MAETSUYCKER, BOSPHORUS.
(N.B. Melbourne 1001Z/2 to Admty. etc.)

Scuttling
of M/Vs.

Your 1728Z/21st Sept. Is it desired that scuttling charge be fitted to British and Allied Merchant Ships (other) than U.S.A. Ships? A design is available using 25 pounds Amatol demolition charge mark 2 Tamped in sand box with 2 long lengths Bickford Fuze.
(A.C.N.B. 1309Z/2 to Admty.)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions 1200Z/2.
(D.D.I.C. 1442A/2, 1459A/2.)

C.E. 5548/42.

To Heads of Departments
and Branches only.

(Lt Comdr C. F. Walker) SECRET.
(to remain) 24 DEC 1942

OFFICE ACQUAINT B.G.A./42 (LONDON A.E.F./42)

Adviser on Miscellaneous Weapons

With reference to Secret Office Acquaint B.A.Z./42 (London A.T./42), Rear-Admiral E. de F. Renouf, C.V.O., has been re-appointed for duty with A.C.N.S.(W) as Adviser on Miscellaneous Weapons (short title A.M.W.) to date 3rd November, 1942. He will be assisted by a small staff.

2. The duties of the Adviser on Miscellaneous Weapons will be
 - (a) To study special offensive operations as directed by A.C.N.S.(W).
 - (b) To study the offensive application and possibilities of new weapons, excluding A/S weapons.
 - (c) To study new technical developments in order to relate them to possible offensive operations.

In this way, he will act as a counterpart of D.M.W.D., on the Naval Staff Side.

3. Proposals for the development of new types of weapons, except A/S weapons, will pass through the Admiralty departments and Staff Divisions as before, but should be referred to A.M.W. at an early stage.

4. A.M.W. will discuss with Controller's departments any ideas requiring research and development work.

5. The Adviser on Miscellaneous Weapons and his staff are accommodated as follows:-

Rear Admiral Renouf.	Room 59 Bank Block V.	Ext. 843
Staff	Room 60 Bank Block V.	Ext. 195 Ext. 1254

(INITIALED.) J. S. B.

18th December, 1942.

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To Heads of Departments
and Branches only.

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OFFICE ACQUAINT B.F.Z./42.

Ships' Names and Designation of Small Craft.

Approval has been given for the following ISLES Class Trawlers of the 1942 Programme of New Construction to be named as shown:-

<u>Trawlers ISLES Class.</u>	<u>Job No.</u>	<u>Date of order.</u>	<u>Contractor.</u>
• CALDY	J.11811	28.9.42	John Lewis & Sons Ltd., Aberdeen.
• GILLSTONE	J.2680	21.10.42	Cochrane & Sons Ltd., Selby, Yorks.
• GRAIN	J.2682		
• GULLAND	J.2717	4.11.42	Cook, Welton & Gemmell Ltd., Beverley Yorks.
• KITTERN	J.2719		
• MEWSTONE	J.2721		
• SKOKHOLM	J.2723		

(P.010488/42).
(P.010902/42).
(P.011984/42).

2. The twentyfour 125 ft. Motor Minesweepers to be constructed in Canada have been designated "M.M.S.1050" to "M.M.S.1073". The allocation of the numbers to the respective building firms will be promulgated when reported.

(P.013430/42).

Richard Waller

21st December, 1942.

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Tuesday.

SITUATION REPORT.

Home Commands.

The River Clyde east of the port of Glasgow was closed to traffic yesterday and today on account of fog.

M.L.125 was cut in two by a mine early this morning in 115° North Foreland 20½ miles whilst proceeding with 5 other M.Ls to carry out mine-laying operation N.P.51A near Outer Ruytingen Bank.

Mines were detonated in Lyme Bay today.

North Atlantic.

JAMAICA sailed from Gibraltar at 1330 today.

South Atlantic.

SS. EMPIRE RENNIE and FRANS HALS reported being attacked by submarines early this morning in about 0° 34' S. 32° 27' W.: the ships counter attacked with gunfire and depth charges. (EMPIRE RENNIE on 4th November claimed that submarine was damaged and perhaps sunk by her gunfire.)

R.A. West Africa reports that when PHOEBE was torpedoed on 23rd October off Pointe Noire the corvette AMARANTHUS attacked and at least severely damaged the U-Boat and prevented a second attack on PHOEBE.

H.M. Boom Defence Vessel PANORAMA which sailed from Freetown on 28th October is overdue at Bathurst since 31st October, R.A.F. have been asked to search for her.

DRAGON sailed from Simonstown for Freetown today, calling at Pointe Noire and Duala; the object of the latter visit is the further improvement of our relations with the Fighting French.

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Tuesday.SITUATION REPORT.Mediterranean.

A hospital near Takali Aerodrome was damaged by air attack on Malta last night. Today the enemy renewed his attacks on the Malta aerodromes by fighter bombers and Luqa was rendered temporarily unserviceable.

East Indies.

C. in C. E.F. states that a large number of reports continues to be received of ships failing to receive diversion signals addressed to them, and he has given instructions that a full investigation of the circumstances is always to be made.

America and West Indies.Convoy
T.A.G.18.

It is reported that 4 ships were torpedoed today in Convoy T.A.G.18 in approx. 12° N. 63° W. (about 150 miles east of Curacao) viz. CHR. J. KAMPMANN (sunk), LEDA (sank in tow) GYPSUM EMPRESS (presumed sunk), THORSHAVET (sunk). The remainder of the convoy returned to Trinidad.

S.C.107.

The convoy was attacked throughout last night and again today and the tanker HAHIRA was torpedoed and sunk at 1040 in 54° 37' N. 41° 45'. TITUS is also reported sunk. * At 1231Z RESTIGOUCHE reported that she had obtained 35 H/F D/F bearings in the last 28 hours. MOOSEJAW has joined the escorts.

* Commar 2/21/14/11/42 states TITUS arrived at Liverpool undamaged. Part of the crew abandoned ship during the attack and was landed in Iceland.

Australia and New Zealand.

It is reported that U.S. PRESIDENT COOLIDGE (21,936 tons) was mined and sunk on 25th October at the entrance to Espirito Santo Harbour, New Hebrides.

Dilli was attacked again today, by 4 Hudsons before dawn and by 8 Marauders at 0100Z, causing much damage.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Policy.

B.Y.M.S. 2, B.Y.M.S.3, B.Y.M.S.4, B.Y.M.S.30, about to leave Canada for Londonderry direct are allocated to 150th M.S.F. at Portsmouth. On arrival in U.K. they should be sailed accordingly.
(D.M.S. 1302A/3 to C. in C.W.A.).

B.Y.M.S. 2, 3, 4, and 30.

Ships of 1st M.L. Sqdn. C.A.F.O. 2037/42. Ships of First Minelaying Squadron should be regarded as falling within Category II while proceeding to refitting ports.
(D.D.O.D.(M.) 1755A/3).

M.G.Bs. 113, 114, 46. M. G.Bs. 113 and 114 are allocated to the 9th M.G.B. Flotilla at Dover.
M.G.B. 114 is being purchased by the Royal Netherlands Navy and will be manned by the personnel of M.G.B. 46.
R.A.C.F. is requested to arrange for M.G.B. 46 to be paid off in sufficient time for her crew to commission M.G.B. 114. After paying off M.G.B. 46 she will be scrapped.
(D.D.O.D.(C) 1904A/3 to R.A.C.F.).

Movements.

Eddrachillis Bay. S/M Sanctuary. My 1629A/3rd October. Request Eddrachillis Bay submarine sanctuary be cancelled forthwith.
(TITANIA 0031A/3 to Admty).

L.23. Arrivals L.23. SEVERN. (N.O.I.C. Greenock 0144A/3). *See 30/10 - p. 934? Movement of H. 21. 21/11.*

* LA CAPRICIEUSE. *See next page*

TRIBUNE. Estimated position at 0800/3. TRIBUNE 049° 02', 011° 58'. Dive by day through 049° 01', 012° 10' and 046° 01', 012° 10'.
(F.O.S. 0704A/3). *See p. 89*

North Atlantic A.M. 1224A/1. Area Iceland (C) Add 1 destroyer. dispositions. Area Scapa, Delete 1 destroyer. Operational Area. ARGUS, DELHI, JAMAICA, SCYLLA, DASHER, 1 destroyer.
On passage to operational area: ARGUS, DELHI, JAMAICA, SCYLLA, DASHER, 1 destroyer.
(D.O.D.(H) 1132A/3 to C. in C. U.S. Fleet).

→ SEVERN, Intend to sail SEVERN escorted by SABRE from SABRE. 180° Garrock Head 2 miles at 1200A/5 via QZS. 259 for 180° Lizard Head 15 miles, E.T.A. 1900A/6. Speed 16½ knots.
2. Thence, SEVERN independently diving by day to Portsmouth as routed Capt.(S) 5, E.T.A. 0700A/7.
(Capt. S.3.1159A/3).

/SKATE...

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SKATE.

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(FRONTENAC)

Arrived.

(Cdre. Londonderry 1228A/3).

CILICIA.

On completion of refit and satisfactory preliminary catapult tests about 9th November request you sail CILICIA for Clyde, and F.O.I.C. Greenock is requested to arrange for 14 days working-up practices and flying-off trials prior to ship rejoining S. A. Station.
(D.O.D.(F) 1301A/3 to F.O.I.C. Liverpool).

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*P. 312.

*P. 216.

x LA CAPRICIEUSE.

Cancel my 1151A/1. ~~5~~ p. 5.
(Capt. S. 3. 1345A/3).* see p. 84.
x see previous page

AMARAPOORA.

D.S.T. 1647A/1st. Sailed hospital ship AMARAPOORA routed through following position P.180° Barra Head 10 miles.

Q. 052° 00' N, 014° 30' W.

R. 041° 30' N, 014° 30'

S. 037° 01' 00". Thence destination. E.T. A. 10th November.
(A.C.O.S. 1706A/3 to F.O.C.N.A.).

PENELOPE.

When ready for sea request you sail PENELOPE for Scapa to work up.
(D.O.D.(H) 1719A/3 to C. in C. Portsmouth).

SKEENA.

P.C.S. at 1800Z, 049° 01' 031° (32'?), (336°?), (21?).
(SKEENA 1802Z/3 to C.T. F. 24).

NEWFOUNDLAND.

Hospital Ship NEWFOUNDLAND should be sailed for Gibraltar for orders 4th November to arrive on 9th.
(D.S.T. 2009A/3 to F.O.I.C. Greenock).

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDS.Operations.

BROCKLESBY Have steam at 4 hours notice from 1100
SLAZAK. (C. in C. Plymouth 0957/3 to BROCKLESBY, SLAZAK.)
Revert to normal notice.
(C. in C. Plymouth 1323A/3 to BROCKLESBY,
SLAZAK)

- Patrols. → 1. Intend to sail M.L.'s 303 (S.O.) and 246 to patrol on latitude 50.20 N. between 1.35 W and 2.10 W. tonight, leaving Weymouth at 1930 and patrol-line at dawn.
Code word "Device."
(F.O.I.C. Portland 1102A/3).
M.L. Patrol tonight.
2. Forces employed M.Ls 186 (S.O), 180, and 259.
3. Patrol. 7 miles 065° and 245° from 105° Start 20.
4. Object. To intercept E-Boats.
5. Information. E-Boats may operate from Guernsey or Cherbourg.
6. Execution. Proceed at 1730 today to patrol-line. Leave patrol at daylight 4th and return to Dartmouth.
7. Code word "Occasion".
(C. in C. Plymouth 1329A/3).
- Sheerness. Departure at 1340 QUORN for patrol, thence proceeding Harwich.
(C. in C. Nore 1416A/3).
- (1) M.Ls. 303 and 246 patrolling south of St. Albans Head. E.T.D. Weymouth 1930/3, E.T. R. 0830/4.
(2) M.T.Bs 54, 49, and 56 patrolling to southward, passing E.A. 5 buoy at 1830/3 and 0730/4.
(3) 2 Chasseurs patrolling near E.A. 5 Buoy.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 1514A/3).
Night dispositions for 3/4th November.
- Patrol No. 1. SOUTHDOWN, Patrol No. 2. QUORN, Patrol No. 5 - KITTIWAKE, Patrol No. 6 SHELDRAKE.
- Patrol A. MEYNELL, Patrol B. MENDIP, Patrol No. 3. CAMPBELL, Patrol No. 4, BLENCATHRA.
(C. in C. Nore 1600A/3).
3 M.Ls on patrol 20 miles E. S.E. Start.
(C. in C. Plymouth 1627A/3).
- Departure D. 21 in MENDIP, MEYNELL, in company, at 1545 to carry out patrols B and A respectively.
(F.O. Humber 1655A/3).
M.L.s. 450 and 207 from Ramsgate patrolling between Dumpton and N.E. Spit Buoys, E.T.D. 1825, E.T.R. 0740. M.Ls. 143 and 137 near C One Buoy.
(V.A. Dover. 1724A/3).
Your 1329/3. "Occasion" sailed.
(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 1738 A/3 to C. in C. Plymouth).
My 1102A/3. Sailed 1855.
(F.O.I.C. Portland 1910/3).

UNBEATEN
Patrol.UNBEATEN in Zone K. 501.
(F.O.S. 1624A/3 to Admty).Russian S/M
Area. 2.A.Russians report limits as follows.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia 1753A/3) See Mining.

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDS.Allied Air Activity.

- Largs. Proposed A/C Reception Base. Your letter S.75443/S.9 of 7th October. There is no objection to this project subject to the restrictions mentioned in C. in C.W.A. 1258/1 and provided shore accommodation of the Combined Operations Establishments at Largs is not affected.
(D.O.D.(H) 0041A/3 to Air Ministry).
- Convoy K.M.F. 2. Expect escort by Sunderland A/C from 0800A/3rd till dusk.
(C. in C.W.A. 0308A/3 to Escorts K.M.F.2).
- Convoy K.X.5. Expect (?A/S) escort today as follows:-
Sunderland dawn to 1145A, Liberator 1145A to 1645A, Sunderland 1645A to dusk. 3 Fortress aircraft will also be carrying out sweep in your area between 0830A and 1100A.
(C. in C.W.A. 0324A/3 to Escorts K.X.5).
- Operation "Crittall." Request that R.A.N.A.S. may be included in the address of future signals concerning operation "Crittall".
(D.N.A.D. 1326A/to H.Q.F. C.).
- R/C of Altenfiord. Your 0016/2. This will be attempted daily but only one P.R.U. Spitfire serviceable.
(S.B.N.O.North Russia 1351A/3 to Admty).
- Bombing Restrictions. Request total bombing restrictions in following areas:-
- | Area. | From. | Until. |
|-------|---------|----------|
| G.26. | 0700/5. | 1200/6. |
| G.27. | 1700/5. | 2100/6. |
| G.16. | 1300/6. | 1130/7. |
| G.15. | 0030/7. | 1900 /7. |
| G.14. | 1100/7. | 0200/8. |
- All times Zone One.
(Capt.S.8. 1630/3 to A.O.C. in C.C.C.).
- Enemy Air Activity.
- Convoy S.L.G. 125.F.W. A/C Shot down by EMPIRE HEATH. Following received by A/C J/220 begins. To F.O.I.C. Greenock, SWEETBRIAR, EMPIRE HEATH, Hurricane destroyed one Focke Wolfe A/C, T.O.O. 0935. Ends.
(BALLYKELLY 1635A/3 to F.O.I.C.Greenock).

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDS.Mining.

Operation N.P.51A. M.L.125 struck a mine in position 115° North Foreland 20½ miles when proceeding in company with M.Ls. 104, 102, 101, 213, and 210 to carry out minelaying operation N.P.51A near Western end of outer Ruytingen Bank.

M.L.125 damaged. Thirteen survivors were picked up and after part of vessel was towed in by M.G.B. 329, who with M.G.B. 324 was in support at V Buoy. Two officers including 1st Lieut. and one rating are missing. Air search for other possible survivors is being carried out at daylight. (V.A.Dover 0512A/23).

My 0512. The present indications are that the Mine was a floating mine.

(V.A.Dover 1206A/3).

QZX. My 1800/2. Intend carrying out this programme tomorrow. (TENBY 1050A/3 to C. in C.Portsmouth).

Harwich. One ground mine detonated by Sweepers at 1240/2 in 51.40.4 N. 01.5.1 E. Details. (F.O.I.C.Harwich 1051A/3).

R.A.M. Until further notice my office will be on shore at Port Z.A. (R.A.M. 1104/3).

Portsmouth. One ground mine detonated by Sweepers at 1002/2 in 191° Nab Tower 3.6 miles. Details. (C.in C.Portsmouth, 1125/3).

North Russia. Russians report limits of S/M area two A are now as follows between line joining following positions 070.47 N. 022.48 E. 070.37 N. 022.58 E. 070.45 N. 024.34.E. 070.06.N. 025. 16 E.

(2) Mines laid in following positions (a) between. 069. 58.00 N. 021.05.00 E. and 069.58.42 N. 021. 04.00 E.

(b) between.:070.05.06 N. 020.59.12 E. and 070.06.06 N. 020.58.00 E.

(c) between. 070.16.12 N. 021.21.30 E. and 070.17.42 N. 021.20.30 E.

(S.B.N.O. North Russia 1753A/3 to Admty).

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDS.Enemy Intelligence.

AGNES. Press reports Finnish AGNES 2983 tons torpedoed
sunk. sunk of Gdynia 1800/1st.
(N.A.Stockholm 0958/3).

PETER WESSEL. 1. Your 0644A/1st. Following is repetition
VENUS asked for: "The recently formed specialist
(See N.A. details from coastal artillery and other
Stockholm military formations to Tallin."
1221/31st 2. These are details taken from N.C.O's and
October). specialists to provide a pool for replacing
essential trained personnel on Eastern Front.
Swedish staff consider there will thus be an
appreciable weakening in leadership and key personnel on
Norwegian coast.
(N.A.Stockholm 1051/3 to Admty).

ROMA N.A.Stockholm 1717/3 see Mediterranean.
damaged.

U-Boats.

U-Boats There are D/F indications of 2 U-Boats near your
reported. track between 46.00 N. and 48. 00.N.
(D.D.I.C. 1011A/3 to Force Q).

Am over enemy S/M in 49.21 N. 12.48 W.
Enemy on surface, course 107°, speed 5 knots.

(A/C No.10. 1102/3 to 19th Group).

(F.O.S. 1244A/3 to P.556).

There are indications of a U-Boat operating in the vicinity
of 70.10 N. 12.59 W. Remain searching in this area for 24 hours.
(D.O.D.(H) 1545A/3 to ST.ELSTAN).

U-Boat C.A.F.O.834/41. (A)*NORTHERN SPRAY. (B) 1004Z/31/10
Attacked on (C) 70.18 N. 14.24 W. (D) 6 (E) 1245/31.
31st Oct. (A.C.I.C. 2055A/3 to Admty). * see next page - 7p.86

Navigational.

Clyde River Clyde East of Port Glasgow has been closed
Closed. to traffic both ways for the past 48 hours, due to
fog. Up to the present it has happened that no
movement of any H.M.Ships either way has been
affected. Delays in sea transport vessels are being reported by
that department as they arise.
(F.O.I.C.Glasgow 2233/3).

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDS.Casualties & Defects.FRONTENAC
(Torpedoed
28th Oct.).Your 2112A/2nd. Draught 30 feet, bow damaged.
Proceeding Lamlash. Will stay until MIGNONETTE
relieves.*(SKATE 0003/3 to C. in C.W. A.). * *p. 78.*

P.556.

My 1747/2 para. (E) (Position at 0800A/3). Amend
to read 48.32 N. 13.05 W. on the surface,
speed 7 knots, to 180° Eastnet Rock 10.
(F.O.S. 0651A/3 to Admty).My 1614/2, para. 3. Speed of P.556, is now 7 knots.
Estimate she will arrive R/V 1400A/4.

(F.O.S. 0656A/3 to C. in C.Plymouth).

F.O.S. 0656/3. Request you will sail SARDONYX to R/V
P.556 in 180°. Fastnet Rock 10 miles at 1400A/4 and escort to
Milford Haven. SARDONYX should be prepared to take S/M in tow
if necessary, proceeding Londonderry on completion.

(C. in C.W.A. 0912A/3 to N.O.I.C.Londonderry, P.556).

C. in C.W.A. 0912A/3. Intended for SARDONYX read

SCIMITAR.

(N.O.I.C.Londonderry 1138A/3 to C. in C.W.A., P.556).

Sailed SCIMITAR in accordance with your 0912A/3 as
amended my 1138A/3. Proceeding West Coast Iceland, speed
17 knots.

(N.O.I.C.Londonderry 1659A/3 to C. in C.W.A.).

RAMSEY.

Condensers leaking, high density distillers, and
one engine defective. Regret cannot cope with
fresh water situation. Request permission to
leave convoy and make Port at best possible speed. 100
survivors on board. My P.C.S. at 1000 044° (903'), 016° 03',
001° 7.

(RAMSEY 1005Z/3 to C. in C.W.A.).

Your 1005/3 approved. Pass through 050° N. 014° 03' W,
thence via QZ message L.18 to Liverpool.

(C. in C.W. A. 1330A/3 to RAMSEY).

ROSELYS.

F.O.I.C. Glasgow's 2054/2. ^{/N.T. 4.3.} Ship is required
to start working up as soon as possible and to
proceed on service 15th. No delay can be
accepted to fit awnings and mosquito nets at this juncture.
(C. in C.W.A. 1112A/3 to Admty).NORTHERN SPRAY. My 1739/31st. NORTHERN SPRAY arrived
(damaged 31st Reykjavik.
October). (A.C.I.C. 1230A/3). *See previous page (U.73-145)
p. 86.*

OMEGA.

My P.C.S. with OMEGA in company now 052° 35' N.
012° 58' W, 036°. 8 knots. OMEGA requests
medical attention for man dangerously ill.

Also request orders as to my destination please.

(STELLA CARINA 1300A/3 to C. in C.W.A.).

Following from STELLA CARINA (Repeats her 1300A/3). My 1524/3.
Request you make arrangements direct with STELLA CARINA for
picking up Medical case off Londonderry.

(C. in C.W.A. 1540A/3 to N.O.I.C.Londonderry).

/PENYLAN....

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDS.Casualties & Defects. - Contd.

PENYLAN. My 1115/30 and my 0957/3. Owing to accident it is necessary to dry dock to repair buckled stem. Anticipated date of completion 9th Nov. (F.O.I.C.London 1720A/3 to C. in C.Nore).

ATTACKER, BATTLER, STALKER. It is anticipated that the following auxiliary aircraft carriers will arrive in U.K. approx. as follows:-
ATTACKER, Mid-December. BATTLER Early January. STALKER end January.

These ships can be taken in hand about the above dates by Messrs Harland and Wolff, Liverpool, for replacing U.S. by British guns, ballasting if needed and other necessary work. (D.O.D.(H) 1936A/3 to F.O.I.C.Liverpool).

PLOVER. Admiralty's 1931/2. PLOVER can be accepted at Harwich.
See p. 67 (C. in C.Nore 2232/3 to R.A.M.).

Shipping & Convoys.

K.M.S.2. In order to adjust your time of arrival at R/V amend route from new C.40° 10' N. 23° 45' W. then to Z.

2. Distance steamed to Southward may be shortened and corner cut as requisite, but East of 20° W. route given in para.1. should be adhered to. (D.O.D.(H) 0241A/3 to Escorts K.M.S.2).

Q.P.15. Your 1126/2.Nov. and my 2004/October 24th
FAULKNER Owing to shortage of fuel in MacCarthy Inlet
ECHO. C. in C.Northern Fleet has had to ask Moscow
IMPULSIVE, for authority to fuel these destroyers and
* P.312*P.216. answer is still awaiting. Admiral Miles was
* *See p. 74* requested on October 29th to hasten Moscow.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia 0937A/3 to C. in C.H.F.).

Convoy Q.P.15 leaves North Russia 11th November for Iceland.

2. P.312 and P.216 are leaving Lerwick 7th November for patrol in Russian Zone 2 A East and West of 024° E. respectively. S/Ms are routed by Capt.(S) 9 and are to reach patrol zones not later than 12th November.

3.Object of S/Ms as in F.S.B.2., but salvo of 6 torpedoes is to be kept for use against enemy cruisers and above who may attempt in intercept convoy. (F.O.S. 1926A/3 to Capt.S.3).

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDS.Shipping & Convoys - Contd.

S.L.125. (RAMSEY 1005Z/3). See Casualties. ^{p.83}
 RAMSEY. Sailed SALADIN in accordance with your
 SALADIN. ~~N.T.W. 1537A/3~~, S.O.A. 15 knots.
 (Cdre.Londonderry 1851A/3 to C. in C. W. A.)
 Estimated P.C.S. of S.L. 125 at 0800A/4th.
 047.10 N. 016.01 W. to 055.01.N. 010.00 W. 7 knots.
 Keep clear to starboard.
 (C. in C.W.A. 2151A/3 to Escorts K.X.5);

K.M.S.Convoys. Subsequent to the sailing of KMS.5, KMS convoys will be sailed from Clyde, and Loch Ewe will be again utilised for Trade Convoys.
 (D. T. D. 1013A/3).

K.M.S.3. Intend sailing Clyde portion passing Clyde Boom 1700A/7 Nov. to R/V as in A.M. 2303A/1 Nov. Request escort.

(N.O.I.C.Greenock 1024A/3 to C. in C.W.A.).
 R/V 270° Skerryvore 10 miles at 1600Z/8. R/V 1200Z/9.
 055° 40' N. 011° 35' W. R/V 1200Z/10 054° 32' N. 016° 19' W.
 (N.C.S.O. Loch Ewe. 1146A/3 to N.C.S.O.Clyde, N. C.S.O. Mersey).

N.O.I.C.Greenock 1024/3. NASTURTIUM detailed for Clyde portion.

(C. in C.W. A. 1426A/3 to N.O.I.C.Londonderry).

Owing to delay in loading and fog intend sailing 8 ships of Liverpool section independently to Loch Ewe when ready.
 2.FORT BABINE, FORT LAC LA ROUGE, and RAJPUT will sail a.m./4th Nov.

3. It is anticipated BENEDIT, EMPIRE WYCLIFF, INVENTOR, ALEXANDER, HAMILTON, and EMPIRE CENTAUR will be ready to sail p.m./4th Nov.

4. Remaining ten ships should be ready for sea a.m./5th Nov.

5. Request I may be informed if these are to be sailed for Clyde or to R/V in accordance with A.M. 2303A/1st.

(N.O.I.C.Liverpool 1559A/3 to Admty).

Cancel my 1014A/2nd and substitute. *N.T. 1013.

Intend sailing LUNENBURG, WEYBURN, STONECROP, 1500A/4 for Lough Foyle for exercises in accordance with C. in C.W.A.1018A/1st.
 E.T.A. 0800A/5. S.O.A. 11 knots.

(N.O.I.C.Liverpool 1632A/3 to N.O.I.C.Londonderry).

Loading delays and fog necessitate the sailing of this convoy from Clyde,

2.C. in C.W. A. is requested to divert ships at sea on passage to Loch Ewe accordingly.

3.N.C.S.O. Aultbea is to sail such ships as are at Loch Ewe for Clyde as early as possible. The Special Envelopes for Commodore Vice Commodore Rear Commodores and Merchant Ships should be despatched to Clyde forthwith.

4. N. C.S.O.Clyde is to organise convoy and convene conference as requisite.

5. Chart requirements will be met as necessary.

6. Draft Cruising Order and Envelopes for ships already ordered to Clyde are being despatched to N.C. S.O. Clyde by courier tonight.

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7. R/V in A.M. 2303/1 para 1 will be amended
8. In view of this development F.O.I.C.Greenock is requested to augment Clyde Boat and Water Services as requisite from Oban resources. (D.T.D. 1750A/3.).

Your 1718/1. VIRGINIA should leave convoy at position F. proceeding thence through. J. 30° N. 21° W. K. 20° N. 20° W. L. 09° N. 19° W. Thence to Freetown.

2. VIRGINIA should report S.O.A and E.T.A. Freetown to R.A.W.A. when well clear of convoy.

(D.O.D.(H.) 1941A/3 to C. in C.W.A.).

In accordance with A.M. 1750/3 amend para.1 for Loch Ewe read Clyde.

(N.O.I.C.Liverpool 2254A/3 to Adnty).

H.X. 215.

HURRICANE, WATCHMAN, WALLFLOWER, and MONKSHOOD are to sail on November 7th in company to St. Johns N.F. unless otherwise ordered by C.T.F.24 and will return with H.X.215 sailing November 16th. If weather permits route will be adjusted to give protection to outward-bound convoys or to carry out A/S operations. (C. in C.W.A. 1035Z/3 to Cdre.Londonderry).

My 1006/3. ANCHUSA is to be sailed as early as possible p.m. November 7th to Moville to fuel. Commdre.Londonderry is requested to sail DAHLIA in company as soon as ANCHUSA has fuelled.

(C. in C. W. A. 1631Z/3 to N.O.I.C.Holyhead).

Operation
F.B.

TUNA and O.15 will be recalled on 8th November to Lerwick. If arrangements have been made to leave before this date owing to lack of fuel O.15 is to report position when 100 miles clear of patrol zone.

(F.O.S. 1148A/3 to S/Ms).

*NORTHERN SPRAY arrived Reykjavik. (A.C.I.C. 1230A/3).

Positions of S/Ms at 0800A/4. TUNA vicinity 075.30 N.

014.10 E. O.15 vicinity 075.02 N. 008.08 E.

(F.O.S. 1624A/3 to Adnty). * *See pp 82, 983.*

Mersey
Ship-
Repair
situation.

Your 1850A/31st October.

A conference should be arranged locally with M. of W.T. and Mersey Harbour Board to review the situation and the possibility of using dry docks for repairs and loading. Representative of the Admiralty will attend.

(Controller 1808A/3 to F.O.I.C.Liverpool).

/.W.S.24...

MOST SECRET

MOST SECRET. MESSAGE. 18051/3111 v. OUT.

To. C. in C. South Atlantic.
 R. A. West Africa.
 C. in C. Eastern Fleet.
 Repeated C. in C. Mediterranean. Date. 3.11.42.
 F.O.C.R.S.C.A.
 F.O.C.R.I.N.
 N.O.I.C. Durban.

NAVAL CYBER (DD).

From. D. of S.T.

Following transports sailed from United Kingdom
 29th October in convoy W.S.24.

Code No.	Ship.	Speed.	Destination	Personnel on board.	Pendant No.
B.1.	ARWA	14	Middle East. India.	1655 5	21
B.3.	ATHLONE CASTLE.	18	South Africa. East Africa. Middle East. Basra. India. Ceylon.	6 160 847 1717 1643 64	22
B.4.	EMPERESS OF SCOTLAND.	20	South Africa. Middle East. India.	2 4261 43	42
B.5.	STIRLING CASTLE.	18	South Africa. East Africa. Middle East. Basra. India. Ceylon. New Zealand.	1376 10 809 239 1884 4 10	31
B.6.	TAMAROA.	14	West Africa.	1755	11
B.7.	WIRGS BAY.	14	South Africa. East Africa Middle East. Basra. India.	294 60 3 992 374	51

2. Following guns M.T. stores etc. were shipped in troop transports.

Ship.	Contents.	Destination.
ARWA.	1983 tons seed potatoes	Middle East.
ATHLONE CASTLE.	Guns M.T. Stores.	India.
STIRLING CASTLE.	Guns, M.T. Stores.	India.

3. M.T. Ship INDO CHINOIS also sailed in convoy W.S.24.
 Details are as follows:-

Code No.	Speed.	Contents.	Destination	Pendant No.
R.629	15	Tanks, guns, vehicles, Stores and ammunition.	Middle East.	41

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4. Separate signal has been sent regarding on-carriage of personnel ex TAMBOA for West Africa from Pretoria. No ship of W.S. 24 other than TAMBOA will call at Pretoria.

5. P.S.T.O. Simonstown should arrange for the on-carriage from South Africa as follows:

- (a) For East Africa Ex ATHLONE CASTLE SPIRLING CASTLE and LARGS BAY.
- (b) For Middle East Ex ATHLONE CASTLE SPIRLING CASTLE and LARGS BAY.
- (c) For India and Basra ex ARAWA EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND and LARGS BAY.

6. P.S.T.O. India should arrange for on-carriage from Bombay of all personnel for Basra Ceylon and New Zealand.

7. Further signal will follow giving disposal instructions for all vessels.

8. All ships will replenish at Durban.

9. A.M. 0110/26 Oct. not to all addressees. ANIES will not repeat not be sailed to overtake Convoy.

10. Commodore of Convoy is Commodore A.C. Candy, R.N.R.

in SPIRLING CASTLE, Vice Commodore Captain A. Alderson in ATHLONE CASTLE.

11. Addressees pass to S.T.Os. and Military Authorities concerned.

1805A/3.

For Director of Sea
M.W.T. -Transport. Ext. 2187.

- A.C.N.S. (H)
- A.C.N.S. (E) (2)
- A.C.N.S. (T)
- N.A. 1st S.L.
- D.O.D. (H) (2)
- D.O.D. (F) (2)
- Hd. of M. (13)
- D.D.I.C. (2)
- D. of I. (2)
- D. of S. T.
- D.T.D. (3)
- D.T.D. (M)

- I.P. (2)
- W.D.
- Duty Capt. (2)
- Ad. Blake.

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W.S.24. Following transports sailed from U.K.29th Oct. in Convoy W.S.24. ARAWA, ATHLONE CASTLE, EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND, STIRLING CASTLE, LARGS BAY, INDO-CHONNOIS (M.T.).
2. TAMAROA, 14½ knots, for West Africa also sailed with Convoy.
4. Destination after Bahia is Durban unless otherwise ordered. U.S. Authorities are requested to route convoy accordingly.
5. A.M. 0110/26 Oct. ANDES will not now sail.
6. Commodore of Convoy is in STIRLING CASTLE, Vice-Commodore is in ATHLONE CASTLE.
(D.O.D.(F.) 1840A/3 to Connav).

CARDIUM. Your 1646/2. Telephone message received from N.C.S.O. Tyne at 1520 reports sailing of CARDIUM cancelled due to D/G defects. This was contrary to instructions in A.M. 2200/9/6/41.
2. Request very urgent consideration be given to (a) undocking CARDIUM on tonight's tide.
(b) sailing ship at earliest moment with special escort to Loch Ewe.
3. CARDIUM is required for inclusion in important operational movement.
(D.T. D. 1958A/3 to F.O.I.C. Tyne)

W.N.27
PLOVER.
See p. 84.
It is desired to sail PLOVER in convoy to Methil for onward passage down east coast. Propose she should join W.N.57 at daylight 5th Nov. If this is convenient request you will signal R/V. (R.A.M. 2126/3 to N.O.I.C. Oban).

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

North Atlantic.

COLTSFOOT
K.M.S.2

(with S.L.125)
Part company at daylight 3rd. Proceed at best speed to Ponta Delgada to refuel.
(2) Comply with para. 2 of my 1856/31st (N.T. in W.D. ?Hush).
(3) On completion of refuelling R/V with K.M.S.2 routed through: (X) 46.29 27.13 (Y) 38.19, 20.20. (Z) 36.15, 15.02 (A) 36.10, 10.00. and act as additional escort S. of A. 7½.
(4) K.M.S.2 ships escorted by LONDONDERRY, S.O. of escort, 6 vessels, sailed one destroyer 2 corvettes.
(F.O.C.N.A., 0031A/3 to COLTSFOOT (R) Admty. C. in C. W.A., Escorts of K.M.S.2 S.L.125).

U/Bs.

U-boats sighted at 1835Z/2 in 037° 31' N., 025° 28' W., proceeding to Westward on the surface.
(F.O.C.N.A., 0048A/3 to S. and A. N.A.)
U-boat reported 1835/2 in 37° 36' N., 25° 28' W. Course W. on surface.
(D.D.I.C., 0156A/3 to Escorts of W.S.24, HOLCOMBE (R) F.O.C.N.A.) Note - Difference in latitude.

K.M.S.1,
K.M.F.1.
K.M.4 A.

T.C.A. O.11. Intend A/S escorts 3rd November.
K.M.S.1 0830 to 1830 one C call sign T.V.5 B.
K.M.F.1. 0700 to 1400 one C, call sign T.V.5 C.
1400 to 2000 one C, call sign T.R.1 D. K.X.4 A
0730 to 1140 one H, call sign U.M.9 C, 1140 to 1615 one H, call sign U.M.9 I, 1615 to 1900 one H, call sign U.M. 9 S.
(N.C.X.F., 0115A/3 to K.M.S.1 Escorts K.M.F.1. Escorts K.X.4 A Escorts (R) Admty. S.O. Force H).

U/B

Following has been read:- Am over enemy S/M in position 290° 14 miles from Cape Trafalgar periscope only sighted on a course 360° speed 7 knots.
(A/C Call Sign T R I D 0825/3).

PORT PATRICK.

Trawler PORT PATRICK sailed from Aveiro for Lisbon direct 0930 today.
(N.A. Lisbon, 1014/3 to S.O.(I) Gibraltar (R) Admty).

ROTHERHAM,
→ HOLCOMBE.

ROTHERHAM left Ponta Delgada 0730 G.M.T./3rd. HOLCOMBE arrived 0915.
(N.C.S.O. Ponta Delgada 1035C/3 to S.O.(I) Gib. (R) Admty).

*See p/fo 30
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/OXFORDSHIRE...

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OXFORDSHIRE. Intend sailing Hospital ship OXFORDSHIRE 1100Z
4th November. Route: (A) 055° 30' N., 009° W.
(B) 052° 00' N., 015° W. (C) 041° 30' N., 015° W.
(D) 037° 00' N., 010° W. thence Gibraltar.
Speed 15½ reference nil days 14.
S.P. Nil. QKA 69.
(N.C.S.O. Mersey 1050Z/3 to Admty C. in C. W.A.,
F.O.C.N.A., H.Q.C.C.)

Bombing Restrictions. A/C 458 7/11. Serial No. G. 339. From 0700/4
to 2400/5 institute submerged bombing restrictions
20 miles either side of line joining 46° 00'
12° 10' and 42° 59' 12° 10'.
(H.Q.C.C., 1054A/3 to R.A.F. Gib. F.O.C.N.A., S.8)

U/B Following has been read, from Aircraft.
An over enemy S/M in position 37.19 N., 01.32 E.
Enemy was sighted on surface and observed to
submerge. When first sighted was on course 250°
speed 3 knots.
(Gib. W/T, 1150/3).

Survivors My 1630/1. Boat with 24 still missing.
PACIFIC STAR. (Consul, Tenerife, 1223/3 to Admty (R) F.O.C.N.A.)
My 1223/3, missing boat has arrived Island of
Palma (Canaries).
(Consul Tenerife, T.H.I. 2030/3 to Admty. (R)
F.O. Gibraltar).

U/B. Large submarine sighted on surface 5 miles due
south Ponta Delgada 1430 G.M.T./3 steering
eastward. A.1. A I P U F.
(N.C.S.O. Ponta Delgada 1250C/3 to S.O.(I)
Gibraltar (R) Admty).

TRIBUNE. Onward route. Proceed on surface at discretion to
pass through 039° 01', 011° 01' at 2300A/6th
225° Cape St. Vincent 10 miles at 1600A/7th 036°
35' 007° 01' at 0230A/8th to 035° 59' 006° 01' at 0900/8th thence
Gibraltar.
(2) Report if unable to comply within two hours of these times.
(3) Total bombing restrictions arranged 10 miles either side of
your route from 35 miles ahead to 35 miles astern of estimated
position. Assumed S. of A. 9½ knots.
(Capt. S.8., 1318A/3 to TRIBUNE (R) Admty. N.C.X.F., F.O.(S)
C. in C. Plymouth, F.O.C.N.A., Capt. (S) 3).

/Situation...

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Situation Report, Area Z. Situation at 2004/3rd.
(1) W.S.24. *ROTHERHAM, ONSLOW, OFFA, ORIBI *HOLCOMBE, QUEEN OF BERMUDA, 035° 50' 029° 50' through 035° 30' 030° 20' thence 181° 12½.
(2) GUARDIAN, CYCLAMEN, ARMERIA 021° 46' 019° 35' through 021° 54' 019° 36' thence 352° 11.
(3) Swedish relief ship AKKA YARAWONG 036° 01' 031° 39' through 036° 01' 035° 01' thence 299° 12.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1324A/3). * *See pp 88, 91 & 98.*

U/B Following has been read. Am over enemy S/M in position 37° 34' N., 03° 01' E., first observed was on surface, now has submerged on course 09° speed unknown.
(A/C via Gibraltar 1410A/3).

K.X.4 B. Arrival BUDE, BRIXHAM, K.X.4 B.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1426A/3 to Admty).

WIVERN Departure 1130.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1508A/3 to Admty (R) POZARICA, PALOMARES).

U/B Following received. Am over enemy submarine in position 37.10 N., 01.12 E., when first sighted was on surface, now observed to dive on course 270° speed 6 knots.
(A/C (via Gibraltar) 1515/3).

U/B One U-boat on surface course West 140° Ponta Delgada, 3.
(HOLCOMBE, 1520Z/3 to ONSLOW).

JAMAICA. Departure 1330.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1523A/3 to Admty).

Force M, U/B. You may have been reported by a German submarine at 1500Z. No bearing obtained at Gibraltar.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1616/3 to Force M (R) Admty).

COWSLIP S.L.125. My position at 1700Z 034° 22' N., 015° 38' W. drifting 090° 1½ knots. Add to my 2002Z/31 47 more of PRESIDENT DOUMIER survivors taken from ALASKA. SILVERWILLOW still afloat and salvageable. Wind south west 6 sea and swell 6 barometer steady visibility C 7.
(COWSLIP 1630Z/3 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) Admty. PETUNIA LEYLAND, JAUNTY). *See note -*

/Report...

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COWSLIP
S.L.125.
Contd. Report your P.C. and S. and present situation.
2. JAUNTY and LEYLAND estimated P.C. and S. 034° 38' N., 015° 00' W. 260° 8 knots at 2000/3rd.
3. JAUNTY has on board medical officer, 15 engine room artificers, and sealed provisions for you.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1643A/3 to COWSLIP (R) Admty. LEYLAND)

HOLCOMBE. Left 1845 G.M.T./3rd.
see pp 88 190
(N.C.S.O. Ponta Delgada, 1646/3 to S.O.(I) Gibraltar (R) Admty).

VENOMOUS
K.X.4 A. K.X.4 A, 15 ships, MALCOLM (?BROKE) WRESTLER and 4 trawlers in company. E.T.A. 0530Z/4 request acknowledgement.
(VENOMOUS, 1750Z/3 to N.C.X.F. (R) F.O.C.N.A.)

French Shipping. Gibraltar 1340 armed trawler L'AJACCIEUNE. Ships OUED TIFLET, MAROC, both laden, trawler AUGUSTE DENISE, laden, PONET CANET, full deck cargo barrels, eastbound.
(S.O.(I) Gib. 1800B/3 to Admty).

CAUDEBEC
French. Departed 3rd 1515 - Casablanca, 5th.
(N.C.S.O. Lisbon 1810/3 to M.W.T.)

ABA Following has been read. All ships from ABA Hospital ship. My P.C. and S. at 1700/2 32.39 N., 33.16 E., course 076° Speed 8 knots.
(Gibraltar, 1811/3 to Admty).

Operation "Torch". K.145. My 1843/2nd. Para. 1. Permission proceed need not be asked. Arrangements for leaving to be as in T S G O 101 para. 1 except last three lines. Zero hour to be time of departure laid down Ton 2.
(N.C.X.F., 1815A/3 to All British Ships and Authorities concerned in Operation "Torch".
V.A. Malta (excluding ships refitting in U.K.))

Convoys C. in C. Home Fleet 1251/26 (Hush - M/S) para. 8
U.G.F.1 F.2, The following convoys will be at sea in your
U.S. Task area on 5th November.
Forces, U.S. (a) Convoy. U.G. F.1. Escorted by U.S. Task
S/MS. Force 34 proceeds through following positions:
Op: "Torch".
1400/4th November 29.15 N., 25.30 W.
1400/5th November 32.20 N., 20.55 W.
1300/6th November 34.20 N., 16.00 W.
1300/7th November 35.00 N., 10.00 W.
(b) Convoy U.G. F.2. Escorted by U.S. Task Force 38 proceeding through following positions. 1500/5th November 40.45 N., 49.05 W
1100/7th November 37.40 N., 36.50 W. 0500/9th November
33.40 N., 26.15 W. Fuel on 10th November. 1000/11 November
33.50 N., 18.30 W. 1900/12 November 35.17 N., 09.30 W.

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- Convoys
U.G.R1 F.2
U.S. Task
Forces, U.S.
S/Ms. Contd.
Op. "Toreada"
2. U.S. Task Force 34 consists of U.S. Battleships MASSACHUSETTS, NEW YORK, and TEXAS, U.S. Cruisers WICHITA, TUSCALOOSA, PHILADELPHIA, BROOKLYN, SAVANNAH, AUGUSTA and CLEVELAND U.S. Aircraft Carrier RANGER and three Auxiliary Carriers, 42 Destroyers, 38 Transports and Auxiliaries and 12 minesweepers. Flag of C.T.F. 34 is in AUGUSTA.
3. U.S. Task Force 38 consists of Battleship ARKANSAS with flag of C.T.F. 38 and 9 destroyers, together with unknown number of transports.
4. U.S. Submarines will pass through following positions to reach patrol areas by daylight 5th November. SHAD 32° N., 25° W., through 34° N., 13° W., thence to patrol off Mehdia. HERRING 31° N., 25° W., through 33° N., 13° W., thence to patrol off Casablanca. GUNNEL 31° N., 25° W., through 34° N., 17° W. and 33° N., 13° W., to patrol off Fedala. BARB 30° N., 25° W., direct to patrol off Safi. BLACKFISH. From Westward to patrol off Dakar. Speed of advance is 11 knots on the surface - Submarines proceed submerged during daylight when East of 21° W.
5. Cominch re-encypher and pass to C.T.F. 34. (D.O.D. (H) 1835A/3 to S.O. Force Q. (R) C. in C. Home Fleet, N.C.X.F., C.T.F. 34, NORFOLK, CUMBERLAND D.17).

MIRROR. Intend to sail cable ship MIRROR P.M. 4th November escorted by one A/S trawler to carry out following repairs. (A) Lisbon - Gibraltar number 3 close inshore at cable landing. (B) Lisbon - Gibraltar number 1 in position 37° 7' 49" 21' W. (F.O.C.N.A., 1902A/3 to Admty).

BESSEL (German). Spanish D. of N.I. said today guard was being placed on board BESSEL at Vigo today. No note from M.F.A. yet. (N.A. Madrid, 2003/3 to Admty).

WELSHMAN E.T.A. 2200/4th. (A) Arrangements to comply S.149/41. (B) Draft one control rating second class. (C) Supply pattern 3192 transformer for rectifier unit of type 285 M one. (D) 30 complete sets anti-flash gear. (WELSHMAN, 2013A/3 to F.O.C.N.A.).

Air Report. Opsum for 24 hrs. ended 1800/3.
1. Two Catalinas on A/A escort to K.M.F.1 One Cat. on A/S escort to K.M.S.1 One Cat. on (BU?) patrol from 03 to 06° E. Three Hudsons on A/S to K.X.4 A. Three Hudsons on A/S Sweep to East. Eight Swordfish on A/S Sweep to West. One Hudson on met. flight to west. Catalina DY 210 sighted periscope at 0825 in position 36.15 N., 06.20 W. co. 360° 7. U-boat submerged, no attack. Hudson B/233 sighted U-boat on surface at 1150 hrs. position 37.19 N., 01.32 E. co. 250° 3. U-boat submerged, no attack.

/Catalina...

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Air Report. Catalina L/210 sighted U-boat on surface at 1410
Contd. position 37.34 N., 03.01 E. stationary, U-boat
submerged, no attack. Catalina L/210 sighted
U-boat on surface at 1515 hrs. position 37.10 N.
01.12 E. co. 270° 6. U-boat submerged but RAS attacked, results
not known.

2. No enemy activity over Rock.

3. 1212/2 one Spitfire photo R/C of Algiers. 1 Elan M/V, 2
S/MS, cable ship ALSACE in dry dock, one naval unit 24 M/Vs
now present. Algiers/Maison Blanche, two very large, two large,
seven medium, seven small aircraft visible. Blida one small
aircraft visible. 1130/3 to 1534/3 one Spitfire photo R/C
of Valencia Albacete and Alicante.
(Gibraltar, 2015Z/3).

U/B By D/F on 11068 k/cs at 1608Z. U-boat in vicinity
K.M.F.1 K.M.F.1.
(D.D.I.C., 2130A/3 to Escorts K.M.F.1., (R) Escorts
K.M.S.1., C. in C. W.A., F.O.C.N.A.)

U/B Force H. By D/F on 7640 k/cs at 1538Z U-boat was in
vicinity Force H.,
(D.D.I.C., 2220A/3 to Force H. (R) F.O.C.N.A.,
C. in C. W.A.)

U/B Admiralty re-encipher and pass to Task Group
Positions. 34.11 via British Broadcast Schedules.
Weather Special U-boat Estimate.
Forecast. One refuelling sub. estimated area 32 N., 23.W.
Six estimated patrolling Canary Islands to Azores.
Five area 36 N., 13 W. vicinity K.X.4.

Two estimated patrolling West of Gibraltar.
Five patrolling 41 N., between 12 and 25 W. from numerous D/Fs.
Three estimated patrolling off Dakar.
One Italian and one German U/B off Freetown.
One Italian 36 N., 15 W. by poor D/F 2034Z/2.
One Italian northbound area 39.N., 17 W.

Weather forecast Atlantic Coast Morocco tonight and Wednesday.
Mostly cloudy becoming overcast with rain. Increasing southwest
winds to 25 knots veering to northerly late Wednesday with
squalls. Visibility six miles. Sea very high. Swell moderate
short increasing slowly to short heavy. Azores 1200Z Tuesday
swell north northeast six and eight feet period eight seconds.
Sea choppy very high wind gusty to 40 knots. Extensive northerly
gales Azores east to long. 15 latitudes 33 to 45. Next five
day period one of considerable cloudiness showers and moderate
storminess, Atlantic Coast of Morocco due wave action and
approaching new frontal system from Western Atlantic late in
period. Wednesday and Thursday. Widespread low broken to
overcast rain or showers fresh southwest winds becoming fresh to
strong northwest Thursday. Friday. Partly cloudy to cloudy
moderate variable winds mostly north or northwest. Saturday
and Sunday. Increasing cloudiness some showers moderate to fresh
southwest winds becoming moderate to fresh northwest Sunday
decreasing tendency during day with improving weather. No
widespread northwest gales indicated in Central North Atlantic
next four or five days.
(Cominch, 2230/3 to Admty).

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PANORAMA
overdue.

[Lost, see
18402/14,
page 627]

H.M.B.D.V. PANAMARA (?PANORAMA) sailed Freetown 28th October and is overdue Bathurst since 31st October.
(R.A.W.A., 0010Z/3 to Admty (R) C. in C. S.A., N.O.I.C. Bathurst).
Your 0010Z/3rd. R.A.F. have been asked to search. (N.O.I.C. Bathurst (Gambia). 1326Z/3 to R.A.W.A.)

EMPIRE
RENNIE
U/B fired
on.

From Simonstown W/T intercepted. 0059 G.M.T. SSSS from BCTL (EMPIRE RENNIE) 10.29 S., 32.22 W. FRANS HALS torpedo tracks sighted unread. (Burnham Radio 0047 G.M.T./3 to Admty).
W.D. Note - Position doubtful, see later signals. Following has been read. SSSS EMPIRE RENNIE position 00° 47' S., 32° 18' W. submarine attack, firing.
(Freetown W/T, 0150 G.M.T./3).

Following has been read. SSSS Position 00.47 S., 32.28 W. submarine attack, we firing.

(EMPIRE RENNIE, 0150 G.M.T./3).

Following received from Simonstown W/T. S/M attack Signal from EMPIRE RENNIE 0034 S., 32.27 W. FRANS HALS submarine attacked again, five torpedoes missed, we fired and dropped depth charges.

(Simonstown W/T, 0342 G.M.T./3) (C.C.O. Plymouth, 0542/3, to Admty) (Lands End Radio, 0728/3 to Admty). U/B claimed damaged perhaps sunk, see 1200/4.

GEORGE
THATCHER
torpedoed.

GEORGE THATCHER U.S. torpedoed in 002° 20' S., 008° 16' E. at 1800 1st November 48 survivors picked up by Free French Chasseur 43. Ship left on fire and drifting.
(S.O.(I) Freetown, 0101Z/3 to Admty (R) C. in C. S.A. etc).

SS. GEORGE THATCHER reported torpedoed and on fire in 002° 20' S., 008° 16' E. at 1800 November 1st. With SPEDDEN close this position and if practicable tow to Pointe Noire Bay or Libreville.

(R.A.W.A., 1030/3 to BARWICK).

TAMAROA

Following personnel arriving Freetown in TAMAROA will require onward conveyance.
2. Request you arrange accordingly. My 0521/28/10 refers.
(D.S.T., 0112A/3 to D.S.T.O. W. Africa).

West Africa
Convoys.

Ships from Takoradi, Accra, Lagos, Forcados, Calabar, Port Harcourt, Duala, Pointe Noire, and Matadi are to be sailed in convoy. Escort proceeding as follows:-

(1) Leaving Takoradi for Lagos about 3rd November.

Two motor launches.

(2) Leaving Lagos for Duala about 5th November. TAMARISK, KELT, two Motor Launches.

(3) Leaving Duala for Pointe Noire about 7th November.

*TAMARISK, KELT, two Motor Launches. * — 1-77

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West Africa (4) Leaving Pointe Noire for Duala about 11th
Convoys. November. *TAMARISK, KELT, D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES.
Contd. (5) Leaving Duala for Lagos about 15th November
TAMARISK, KELT and D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES. * 11.11.42
(6) Leaving Pointe Noire for North as required by
B.N.L.O. Pointe Noire. Two Motor Launches.
N.O.I.C. Takoradi N.O.I.C. Lagos, N.C.S.O. Duala and B.N.L.O.
Pointe Noire are to co-ordinate convoy assemblies and sailings.
Ships in Calabar Forcados Port Harcourt and Duala may proceed
unescorted to westward until seventh November.
CUBAN and SILVERCASH are to be sailed from Banana as ordered in
my 1253Z/28 and my 1145Z/29 neither to all addressees.
(R.A.W.A., 0155Z/3 to R.N.O. Lagos, N.C.S.O. Duala, R.O.
Calabar, Controller of Customs Accra, R.O. Forcados B.N.L.O.
Pointe Noire, R.O. Port Harcourt, V.C. Matadi, N.O.I.C. Takoradi,
(R) C. in C. S.A., Admty).

Vichy 2 French merchant ships and 1 escort vessel
Ships. course and speed (?180°) 9 knots. S.L. F R A S,
F P L X, F N Y K. Port departure Dakar. Port
of destination Casamae.
My position 013° 15' North 017° 20' W.
(M.L. 277 0430Z/3 to Admty. R.A.W.A.)
Signal letters undecypherable.

Chasseurs. Pointe Noire arrivals 0700/3rd November Chasseurs
42 and 43.
(B.N.L.O. West Africa, 0915/3 to R.A. West Africa
(R) C. in C. South Atlantic. Admty).
My 0914/3. CHASSEUR 43 is being placed immediately on
slip at Pointe Noire for temporary repairs. (Estimated?) (as?)
7 days. CHASSEUR 42 needs large engine repairs and has asdic
out of action. She will be taken in hand when CHASSEUR 43 has
left slip. Neither is available for immediate service.
(B.N.L.O. W.A. 1645/3 to R.A.W.A. (R) C. in C. S.A. Admty).

EGYPTIAN My 1130Z/2 SS EGYPTIAN did not sail.
(N.O.I.C. Bathurst, Gambia, 0920Z/3 to R.A.W.A.)

EMPIRE Following has been read from EMPIRE AUSTEN to
AUSTEN C. in C. S.A., Pass to Admty. GR2 G5 H.
"S" report. (Slangkop W/T, 1015/3 to Admty).
Following has been read. Pass to C. in C. S.A.
from EMPIRE AUSTEN. Following intercepted
at 1500 G.M.T. S O S SSSS 35.30 S., 28.01 W.
no call sign, distress given on Spark.
(Falkland Is. W/T, 1600/3 to Admty).

/PHOEBE...

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PHOEBE, AMARANTHUS, attack on U/B. My 1755Z/31/10. At 0625Z AMARANTHUS closing PHOEBE obtained contact range 1600 yards 7 cables on PHOEBE's starboard quarter. Attacking at 15 knots periscope sighted at 400 yards dipped at range 25 yards. U-boat apparently unaware of AMARANTHUS presence. First counter attack at 16 knots with 5 charges at 50 feet on slowly moving U-boat. Second counter attack at 0640 on slightly moving U-boat with 5 charges at 100 feet. Third counter attack at 0646 on stopped U-boat with 5 charges at 100 feet. All attacks considered good by C.O. Subsequent search blank. No visible result but attacks were made in oil and wreckage from PHOEBE. All attacks in 20 fathoms and position of last attack $4^{\circ} 49\frac{1}{4}$ S., $11^{\circ} 46\frac{3}{4}$ E. Search by divers will be made if practicable. Comment. Consider AMARANTHUS prevented second attack on PHOEBE and at least severely damaged U-boat. (R.A.W.A., 1045Z/3 to Admty (R) C. in C. S.A.)

LAFONIA Arrival a.m. 3rd November ^{*}M.L.279 ⁹1281³ escorting LAFONIA. (N.O.I.C. Bathurst 1130Z/3 to R.A.W.A. C. in C. S.A.)
** Movement of H.M. Ships*

Durban Defences. Your 2107/30/10 (re confirmation that two 9.2" guns are sited on Bluff) There are at present two 9.2" guns on Bluff. An additional gun will be mounted in near future. Of these only one will bear on the final approaches to the Breakwaters. 2. Your 1118/17/10 para. 6. Siting depends on receipt of proposals of Port Defence Committee. (C. in C. S.A., 1239C/3 to Admty).

Dispositions. DURBAN, CARTHAGE, NORMAN, EXPRESS, CATTERICK, KANARIS, with W.S. 23 $034^{\circ} 40'$ S., $025^{\circ} 06'$ E. to Durban $12\frac{1}{2}$. ROCKROSE searching about $037^{\circ} 30'$ S. $019^{\circ} 40'$ E. * DRAGON leaves Capetown for Pointe Noire p.m./3rd. (C. in C. S.A., 1305C/3 to A.I.G.125).
** See/3 - see p. 98*

DUNCAN, ANTHONY, SHROPSHIRE. My 1148Z/27th October. Correct longitude $24^{\circ} 44'$ W. S. of A $11\frac{3}{4}$ knots. (R.A.W.A., 1337Z/3 to B.A.D. (R) F.O.C.N.A., Admty).
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MENDOZA (torpedoed 1st November). MENDOZA torpedoed in $29^{\circ} 16'$ S., $32^{\circ} 16'$ E. at 1330Z/1/11. Submarine not sighted, two torpedoes hit. All C.Bs. went down with ship. List of survivors will be telegraphed as soon as completed. (N.C.S.O. Durban, 1414Z/3 to Admty (R) S.O.(I) Capetown S.O.(I) Kilindini). (W.D. Note. Position differs from MENDOZA's own report.)

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?Vichy Cancel my 2204Z/2nd November. Following is correct
Convoy. version. 1335/2nd November., Hudson aircraft
sighted 1 merchant ship and 1 escort vessel in 011°
45' N., 016° 54' W. course 180° 8 knots.

Merchant ship 8,000 tons 2 funnels black hull white superstruc-
ture. Escort 2,000 tons.
1240/2nd November in 010° 03' N., (?015°) 10' W. burning (?vessel)
floating sighted, aircraft descended to 500 feet to investigate
No sign of any aircraft or shipping in the vicinity.
(S.O.(I) Freetown, 1527Z/3 to Admty. (R) C. in C. S.A., N.O.I.C.
Bathurst).

COMMANDANT Departure Pointe Noire 1500/3rd November for
DETROYAT. Boma.
(B.N.L.O.W.A., 1605/3 to R.A.W.A. (R) C. in C.
S.A. Admty).

Dakar S.O.(I) Freetown 1234Z/2nd. P.R.U. Dakar 0830Z/3
R/C. shows no change in major units since 1st November
A.M.C. QUERCY has left. Details follow.
(R.A.W.A., 1618Z/3 to Admty).

My 1618Z/3rd Dakar P.R.U. 1620Z/3rd. One escort vessel
departed. One Redoubtable Submarine arrived 31st October 0820Z/3
P.R.U. Both P.R.U. gave complete cover.
Summary of ships present at 1620. French Battle Ship RICHELIEU,
three Galissoniere, two Fantasque, two sloops or escort vessels,
eight submarines, French Sub-Parentship JULES VERNE, tanker LOT.
Admiralty recypher and pass to Air Force H.Q. Gibraltar, Naval
Commander Western Naval Task Force, N.C.X.F.
(R.A.W.A., 2337Z/3 to Admty).
W.R. Note. Message 1618/3 has also been passed to Air Force
H.Q. Gibraltar, N.C.W.N.T.F., N.C.X.F.

CISTULA. What additional repairs does CISTULA require
after completion discharge Matadi to enable ship
return U.K? Can they be effected at Lagos?
What is estimated time? Mast 312 and Mast 207
(tanker message) not to R.A.W.A. refer.
(D.T.D., 1629A/3 to N.O.I.C. Lagos, (R) R.A.W.A.).

Movements Departures 3rd. *TAMARISK, BENGALI.
(N.O.I.C. Lagos, 1655Z/3 to Admty (R) R.A.W.A.
N.O.I.C. Takoradi). * *pp 94995*

NIGELLA, Arrival Simonstown 3rd November.
TMYME. (C. in C. S.A., 1659C/3 to Admty).

GAMTOOS. My 0955/29/5. Salvage vessel GAMTOOS will
come under operational control of Royal Navy and
be ready to sail from Durban for Mediterranean
about 10th November.

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Contd.

2. Intend to sail her for Suez calling at Kilindini for bunkers.
3. Assume diversion is unlikely and she will therefore carry about 150 tons stores for S and F vessels in Mediterranean.
(C. in C. S.A., 1714C/3 to C. in C. Med.,
(R) C. in C. E.F., Admty. Com. I/C Durban.)

HOLCOMBE

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Request HOLCOMBE may be instructed to proceed to Bathurst at best speed, reporting E.T.A. (R.A.W.A., 1727Z/3 to F.O.C.N.A., (R) N.O.I.C. Bathurst, HOLCOMBE).

Attack on
STEPHEN
HOPKINS
(U.S.).*p. 105.*

My 1229Z/1st. Position has now been corrected to read 028° 08' S., 020° 01' W.
(S.O.(I) Montevideo, 1755Z/3 to Admty (R) B.A.D., C. in C. S.A., S.O.(I) Freetown).

U/B

American aircraft report U-boat in position 001° 05' S., 007° 50' W. at 1219Z/3rd. Course 235° (R.A.W.A., 1803/3 to TRUANT Neth. S/M K.14).

W.S.24

List and details.
(D.S.T., 1805A/3 to C. in C. S.A. etc)
See Lion Copy.

Dakar R/C.

My 1234Z/2/11/42 (R/C of Dakar 1/11). Details of merchant ships seen. Total of 20 including hospital CANADA and probable MEDIE II. 7 400-500 ft. 3 350-400 ft. 5 300-350 ft. 3 250-300 ft.
(S.O.(I) Freetown, 1935Z/3 to Admty (R) C. in C. S.A., F.O.C.N.A.).

DRAGON.

Capetown departure 1445Z/3 DRAGON for Duala.
(2) Route A. 034° 30' S., 017° 30' E.
B. 025° 00' S., 011° 00' E. C. 018° 00' S. 010° 00' E. D. 008° 00' S. 010° 00' E.

E. Pointe Noire F. 004° 30' S., 010° 00' E.

G. 001° 00' S., 007° 00' E. thence direct Duala.

(3) E.T.A. Pointe Noire 1400Z/8 E.T.A. Duala a.m./11 November.

(4) S. of A. 17½ knots.

(5) Shifting W/T watch to area P at 1700Z/6.

(C. in C. S.A., 1953C/3 to Admty. R.A.W.A. N.C.S.O. Duala, B.N.L.O.W.A.)

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"R"
Report. Received at 1944 G.M.T. 375 k/cs De GNE (begins)
At 1935 GBXZ B.A.M.S. De ZSC (begins). S O S
RRRR 35.30 S., 28.21 W. De ZZZI 1500 G.M.T.
(date unread).
(Gallon Head Radio 2047/3 to Admiral Lyness)
ZSC - Slankop W/T Station ZZZI - undecypherable.

TRUANT Onward route from position (F) to (G) 007° 38'
N., 014° 10' W., thence Freetown.
(R.A.W.A., 2057Z/3 to TRUANT, (R) Neth. Sub.
K.14, C. in C. S.A.)

U/B U.S. Aircraft reports sighting U-boat in 1° 05'
S., 7° 55' W. course S.W. at 1219Z/3.
(R.A.W.A., 2250Z/3 to Admty).

P.614 P.614 1601 (?10) (1601A/1st Nov. intended).
Request S/M may be instructed to proceed Freetown
through position (x) 014° N., 019° W., and
(y) 010° N., 018° W.
(R.A.W.A., 2313Z/3 to F.O.C.N.A.)

Mediterranean.

Convoy Arrived.
C.M.33. (N.C.S.O. Aden, 0607Z/3 to Admty).

Malta G/4713/R cipher 3 November.
Sit. Rep. Situation report W/E October 31. Enemy air
activity on much reduced scale. 16 alerts.
Total 290 Spitfire sorties against 650 enemy
sorties. No alerts after 1300 hrs. 29th October. Raids
consisted fighter bombers heavily escorted. Many jettisoned
bombs sea. Few bombs aerodromes. A.A. dump set on fire
extinguished by soldiers. Photo R/C shows general decrease
100 enemy aircraft Sicily but increase western aerodromes
particularly Ju.84 (or 87's).
(Govr. Malta, 0820Z/3).

TRAVELLER. Greek S/M PAPANICOLIS and 2 A/S craft will be
exercising in Beirut exercise Sanctuary from
0900 to dusk tomorrow Wednesday. On arrival
within 2 miles of edge of exercise Sanctuary
you are to surface and (?enter harbour) keeping
well clear of ships exercising.
(Capt. S.l., 1123B/3 to TRAVELLER (R) S.N.O.L.A.
Beirut C.C.O.)

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AQUITANIA.

Sailed 3rd November.

(D.S.T.O. Suez, 1149B/3 to D.S.T.O. Aden, N.B. Melbourne, N.O. Wellington etc).

Enemy Units.

P.C. and S. of 3 enemy Merchant vessels, 5 enemy E-boats 35° N., 20° E., 180° 7 knots.

(Med., A/C, 1150B/3).

Following has been read - P.C. and S. of 2 medium sized (under 10,000 tons) merchant vessels 3 enemy destroyers F Q Q H 34.35 N., 20.42 E. 230° 8 knots.

(Med., A/C 1520A/3)

Cositrep 579.
Part Two.

Air. Night 1/2 November. Torpedo and bomber Wellingtons despatched to attack southbound convoy 2 merchant vessels with escort naval units south of Crete. Escort vessels only were located and hits with bombs are claimed on two

destroyers, near misses on another. One torpedo Wellington attacked a suspected cruiser with unobserved results.

Beauforts with Beaufighter escort despatched to make day attack found the convoy north of Tobruk scoring a torpedo hit on a 5,000 ton merchant vessel followed by a column of smoke.

R/C aircraft later reported ship on fire with smoke up to 3,000 feet. Beaufighters engaged enemy fighters over convoy while Beauforts attacked. One Beaufighter two Beauforts lost.

2nd November. American B.17's bombed Tobruk Harbour in afternoon. Large fires were started in jetty area but smoke prevented observation of damage.* B.17s shot down one enemy fighter, damaged another.

(C. in C. ME., 1215 G.M.T./3) *2,000 ton M/V burnt out, see 1010/4.

S/Ms

Arrival CLYDE. Departure P.211, P.212, P.247, UNA, UTMOST. *See next page.*
(V.A. Malta, 1425A/3 to Admty etc).

TURBULENT

Minelaying E-boats are expected to operate in the vicinity of searched channel tonight Tuesday and any suspicious plot will be engaged by Coast Defences.

2. You are not to approach within 15 miles of end of Q B B 288 before 0400A/4th at earliest.
(V.A. Malta, 1431A/3 to TURBULENT).

/TURBULENT...

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TURBULENT, Subs sail at 1430A/3rd routed as follows:
 *UNA, UNA through: (A) 035° 22', 015° 10'.
 *UTMOST. (B) 036° 00', 015° (corrupt group) thence north-
 ward.
 UTMOST through: (A) 035° 12', 015° 10'.
 (B) 036° 00' 016° 00' thence northwards.
 Sanctuary will be in force from 0400A/4th until
 you arrive.
 (Capt. S.10., 1530A/33 to TURBULENT (R) UNA,
 UTMOST).

Genoa
 Raid
 Damage.

Italian Navy. Aircraft Carrier building at
 Genoa severely damaged by bombing during raid of
 October 22nd - 23rd. B.3.
 (N.A. Stockholm, 1717/3 to Admty).
 N.I.D. Comment. Ex-liner ROMA being converted
 into modified form of Aircraft Carrier. Above
 statement of damage is confirmed by reports from
 other sources.

Axis
 Shipping.

Arrival 31st. *E.H. FISSER from Sagasto, iron
 ore. Arrival 1st. GRETE Marseilles in
 Ballast.
 (Valencia T.H.I. 2100/3 to Admty).

*ELISABETH HENDRIK FISSER *retired*.

Malta Air
 Report.

I.88 3/11. C.S.R.
 Night 2/3. 0336 hours serious R.D.F. interference
 was experienced as four enemy aircraft approached
 Malta at height. 2 Beaufighters up forced 2
 raiders to turn back but 2 enemy bombers crossed
 coast and bombed north of Takali Aerodrome causing damage
 to a hospital, and injuring 4 nurses. Elsewhere (casualties).
 3/Nov. Today enemy resumed attacks on our aerodromes by fighter-
 bombers. 0715 hours, 9 Spitfires up for 20 raiders which turned
 back before reaching Malta. 0947 hours, partial R.D.F.
 interference was experienced causing very late R.D.F. warning as
 20 Me. 109s including fighter-bombers approached island at height
 8 Spitfires intercepted but enemy had height advantage and no
 combat resulted. Bombs dropped on Luqa Aerodrome caused small
 craters on runways and aerodrome was temporarily unserviceable.
 1242 hrs. 25 plus Mc. 202s and Me. 109 fighters and fighter-
 bombers approached at great height and were intercepted
 7 Spitfires who destroyed one Mc. 202 without loss to themselves.
 Some raiders crossed coast and bombs on Luqa Aerodrome caused
 craters on runway making aerodrome partially unserviceable for
 50 minutes.
 1438 Hours. 20 Me. 109s including some carrying bombs
 approached and were intercepted north east of Island by 7
 Spitfires but no combat resulted. Bombs on Halfar Aerodrome
 destroyed one Spitfire on ground but runway remained serviceable:
 elsewhere 2 houses were destroyed. Today in 31 Spitfire sorties
 against 85 plus enemy sorties one Mc. 202 was destroyed by
 Spitfires for loss of one Spitfire destroyed on ground.
 (A.H.Q., Malta, 2140Z/3).

/RORQUAL...

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RORQUAL,

S/MS are not to be attacked 30 miles either side of RORQUAL's route during her passage through area K.

(Capt. S.l., 2250B/3 to TAKU, RORQUAL).

My 1115/2nd. Proceed straight through position A and B to arrive 0530B/8th November. Cancel last para. target may be attacked.

(Capt. S.l., 2255B/3 to RORQUAL, (R) C. in C. Med., TAKU, Capt. (S) 10).

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Tuesday.FOREIGN STATIONS.East Indies.Shipping,
failure of
diversion
signals.

Serial No.1. A large number of reports continue to be received of ships failing to receive diversion signals addressed to them. A full investigation of the circumstances is always to be made on the arrival of the ship concerned at her ports of call. Should this latter be situated in a different command to that from which the diversion signal was initiated the relevant information should be passed to the other command with a request for an enquiry to be held. In British strategic area a brief report of the investigation is to be made to Admiralty.

(C. in C. E.F., 0506Z/3 to C. in C. Ceylon, F.O.I.C. Ceylon, F.O.C.R.I.N., Com. R.I.N., etc.)

B.P. 59.

Sailed from Bombay 3rd November, E.T.A. Rooka a.m./10th. Details.
(P.S.T.O. Bombay, 0555Z/3 to D.S.T.O. Persian Gulf.)

Movement
Summary No.21
November 3rd.

- (1) WARSPITE, BIRMINGHAM, NAPIER, HOTSPUR left Durban 2nd November due Kilindini 6th November routed through Mozambique Channel.
- (2) HAWKINS escorting SS. KUTSANG left Addu Atoll 2nd November due Seychelles 7th November and Kilindini about 11th November speed $9\frac{1}{2}$ knots.
- (3) CAIRNS left Diego Garcia 29th October due Kilindini about 9th November possibly calling Seychelles.
- (4) DEVONSHIRE arrived Kilindini 3rd November from operation "Demcat". *See next page.*
- (5)*PRINCE HENRY, MAURITIUS due Kilindini 4th November from operation "Demcat". **LT Esquimaux ENTERPRISE entered, 2nd 11-12.11.42*
- (6) CAPETOWN left Bombay 29th October due Kilindini 29th October due Kilindini 5th November.
- (7)*RANGHI left Aden 25th October escorting Convoy A.P.4 despatched 28th October due Kilindini 3rd November *See next page.*
- (8) U.S. Destroyer LANSDALE left (corrupt group) Diego Suarez 2nd November due Kilindini 5th November.
- (9) JASMINE left Kilindini 2nd November for Durban.
- (10) JAY left Kilindini 30th October due Seychelles 4th November thence to Colombo.
- (11) DEVON CITY left Durban 28th October due Diego Suarez (4 corrupt groups) Of (4 corrupt groups) knots.
(C. in C. E.F., 0728Z/3.)

PETRONELLA.

Take action on A.M. 1307A/1st (PETRONELLA to be taken in hand to be rearmed.)
(F.O.C.R.I.N., 1018Z/3 to Com. R.I.N.)

/ U/B ...

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U/B. A.449, 3rd November. F.O. Ceylon signal T.O.O. 0323/2nd November. In fairness to Catalina crews wish to state every possible effort made to carry out patrol but we were handicapped by circumstances beyond our control. This operation was quite (experimental) and in order carry it out flying boat proceeding on direct route to Mombasa and others which had just completed operation "Demcat" had to be employed. Inspection requirements together with unforeseen serviceability and exceptionally bad visibility hampered the task. With the flying boats at our disposal all patrols possible were flown. Must point out again that we were endeavouring to cover extremely wide area of ocean with inadequate resources. Majority of boats are now old and we are experiencing difficulty in maintaining serviceability particularly in view of shortage of spare parts and replacements of engines. In circumstances consider everything possible was done and the crew of flying boat did good work.
(222 Group, 1100Z/3 to C. in C. E.F., (R) F.O. Ceylon.)
See also C. in C. E.F. 0801/5.

Shipping Your 0921/17th para. 3 (N.T. in W.D.) Concur
Reference that it is desirable to retain certain number
Positions. of standard reference positions for reason
stated.
(2) Propose referring monthly to all coastal
authorities about 7 lettered positions to be used as standard
reference positions for issue to all ships and Shore Authorities
for reporting ships position and or diversions etc. by Shore
Authorities.
(F.O. Ceylon, 1202Z/3 to C. in C. E.F., (R) F.O.C.R.I.N., Admty.)

M.L. Experience has shown that it is undesirable to
Flotillas. form "B" type Fairmile. M.Ls and H.D.M.Ls into
composite Flotillas owing to difficulties, delays
and mistakes in respect of stores, spares, and
maintenance.
2. Request you will reconsider para. 1 of your 0929Z/12th Sept.
and if you agree to forming separate M.L. and H.D.M.L. Flotillas,
that you will signal the number of Flotilla numbers you require
to be allocated for (a) "B" Type Fairmile M.L. Flotillas.
(b) H.D.M.L. Flotillas.
(D.D.O.D. (C), 1304A/3 to F.O.C.R.I.N.)

DEVONSHIRE, Arrivals 3rd November. *In previous page*
RANCHI. (F.O.I.C. E.A. & Z., 1533Z/3 to Admty.)

U/B. Ref. Admty. Message A.F., position 11° 53' N.
51° 39' E.
(Adm. Mombasa, 2252Z/3 to B.A.M.S. 7A.)
S/M sighted on surface at about 2213Z/3rd in
011° 39' N. 051° 39' E.
(C. in C. E.F., 2256Z/3 to E.I. Stn.)

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S.C.107. ^{SAMUEL D.} INGHAM sailed 2000Z/2nd, LEARY at 0020Z/3rd, SCHENCK at 0100Z/3rd. LEARY and SCHENCK are to overtake INGHAM. Escort Unit should join you about noon Nov. 4th. (C.T.G. 0259Z/3 to C.T.U. 24.1, C. in C. W.A. C.T.24, Connav.)

St. Johns N.F. Nov. 2nd 1942. Departures TENACITY to EMPIRE SUNRISE ex S.C.107.

(F.O.N.F. 0330Z/3.)

D/F bearings on 10510 k/cs. at 0930Z/3 indicate that a U-boat has reported you. E barred procedure used.

(D.D.I.C. 1119A/3 to Escorts S.C.107.)

S.C.107 attacked throughout night, total 8 ships torpedoed: EMPIRE SUNRISE, DALCROY, RINOS, EMPIRE LEOPARD, EMPIRE ANTELOPE, HARTINGTON, TITUS, (corrected to MARITIMA, 2229/3) MOUNTEPELION victims, rescue ship has 250 survivors on board. Obtained 35 H.F. D/F bearings in last (?8) hours. MOOSEJAW joined. Position 52.40 44.40. Weather.

(RESTIGOUCHE 1231Z/3 to C.T.F.24 (R) Connav, Admty.,

C. in C. W.A., N.S.H.Q. F.O.N.F., C.O.A.C. C.T.G. 24.7.)

D/F bearing at 1257Z/3rd on 10510 k/cs indicates at least one U-boat in your immediate vicinity.

(N.S.H.Q. 1447Z/3 to C.T.U. 24.1.14, C.O.A.C., F.O.N.F.

(R) Admty. S.B.N.O. Western Atlantic, Opanav.)

S.C.107 observed P.C. and S. 55.22 N. 39.43 W. 051° 7.5 knots. HAHIRA torpedoed and sunk at 1040/3rd in 54.37 N. 41.45 W. survivors rescued. 3 submarines sighted on surface near convoy today. Correction to my 1231/2nd (1231/3rd intended) for TITUS read MARITINA. VANESSA joined. Weather.

(C.T.U. 24.1.14 2229Z/3 to C.T.24 (R) Connav, Admty. etc.)

U/B. U-Boat by D/F at 0223Z/3rd in vicinity 041° 30' N. 051° 00' W. accurate within 30 miles frequency 4796 k/cs. (N.S.H.Q. 0657Z/3 to C.O.A.C. F.O.N.F. (R) Admty. etc.)

STEPHEN HOPKINS (sunk 27 Sep raider) ^{see p. 98} Opnav's 2242/2 informs as follows: This refers to your despatch 1455Z/30 (Re further details of attack on STEPHEN HOPKINS required) Information on raid indicates STEPHEN HOPKINS sunk by shell fire of two surface raiders on Sept. 27th at 0938P; position calculated to be 28.08 S. 20.01 W. Small raider firing from four guns (estimated to be 6 inch) centrally controlled is stated to have been left in flames by return fire from STEPHEN HOPKINS. A larger raider which was apparently armed only with machine guns possibly damaged. Further details have been requested and, when available, will be forwarded.

(Commaveu 0831/3 to Admty.)

Opnav's 2243/2 addressed for action to Alusna, Rio; and for information to C.T.F.23; Commander, South Atlantic Forces; and Commaveu, informs as follows: Substance of your despatches 2335/29 and 1830/1 has been forwarded to the Admiralty. Any further details as to method of attack and descriptions of raiders is requested. As an aid in the identification of

/raiders ...

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STEPHEN
HOPKINS
(sunk 27 Sep
raider)
(contd.)

raiders, it is suggested that the confidential supplement to Office of Naval Intelligence 208 be used.
(Comnav 1112/3 to Admty.)

U/B.

U-Boat by D/F at 0500Z/3rd within 100 miles of 055° 20' 029° 4796 k/cs. B.T. SS COAMO has via B.A.M.S.
(Cominch 0847/3 to C.T.24, Cinclant, Admty. SS COAMO.)

U/Bs
attacked.

Admty. 1059/22/7. Report for W/E 1.11.42.
(Comnav 1006/3) See U-Boat Campaign.

U/B.

A.D.C. report S/M sighted in vicinity 047° 35' N. 058° 40' W. at 0740/3rd.
(C.O.A.C. 1007Z/3 to G.B.7A(?A.I.G.302)

Movements
Summary.

1800 G.M.T./3rd November.

Ship	Position	Course	Speed
Convoy W.S.24.	37° N. 28½° W.	227°	12
ILEX.	14° N. 43° W.	080°	16

(D.O.D.(F) 1010Z/3 to Opnav (R) Comnav.)

U/B.

Intercept from San Juan reports Submarine in 00.34 S. 32.27 W. at 0342 G.C.T.
(Kingston Jamaica 1100/3 to Admty.)

Movements.

Arrival 2nd Nov. U.S. Navy Tanker TALLULAH.
(B.R.O. Aruba 1132/3 to Admty.)

Arrival Nov. 2nd U.S.S. BIDDLE escorting U.S. Ship MERAK.

(N.O.I.C. Trinidad (P.of S) 1132Q/3 to S.B.N.O.W.A.)

Departure U.S. Destroyers BIDDLE, BRECKINRIDGE.

(N.O.I.C. Trinidad 1602Q/3 to S.B.N.O.W.A.)

Departures 3rd Dutch Corvette KINSBERGEN for Aruba.

(R.O. San Juan 1628/3 to Admty. S.O.(I) Jamaica.)

U.S. Army transport COLUMBIA escorted Submarine Chaser No.

P.C.589 arrived 2nd and both sailed third for Georgetown due 3rd.
(B.R.L.O. Surinam 1654/3 to Admty.)

U/B
attacked
by A/C.

Aircraft sighted S/M 046° 26' N. 052° 07' W.
at 1205/3rd.

(C.O.A.C. 1224Z/3 to G.B.7a, C.T.F.24 (R) Connav etc.)

Following received to Y X 8 from R 6 U X (quote) enemy course 240°, 3 knots. Have attacked with depth charges and estimate one hit.

(C.O.A.C. 1225Z/3 to G.B.7A, (R) Comtask Force 24, Connav, etc.)

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attacked
by A/C.
(contd.)My 1225/3 refers to my 1224/3.
(C.O.A.C. 1543Z/3 to G.B. 7A (R) A.I.G. 302.)Curacao,
Aruba,
Staff.Navy Dept. has received recommendation from
C.A.F.A.C. approved by C.C.S.F. for reduction
of British staff at Curacao and Aruba in due
course.2. C.A.F.A.C. recommend that British Routing
Liaison Officer staff at Curacao should consist of Lieut. Com.
Wall and Lieut. Com. Pierce. British A.N.D. staff to be
relieved by Dutch as soon as they are trained.3. As only 2 officers specified para 2 were named by C.A.F.A.C.
it is assumed his intention is to have no B.R.L.Os at Aruba.
This is contrary to agreement reached with Navy Dept. vide
B.A.D. 1933/24th July para 3.4. For purpose of discussion in Navy Dept., request nominal
list of officers it is desired should remain permanently at
Aruba and Curacao to carry out duties described reference
A.M. 2041/23rd Oct. It is anticipated that 2 officers at
Curacao and 1 at Aruba would be acceptable Navy Dept.
(B.A.D. 1339Z/3 to Admty., S.B.N.O. W.A. (R) S.B.N.O. Curacao.)

D.E.M.S.

B.A.D. 1339/3rd. I was not consulted in any
way before C.A.F.A.C. made his recommendation.Submit C.A.F.A.C. is quite incapable of judging
need of this office and choosing actual personnel. British
Naval Office although keeping close and as I imagine friendly
liaison with U.S. authorities in no way comes under their orders.
Consider it essential to have a S.B.N.O. in Curacao. A.N.D.
and D.E.M.S. are almost entirely British commitments at present.
Understand Netherlands authorities have no men with which to
replace British A.N.D. ratings and D.E.M.S. work here was con-
fined to placing guns on board ships until British officer was
appointed.(S.B.N.O. Curacao 1613QR/3 to Admty. (R) S.B.N.O. W.A., B.A.D.
C.A.F.A.C.)Suspicious
Ships.Following from LEOPARDVILLE. About 0900 G.M.T.
3rd Nov. in 050° 00' N. 033° 17' W. met 2 ships
flying Swedish flag. First cargo motor vessel
foremast with Samson post behind, mast in middle
and after mast no funnel followed by big motor tanker. Were
showing bright working lights in dark. They are going south
now but were following same course as ours when first seen.
(Burnham Radio 1345/3 to C. in C. W.A.)BOR
(Swedish)
D/G.Your 1711Z/31. Ship should be sailed in H.S.C.
108. 2. No ship should be held for D/G work
without previous concurrence of Admiralty.
A.F.O. 2540/42, para 5, is being amended to
cover the point.
(D.T.D. 1348A/3 to C.O.A.C. (R) N.S.H.Q.)

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Positions.S/M Situation Nov. 3rd and U.S. S/M notice.
(C. in C. U.S. Fleet 1546/3, 1547/3, 1556/3,
1622/3.)Salvage
Operations,
Trinidad.

Sailed B.A.Ts 4, 5 and 8 escorted by H.M. Trawlers NORTHERN CHIEF, LADY ROSEMARY, to salvage 1 tanker and 1 freighter torpedoed and abandoned in position 12° 28' N. 064° 30' W.
2. Sailed ZWARTE ZEE escorted by H.M. Trawler WELLARD with additional U.S. escort to salvage torpedoed and abandoned tanker in position 12° 28' N. 64° 03' W.
3. Ships casualties from T.A.G.18 attacked night November 2/3rd.
4. Ships named in para 1, U.S.S. LADY ROSEMARY will be sailed ~~for~~ Freetown immediately ~~to~~ return Trinidad.
(S.B.N.O. Trinidad 1622Q/3 to S.B.N.O.W.A.)

U/B attacked
by P.C.490.

St. Lucia reports submarine sighted 1120Z/2nd 014° 55' N. 064° 10' W. and at 0650Q/3rd 012° 15' N. 064° 08' W. U.S.S. P.C.490 reported to have attacked and possibly damaged submarine at 2005Z/29th 017° 05' N. 064° 19' W. S.B.N.O. Trinidad informed.
(S.O.I. Jamaica 1626R/3 to Admty., S.B.N.O. W.A. B.A.D.)

Strategic
Area
Boundaries.

Cominch proposes to inform necessary U.S. Authorities that South Atlantic agreement contained in my 1547/27 Oct. (Not to Cominch) will come into force at 0001Z/ Friday 6th Nov.
2. Request concurrence and confirmation that you will inform British Authorities.
(B.A.D. 1703Z/3 to Admty.) See also 2101/6.

U/B.

U-Boat position by D/F at 1422Z/3rd within 150 miles of 52 N. 28 W. 10510 k/cs Enigma 46 groups.
(Cominch 1730/3 to SKEENA, C.T.24, Cinclant.)

GURNARD.

Add 24 hours to all times in Para No.3 of my 2229/31st. Shift wireless watch at 2030Z/11th Nov.
(F.O.S. 1916A/3 to GURNARD (R) C. in C. U.S. Fleet, Admiralty etc.)

REGENT.

Philadelphia arrived 1400/3.
(N.S.H.Q. 2016Z/3 to Admty.)

/Oil Ships ...

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Oil Ships
for Abadan.

My 2215/29th Sept. ADABELLE LYKES 14 knots,
leaves New York about 9th Nov. similar route.
(B.A.D. 2045Z/3 to Admty.)

→ Shipping
Casualties.

Connav Serial 3. PRESIDENT COOLIDGE mined and
sunk entrance Esperito Santo Harbour 25th Oct.
P.L.M.27 and ROSE CASTLE both sunk by torpedo
Wabana Harbour 2nd Nov. PARTHENON sunk by
torpedo 2nd Nov. 52.59 N. 44.02 W., S.C.107. Four unknown
ships reported torpedoed today convoy T.A.G.18 approx. 12 N.
63 W.
(Connav 2101/3 to Commaveu.)

→ Sub.attack
& sighting
summary.

Para A. P.L.M.27 torpedoed and sunk at anchor
47.36 N. 52.58 W. 0611Z/2. ROSE CASTLE
torpedoed and sunk at anchor 47.36 N. 52.57 W.
0610Z/2. Unidentified reported torpedoed
0605Z/2, my 0221591 of above. PARTHENON tor-
pedoed and sunk 52.59 N. 44.02 W. 1645Z/2. FRANS HALS attacks
sub after 5 torpedoes miss 00.34 S. 32.27 W. 0542Z/3. Plane
attacks sub 46.26 N. 52.07 W. 1205Z/3. PATRON 83 attacks sub
00.47 S. 31.38 W. 1225Z/3. TRAFALGAR 2 torpedoes hit. Para B.
Unidentified torpedoed 12.06 N. 62.42 W. 0107Z/3.
Unidentified torpedoed 12.10 N. 63.21 W. 0537Z/3.
2 unidentified torpedoed 12.16 N. 64 06 W. 1039Z/3.
Sub sighted 47.35 N. 58.40 W. 0740Z/3. Para C. R.A.F. attacks
sub. 47.26 N. 15.42 W. 1551Z/2. R.A.F. sights subs 2 November
57.12 N. 24.33 W. 57 N. 25 W. 58.05 N. 32.25 W. Navy Planes
sights sub 2 November 59.12 N. 22.59 W. 58.05 N. 24.35 W.
Para D. Panair Plane sights sub 19.30 N. 68.30 W. 1540Z/2.
(C. in C. U.S. Fleet 2114/3 to Admty. for O.I.C.)

U/B.

Coast watchers report sighting possible
submarine 49.20 N. 58.17 W. at 1950Z/3rd.
(C.O.A.C. 2115Z/3 to G.B.7A (R) C.T.24 etc.)

Proposed
Conference.

Do not concur your plan for conference on
enlarging agenda proposed in your 1646Z/31st.
Concur your proposition of conference for
purpose of discussing operating adjustment as
outlined in your 1440Z/16th at Ottawa. B.A.D.
and Naval Member Canadian Joint Staff Washington
informed.
(Cominch 2158/3 to N.S.H.Q.)

DUNCAN,
ANTHONY,
SHROPSHIRE.

See p. 96

Following is a repetition of R.A. West Africa's
1337/3rd (begins): "My 1148Z/27th Oct. Correct
longitude 024° 44' W. S. of A. 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ knots" (Ends)
2. Acknowledge receipt this message to R.A.
West Africa and F.O.C.N.A. after leaving and when
well clear of Task Force 38.
(B.A.D. 2219Z/3 to DUNCAN (R) R.A.W.A. etc.)

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- U/B. Following is C.E.S.F.'s 1920/3. Submarine Estimate 0800Q/4. One possibly Hatteras Area. (Comnaveu 2221/3 to Admty.)
- U/B. Special Estimate and Weather Forecast. (Cominch 2230/3 to Admty.) See North Atlantic.
- U/B. U-Boat position by D/F at 1936Z/3rd within 150 miles of 55.30 N. 33.30 W. Enigma 36 groups 10510 k/cs. (Cominch 2356/3 to Admty. (R) C.T.U. 24.1.14, C.T.U. 24.1.16, C.T.24, C. in C. Atlantic Fleet.)

Australia and New Zealand.

Action on 11th Oct - 12th Oct. The damage inflicted on the Japanese fleet near the Solomons on October 11 and 12 was heavier than the Navy Department's report had then stated, said Colonel Knox, the Secretary of the Navy, at a Press conference on 3/11. The U.S. fleet sank three enemy cruisers and five destroyers in the engagement, which lasted only half an hour about midnight. This disclosure was made on the basis of information brought to Washington by Vice-Admiral R.L. Ghormley, recently relieved of his command in the South West Pacific. Colonel Knox drew attention to the extreme conservatism of the Navy Department's reports, saying that the one issued on October 13 claimed only one cruiser and four destroyers sunk and two other cruisers damaged. The engagement was fought near Savo Island and caused the enemy to abandon an attempt to land troops. (The Times, 4.11.1942.)

Action on 26th Oct. Correcting its first report of the air-naval battle off the Stewart Islands on October 26, the Navy Department said (3/11) that a heavy bomb hit on an enemy light cruiser had been erroneously reported as a hit on a battleship, and three, not two, torpedo hits had been scored on a heavy cruiser. In addition, what was not previously reported, four heavy bomb hits had been made on a heavy cruiser of the Mogami class. (The Times 4.11.1942.)

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Movements. Arrival Brisbane 1st Nov. HOBART U.S. Cruiser PHOENIX U.S. Destroyers MUGFORD, BAGLEY, PATTERSON, HENLEY from Antikithera. (?) (in hand:?)

Fremantle 1st. U.S. Seaplane Tender WILLIAM B. PRESTON from Exmouth Gulf.

Gulf of Carpentaria, Fremantle, 1st. U.S. Seaplane Tender HERON for Exmouth Gulf.

Sydney N.S.W. 2nd, WHYALLA on escort duties. 0200/2nd, WARREGO for Townsville on escort duties. (N.B. Melbourne 0041Z/3 to Admty. etc.)

Movements. Departure Auckland 2002Z/2 LEANDER escorting PRESIDENT GRANT (U.S.A.), TABINTA (Holl.), BOSCHFONTEIN (Holl), to Noumea, E.T.A. 0100Z/6. Arrival Wellington 2009Z/2, U.S.S. MERCURY and departed for Auckland at 0027Z/3, E.T.A. 1730Z/4. (D.N.I. Wellington 0509Z/3 to Admty.)

U.S.S. CYGNUS. Arrival Auckland. (D.N.I. Wellington 0622Z/3 to Admty.)

Situation. Digest Serial No.285 Nov. 2nd. Morning 2/11, 1 heavy cruiser, 1 destroyer, 1 sloop, 2 seaplane tenders, 2 tankers, 12 merchant vessels reported Buin Faisi area. (2) 1 light cruiser or large destroyer, 1 destroyer, 2 transports (12,000 tons 10,000 tons) attacked by 6 Fortresses about 2300Z/1, 07° 20' S. 148° 40' E. apparently attempting land reinforcements New Guinea. 1 transport probably damaged by near miss. 9 Zeros intercepted, 4 probably 5 destroyed. 1? B.25s, 8 Fortresses made 2 attacks, later hitting 1 transport possibly damaging second with near misses. Convoy unsuccessful in landing, last sighted 0800Z/2, 06° 40' S. 150° E. (3) Aircraft reported 3 heavily loaded transports (2 over 10,000 tons) unescorted 03° 30' S. 146° 55' E. course 110° 0755Z/2. (4) Photographs Lakunai airdrome 2/11 show 61 fighters, 4 medium bombers. Photographs Lae Airdrome 2/11 show 24 fighters (4 serviceable) 4 bombers (nil serviceable). (5) Our forces occupied Kokoda early morning 2/11. (6) 9 Marauders destroyed many buildings started several fires Dilli 2/11. 2 Zeros intercepted, 1 possibly hit. 6 Hudsons bombed Bobonaro. Direct hits on barracks. 2 buildings left burning. (G.H.Q. S.W.P.A. 0913Z/3 to Admty. etc.)

PRESIDENT ADAMS. Departure Auckland U.S.S. PRESIDENT ADAMS, E.T.A. Noumea 1800Z/6. (D.N.I. Wellington 2226Z/3 to Admty.)

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U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions at 1200A/3.
(D.D.I.C. 1440A/3, 1448A/3.)

Submarines Attacked.

U.S. Report Cominch's 021602 addressed for action Admiralty
W/E 1.11.42. and for information B.A.D. informs as follows:
This refers to Admiralty's 1059B/22/7. Six
pattern, on oil slick and sound contact, were
dropped by U.S.S. P.C.565 on Oct. 13th off Trinidad. This
resulted in large air bubble and an increased flow of diesel oil.
From belated report*ST. CROIX in the North Atlantic on Sept. 14th
brought a submarine to the surface after the first depth charge
attack. Before the submarine resubmerged, it was approached to
20 yards. Three other attacks were made. In the week ending
Nov. 1st at 2400Z, 48 attacks were reported.
(Comnavu 1006/3 to Admty.) * *see 14/9 p. 419.*

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Wednesday.SITUATION REPORT.Home Commands.Operation
F.B.

Enemy submarines and aircraft appear to be active along the route of the 13 ships proceeding independently to north Russia. The Russians reported SS DEKABRIST torpedoed and sinking at 0815A in 75° 30' N. 27° 10' E. (TUNA at 1230A reported that a ship name indecipherable ? EMPIRE GALLIARD was attacked by aircraft and S/M in that position at 1150, and at 1718 an unidentified ship reported that she had been torpedoed in the same position.) U.S. JOHN B. LATROBE was attacked by aircraft at 0940 G.M.T. in 74° 47' N. 2° 20' E. and was sunk* and SS WILLIAM CLARK was sunk in 71° 2' N. 13° 5' W. at 1236 G.M.T. RICHARD H. ALVEY is also thought to have been sunk this morning. TUNA reported that JOHN WALKER was attacked by aircraft at 1000 G.M.T. in 75° 30' N. 31° 30' E. SS DALDORCH and BRIARWOOD (11th and 12th ships) which sailed at 1945A/3 and 0245A/4 respectively were recalled, and the Admiralty recommended that Russian merchantmen which have not already sailed should be kept in harbour and those that have not crossed 40° E. should be recalled. (This was done.)

* incorrect report.
JOHN B LATROBE
returned to
Reykjavik see
ACIC 1879 A/12/11

The sailing of hospital ship OXFORDSHIRE from the Mersey to Gibraltar was delayed by fog.

SABRE and H.28 were in collision about 1930A in the approaches to Lough Foyle. SABRE is holed and H.28 was damaged but can steam at 6 knots.

S.L.125.

SS BRITANNY is missing from Convoy S.L.125, presumably torpedoed.

Bomber Command aircraft laid 46 mines in Biscay ports last night.

Several mines were detonated in Lyme Bay today.

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SITUATION REPORT.

North Atlantic.

Operation
"Torch".

ONslow, ORIBI and OFFA left Ponta Delgada at 1830 G.M.T. today with R/V Force Q (CUMBERLAND and NORFOLK) at 0900 tomorrow.

The Admiralty estimate that there are up to 10 U-boats between Gibraltar and 13° W. A Ju.88 R/C plane circled the Rock about midday today.

At 1101Z COWSLIP which had to leave Convoy S.L.125 on 30 Oct with boiler trouble and has been standing by ALASKA (torpedoed 31 Oct) reported that she was in 34° 19' N. 15° 9' W. at 1030Z drifting 97° at 1½ knots. Her speed was reduced to 6 knots and she was now using salt water in her boilers. ALASKA is holed but able to proceed.

South Atlantic.

An unknown ship, apparently Norwegian SS HAI HING, sailing unescorted to Lourenco Marques was torpedoed at 1500 today in 25° 55' 23° 10' E. (about 40 miles east of Lourenco Marques) SS TREKIEVE was also sunk in this area at 1400 G.M.T. today. C.S.A. Lourenco Marques stopped all sailings on the afternoon of 5 Nov.

Mediterranean.

R.D.F. plotting on the last 2 nights indicates E-boats were engaged in minelaying in Malta Approaches.

Last night, 2 bomb carrying and 3 torpedo Wellingtons attacked an enemy southbound convoy sighted by a Baltimore at 1420 off the North African coast. At 2346 in 324° Benghazi 118 miles a heavily laden merchant ship was torpedoed by a Wellington and left stationary. The

/remaining ...

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remaining Wellingtons at 0002 (apparently in 300° Ras Aamer (32° 55' N. 21° 42' E.) 83' found) a second convoy of 8 vessels including a tanker and at 0135 succeeded in torpedoing the tanker. These attacks were followed up this afternoon by attacks on Benghazi harbour by 3 formations of U.S. B.24s which obtained several hits. A convoy was seen approaching the port with one merchant ship smoking and apparently damaged.

East Indies.

SS FORT FRASER reported a U-boat on the surface at 0006 today in 11° 53' N. 51° 39' E.

Operation
"Demcat".

ENTERPRISE and MAURITIUS arrived at Kilindini this afternoon.

America and West Indies.

S.C.107.

* See note
3 Nov. p.76

C.T.U. 24.1.14 reports that 5 more ships were torpedoed during the night, making 15 in all. He gives the names as JEYPORE, HOBBERMA, EMPIRE LYNX, TITUS (already reported torpedoed 3 Nov.)* and HATIMURA. At 2028Z he reported that he was detaching ARVIDA and CELANDINE for fuelling: his position course and speed were 57° 0' N. 36° 18' W. 050° 7 knots, wind force 6. The convoy originally consisted of 42 ships; 4 are being detached to Iceland tonight with over 500 survivors.

JOHN WINTHROP and EMPIRE DANN are now presumed lost

EROS (? Swedish relief ship or British 5888 tons) reports being unsuccessfully attacked from the rear at 1830 today in 47° 30' N. 38° 10' W.

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Wednesday.HOME COMMANDS.Defence of the U.K.Liverpool.
Maunsell
Tower.

My 1850A/24. Weather permitting 2nd Maunsell Tower will leave Bromborough at 0800A/5 and be in position for grounding 1300A/5. If weather is unsuitable attempts will be made each day until November 9th. Time being approximately half an hour later each day. (F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 1233A/4 to Admty.)

Movements.

SCOTT.

Sailed SCOTT.
(TRELAWNEY, 0016A/4.)

Scapa.

Principal ships at Scapa 0600/4 KING GEORGE V, TYNE, SUFFOLK.
(A.C.O.S., 0559/4 to Admty.)

OXFORDSHIRE.

Hospital ship OXFORDSHIRE delayed fog 5th.
(N.C.S.O. Mersey, 0950Z/4.)

PLOVER.

Suggest PLOVER joins W.N.57 at 0800 in R/V position 058° 10 miles from Cape Wrath.
(HORNPIPE, 1145A/4 to R.A.M.)
Sailed PLOVER.
(TRELAWNEY, 1800A/4 to N.O.I.C. Oban.)

TROOPER,
P.312,
P.216.
LA CAPRICIEUSE.

Intend sailing LA CAPRICIEUSE escorting TROOPER, P.312, P.216 from Clyde Boom at 1400A/5 via searched channel and Minches to Port HHZ, E.T.A. 1730A/6. (1) Thence LA CAPRICIEUSE, P.312, P.216 West of Orkneys to Lerwick, E.T.A. 1130A/7. Speed throughout 11 knots.
(Capt. S.3, 1217A/4.)

SEVERN,
SABRE,
SKATE.

Your 1159/3 para. 2.
From 180° Lizard Head 15 miles proceed through 180° Start Point 20 miles to R/V escort in 050° 33'07" N. 001° 50' W. at 0730/7th.
(3) H.Q.C.C. is requested arrange bombing

restriction as follows.

(Capt. S.5, 1238A/4 to Capt. S.3.)

Intend to sail SABRE from Lough Foyle 1900A/4. E.T.A. Holy Loch 0800A/5. S.3's 1159A/3 refers.

(Cdre. Londonderry, 1453A/4.)

S.3's 1159/3.

(1) As SABRE is damaged SKATE is to escort SEVERN.

(2) Cdre. Londonderry is requested to report E.T.A. Holy Loch as soon as possible.

(C. in C. W.A., 2132A/4 to Cdre. Londonderry.)

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FORESTER. Your 1958/2. Arrived.
(A.C.I.C., 1333A/4 to R.A.D.H.F.)

HARRIER,
GLEANER. HARRIER, GLEANER sailed Dvina Bar 1430A today
for Iokanka. E.T.A. 1000A/5.
(S.N.O. Archangel, 1449A/4.)

MUSKETEER. Your 1143/1. Intend sailing MUSKETEER at 1900A/4
routed through 058° 49' N. 006° 31' W. E.T.A.
Scapa 1300A/6.
(F.O. 1st C.S., 1634A/4 to R.A.D.H.F.)

→ P.311. Intend sailing P.311 escorted by CUTTY SARK
at 1000/5 to Port HHZ.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 1655A/4.)

TIGRIS. My 1028/1. MALLARD will replace PENYLAN as
escort for TIGRIS.
(C. in C. Nore, 1726A/4.)

Operations.

Patrols. My 1030A/3.
Proceed into Harwich instead of Yarmouth between
patrols.
(Capt. D.21, 0620A/4 to MEYNELL.)
My 1102A/3. "Device" returned 0905/4.
(F.O.I.C. Portland, 0911/4.)

→ 1. Intend to sail M.G.Bs 54 (S.O.), 51, and 57 to patrol
on lat. 50° 20' N. between 1° 35' W. and 2° 10' W. tonight,
leaving Weymouth 1930 and returning from patrol line at dawn.
Codeword "Device". *See next page.*
(F.O.I.C. Portland, 1100A/4.)
Tonight M.T.Bs 95 (S.O.), 84, 85 proceed to patrol near
positions 50° 25' N. 0° 10' E. passing E.A.5 buoy 1830 and
0730. Codeword "Advent". Return to St. Helens if weather
unsuitable.

→ M.G.Bs 54 (S.O.), 51, 57 from Portland patrolling 50° 20' N.
between 1° 35' W. and 2° 10' W.
FERNIE stand by at Yarmouth.
2 Chasseurs patrolling near E.A.5 Buoy.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 1242A/4 to HORNET.)
M.L. Patrol tonight.

2. Forces employed M.Ls. 153 (S.O.), 491, 186, 180, and 259.
3. Patrol 7 miles 065° and 245° from 110° Start 22.
4. Object to intercept E-Boats.
5. Information E-Boats may operate from Cherbourg or Guernsey.
6. Execution proceed at 1700 today to patrol line. Leave
patrol line at daylight 5th, when M.Ls 153 and 491 are to return
to Dartmouth, and M.Ls 186, 180 and 259 to Falmouth via 180°
Start 4. M.Ls returning to Falmouth a.m./5th may meet a
→ submarine escorted by CUTTY SARK.
7. Codeword whole force "Sapper". M.Ls to Dartmouth "Sapper 1".
M.Ls to Falmouth "Sapper 2".
(C. in C. Plymouth, 1449/4.)

/3 M.T.Bs. ...

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- Patrols. 3 M.T.Bs patrolling 20 miles S. of Beechy Head.
(Contd.) 2 Chasseurs patrolling near E.A.5 buoy.
3 M.G.Bs patrolling 16 miles S. of Anvil Point.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 1630/4 to Admty.)
- M.Ls 220 and 207 from Ramsgate patrolling between Dumpton and N.E. Spit Buoys, E.T.D. 1820, E.T.R. 0740/5.
M.Ls 139 and 138 near C one Buoy.
(V.A. Dover, 1746A/4.)
- Lake Ladoga. For M.I.14. Following from Red Star 1st Nov.
Attempted refers German water borne operations Lake
Enemy Ladoga 22nd October.
Landing on 1. Dawn attacks by troops in rubber boats
22nd October. launched from thirty landing vessels covered by
arty.
2. Enemy flotilla engaged by Soviet gunboats,
trawlers, submarine chasers, and dive bombers. Enemy withdrew
Kexholm, losing sixteen ships sunk and one captured.
3. Captured documents reveal operation carefully planned and
preparations covered period of months.
4. Following types of landing craft employed.
A. pontoons joined by rails. T shaped cross section aircraft
engine on platform. Armament four 20 mm. four barrelled M.Gs.,
and one 35 mm. gun.
B. More heavily armed type carrying two four barrelled M.Gs
and three 88 mm. guns.
5. Comment. Infer from para. three this operation that forecast
in your 163/M.I.14 of 30th June and passed by us to Soviet G.S.
Russian obviously well prepared.
(30 Military Mission, Moscow, 0945/4 to War Office.)
- Operation (a) 060° 56' N. 002° 43' W., 243°, 5 hours.
S.E. (b) 0800A/5. (c) 0800A/5.
If not in contact abandon search at 1430 so as
to arrive harbour before dark.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 1713A/4 and 2153A/4.)
- UNBEATEN UNBEATEN in Zone K.501.
Patrol. (F.O.S., 1726A/4 to Admty.)
- Patrols. My 1100A/4. "Device" sailed 1934A/4.
(F.O.I.C. Portland, 2015A/4.) *See previous page.*

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Exercise "Finding". FERNIE is to proceed as cover for group as follows. Anchor Yarmouth I.o.W. before dark, and proceed 2230 to carry out patrols 6 miles to southward route. Pass through 180° Portland Bill 9 miles at 0630 and arriving position KK at 0700. Close L.S.Cs after daylight and remain with them as close escort until arrival Needles, thence proceeding independently to Portsmouth.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 1854A/4 to Capt. D.1.)

Mining.

North Russia. My (?0731)/13 October. HALCYON reports mines exploded in Yugor (? Straits) on 20th October after which sweeping revealed no more. (? 3) mines exploded off Matochkin Strait on 26th and 27th October and further extensive sweeping reveals no more. Mines believed both magnetic and acoustic and laid by U-Boats.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia, 1049A/4.)

Operation Q.U.1. Weather permitting carry out operation Q.U.(1) tonight, with 51st M.L. Flotilla.
(2) Covering forces. (A) 8th M.G.B. Flotilla as close escort for passage, then covering from vicinity R.B.14. On completion of lay M.G.Bs have freedom of action to southward in support of M.T.Bs.
(B) One unit M.G.Bs R.B.28.
(C) One unit M.T.Bs vicinity QJWZ 1815.
(3) Alternative positions in event of lay being postponed.
(1) One unit M.G.Bs vicinity JPB.2320.
(2) One unit M.G.Bs.
(4) Report boats detailed and E.T.D. 54 Buoy.
(C. in C. Nore, 1234A/4 to BEEHIVE.)

Lyme Bay sweep. Intend sailing LOCH BUIE and BRECON CASTLE for Dartmouth at 0700 tomorrow sweeping route "P" to Dart Buoy. Codeword "Ounce VI".
(F.O.I.C. Portland, 1435A/4.)
Intend to sail FINESSE and BEN URIE sweeping route "P" to Portland 0730/5. Codeword "Ounce V".
(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth, 1555/4.)
Width swept area extending to 5.1 miles 4 mines detonated, 1 mine cut and sunk in following position. 2 in 050° 31'39" 003° 02'33" W., 1 each in 050° 31'27", 003° 02'24" W., 050° 32'45", 002° 56'39" W., 050° 32'45", 002° 56'24" W. Intend sailing at 0700 tomorrow Thursday, returning to Portland to coal on completion. E.T.A. Portland 1600.
(S.O. M/S.F.4, 1733A/4.)

TENBY. Intend sailing in accordance with your 1743/4 to N.O.I.C. Newhaven at 0745 tomorrow. E.T.A. Portsmouth 1800.
(TENBY, 2021/4.)

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Wednesday.HOME COMMANDS.Enemy Intelligence.

Baltic. (a) Press reports tug towing 2 barges mined and damaged off Helsingor November 3rd.
 (b) Convoys. In addition to normal traffic following German transports passed Helsingborg southbound forenoon November 3rd:- DONAU, REGENSBURG, BELGRANO. These vessels had proceeded north in convoy October 30th.
 (c) Ferries. Sassnitz -Trelleborg Service still suspended. Germans at present trying charter fast Swedish Vessel for the route, but so far without success.
 (N.A. Stockholm, 1111/4.)

French Trawler. Skipper of steam trawler BRAEMAR reports that while fishing in grounds 22 miles S.S.W. of Old Head of Kinsale between 27th October 1942 and 1st November 1942 he observed French Trawler fishing in same grounds whose movements were suspicious.
 (F.O.I.C. Cardiff, 1212/4 to Admty.)

U-Boats.

U-Boats reported. Am investigating suspicious object - possible conning tower in 59° 30' N. 14° 55' W.
 (A/C K9VG, 1000/4 to A/C Stn. 7VY.)
 May have been wave.
 (A/C KGVG, 1020/4 to A/C 7V7.)
 Am investigating suspicious object possible periscope and wake or swirl in 49° 12' N. 10° 52' W. Will wait.
 (A/C ALSR, 1158/4.)
 After complying with A.M. 1545/3, if fuel permits ST. ELSTAN is to patrol between position B and longitude 005° E. until midnight 8th/9th November and then return to base.
 (A.C.I.C., 1214A/4 to ST. ELSTAN.)
 Following from EROS. Suspect S/M following.
 (Portishead Radio, 2201 G.M.T./4 to C. in C. W.A.)

Navigational.

Clyde. My 2233/3. Fog still persists. No movement will take place today.
 (F.O.I.C. Glasgow, 1233A/4 to Admty.)

Isle of Wight. Cancel Ports No.6195/9672/24 of 2nd November regarding entry into Isle of Wight restricted area.
 (C. in C. Portsmouth, 1714A/4.)

Technical.

R.D.F. at Saebol closed. R.D/F (? Watch) at Saebol closed. New station out of action due to electrical failure already reported. Old station out of action due to destruction of electrical generator house by fire.
 (A.C.I.C., 1251A/4 to Admty., (R) C. in C. H.F., F.O. 1st C.S.)

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Wednesday.HOME COMMANDS.Casualties and Defects.FRONTENAC
(torpedoed
28th October)Arrived FRONTENAC.
(N.O.I.C. Lamdash, 0835A/4.)S.L.125,
STENTOR.

If possible WOODRUFF should be relieved as she has the following survivors from STENTOR 6 cot cases badly burnt, 8 women, 2 children, 86 others. Stores and medical stores were transferred. 2 civilian doctors on board attending cot cases.
(RAMSEY, 1030Z/4 to C. in C. W.A.)
(1) Detach WOODRUFF forthwith by A.M. Q.Z.L.18 to Milford Haven to land survivors.
(2) WOODRUFF subsequently proceed to Liverpool.
(3) RAMSEY's 1030/4 has been passed to N.O.I.C. Milford Haven.
(C. in C. W.A., 1443A/4 to PETUNIA.)

SABINE.

Tug SABINE will be laid up 9th November for refit and docking.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 1054A/4 to Admty.)

TRENTBANK.

Steamship TRENTBANK grounded on West Bank of River Usk opposite No. 3 Buoy in thick fog at 0430 this morning. Vessel appears undamaged. Attempt will be made to refloat her on p.m. tide.
(N.O.I.C. Newport, 1125A/4 to Admty.)
My 1125/4. Vessel refloated at 1540 and is proceeding to Barry Roads.
(N.O.I.C. Newport, 1615A/4.)

INVERCLYDE.

N.O.I.C. Milford Haven 1923/2. Request the report of the Board of Enquiry into the loss of INVERCLYDE may be forwarded as soon as practicable to enable a reply to be made.
(D.O.D.(H.), 1215A/4 to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

OMEGA.

OMEGA is to be escorted into Moville. On arrival close FOWEY to disembark dangerously ill patient, and on completion proceed in execution orders.
(Cdre. Londonderry, 1308A/4 to STELLA CARINA.)
My 1524/3. Destination of OMEGA has been changed to Oban for onward routing.
Escort OMEGA to Oban and then proceed to Milford Haven.
(C. in C. W.A., 1434A/4 to STELLA CARINA.)
Your 1308A/4. OMEGA now reports medical assistance no longer urgently required. I am therefore proceeding direct to destination with OMEGA.
(STELLA CARINA, 1645A/4 to N.O.I.C. Londonderry.)
E.T.A. Oban 1500A/5 with OMEGA. OMEGA requests pilot and (? tug) at Oban to take her in, as once she stops engines she cannot move them again until repairs effected.
(STELLA CARINA, 2200A/4 to N.O.I.C. Oban.)

/OAKAPPLE ...

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- OAKAPPLE. Torpedo Recovery Drifter OAKAPPLE was in collision with the west arm of Anstruther Breakwater at 1215/3. OAKAPPLE is seaworthy and A.S. Rosyth is requested to arrange for survey of damage to vessel and dock property.
(N.O.I.C. Methil, 1432/4 to Admty.)
- DANEMAN. DANEMAN undocked a.m. today. Repair trials will be delayed at least two days due to difficulty in repairing steering gear. It is hoped she will be able to sail as local escort for Q.P.15.
(S.B.N.O. Archangel, 1700A/4 to Admty.)
- P. 556. Report if you are in company with P.556 and your P.C.S.
(C. in C. W.A., 1815A/4 to SCIMITAR.)
Your 1815/4. My P.C.S. at 2000, 051° 31' N. 008° 20' W., 070°, 7 knots, through A.M. Q.Z.L.18 and A.M. Q.Z.S.301. P.556 in company under own power.
(SCIMITAR, 1927A/4 to C. in C. W.A.)
- KITCHENER, Admiralty's 1157/21/9. KITCHENER, CALGARY, CALGARY, CAMROSE have been inspected and the following CAMROSE. work is considered necessary. Details.
(Cdre. Londonderry, 2221/4 to Admty.)
- Shipping and Convoys.
- A.T. 28. Convoy A.T.28 arrived Clyde.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 0918A/4.)
(D.S.T.O. Greenock, 1525/4.)
- Operation Admty. 2030/2 (See Special File).
F.B. 11th ship DALDORCH speed 11 knots sailed 1945A/3.
JOHN H. 12th ship BRIARWOOD speed 9 knots sailed 0245A/4.
LATROBE, (A.C.I.C., 0320A/4.)
WILLIAM At 0940 G.M.T. AAAA 74° 47' N. 2° 20' E.
CLARK AAAA attacked aircraft JOHN H.B. LATROBE.
sunk. (Scapa W/T, 1052/4.)
DEKABRIST ST. KENAN sailed Dvina Bar 1200A for rescue
torpedoed. patrol.
JOHN WALKER, (S.B.N.O. Archangel, 1205A/4.)
EMPIRE JOHN WALKER attacked by aircraft position 075°
GALLIARD 30', 031° 30' at 1000 G.M.T.
attacked. (? EMPIRE GALLIARD) attacked by aircraft and
submarine position 075° 30', 027° 10' E. at 1150.
(TUNA, 1230A/4 to Admty.)
- S O S de SS. WILLIAM CLARK. Position 71.02 N. 13.05 W.
(Iceland W/T, 1236 G.M.T./4.)
Intercepted at 1351 G.M.T. de Reykjavik Radio S O S (unread)
CLARK position 71.02 N. 13.05 W. (Unread) 036 G.M.T. T.O.R.
1406/4 de MAS.
(Port Patrick Radio, 1251/4.)

/Eastbound ...

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Operation Eastbound independent ships. Reference sailing
F.B. orders para. 4. Additional ships. 4A DEKABRIST
JOHN H. 9 knots position (E) 2300/6. Number 11 DALDORCH
LATROBE, 11 knots position (E) 0800/9. Number 12
WILLIAM BRIARWOOD 11 knots position (E) 1800/9. Include
CLARK 6th ship speed 10 knots position (E) 0600/7.
sunk. 9th ship WILLIAM CLARK speed $10\frac{1}{2}$ knots position
DEKABRIST (E) 1300/8. 10th ship read EMPIRE SCOT.
torpedoed. Route beyond position (E) (F) $072^{\circ} 55'$, $044^{\circ} 06'$
JOHN WALKER, (G) $070^{\circ} 55'$ $044^{\circ} 06'$.
EMPIRE Communicate CAPE MARIATO and CAPE ARGONA if you
GALLIARD make contact. RICHARD H. ALVEY thought to have
attacked. been sunk morning of 4th November.
(Contd.) (S.B.N.O. Archangel, 1305A/4 to ST. KENAN, CAPE
MARIATO, CAPE ARGONA.)
Following received. From SS. WILLIAM CLARK
S O S position $71^{\circ} 02' N.$ $13^{\circ} 05' W.$ at 1236 G.M.T.
(D.S.O., 1438A/4 to O.15, TUNA.)
Russians report DEKABRIST torpedoed and sinking at 0815A/4 in
 $075^{\circ} 30' N.$ $027^{\circ} 10' E.$ Russian submarine proceeding to her
assistance.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia, 1722A/4 to Admty.)
Positions of submarine 0800A/5 and movements for following
24 hours.
TUNA vicinity of $75^{\circ} 30' N.$ $14^{\circ} 10' E.$
O.15 vicinity $75^{\circ} 02' N.$ $08^{\circ} 08' E.$
(F.O.S., 1726A/4 to Admty.)
A.C.I.C. 0320/4. These ships have been ordered to
return to Reykjavik.
(D.O.D.(H.), 1817A/4 to C. in C. H.F.)
Received at 1723 G.M.T. from Gallon Head Radio, GNE.
Begins - At 1718 heard the following from unknown station, 75°
 $30' N.$ Long $27^{\circ} 10' OST$, unread 50 G.M.T., torpedoed.
(Wick Radio, 1826/4.)
JOHN LATROBE and WILLIAM CLARK have been sunk. Enemy
submarines and aircraft appear to be active along route.
2. Recommend that Russian merchantmen that have not already
sailed should be kept in harbour and those that have not crossed
 40° east should be recalled.
3. Sailing of two extra ships (A.C.I.C's 0320/4) has been
postponed.
(D.O.D.(H.), 1957A/4 to S.B.N.O. North Russia.)

S.L. 125G. S.L. 125(G).
Detach DAHLIA to Londonderry forthwith.
(C. in C. W.A., 0948A/4 to SWEETBRIAR.)

K.M.F. 2. BH amend route from W $52^{\circ} 01' N.$ $23^{\circ} 09' W.$ to
X $51^{\circ} 28' N.$ $25^{\circ} 58' W.$, thence to F omitting E.
No amendment to stragglers route.
(D.O.D.(H.), 1147A/4 to Escorts K.M.F.2.)

/S.L. 125 ...

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S.L. 125. My P.C.S. at 1200A/4, 52° 59' (711°) 40', 206° 13 knots. Intend reversing my course at 0400A/5 then turning to meet at 0830A/5.
(SALADIN, 1201A/4 to PETUNIA.)

A.M. 1723A/30. Delete BARON VERNON, ALASKA, TASMANIA, PRESIDENT DOUMER, BULLMOUTH, CORINALDO, SILVERWILLOW and BRITTANY.

Amend AMSTELKERK proceeding independently, BARON ELGIN arrived Funchal.

(D.T.D., 1246A/4.) ~~11.7.42~~

Cancel my 1131A/4 and substitute S.L.125 Liverpool local escort KIRKELLA.

(N.O.I.C. Liverpool, 1833A/4.)

K.M.S. 3. A.M. 1750A/3.

Intend to sail to Clyde:-

(A) EASTERN CITY and BALTONIA in company at 1300/4, speed 11 knots, and (B) EMPIRE SUMMER at 1500/4, speed 8 knots.

All with important Government cargo. E.T.A. Boom 1700/5 and 0500/6 respectively. Request fighter protection if considered necessary.

(N.C.S.O. Loch Ewe, 1210A/4 to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)

My 1632A/3. Delete LUNENBURG, WEYBURN. Intend sailing BLACK SWAN, CARNATION, MALLOW, LA MALOUINE, LUNENBURG, WEYBURN 1500/5 for Lough Foyle for exercise in accordance with C. in C. W.A. 1018A/1st. E.T.A. 0800A/6. S.O.A. 11 knots.

(N.O.I.C. Liverpool, 1452A/4.)

My 1559/3 para. 2 and 3, amending my 2234/3. Owing to fog no ships have been able to sail today. Intend sailing all Liverpool ships for Clyde as and when ready.

(N.O.I.C. Liverpool, 1558A/4 to Admty.)

Sailed STONECROP in accordance with my 1632A/3.

(N.O.I.C. Liverpool, 1728A/4 to N.O.I.C. Londonderry.)

Cancel my 1018/1st.

(1) BLACK SWAN, S.O., FOWEY, CARNATION, LA MALOUINE, MALLOW, STONECROP, CAMPION, NASTURTIUM, WEYBURN, LUNENBURG are to arrive Greenock by 0800A/7 and escort convoy from Clyde.

(2) VIRGINIA from Londonderry and MYOSOTIS escorting EMPIRE FOAM from Liverpool are to R/V convoy as ordered by N.O.I.C. Greenock.

(3) Instructions for VIRGINIA leaving convoy are contained in A.M. 1941/3 passed to BLACK SWAN.

(4) Escort are to be warned that they must be prepared to fuel at sea.

(C. in C. W.A., 2248A/4.)

Q.P.15.

Capt. (D) 8 in FAULKNER with ECHO and IMPULSIVE proceed passing Switha 1800 tomorrow to comply with C. in C. H.F.*1127A/2, routed in accordance

with C. in C. H.F. 1937/23rd October amended by 1732A/2nd and S.B.N.O. 1548/31st.

(R.A.D.H.F., 1434A/4.)

F.O.S. 1928/3, para. 2.

Request air R/C be arranged but not instituted until convoy is located by the enemy.

(C. in C. H.F., 1843A/4 to Admty.)

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Swedish
ships
trading
between
America
& Sweden.

Routes.
(C. in C. W.A., 1814A/4.)

K.X. 6.

My 1921/30.

Para. 1. Delete P.L.M.14 and ALMENARA.

Add BARON RUTHVEN, TINTERN ABBEY and GIRONDE.

2. My 1940/31 not to all addressees.

EMPIRE TITAN will not now be ready to sail. EMPIRE DACE will remain with convoy to Gibraltar. F.O.C.N.A. is requested to arrange onward routeing to Freetown.

3. My 2306/1 not to all addressees.

Amend para. 3 for para. 5 (F) read Para. 5 sub-section B. (15).
(D.O.D.(H.), 1845A/4.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Raiders.

Intelligence. My 1214/27/10.

1. Now known that STEPHEN HOPKINS (see my 2051/20) was sunk by gunfire by Raider H or Raider J which had another ship, probably a prize, in company. Raider possibly damaged during the action.

2. Cancel paras. 2 and 3 of my 1214A/27. Both ships now arrived.

3. Blockade Runner.

ERMLAND, PIETRO ORSEOLO, and CATARACTE, could by now be in Pacific or Indian Ocean.

BELGRANO could have reached longitude of Cape Horn or Cape Agulhas.

BURGENLAND and SILVAPLANA could have reached latitude 40° South.

ANNELIESE ESSBERGER possibly also on passage to Far East.

Further ships may also be on passage in both directions.

(D.D.I.C. 1401A/4 to A.I.G. 13 etc).

North Atlantic.

ALASKA
(torpedoed
31st Oct.)
COWSLIP.

Your 1630/3rd. What is present state of ALASKA?

(F.O.C.N.A. 0001A/4 to COWSLIP (R) Admty, C. in C.W.A. PETUNIA, (?LEYLAND) JAUNTY).

Your 0001A/4th. ALASKA holed in No.1. hold but able to proceed 5 knots.

(COWSLIP 0110Z/4, to F.O.C.N.A.(R) Admty, C. in C.W.A. PETUNIA, LEYLAND, JAUNTY).

My position 1030Z/4th 034.19 N. 015.09 West drifting 097° at 1½ knots. R/V not yet established. My speed reduced to 6 knots now using salt water in boilers. Wind west, force 5, sea 4, visibility very good.

(COWSLIP. 1101Z/4 to F.O.C.N.A.(R) Admty, C. in C.W. A. LEYLAND, JAUNTY.)

See also 1632/4.

ONSLOW.
ORIBI.
OFFA (to
R/V Force Q).

ONSLOW, OFFA, ORIBI arrived Ponta Delgada 0800 G.M.T. /4th.

(N.C. S.O. Ponta Delgada 0930/4 to S.O.(I) Gib. (R) Admty).

W.D.Note. To R/V with Force Q after fuelling. ONSLOW, ORIBI, OFFA left Ponta Delgada

1830 G.M.T.4th.

(N.C. S.O. Ponta Delgada 1640C/4 to S.O.(I) Gib. (R) Admty.)

/SIRIUS.....

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SIRIUS. Arrival 2133/3rd SIRIUS.
(F.O.C.N.A. 0930A/4 to Admty (R) R.A.W.A.
C. in C.S.Atlantic).

French Air Intelligence. Fighting French sources report:-
(In French) "3rd Group de Chase de 6th Escadre"
moves from Algiers to Dakar; aircraft are
De Wittines 520. 2nd group is at Algiers at
short notice for southerly moves. B.3.
(S.O.(I) Istanbul 0959C/4 to D.N.I.).

→ KAULDI Following from Y.N.
(Spanish). 59.(R) sailing tonight.
(N. A.Madrid 1015/4 to Admty).

French Warships Intelligence. Intercepted letters indicate location of
following French Warships on dates given.
(A) S/M ATALANTE at Dakar 20 Sept.
(B)*Destroyer CASSARD at Toulon 23rd Oct.
(S.B.N.O. Western Atlantic 1029Q/4 to Admty
(R) S.O.(I) Gib.S.O.(I) Freetown).
**light aircraft.*

MINNA. One A/C JU.88. My position C.D.G. 265° 93.
Enemy A/C. (MINNA 1040/4 to Gibraltar W/T).

Force "Q" TON 1. para.(1). Intend fuelling Force "Q" at
Gibraltar as situation permits. When convenient
signal latest date of arrival Gibraltar with 30%
remaining.
(N.C.X.F. 1056A/4 to S.O. Force Q.(R) Admty,
C. in C.H.F. F.O.C.N. A.).

→ KAULDI. Spanish 59 (KAULDI) arrived Castro Nov.1st
SCHARLACH- expected to leave for France with iron ore
BERGER. tonight 4th.
German 55.(SCHARLACHBERGER.) arrived Bilbao 4th.
(Consul Bilbao, 1153/4 to Admty (R) M.E.W.etc).

Operation "Torch" TON Orders. Amendment No.5 to TON orders.A. TON 8 para.5 (B)
(1) Delete "To make good a north easterly course"
substitute "Alter course west after dark, K.M.F.O
one keep North and K.M.S.O. one South of 036° 10'
N, proceed normal speed etc." Para.5 (B) (2) line
one insert after Eastward "keep south of 037.10 N.
B. For M.L.458 read H.D.M.L. 1142 throughout.
(N.C.X.F. 1158/4 to S.& A.Operation "Torch").

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- * STURGEON, STRONSAY will R/V with you at 1400A/5th in position 035° 59' 006° 01' and escort you to Gibraltar.
 * SPEEDWELL. 2.SPEEDWELL and HUSSAR sweeping (100%) in vicinity 035° 54' 005° 59' a.m./5th, proceeding westward p.m.
 * HUSSAR.
 * *See next page.*

3. Convoy and surface force including fleet units routed to South of you are proceeding towards Gibraltar.

(Capt.S.8. 1200A/4 to STURGEON, (R) F.O.C.N. A.).

Anticipate being 4 hours late at Cape St. Vincent. Weather report.

(STURGEON 1202A/4 to F.O.C.N.A.(R) Admty, F.O.(S) Capt. (S) 8.).

Your 1202. Proceed patrol submerged during daylight 5th within 5 miles of position 036.55 N. 008.10 W. Leave this position after dark 5th and proceed on surface at your discretion through 036.35 N. 007. 01 W. and 036.01 N. 006.30 W. thence unescorted to Gibraltar to arrive 1500A/6th.

2. Do not pass 006.30 W. before 0800A/6th.

3. Submerged bombing restrictions arranged during daylight 5th within 10 miles of your patrol position.

(Capt.S.8. 1642A/4 to STURGEON (R) F.O.C.N. A.).

Routeing of U.S.S/Ms.

Admiralty's 2301/2. (See Home Commands). Routes of S/Ms will be ordered and promulgated by N.C.X.F. Request early information of anticipated dates of withdrawal from patrol to enable routes to be

planned. S/Ms should communicate direct to me if requesting instructions repeating signal to S.8.

2. Admiralty inform Cinclant. Cominch and Comnavu. (Passing action taken by W.R.).

(N.C.X.F. 1207A/4 to N.C.W.N.T.F.(R) Admty).

MASTADONTE.

Tug MASTADONTE has been towed into Gibraltar with burst boiler tubes. Expected time of repair three weeks. Tug is in any case unsuitably large.

Request relief tug and AQUILLA be sailed in K.X.6. If required MASTADONTE will be sailed for U.K. on completion of repairs.

(N.C. X.F. 1221A/4 to Admty (R) F.O.C.N. A. etc).

COLTSFOOT.

Following is repetition of my 1126A/4th (Begins):- Addressed N.C.S.O. Ponta Delgada (R) B.N.A.

See next page

Lisbon COLTSFOOT from F.O.C.N.A. COLTSFOOT, E.T.A. Ponta Delgada 0900 G.M.T./5th require 200 tons oil fuel and provisions. T.O.O. 1126.(Ends). (F.O.C.N.A. 1346A/4 to COLTSFOOT).

/Situation....

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- Situation at 1958/4. → Spanish training ship JUAN SEBASTIAN DE ELCANO cruising in area between Canary Is. and point 36.01 30.02.
2.W.S.24*ONSLow,*OFFA, QUEEN OF BERMUDA, ROTHERHAM, *ORIBI, HOLCOMBE, 30.59 30.27 182° 12½. *See p.126*
3. K.M.S.2. LONDONDERRY H.M.S. CLEVELAND, ESKDALE, ALBRIGHTON, 6 sloops, 2 cutters 3 corvettes 38.24 23.45 through 36.01, 23.45 thence 088° 7½. *See p.133.*
4. COLTSFOOT 39.23, 23.18 to Ponta Delgada 13. *See previous page.*
5. NORFOLK, CUMBERLAND, 38.12 23.48 to pass 35.01, 24.01 approx. by 1000A/5th thence patrol North and East of this position 16½. *See p.126*
6. GUARDIAN, CYCLAMEN, ARMERIA 26.05, 20.14 through 28.43, 20.33 thence 329° 11.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1348A/4 to Area Y).
Situation 2004/4th.
1. P.614, 25.41, 17.03 198° on surface 8. *See p.134*
2. Swedish relief ships AKMA, YARRAWONGA 37.01 37.17, 299° 12.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1401A/4 to A.I.G.65).
1. STURGEON 37.08 09.18 on surface through 225° St.Vincent 10 at 2200A/4th 36.35 07.01 at 1400A/5th 10. *See previous page*
2. U.S. S/M SHAD, 34.12 09.01 086° diving by day 2½ surface by night 10 to patrol off Mehidiya.
3. U.S. S/M GUNNEL 33.25 09.31 081° 2 by day 2½ surface by night 10 to patrol off Electroala (?Fedala)
4. U.S. S/M HERRING (?) 98.18, 10.35 081° diving by day 2½ surfacing by night 10 to patrol off Casablanca 7 miles Cape Blanco.
- Situation 2002/4th.
- U.S. S/M BARB 32.50 10.38 081° diving by day 2½ surface by night 10. To patrol off Safi.
6. WELSHMAN 36.01 0715 to Gibraltar 17.
7. SHEFFIELD 35.59 06.40 to Gibraltar 18¾.
8. COWSLIP, JAUNTY, LEYLAND, 2 damaged Merchant ships approx. 34.20 15.20 proceeding to Gibraltar 5. *See pp.130 & 131*
9. L.S.T., H.M.S. GERANIUM, BACHAQUERO, MISOA, TASAJERA, 35.42, 09.02 0900 5½.
- 10. Spanish training ship JUAN SEBASTIAN DE ELCANO cruising in area between Canary Is. and point 36.01 30.02.
11. (?H.M.S. AURORA) leaves Gibraltar 2000A/4th, to R/V K.M.F.O. 1 in 36.12 12.01 at 1800A/5th, 15. *See p.133.*
12. K.M.F.O.1 JAMAICA, ABERDEEN, WISHART, WESTCOTT, VERITY, VELOX, BITER, WALNEY, EXE, HARTLAND, TAY 36.(08 15?) 14.32 through 36.16 15.40 and 36.12 12.01 at 1800A/5th 11.
13. SPIREA, JONQUIL leaves Gibraltar 0900/5th to R/V K.M.F.A One IBIS, ENCHANTRESS, AMAZON, ACHATES, ANTELOPE, MARNE, ESCAPADE, ISAAC SWEERS, CLARE, ROTHER, SPEY, PALOMARES, POZARICA, 36.12 12.16 11 knots through 36.10 10.01 at 0600/5th and 35.56, 07.01 at 1915/5th thence 090° 12.
15. ISAAC SWEERS leaves K.M.F.A. one at 0900/5th to R/V Force H a.m./5th. *See next page.*
- * *See p.128* 16. *SPEEDWELL, *HUSSAR, ALGERINE, leave Gibraltar 0900/5th through 35.54, 05.59 to R/V K.M.S.A. One in 35.56 06.42 at 1700A/5th. K.M.S.A. 1, STORK, CONVULVULUS, MARIGOLD, PENTSTEMON, AVENGER, ADAPTER, ALARM, ALBACORE, CADMUS, 036.(01) 010.09 through 036.01 010.01 at 2100/4th to 035.56 006.42 at 1700/5th, thence to 035.56 006.17 at 1930/5th.

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Situation
at 1958/4.
Contd.

18.K.M.S.O.1. VANSITTART, ALYNBANK, DEPTFORD,
GARDENIA, RHODODENDRON, VIOLET, RHYL, ROTHESAY,
STORNOWAY, CLACTON, VETCH, POLRUAN, 036.01
012.36 7½ knots, through 036.01, 010.01 at
1300/5th to 035.56 006.17 at 1130/6th, thence

090° 8½.

19. ARGONAUT, ESKIMO, ASHANTI, TARTAR, METEOR, MARTIN, PATHFINDER,
PARTRIDGE, (H.M.S. MILNE) QUENTIN, QUIBERON, QUALITY leave Force H
a.m./4th to arrive Gibraltar a.m./5th. * *confirmed in 5/11 p.166*
- (20)* SIRIUS, FARNDALE, CALBINDE, (?CALPE), leave Gibraltar 0300A/5th
to R/V Force H. in 036. 01, 008.06 at 1300/5th. * *p.127*
- 21. Force H. 5 Fleet units, BERMUDA, PENN, PANTHER, LOOKOUT, BULLDOG
BEAGLE, OPPORTUNE, BRILLIANT, BOADICEA, AVONVALE, PORCUPINE,
PUCKERIDGE 036.52 013.09 16 knots. 36.40, 12.45 to 36.20, 09.03
to 35.33 07.01 splitting into 2 portions at 1920A/5th in 35.46,
06.23.
- 1. 2 Fleet Units PENN, PANTHER, LOOKOUT, OPPORTUNE, BULLDOG,
BEAGLE. 64° 20.
- 2. 3 Fleet units, BERMUDA, SIRIUS, BRILLIANT, BOADICEA, AVONVALE,
FARNDALE, PUCKERIDGE, PORCUPINE, *ISAAC SWEERS, CALPE, 244° 16. *p.127*
22. BURDOCK 34.45 07.35 227° 12. *p.127*
23. RUSKHOLM, MIRROR, JURA, 2 Merchant Ships sailed 1900A/4th
Coastwise to Lisbon 8. *p.132*
24. U.G.F. 1. 29.52, 24.33 through 32.20, 20.55 at 1500A/5th
thence 64° 12½.
25. K.X.5 GLAISDALE, BLEAN, 5 corvettes, 4 trawlers 45.06, 16.45
166° 7.
26. SAPHIRE 35.59 07.35 to Gibraltar 10.
(F.O. C.N.A. 1405A/4).

R/C of
Gibraltar
by Enemy A/C.

Sitrep 4th November 1140 hours.
JU.88 R/C plane located approached from North East
end circled Rock at 9000 feet. Engaged by A/A
1206 hours. Amm. expenditure 38 rounds H.A. A
(Govr.Gib. 1350A/4 to W.O).

K.X.5.
AUBRETIA.
GIL EANES.

Detach AUBRETIA as necessary to intercept
Portuguese ship GIL EANES off Oporto 9th
November remove 1 officer and 7 hands and allow
vessel to proceed.

2. GIL EANES is transmitting noon position
and estimated noon position for following days at 0200 G.M.T.
and 2200 on 36 metres call sign CPAO.

3. AUBRETIA rejoin you on completion.
(N.C.X.F. 1527A/4 to S.O. Escort KX.5 (R) F.O.C.N.A. Admty,
C. in C.W.A. AUBRETIA).

ALASKA.
SILVERWILLOW,
* COWSLIP.
* LEYLAND.
* JAUNTY.

Destination ALASKA and SILVERWILLOW, Lisbon.
2. LEYLAND is to escort JAUNTY and Merchant Ships
to limit of Territorial waters off Lisbon
subsequently escorting JAUNTY to Gibraltar.
3. COWSLIP is to proceed Gibraltar when LEYLAND
and JAUNTY have met, reporting when 50 miles
clear.

*see mission
Haf.*

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ALASKA, (a) P.C. and S. of LEYLAND, JAUNTY and Merchant
SILVERWILLOW, Ships.
COWSLIP, (B) COWSLIP E.T.A. Gibraltar.
LEYLAND, 4. JAUNTY is to tow SILVERWILLOW into Lisbon
JAUNTY. parting company when SILVERWILLOW is secured.
Contd. 5. SILVERWILLOW. All Naval Personnel are to be
removed before entering Territorial Waters and
sufficient Merchant Navy Personnel placed on

board to work ship securing and discharging.

6. N.A. and N.C.S.O. Lisbon will be informed.

(F.O. C.N.A. 1632A/4 to COWSLIP, LEYLAND, JAUNTY. (R) Admty).

R/V not yet made, boiler situation is serious. My position
at 1830Z. 034.19 N. 014.57 W. drifting 090° 1½ knots. Request
air cover if possible. Wind figure groups 3 barometer, 969
falling, sea 4, high swell.

(COWSLIP 1831Z/4 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) Admty, C. in C.W.A.
LEYLAND, JAUNTY).

Operation
"Torch"
Reports of
Movements,
Situation
Reports.

1. Until full communications are established the
following orders for reporting arrivals departures
and situation at Ports are to be in force:-
2. Arrivals and departures of Warships are to
be reported to Admiralty (R) N.C.X.F. in one
signal made daily about 2000.

3. Arrivals and departures of Merchant Ships
are to be reported to Fairmiss (R) N.C.X. F. in one
signal made daily at about 1300 which is to be prefixed "TACT".

4. Signals reporting routes and times of arrival are to be made
in the normal manner to the appropriate addressees.

5. A Situation Report is to be made daily by Flag and Naval
Officers in charge to N.C. X.F. dealing with following subjects
when appropriate:-

A. Situation regarding berthing at the Ports.

B. Air raids during previous 24 hours including brief statement
on casualties and damage.

C. Minelaying and minesweeping position in general terms.

D. Development of Port Defence.

E. Development of Naval Establishments, and Organisations.

F. Expected dates when Merchant Vessels will be ready for convoy.

G. Any other matters of immediate Naval importance.

6. These situation reports must be kept brief. They are to be
serially numbered. Fuller details should be forwarded in
the monthly War Diary and other routine reports required by
existing orders.

7. Pass to all F.O's I.C. and N.O's I.C. designate.

(N.C.X.F. 1644A/4 to N.C.E.T.F., N.C.C.T.F. (R) Admty etc).

W.R. Note: No passing action taken by W.R.

K.X.4A.

K.X.4A arrived (15 ships). CROMARTY FIRTH also
arrived.

(F.O.C.N.A. 1712A/4).

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RUSKHOLM, Trawler RUSKHOLM and JURA sail from Gibraltar
 JURA. 1900A/4th Escorting 3 Merchant Ships coastwise to
 MIRROR. Lisbon at 8 knots.
 (Capt.S.8 1812A/4 to STURGEON (R) F.O.C.N. A.).
 My 1902/3rd. Sailed Cable Ship MIRROR
 escorted by H.M.Trawler RUSKHOLM and JURA also in company for
 escort to Lisbon RENE PAUL and SPERO.
 (F.O.C.N.A. 1901A/4 to Admty).

PORT My 1014/3rd (Sailing of trawler PORT PATRICK).
 PATRICK. PORT PATRICK arrived Lisbon today.
 (N.A.Lisbon 1842/4 to S.O.(I) Gibraltar (R) Admty).

Air Escorts. A/? escorts 1 Catalina to IMS 1 0 1 Catalina to
 MF 1 A 1 Catalina to KMF 1 0 1 Catalina to UGF1
 38 hours 3 mins. 2 Hudsons to KMSIA 10 hours 18
 mins. A/S sweeps 5 Hudsons to West 23 hours 7 mins. 4 Swordfish
 to West 10 hours 43 mins 1 Hudson Det.Flight to West 6 hours 20
 mins. Photo recco. 1 Spitfire Oran 2 hours 19 mins. 1 Mosquito.
 Algiers 4 hours 56 mins.
 2. 1032 hours one E/A approached from East at 25,000 feet receded
 at 8 miles fighters up but warning insufficient to gain height.
 3. Photo recce. See Section 1.
 4. Transit in from U.K. 5 Fortresses 14 Hudsons Out nil.
 (H.Q.R.A.F.Gibraltar 1845/4?)

Axis Men in New order issued by German and Italian Embassies
 Spain. requires all men between 18 and 21 to leave at
 once B.2. Previous orders of this kind have been
 more vague and have allowed considerable latitude.
 (N.A.Madrid 1900/4).

Disposal Your 1912/30 Oct. Following for M.W.T.R.
 of Ships of 1. DUKE OF ATHENS see our 174. FORT SENNEVILLE
 K.M.S.1. loads iron ore Melilla/U.K. HOUSTON CITY if
 K.M.S.2. general cargo available agree vessel loads
 Lisbon provided she will not miss homeward
 connection otherwise should proceed U.K. in ballast unless
 opportunity arises for her to be despatched in ballast to New
 York which we would prefer and you may arrange. If ballast is
 insufficient to satisfy Master can you arrange transfer
 ballast ex FORT SENNEVILLE as required. Please advise what is
 arranged.
 2. Further sailings are NORTH DEVON, INNESMOOR, RUBY, all of
 which should load iron ore for U.K. VOLTURNO, FLAMINIAN, both
 load Liner Division Lisbon.
 3. All vessels in K.M.S. 1 and K.M.S.2 should be returned to
 U.K. in ballast. We will advise you in regard to later convoys
 as soon as possible.
 (M.W.T. 2003A/4 to D.S.T.).

/LONDON DERRY...

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LONDONDERRY K.M.S.2. My P.C. and S. 2000Z/4th 37.05 N. 22.52 W
K.M.S.2. A. 155° 8 altering eastward at 0930/5th. 6 knots.
see p. 129 Request instructions re-fuelling "Hunts" who now
have barely sufficient fuel to reach Lisbon in
prevailing weather. Can they fuel at Madeira?
SANDWICH does not hold TON l. copy of TNCO is being lent by
SCARBOROUGH. Weather report.
(LONDONDERRY 2050Z/4 to F.O.C.N.A.(R) Admty C. in C. W.A.
COLTSFOOT, CLEVELAND, ALBRIGHTON, ESKDALE, ROCHESTER, SANDWICH).

Special U-Boat One refuelling Group Area 28 N. 25 W. consisting
Estimate. one refuelling Sub. three U-Boats. Four est.
Weather patrolling N. of Madeira. Three est. W. of
Forecast. Gibraltar. Four patrolling C. Verde Islands to
Dakar. Three est. patrolling N. of C. Verde Is.
One Italian 38 N. 13 W. by poor D.F. 2054Z/3.
Two area 37 N. 15 W. by poor D.F. 1609Z/3. Three northbound
13 N. 23 W. 27 N. 23 W. 39 N. 19 W. One homebound 37 N. 10 W.
One southbound 31 N. 11 W. Probably five patrolling along 40° N.
between 11 W. and 24 W. from numerous D.Fs. Forecast Atlantic
Coast Morocco weather overcast with rain becoming partly
cloudy with some showers Thursday. S.W. wind veering to W. 18
knots then N. with clearing Thursday. Visibility four miles
becoming 12 miles late Thursday. Sea very rough some decrease
Thursday. Swell long heavy from N.W. Azores 40Z Wednesday swell
long moderate N.N.E. six feet slowly decreasing period eight
seconds sea choppy and rough. *Admiralty pass to Taskfor 34
Action. Taskfor. 34 pass to appropriate Area Commanders.
(Cominch 2054/4 to Admty). *Passing action being taken by W.R.

AURORA. AURORA left Gibraltar at 2000 /4th proceed
see p. 129. 15 knots to position 036.12 N. 012.01 W.
(Capt. S.8. 2304A/4 to STURGEON).

A/S Escorts T.C.A.O. 11 Intend A/S escort 5th Nov. Escort
for K.M.S. & convoy KMF A1 0745 to 1845 1 C, Call Sign WD3Q.
K.M.F. Convoys. Escort convoy KMF 01 0830 to 1900 1 CWD3B.
Escort convoy KMS A1 0730 to 1120 1 H Call Sign
U.A. 1 Q. 1120 to 1530 1 H Call Sign. U.A. 1 S. 1530 to 1850 H
Call Sign U.A. 1 I. Escort convoy KMS 0 1 0745 to 1845 1 C, Call
Sign TV5A.
(N.C.X.F. 2330A/4 to Escorts of convoy KMF A1, Escorts of Convoy
KMF.01. Escorts of Convoy KMS A.1. Escorts of Convoy KMS 01.(R)
Admiralty, S.O. Force H.).

Oran defences. C.B.4096 L plan 32 Oran defence. P.R.U. shows
following battery not previously reported. GRID
reference 362930, 4 heavy A/A guns.
(N.C.X.F. 2337A/4 to C.N.T.F. (R) S.O. Force H.
R.A.A.H.F. FORMIDABLE. ARGUS.)

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U/Bs Ref. Admty message A.F. 038.30 S. 026.00 E.
(C. in C.S.A. 0026 G.M.T./4 to B.A.M.S. Area 3B and 3C).
Ref. Admty message A.F. 036.30 S. 028.00 E.
(C. in C.S.A. 0109 G.M.T./4 to B.A.M.S. Areas 3B and 3C)

?Vichy Ships. Following is a repetition of S.O.(I) Freetown's 2245Z/2 (begins): Transit Wellington sighted in poor visibility 1421Z/2/11, 5 S/MS, 3 Escort Vessels possibly 2 Destroyers, 1 possible Depot Ship in 14° 50' N. 17° 57' W. Course 130° 5 knots (Ends). (Freetown C.C.O. 0120Z/4 to Admty (R) C. in C.S.A. S.O.(I) Gib).

GEORGE THATCHER. (Torpedoed 1st Nov). My 1030/3rd Nov. Unless towing operation in progress continue to destination. (R.A.W.A. 1012/4 to BARWICK).

CISTULA. Your 1629/3rd. Further repairs and time necessary will be reported when ship returns. Additional repairs can be effected Lagos. (N.O.I.C.Lagos. 0850Z/4 to Admty (R) R.A.W.A.)

Disposition. ARRAN escorting 016.20 018.59 000°. 6½. *see next page*
ORFAY, MAGNOLIA 014.25 (?019°) 10' 154° 7½ at 1959Z/4th.
2 M.Ls escorting 09.15 14.50 to Freetown 8.
SOUTHERN PRIDE off Freetown 295° 11½. *see next page.*
SHROPSHIRE, VINDICTIVE, HECLA, ARROW, ACTIVE, BRIDGEWATER with C.F.7 about 08.50 14.20 to 09.(?09) 16.09 thence 12. *see pp 136 137*
CANNA, COPINSAY, about 08.15 18.45 to Freetown 15½.
Submarine P.614, 25.45 17.03, 198° 8. *see p.129.*
(R.A.W.A. 1103Z/4 to Area P.).
* SANDHURST, 2 M.Ls, with S. T.40 off Freetown to South East 8½. * *Not identified - Destroyer Depot ship in Clyde. (Pink list)*
CORINTHIAN escorting 5.40 11.34 to Simonstown 10.
RUNSWICK BAY escorting 5.01, 00.15, E. to Lagos 7.
D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES 00.55 01.35 (?St.Vincent) 12 at 2000Z/4th. *see p.137*
TAMARISK escorting about 01.01 07.10 East to Matadi 11.
TRUANT and D. S/M K.14, 01.55 S. 05.05 304° 8½. *see next page.*
DESPATCH 04.40 S. 05.05 318° 18.
(R.A.W.A. 1127Z/4 to Area P.).
DURBAN, CARTHAGE, NORMAN, EXPRESS, CATTERICK, KANARIS, with W.S.23 031.51 S. 029.54 E. to Durban 12½.
DRAGON 027.30 S. 012.30 E. to Pointe Noire 17½.
THYME 036.20 S. 019.50 E. searching to South East.
ENGADINE 031.40 S. 030.50 E. to Durban E.T.A. 1100Z/5th.
(C. in C.S.A.1213C/4 to Area Q).

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TRUANT and Dutch S/M K.14 routed through position (e) 008.01 S. 004.02 E. (f) Equator. 007° (Corrupt) West. thence 321° S. of A. 8½.knots. Estimated in position (f) at 2100Z/5. (R.A.W.A. 1145Z/4 to DESPATCH, (R) TRUANT).

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EMPIRE RENNIE, U/B. 3rd Nov. Position 256° 363 miles from amended V. Referring our message 0342 G.M.T. /, S/M was damaged perhaps sunk by our gunfire. (EMPIRE RENNIE 1200 G.M.T./4 to Portishead Radio (R) Admty Cominch C & R).

EMPIRE CHAUCER (Sunk 17th Oct). My 1536C/2, EMPIRE CHAUCER.17 survivors landed in third officer's boat. Vessel sunk by 2 torpedoes at 0800C/17/10. U-Boat medium sized, long low C/T, no wire cutter, painted grey, no number and had 4.7 inch gun forward and smaller gun aft. German crew. Chief Officer.S Young and Cadet Fryer not seen again after second explosion. List of survivors follows in my 1506C/4. (S.O.(I) Capetown 1457C/4, 1726C/5 to Admty).

* SOUTHERN PRIDE Intend SOUTHERN PRIDE to R/V with convoy W.S.24 on Nov.8th to escort TAMAROA to Freetown. If it is necessary to break W/T silence or escorts are detached, report estimated P.C.S. at 1200/8th Nov. (R.A. W.A. 1617Z/4 to QUEEN OF BERMUDA,(R) Admty, F.O.C.N.A. SOUTHERNPRIDE, Escorts of W.S.24).

** See previous page*

* ARRAN, GRYFEVALE. Your 1839A/3rd. Have instructed ARRAN to return Bathurst with GRYFEVALE who has engine defects. * BURDOCK. Intend ARRAN to escort GRYFEVALE when ready to Gibraltar by route given in my 1545Z/30th. * Request BURDOCK be sailed for Freetown. F.O.C.N.A. pass to N.C.X.F. (R.A.W.A. 1711Z/4 to N.C.X.F. (R) F.O.C.N.A. etc).

** See previous page*

Convoy C.F.7. Sailing Telegram. (N.C.S.O.Freetown 1727Z/4).

SOUTHERN GEM, PIERRE LOTI. Arrival Nov.3rd Libreville SOUTHERN GEM. Departure from Libreville 1400Z/4. SOUTHERN GEM escorting SS. PIERRE LOTI for Duala. (B.N.L.O. West Africa 1810/4, 0855/5 to R. A.W.A)

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- C.F.7. 1.Sailed convoy C.F.7 at 1300Z/4th Nov. escorted
See p. 134. & next page. by SHROPSHIRE, VINDICTIVE, HECLA, ARROW, ACTIVE and BRIDGEWATER.
- 2.Route: (A) 009.09 N. 016.09 W.
(B). 014.30.N.019.46.W (C).023.22N. 020. 40.W
(D). 029.29.N.021.54.W.(E). 034.13N. 026. 04.W.
(F). 037.59.N.023.06.W.(G). 039.18N.024. 59.W.
(H). 050.11.N.021.17.W. thence as ordered by C. in C.W.A.
S. of A. to position G. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ knots.
- 3.F.O.C.N.A. is requested to sail escorts to R/V in position (Z) 28.(?16) N. 21.39 W. at 1200Z/9th.
- 4.VINDICTIVE has orders to proceed position (Z) with HECLA and Gibraltar escort through position (R) 032.28 N. 014.34 W.
(S) 035.13N 011.30W (T) 035.49N 008.38W.(V) 035.50N.006.03W.to Gibraltar, S. of A. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ knots, E.T.A. Gibraltar p.m./12th Nov.
- 5.DUNCAN and ANTHONY from Ponta Delgada will join escort in 35.54 N. 24.44 W. at 0800Z/11th Nov. After DUNCAN and ANTHONY, join ARROW and ACTIVE will be detached to refuel at Ponta Delgada, rejoining convoy a.m. /12th Nov.
- 6.After ARROW and ACTIVE have rejoined BRIDGEWATER will be detached to refuel at Ponta Delgada then returning to Freetown through position (N) 032.01 N. 024.01 W. (O) 022.01 N. 025.00 W. (P) 016.59 N. 021 58 W. (Q) 012.02 N. 021.01 W.
S. of A 12 knots.
- 7.BRIDGEWATER on being detached will report position and S. of A of convoy.
8. Ships shift to North Atlantic W/T organisation at 1800Z/7th and to Home Station W/T organisation at 1800Z/12th.
(R.A.W.A. 1819Z/4, 1043Z/7 to F.O.C.N.A.(R) Admty etc).

Cable Ships. Your 1210/27/10. Request EMILE BAUDOT be sailed for Durban as soon as practicable and CECILE MAPLESON for Saldanha Bay on completion of D.G.range at Durban.

- 2.Suggest laying of two legged loops Table Bay be deferred until Saldanha Bay is completed.
(D.A/S.W. 1836A/4 to C. in C.S.A. etc).

SOUTHERN GEM. Arrival p.m./4th Nov.
See previous page. (N.C.S.O.Duala, 2047/4, to Admty etc).

- Dispositions Solantfor. 1.Cruisers OMAHA and MARBLEHEAD and destroyer JOUETT commencing patrol Trinidad, Ascension, Recife. S.of A.12 knots. E. T.A. Recife 18th Nov.
2.Destroyers DAVIS, ELLIS, BADGER, and OSMOND & INGRAM left Trinidad 2nd Nov. with southbound convoy.
- 3.Cruisers MILWAUKEE and CINCINNATI at Recife.
- 4.Remaining forces local escort duty and refitting.
(R.A.W.A. 2141Z/4 to C. in C.S.A.(R) Admty).

* D.A.T. BADER & U.K. in the.

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{?COMMANDANT} My P.C.S. at 2000Z/4th 002. 14 N. 003.40 W.
 D'ESTIENNE, 114° 12. Weather report.
 D'ORVES. (COMMANDANT D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES, 2145Z/4 to
 R.A.W.A.).
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Movements. Departures 4th. Nov. M.Ls.251, 281. MORRIS DANCE.
 (S.O.(I) Freetown 2241Z/4 to Admty).
 Departure Nov.4th ARROW, ACTIVE, HECLA,
 SHROPSHIRE with C.F.7 Q.K.A. 72, Q.Z.H. 894, L.50, X.853, Y.356.
 S.380, VINDICTIVE Q.K.A. 72. BRIDGEWATER.
 (S.O.(I) Freetown 2257Z/4 to Admty). *See pp 134 & 136.*

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Enemy Units. P.C. and S. of 8 unknown (type) vessels is
33.50 N. 20.11 E. 180° 8 knots.
(Aircraft Call Sign T8M Duty L. 0012/4 to
201 Group.)

Position, course, of 3 medium sized M/Vs, 3 small craft
33.28 N. 19.20 E. 180° speed unknown.
(A/C Call Sign T6G Duty W. 0040/4 to Air H.Q. Malta.)

P.C. and S. of 2 small craft, 2 unknown vessels is
33.58 N. 20.27 E. 210° 5 knots.
(A/C T8MJ 0105B/4 to 201 Group.)

P.C. and S. of 1 small craft 33.26 N. 20.40 E. 150° 8 knots.
(Aircraft Call Sign T.S.M. Duty J. 0127B/4 to 201 Group.)

P.C. and S. of 1 enemy merchant vessel, 3 unknown vessels
is 33.50 N. 20.10 E. 180° 8 knots.
(A/C T8 M1 0130B/4 to 201 Group.)

P.C. and S. of 2 M/Vs 4 destroyers 33.38 N. 20.14 E. 180°
8 knots.
(A/C call sign T6G Duty X 0140A/4 to Air H.Q. Malta.)

S.O.(I) Istanbul 0959C/4 see North Atlantic.

Cositrep
No.581
Part 2 Air.

1. Night 2/3 Nov. Torpedo Wellingtons made
offensive R/Cs for enemy shipping between Crete
and Cyrenaica. Beauforts also searched off
Tobruk at dawn. Only hospital ships seen.
8. Ref. Cositrep 579, Part 2 para 9. Photographs
of Tobruk Harbour 3/11 show a 2000 ton merchant
vessel burnt out at main jetties following B.17
raid previous afternoon. Also damage to jetties.
(C. in C. M.E. T.O.O. 1010 G.M.T.)

Movements.

Arrival TURBULENT.
(V.A. Malta 1228A/4.)
Departure TURBULENT, PARTHIAN.
(V.A. Malta 1600A/4.)

3rd Oct (?Nov) Arrival Greek Destroyer AETOS, Greek
Destroyer IERAX U.S. Destroyer WOOLSEY, H.M.S. HYACINTH, G.S. PAUL
CONDOURIOTIS, Greek Destroyer SPETSAL, H.M.S. WHITEHAVEN,
FALK, WOLBOROUGH, ANTWERP. Departure F.S. COMMANDANTE DOMINE,
Greek Destroyer IERAX, H.M.S. ROMEO, ANTWERP.
(S.O.(I) Beirut 2132B/4 to Admty. (R), C. in C. Med.)

Turkey and
French
Shipping.

Following from Admiral Kelly. General Hitsim
Gunduz informed me that General Staff have never
heard of proposal to release French ships interned
in Turkey and they would never agree to such
action as these ships are earmarked for Turkish
use in event of Turkey entering war.

(2) I suggested Turkey should buy these vessels of which she has
great need. He would do so but French would make impossible
conditions. The freighting of oiler ADOUR is not affected by
this statement.

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French
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(3) My telegram 1222/26th Oct. (Circulated 1235/26 M/S) para 7. He has evidently been got at about diversion of war material for Turkey to Middle East and Prime Minister now seemed alone in this opinion. He calls out for tanks as first priority, sufficient eventually to form one armoured division, and thinks we should be grateful for diversion of tanks from Germany to Turkey. The more we supply Turkey the less they will want from Germany and only methods of paying Germany are by Chrome and Copper. He repeated Turkey would never give more than 50 - 50 Chrome to Germany.

(4) I gave my views about Turkish ingratitude and lack of consideration of our difficulties of transport and otherwise which he promised to bear in mind. He begged us not to restart doubt of Turkey's loyalty to us as firm and necessary as ever both now and after peace.
(B.N.A. Ankara 1243C/4 to Admty.)

Air
Operations.

Bi-weekly Opsum Number 70, in many parts.

Part 2 31/10. 12 Spitfires attacked dock area Matruh inflicting many casualties on labourers and troops. Also attacked camp near Matruh.

Part 4. Night 31/10 - 1/11. 5 A.S.V. Wellingtons on R/C for enemy shipping off coast of Cyrenaica found 1 M/V 1500 tons, 1 M/V 1000 tons, 1 destroyer about 25 miles N.E. of Bomba course S.E. 1 bomber, 6 torpedo Wellingtons despatched. 1 Torpedo Wellington scored 2 hits on 1,500 ton ship which blew up with violent explosion throwing debris high into air. Another torpedo Wellington and the bomber aircraft both attacked smaller ship with unobserved results. 3 Beauforts despatched to make dawn attack. 1 Beaufort scored hit on 1000 ton ship northwest of Tobruk slowing?? vessel up.

Part 6. 1 Nov. Sunderland sighted oil patches and bubbles rising about 545 miles northeast of Port Said. Depth charges dropped ahead of last oil patch. No results seen. 8 B.24s bombed Maleme aerodrome at dusk. Objective obscured by low cloud and no results seen. 39500 lbs.

Night 1/2 Nov. Part 7. 4 A.S.V. 5 bomber, 2 torpedo Wellingtons despatched to locate and attack enemy shipping between Crete and Cyrenaica. A.S.V. Wellingtons located 2 merchant vessels, 1 destroyer southbound about 10 miles south-west of Gavdos Island and 3 destroyers southbound about 50 miles south south-east of Gavdos. Striking force could not locate merchant vessels. 4 Wellingtons bombed destroyers claiming hits on 2 and 2 near misses on another. 1 torpedo Wellington attacked a suspected Condottieri class cruiser with unobserved results. 5 Beauforts despatched to make dawn attack on merchant vessels could not find and returned. Second striking force 6 Beauforts with escort 7 Beaufighters found 2 merchant vessels, 5000 and 3000 tons respectively, 2 destroyers, about 70 miles north northwest of Tobruk. Beaufighters engaged Me.110s, Ju.88s, Mc.202s and Mc.200s which were patrolling over ships which Beauforts attacked. Latter scored hit on 5000 ton ship causing large column of smoke up to 3000 feet.

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Part 8. 2 Baltimores despatched to observe results of attack both confirm ship on fire with smoke up to 3000 feet. Smaller ship was also attacked possible hit being scored. 1 Beaufort shot down crew seen in dinghy another Beaufort, 1 Beaufighter

missing.

In afternoon 5 B.17s attacked shipping at main jetties Tobruk. Bombs burst on and near jetties starting very large fires but smoke prevented observation of details of damage. B.17s were attacked by fighters (?word missing?) of which they shot down probably destroyed another. Photographic reconnaissance following day showed merchant vessel 2,000 tons at jetties burnt out. Also damage to jetties.

(A.H.Q. M.E. 1609/4, 1655/4, 2019Z/4.)

PORPOISE
E/Bs.*See p/141 & 142.*

Minelaying E-boats are expected to operate in vicinity of the searched channel tonight, Wednesday.
(2) Coast defence artillery will engage suspicious plots and aircraft will illuminate and engage E. Boats.
(3) You are not to approach within 20 miles of the end of the searched channel before 0400A/5th.
(V.A. Malta 1752A/4 to PORPOISE.)

Enemy
Intelligence.

5 Ju.88s active on shipping route Gibraltar to Malta, landed back about 1435Z today.
(2) Unit - unidentified - sighted off Oran in signal T.O.O. 1140 local time.
(V.A. Malta 1802A/4 to C. in C. X.F., F.O.C.N.A.
(R) Admty. C. in C. Med.)

Movements.

See p.138.

Arrivals 4th Nov. ANTWERP, ROMEO, G.S. IERAX, G.S. ^{PAUL} CONDOURIOTIS, F.S. COMMANDANT~~E~~ DOMINE.
Departures 4th Nov. ANTWERP, G.S. IERAX, G.S. PAUL CONDOURIOTIS, F.S. COMMANDANT~~E~~ DOMINE.
(N.O.I.C. Famagusta 1808B/4 to Admty. etc.)

Cositrep 582.

Situation up to 1200 hrs. G.M.T. (all military).
(C. in C. M.E. 1815Z/4.)

AQUITANIA,
escort.

Your 1904/27th Oct. C. in C. E.F. 1328/28th Oct. If escort is not available from Aden to Colombo are New Zealand troops not to be embarked?
(P.S.T.O. Egypt 1945B/4 to N.Z.N.B. (R)
C. in C. E.F. etc.)
Reply: C. in C. E.F. 1235/6 N.Z.N.B. 2020/6.

AQUITANIA
smoke.

Your 0639Z/28/10. Request Master of AQUITANIA be asked to signal answers to following questions for information of Cunard Company, repeated Admiralty.
(D.T.D. 2036A/4 to F.O.I.C. Aden (R) B.A.D.)

/Malta ...

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Malta Air Report. I.88 4/11 T.O.O. 2045 C.S.R. Malta.
 Part 1. Night 3rd/4th. 0001 hours, partial R.D.F. interference was experienced as 3 enemy bombers approached Malta at great height. 3 Beaufighters up forced some raiders to drop bombs in sea and turn back but few bombs were dropped round Halfar aerodrome and near Kalafrana causing no serious damage.
 4th. 0500 hours, 16 Spitfires up for several raids which turned back before reaching Malta. 14 Spitfire Sorties were made in R/C patrols north of Malta but no enemy aircraft or shipping was sighted.
 Part 2. Night 3/4. 2 bomb carrying and 3 torpedo carrying Wellington 8s carried out successful attack on enemy southbound convoy sighted by Baltimore at 1420 off North African Coast. 1 torpedo Wellington found at 2346 hours in moonlight 324° Benghazi 118 miles 2 medium sized M/Vs and 3 probable D/Rs course south, and released torpedo Duplex contact depth setting 14 feet from 70 feet range 1000/1200 yards, scoring hit on bows of heavily laden M/V leaving it stationary and down by the bows. This convoy was illuminated by 2 flare carrying Wellingtons from Mideast which subsequently landed at Malta. The other 2 torpedo and 2 bomb carrying Wellingtons found at 0002 hours 300° Cape Ramero (W.D. Note: Ras Aamer 32.55 N. 21.42 E. No Cape Ramero) 83 miles a second convoy of 8 vessels including a tanker, course 180°. At 0052 and 0130 hours the 2 bombing Wellingtons attacked the tanker by moonlight dropping 3 500 lb. G.P. instantaneous bombs each but observed no results. At 0100 hours 1 torpedo Wellington released a torpedo Duplex contact depth setting 14 feet from 50 feet range 500 yards which all astern of tanker.
 0135 hours the second torpedo Wellington released torpedo Duplex contact depth setting 14 feet from 80 feet range 600 yards scoring a hit between amidships and stern of tanker.
 Day 4th. Baltimore sighted 280° Cape Aamer 30 miles 3 separate oil patches 500 feet across, 1 thick black, 2 light brownish colour. 2 Beaufighters on anti-shipping patrol attacked 0450 1 schooner 270° Empedocle 30 miles course east scoring numerous strikes and leaving it stationary.
 (A.H.Q. Malta 2045/4, 2059/4, 2111/4, 2121/4.)

CLYDE. The general condition of CLYDE makes it apparent that refit should not be further postponed.
 Major structural deterioration is setting in, external pressure hulk frames are wasted, 75% of casings need rebuilding. Syphon pipe and main ballast cross vent pipe plumbing in doubtful condition. Request decision whether CLYDE after unloading is to be sailed for Gibraltar and U.K. (V.A. Malta 2210A/4 to Admt.)

E-Boats R.D.F. plotting night 2nd/3rd and 3rd/4th
 Minelaying. indicates E-boats engaged on minelaying in Malta Approaches.
in previous page.
 2. Mines have probably been laid in old searched channel no longer in use.
 3. Boats were momentarily (corrupt group) night 2nd/3rd and a few rounds fired by C.D.A. last night boats unfortunately at extreme range and were not molested.

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Minelaying
(contd.)4. A warm reception is being prepared for them if they venture close.
(N.O.I.C. Malta 2250A/4 to C. in C. Med.
(R) Admty., F.O.C.N.A.)

Movements.

4th Nov. Port Said arrival. DIDO, Yugoslav M.T.B. DUMITOR, Yugoslav M.T.B. KAJMAKALAN, GLOXINIA, KLO, ISLAY. Departure. ARETHUSA, SNAPDRAGON, G.S. SAKTOURIS, ERICA, HURWORTH, CROOME, GLOXINIA, BURRA, SOUTHERN MAID, SOUTHERN ISLE, Yugoslav M.T.B. DUMITOR Yugoslav M.T.B. {KAJMAKALAN}, KLO, ISLAY, M.L.1038.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 2359/4, 1053B/5 to Admty. etc.)

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"S" Report, FORT FRASER. Following has been read:- From Colombo W/T SSSS FORT FRASER 11° 53' N., 51° 39' E. submarine on surface. (FORT FRASER, 0006/4).

Tug Sunk Intercept. My 1545Z/3 (not received in Admiralty) Small Tug has sunk with one lighter totally submerged, an endeavouring to salvage remaining 2. (H.M. Tug FAVOURITE 0015Z/4 to C. in C. E.F.)

Loop Defence, Bombay. Request your view whether previous schemes proposed in my 0541/12 August or Admiralty scheme received under letter number M.A/S.W. 7342/42 dated 15th April received after despatch of my signal should be adopted. Request urgent reply. 2. Request all gear required for scheme adopted may be allocated. (F.O.C.R.I.N., 0313Z/4 to Admty).

Non-Receipt of Diversion Signals. Serial No. 2 pass to N.C.S.Os. and R.Os. Following Admiralty Message is passed for necessary action. "(1) A large number of reports continue to be received of ships failing to receive diversion signals addressed to them. (2) A full investigation of circumstances is always to be made on arrival of ships concerned at her next port. (3) Should this latter be situated in different command from that from which the diversion signal was initiated the relevant information should be passed to other commands with request for an enquiry to be held. In British strategic area a brief report of investigation is to be made to Admiralty T.O.O. 1357A/31st October 1942". Ref. third sentence. As soon as diverting authority has received notification of arrival at an incorrect port, that authority is to signal to N.C.S.O. of that port full details of the diversion signal, time transmitted, number of broadcast and any other details to assist enquiry. The result, vide last para., is to be repeated to diverting authority and C. in C. E.F. if not this authority. (C. in C. E.F., 0748Z/4 to C. in C. Ceylon, F.O. Ceylon, F.O.C.R.I.N. etc).

Ceylon Movement Summary No. 23 4th November. Ref. Movement Summary No.22. (1) LISMORE now returning to Colombo due 1030Z 5th November. (No para. 2). (3) MADRAS arrived Bombay 2nd November. (4) SUTLEJ and PUNJAB escorting B.P.59 due Khor Kuwai 8th November. Summary No.24. (1) JUMNA with TULIP and RANPURA leave Bombay 6th November escorting B.A.33. TULIP and JUMNA return to Bombay from 069° E. (2) SONAVATI at (?Khor Kuwai). (3)*ABELIA left (?Trincomalee) 1st November arrived Colombo 2nd.

* at Khor Kuwai! (Pink List)

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Ceylon Movement Summary No.23 4th November. (Contd.)

(4) MARGUERITE left Colombo 4th calling Cochin to escort (?DU)MANA to Bombay.
 (5) B.S. JAN DE WAELE left Colombo 2nd November due Addu Atoll 6th November.
 (6) D.S. WILLEM VAN DER ZAAN escorting TINGSANG left Colombo 3rd (?November) due Trincomalee 5th November. Expected to leave Trincomalee 6th November escorting ATHEL MONARCH and CLYDEFIELD to Colombo and thence to Bombay leaving Colombo 9th November (approx.)
 (7) LAUNCESTON leaves Trincomalee 6th November for Addu Atoll escorting WARINA.
 (F.O. Ceylon, 0913Z/4 to Admty etc.)

Navigation Lights. British B.A.M.S. Lettered Message "J P" Merchant Ships when in B.A.M.S. area 3B or 3C are not to burn navigation lights when westward of 35°E 2. Para 1 of B.A.M.S. Lettered Message "J O" is cancelled C.A.M.S.I. 155/42 will be amended.
 (D.T.D. 1200Z/4 to B.A.M.S. in all Areas. (Negative A.I.G. 12)).

Shipping Bay of Bengal. Your 1202/3 approved. Request you will issue necessary instructions. My 0914/17 October (923C) will be amended in due course.
 2. A new system of reference positions for Ocean traffic is now under discussion with Admty. but it is undesirable to include your Coastal ones. Suggest that ships from places outside Indian waters should be supplied with current reference positions when they call at Colombo. (862C para. 2). Positions can then be omitted from route signals. Do you concur?
 (C. in C. E.F., 1314Z/4 to F.O. Ceylon (R) Admty.)

ENTERPRISE, MAURITIUS. Arrival 4th November.
 (F.O. E.A. 1407Z/4 to Admty.)

Bahrein, Sitrah, Banda Abbas. A.M. 1306/27/10 para. (2) (Bahrein Harbour and Sitrah anchorage should be immune from submerged attack). Bahrein and Sitrah considered unsuitable for following reasons.
 (A) Most ships would be exposed to full force of Shamal both summer and winter with a lee shore and boatwork frequently impossible.
 (B) A most difficult approach. Low lying land with off-shore dangers and frequent thick weather at all times of the year.
 (C) No drinking or boiler water. (2) Therefore appears no alternative to Bandar Abbas and the lack of underwater defences must be accepted. I do not consider that loop equipment should be diverted from Bombay or Colombo. Some measure of defence can be obtained by anchoring ships as far to the westward in Clarence Strait as possible where they would largely be hidden from seaward observation.
 (C. in C. E.F., 1437/4 to Admty (R) S.N.O.P.G.)

CAIRNS. Your 0914/4. Expect to depart Seychelles p.m. Friday 6th Nov. or a.m. Saturday 7th Nov. Boiler brickwork principal defect.
 (CAIRNS 1821Z/4 to C. in C. E.F., (R) N.O.I.C. Seychelles, F.O.I.C. Ceylon, F.O. East Africa.)

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- U/B Following has been read and passed to Admiralty from Ottawa. One submerged submarine South 5 49° 40' N., 127° 40' W. (Minor War Vessel - Call sign Undecypherable 0145Z/4).
- U/B attacked. Ops. November 3rd Times G.M.T. Enemy sightings. 1 S/M Digby X-Ray 10 BR attacked U-boat at 1205Z in 46.18 N., 52.16 W. U-boat was submerged at time of attack although swirl plainly visible. Oil patch 100 ft. diam. observed 1 minute after attack. (E.A.C.H.Q., 0715/4).
- U/B Barbados W/T reports S/M sighted on surface 1100 G.M.T./4th 012° 11' N., 059° 57' W. submerged 1108 G.M.T. course 110°. (Navyntell, 0929R/4 to Admty).
- Movements Summary. 1800 G.M.T. 4th November.
- | Ship | Position | Course | Speed. |
|----------------|-----------------|--------|--------|
| Convoy W.S. 24 | 33° N., 30½° W. | 181° | 12 |
| ILEX | 15° N., 36½° W. | 080° | 16. |
- (D.O.D. (F) 1010Z/4 to Opnav (R) Comnav).
- French Intelligence. S.B.N.O.W.A., 1029Q/4 See North Atlantic.
- S.C.107 Request repetition of C.T.U. 24.1.14's 1231/2 which cannot be traced in Admiralty. (D.T.D., 1100Z/4 to Connav).
- Oil for Freetown. You may be asked to embark drums lubricating oil in trawlers for transport to Freetown. 2. Request full compliance subject to C.O's satisfaction regarding seaworthiness and to no interference with sailing dates. Understand acceptance of smallest quantities will be valuable (D.T.D., 1201A/4 to S.B.N.O. Trinidad (R) B.R.L.O. Trinidad).
- Busra, proposed amendment. As the result of discussions reported to have taken place in Washington it is proposed for your consideration that (A) Busra para. E (a) second sentence should be amended to read "The eastern boundary of the Western Atlantic Area so far only as the control and routing of shipping is concerned, is a line running along the meridian of 35° West from the coast of

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Busra, Greenland to lat. 50° N., thence to position 43°
proposed N., 40° W., thence along the meridian of 40°
amendment. W. to lat. 20° N., thence by Rhumb line to
Contd. position 00° 35' N., 26° 00' W., thence along the
meridian of 26° W., to lat. 40° S., and thence
along the parallel of 40° S., to the east coast
of South America". (B) M.A.R.I. Sec. I para. 9
sub. para. 2 (a) to be amended to conform.
2. If you concur request you will indicate time and date it
would be convenient for these proposed amendments to become
operative.
(D.T.D. Approved A.C.N.S. (T) 1223Z/4 to Cominch (R) B.A.D.,
N.S.H.Q.) Reply: B.A.D. 2049/5.

B.R.Os. Your 2041/23 October.
Duties. 1. Hitherto under Busra (E) (D) last sentence
certain B.R.L.O's have interpreted their
duties as including the right to object whenever
they consider a British managed ship has been
routed unwisely or contrary to the latest instructions. This
has now ceased in accordance with Admiralty ruling.
2. Any responsibility of B.R.L.Os for "control of shipping" is
excluded by your 2041/23 October under Busra (B) (F) (3) and
(B) (H) (2) this term includes instructions relative to use
of radio, codes and cyphers etc. Reports from B.R.L.Os
indicate that the majority of U.S.R.Os. do not repeat not receive
these instructions from Washington. Since the efficient
diversion of shipping depends on masters having these
instructions up to date I have directed B.R.L.Os to maintain
their files of such instructions until further orders.
3. "Q" messages are not mentioned in your 2041/23 October para.
2. C.N.O. Washington Q.P.37 - 1 - M W. D L (S C) 16- 1/C F 13-
13 serial 09637 dated 13th April 1942 P P A FHAR (E) refers.
Reports show that U.S.R.Os. only receive from Washington "Q"
messages relating to American coast and U.S. strategic area.
All these by air courier subject to considerable delay. It is
therefore assumed that B.R.L.Os. are to continue to supply
U.S.R.Os. with "Q" messages until further orders.
4. Request therefore that your 2041/23 may be clarified so
that none of the essential duties now performed by B.R.L.Os. are
restricted until taken over by U.S.R.Os.
5. B.R.L.O. Santos 1830/31 (Presumably 1820/31 intended)
is passed to you as a typical reply to my 2342/27 October which
conveyed gist of A.M. 2041/23 October and called for report on
present situation.
(S.B.N.O.W.A., 1241Q/4 to Admty (R) N.S.H.Q., B.A.D.)

Curacao, Your 1339/3 Nov. and my 1241/4 Nov. (N.T. in W.D.)
Aruba, R.Os. are receiving all instructions sufficiently
staff. early and up to date to issue correct routes and
instructions to British ships. S.B.N.O. Curacao
1153/29 October is passed to you for information
correction read to recommend any reduction at
Curacao.
(S.B.N.O.W.A., 1242Q/4 to B.A.D. (R) Admty).

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MAGDALEN
aground. MAGDALEN grounded at entrance to Charlottetown
P E I at 1015Z/2, refloated at 2145Z/2.
Damage believed confined to loss of Asdic Dome.
This will be confirmed when ship is hauled out on
slip today.
(C.O.A.C., 1416Z/4 to N.S.H.Q. (R) Admty).

NORSEMAN Departure 1840Z/4th November Cable ship NORSEMAN,
San Juan 2000Z/6th November, escorting P.C.490.
(B.R.O. St. Lucia, 1443Q/4 to Admty).

*S.C.107 Request that when U.S.S. LEARY, U.S.S. SCHENCK
VANESSA. INGHAM have joined S.C.107, VANESSA may be
*See next page ordered to rejoin H.X.213.
(C. in C. W.A., 1458/4 to C.T.24 (R) Cominch,
Admty etc).

If no further attacks by Thursday morning and escort
reinforced by one or more ships from Iceland, VANESSA rejoin
escort H.X.213.
(C.T.24 1815Z/4 to C.T.U. 24.1.14 (R) Admty etc).

U.G.F.2 New York 1000Z/2 as special movement designated
(U.S. "Torch" convoy) U.G.F.2, ANTHONY, DUNCAN, ARCHER, BULKOIL, MARTIN
BAKKE, DELAIRES, EXAMINER, FAIRLAND, ROBIN
SHERWOOD, ROBIN TUXFORD, SANTA ISABEL, SANTA
MARGARITA, SANTA MARIA, SANTA MONICA, SEEKAY, SANTA PAULA,
CRISTOBAL, JOHN ERICSON, SANTA ROSA, SANTA ELENA, J.W.
MACANDREW, LOUISE LYKES, MONTEREY.
(N.S.H.Q., 1508Z/4 to Admty).

U/B Submarine report 4th and U.S. Submarine Notice.
Positions. (Cominch, 1535/4, 1536/4, 1614/4, 1615/4,
1616/4, to Admty).

Ships Trinidad reports following ships ex T.A.G.18
Torpedoed CHR. J. KAMPMANN 0007Z/3rd in 012° 06'
Ex. T.A.G. N., 062° 42' W. GYPSUM EMPRESS 0537Z/3rd in
18. 012° (10') N., 063° 21' W.
THORSHAVET and probably 1 other 1039Z/3rd in 012°
16' N., 064° 06' W.
(S.O.(I) Kingston Jamaica, 1605R/4 to Admty B.A.D)

Attacks on D.A/S.W. 1547A/4 to Cominch etc. See U-boat
U/Bs. Campaign.

Search of I anticipate in near future receiving requests
Spanish from U.S. Naval Authorities to carry out very
Ships. thorough searches of Spanish Ships they bring in
to harbour whom they think are acting suspiciously
I propose to agree subject to any instructions
to contrary.
(S.B.N.O. Trinidad, 1651Q/4 to Admty. (R)
S.B.N.O.W.A., B.A.D.)

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- S.C.105 Average speed 6.1 knots. Moderate weather except for gale 28th to 29th October. All ships arrived. (D.T.D., 1711A/4 to Connav, N.S.H.Q.)
- EROS U/B attack. 047° 30' N., 038° 10' W. unsuccessful torpedo attack from the rear. (EROS, 1830/4). EROS, British 5888 tons. (D.O.R., 1174.)
- Shipping Intelligence. A. Your 1601Z/29/10, statement in para. 2 is confirmed.
B. In view of N.S.H.Q. Ottawa's 2235Z/21/10 it is suggested that the Shipping Intelligence Division should commence to function with the information already available from or through N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, B.A.D. and B.N.L.Os.
C. If experience shows that this does not meet all requirements proposals then to be put forward showing what supplementary information is needed.
D. It is hoped that close liaison between the Shipping Intelligence Division and the New Merco Centre in New York will be established in near future. (D.T.D., 1853A/4 to B.A.D., (R) N.S.H.Q.)
- G.A.T.18 Arrival U.S. Destroyer BLAKELEY, U.S.S. SAUCY, SPRY, U.S.S. P.C.489, 493, 564, and 567 escorting convoy G.A.T.18. (N.O.I.C. Trinidad, 1902Q/4 to S.B.N.O.W.A. (R) Admty).
- REGENT PANTHER. Your 2212/29 to B.A.D. REGENT PANTHER sailed 1200Z November 4th for Texas City via N K Route (BARD) and K H Route (WORK) E.T.A. 13th November S. of A. 12 knots. (B.L.O. New York, 1915Z/4 to Admty).
- S.C.107 U/B. *See previous page* D/F bearing at 1722/4th and 1731/4 on 10510 k/cs indicate at least 2 S/Ms still in your vicinity. (N.S.H.Q., 1934Z/4 to C.T.U. 24.1.14, C.O.A.C., F.O.N.F., Admty. S.B.N.O.W.A., (R) Opnav).
- EMPIRE TURNSTONE. Have you any news of EMPIRE TURNSTONE due New York 26 November from O.N.136? (D.T.D., 2006A/4 to N.S.H.Q.)
- S.C.107 H.X.213, U/Bs By D/F bearings between 1348Z and 1730Z on Series 2 indicate several U-boats still in your vicinity. (D.D.I.C., 2018A/4 to Escorts of S.C.107, Escorts of H.X. 213).

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M.P.R.I. Amendment M.P.R.I. No. 3 sec. 1 para. 6. Delete all after MAKATEA and substitute following:
thence if to Wellington between Chatham Island and 041° S., keeping to eastward of 174° W. until south of 041° S., or S. of Chatham Island and south of New Zealand to destination. Sect. 1 para. 8 A A 1 after Wellington, add: pass between 041° S., and Chatham Island keeping to eastward 174° W., until south of 041° S. Reporting centre pass to Routeing Officers your area.
(Connav, 2022/4 to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, S.B.N.O.W.A., Admty. S.O.(I) Jamaica, S.O.(I) Montevideo).

Further attacks on S.C.107. S.C.107. 5 more ships torpedoed during night, JEYPORE, HOBBERMA, EMPIRE LYNX, TITUS, HATIMURA. Cdre. and most survivors rescued. Detaching ARVIDA, CELANDINE for fuelling, STOCKPORT, GAUGER, PESSACUS, UNCAS, with over 500 survivors to Iceland tonight. ^{pp 147 148} INGHAM, U.S. Destroyer LEARY, U.S. Dest. SCHENCK joining (?during the night). P.C. and S. 57,00 N., 36.18 W. 050° 7. Weather.
(C.T.U. 24.1.14, 2028Z/4 to C.T.F.24 (R) Connav, Admty. C. in C. W.A., N.S.H.Q., F.O.N.F., C.O.A.C., C.T.G. 24.7., A.C.I.C., C.T.24.6).

U/B Positions. Special estimate and weather forecast.
(Cominch, 2054/4 to Admty) See North Atlantic.

Shipping Oban. Following received from Connav addressed N.S.H.Q. in error "Your 1146Z/30*. See my 1807/2. Suggest this information if be permanent condition should be incorporated in Camsi or other suitable publication. 1810/2".
(N.S.H.Q., 1601Z/4 to Admty).
*A.M.1146Z/30 intended? re ships proceeding to Oban to keep clear of flare path owing to night flying A/C using it.

Proposed Conference. Re your 2158/3rd. N.S.H.Q. Ottawa's 1646 31st October containing proposed repeated proposed agenda signalled as result of your request via Naval Member Canadian Joint Staff Washington.
(ii) Request you will indicate which items you do not wish to discuss at this meeting.
(iii) It is our opinion that frank discussion by competent officers of our 3 services will do a great deal to ensure the best possible use of our available forces and may considerably help the successful prosecution of the battle of the Atlantic.
(iv) Admty. agree with the value of such a conference and we hope Admty. and C. in C. W.A. will be able to send representatives.
(C.N.S. Ottawa, 2118Z/4 to C. in C. U.S. Fleet (R) Admty etc).

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Wednesday.FOREIGN STATIONS.America & West Indies - Contd.Sub. attack
and sighting
summary.Para. A. MOUNT PELION, RINOS, MARITIMA,
HARTINGTON, EMPIRE LEOPARD, EMPIRE ANTELOPE
and DALCROY torpedoed area 52.15 N., 45.10 W. 2nd
November.THORSHAVET torpedoed presumed sunk 12.10 N.,
63.21 W., 0537Z/3.CHRISTIAN J. KAMPMANN torpedoed sunk 12.06 N., 62.42 W., 0107Z/3.
possibly also CHRISTOPHER ROBIN. LEDA, GYPSUM EMPRESS torpedoed
12.28 N., 64.03 W. 1039Z/3.

HAHIRA torpedoed sunk 54.37 N., 41.45 W., 1040Z/3.

Escort sights 3 (E) submarine on surface area 55.28 N., 39.25 W.
3rd November.Para. B. PBV five A attacks sub on surface 58.52 N., 21.42 W.
1025Z/6 October U.45 type.Para. C. S.C.532 attacks sound contact 11.06 N., 61.44 W.,
1820Z/17. CG 83305 attacks sound contact 38.55 N., 74.29 W.,
1620Z/21 October. Sub sighted 14.55 N., 64.10 W. 1120Z/2 Sub
sighted on surface 12.11 N., 59.57 W., 1100Z/4. Course 110.CCP plane attacks sub on surface 31.24 N., 80.57 W. 1200Z/4
course 135. Sub sighted 31.25 N., 81.15 W., 1200Z/4 13.20 N.,
62.05 W., 1515Z/4 and 12.33 N., 62.23 W., 1610Z/4.Para. D. A. 29 attacks submerged sub and swirl 33.57 N., 77.08 W.
1607Z/22 October.

(Cominch, 2151/4 to Admty (R) N.S.H.Q.)

Brazilian
Convoys.My 2311/3 (Re information of Brazilian coast
convoys required) Comtask 23 reports B.R.N. 4
expected to sail November 20th.
(B.A.D., 2231Z/4 to Admty).

U/B

S/M sighted in 051° 50' N., 046° 35' W., at
1200/4th.
(C.O.A.C., 2250Z/4 to G.B.7 A).

GURNARD

Substance of F.O.S. 2229/31st October amended by
F.O.S. 1916/3rd November is confirmed by
Commander U.S. Naval Forces in Europe despatch

1102/4 November with the following additional information:-

1. Route to position E is through A. 038° 59' N., 070° 27' W.
B. 038° 12' N., 066° 23' W. at 0300A/5th November.

C. 039° 37' N., 043° 51' W. D. 046° 50' N., 033° 30' W.

2. GURNARD making 300 miles per day from B to F reaching 180°
Barrage Head 9 miles at dawn 15th November.3. Annexe A of Commander S/MS U.S. Atlantic Fleet Operations
Order 37 S.A. - 42 when received is to be changed to conform
to above.(F.O.S., 2309A/4 0744/5 to C. in C. W.A., Admty. Comdr. U.S.
Sub. Squadron 50, U.S. Submarine Tender BEAVER, Capt. (S) 3rd
S.F.)

CHELSEA

Boston sailed for New York 1921Z/4, CHELSEA.
(N.S.H.Q., 2359Z/4 to Admty).

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Wednesday.FOREIGN STATIONS.Australia & New Zealand.

MARYBOROUGH, 3rd November. Departure Fremantle MARYBOROUGH
IPSWICH. for Colombo via Diego Garcia, IPSWICH for
Kilindini via Diego Garcia.
(A.C.N.B., 0426Z/4 to Admty etc).

Situation. Digest serial No. 286 3/11.
6 Catalinas attacked shipping Buin Tonolei from
medium height early morning 3/11. Results not
observed. Probably beacon observed end of
Kihili Strip. Slight A.A. fire. 4 unidentified fighters
intercepted.

2. Two vessels (one 1,000 tons one 250 tons) in Buka Passage
afternoon 2/11. Same time 1 destroyer 1 small steamer 20 miles
east Passage course north.

3. Rabaul harbour morning 3/11, 19 large unidentified ships
reported by aircraft at 24.500 feet 25 miles distant.

4. Fortress attack on enemy convoy 0800Z/2nd 6° 40' S., 150°
E. resulted in fierce fire on larger transport seen at 2220Z/2nd
and again in approx. same position 0500Z/3rd one possible
cruiser and one possibly transport seen 30 miles further west.

5. No contact with enemy by advanced units on track east of
Kokoda.

6. Dilla attacked by 4 Hudsons before dawn 3/11 and by 8
Marauders at 0100Z/3rd. All bombs fell in built up area in town.
Many buildings demolished. Marauders intercepted by about
6 Zero's. One Zero certain one possible shot down plus one
damaged.
(G.H.Q. S.W.P.A., 0817Z/4 to Admty etc).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions 1300A/4.
(D.D.I.C., 1433A/4, 1443A/4).

Submarines Attacked.

Weekly Summary. My 1059/22/7. GRAPH reported that she sank a
U-boat in Bay of Biscay on the 21st *Not confirmed*
Not confirmed. On the 30th an aircraft and 5 destroyers sank a
U-boat off Port Said after a hunt lasting 18 hrs.
On the 28th, a Hudson in 07° 58' N., 18° 09' W., attacked a
U-boat two depth charges exploded very near conning tower. A
photograph shows 15 ft. of U-boat's stem at 45° with a depth
charge bouncing off the hull. U-boat disappeared leaving large
patch of oil.
(D.A/S.W., 1547A/4 to Cominch, B.A.D., Comnavau, N.S.H.Q.)
~~*W.D. Note - Presumably 27th is meant.~~

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Thursday.SITUATION REPORT.Home Commands.

Q.P.15. FAULKNOR, ECHO and IMPULSIVE left Scapa at ?1800 today for Kola Inlet via Seidisfiord to bring in Q.P.15.

The Clyde was reopened to traffic this morning.

P.556. P.556 arrived safely at Milford Haven this evening.

C. in C. W.A. considers that the recent heavy losses in convoy in the Atlantic emphasise the urgent need for a supporting force capable of operating in the threatened area and he makes recommendations for raising such a force.

At 0910A today aircraft reported 4 enemy units of 800 tons in 44° 11' N 6° 8' W (off Gijon) steering west at 20 knots, and at 1010A a merchant ship in 44° 20' N 13° 15' W (210 miles N.W. of Cape Finisterre) steering east. These are thought to be an incoming blockade runner and escort. The aircraft attacked and reported that it had near missed the merchant ship at 1020A.

Operation. M.Ls. 100, 105 and 110 from Felixstowe completed
Q.U.1. early today this minelaying operation off the Dutch coast.

North Atlantic.

Operation "Torch" Force Q (NORFOLK and CUMBERLAND) are to patrol north and east of approx. 35° 1' N 24° 1' W from 1000A today. ONSLOW, OFFA and ORIBI left Ponta Delgada yesterday evening to R/V with Force Q. ARGONAUT, TARTAR, MARTIN, ASHANTI, PARTRIDGE, QUIBERON, QUENTIN, QUALITY, MILNE, ESKIMO, PATHFINDER and METEOR arrived at Gibraltar at 1423A today.

The following U.S. S/MS. are on patrol:-
SHADE off Mehedia (34° 18' N 6° 39' W.)
GUNNEL off Fedala.
HERRING off Casablanca.
BARB off Safi.
BLACKFISH off Dakar.

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Thursday.SITUATION REPORT.South Atlantic.

SS. ROSS (Port Elizabeth for Trinidad and U.S.A.) is reported to have been torpedoed on 29th Oct. in 38° 51' S (?21°) 40' E (about 220 miles S.S.E. of Cape Agulhas.)

SS. NEW TORONTO was torpedoed and sunk at 2010Z today in 5° 57' N 2° 30' E whilst on passage from Lagos to Accra.

America and West Indies.T.A.G.
18.

Convoy T.A.G.18 (attacked 3rd Nov.) was attacked again today and the tankers METON and ASTRELL were sunk at 0715Z in 12° 21' N 69° 21' W.

S.C.
107.

The convoy was attacked again last night and SS. DALEBY was sunk in the area 57° 27' N 35° 5' W. U.S. destroyers ~~INGHAM~~, LEARY and SCHENCK joined at 1100Z today and VANESSA was detached to rejoin H.X. 213. Aircraft have attacked 3 S/MS on the surface. At 1602Z the convoy was in 58° 27' N 32° 45' W. ¹⁵ * *Cutter.*
The names of ¹⁵ 16 ships torpedoed in S.C.107 have now been received.

SS. LA CORDILLERA was torpedoed at 1556 G.M.T. in 12° 52' N 58° W 095° 85 miles from Barbados. 1 lifeboat with 20 survivors landed at Barbados on 7th Nov.

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Thursday.HOME COMMANDS.Defence of U.K.

Liverpool. My 1233A/4. Movement delayed 24½ hours owing
Maunsell to fog.
Tower. (F.O.I.C. Liverpool 0934A/5.)

Movements.

SKATE. Your 2132A/4. Intend sailing SKATE Lough Foyle
for Holy Loch, speed 24 knots, E.T.A. 0930A/5.
(Cdre. Londonderry 0142A/5.)
Sailed SKATE in accordance with my 0142A/5.
(Cdre. Londonderry 0538/5.)

P.556. E.T.A. St. Ann's Head 1300. P.556 in company.
~~SCIMITAR.~~ (SCIMITAR 0516A/5 to N.O.I.C. Milford Haven.)
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SCOTT. Your 0016A/4. Arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Methil 0556/5.)

P.311. Sailed P.311 escorted by CUTTY SARK. E.T.A.
Port H.H.Z. 1730/7.
(C. in C. Plymouth 1031A/5.)

LONDON, You are required for further consultation.
SUFFOLK. (2) Request you will sail in LONDON for Scapa
tomorrow.
(3) SUFFOLK sail from Scapa 6th November for
Hvalfjord.

(C. in C. H.F. 1129A/5 to C.S.1.)
C. in C. H.F. 1129A/5. Intend sailing in LONDON on
completion of exercises at 2100A/6 routed through Reykjanes
passage and 058° 44' N. (081°) 33' W. E.T.A. Scapa 1115A/8.
Request air escort.

(C.S.1 1603A/5 to C. in C. H.F.)
SUFFOLK proceed in accordance with my 1129/5 to Hvalfjord.
2. Route through 058° 45' N. 007° 15' W. to Reykjanes Passage.
A.C.I.C. is requested to signal any special instructions regard-
ing swept channel.
(C. in C. H.F. 1626A/5 to SUFFOLK.)

TRIBUNE. Estimate TRIBUNE noon position 044° 04' N. 012°
12.165 09' W. TRIBUNE is to remain in this vicinity
until dark tonight and then proceed on passage
as previously ordered. Estimate TRIBUNE passing 045° 01' N.
0100/6.
(F.O.S. 1129A/5 and 1409A/5 to S/Ms.)

NEWFOUNDLAND. Reference S. of S.T. 2009/3. Sailed Hospital
ship NEWFOUNDLAND from Loch Na Keal at 0900/5
routed in accordance with A.M. 1659/2. E.T.A.
Gibraltar 11th November. S.O.A. 13 knots.
(N.O.I.C. Oban 1214A/5.)

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Thursday.HOME COMMANDS.Movements - contd.

SCIMITAR. C. in C. W.A. 0912A/3. Escort completed.
P.556. Returning to Londonderry. E.T.A. Lough Foyle
see previous page 0830A/6.
(SCIMITAR 1301/5 to F.O.I.C. Milford Haven.)

NIMBLE. Request H.M. Rescue Tug NIMBLE be sailed for
Milford Haven to arrive a.m. 8th November for
onward routing to Gibraltar.
(C.C.R.T. 1405A/5 to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)

TROOPER, Sailed ^{LA} CAPRICIEUSE escorting TROOPER, P.312,
P.312. P.216 in accordance with Capt. (S)3's 1217A/4.
P.216. (N.O.I.C. Greenock 1414A/5.)

SEVERN, My 1159A/3. Delayed 24 hours.
*SABRE. (Capt. S.3 1710A/5 to F.O.A.)
* Replaced by SKATE on 4/11 - p.116.

MUSKETEER. Position 60° 47' N. 12° 30' W.
(MUSKETEER 1900A/5.)

AZALEA. 1. When ready for sea about 8th November AZALEA
is to be sailed as required by C. in C. W.A.
2. C. in C. W.A. is requested to arrange for her
to rejoin F.O.C.N.A. Command as convenient.
(D.O.D. (H.) 1933A/5 to F.O.I.C. Cardiff.)

KENT. KENT sailed ^{ing} from Bar Light vessel 1200A/7 for
see p157 Scapa to work up, is available for aircraft
practice on passage. If exercise desired request
C.O. Machrihanish arrange direct with KENT and
inform me of intentions. Speed on passage
24 knots.
(N.O.I.C. Liverpool 2216A/5 to Machrihanish,
R.N.A.S.)

Operations.

Operation Sailed from Sullom Voe CHIDDINGFOLD, LEDBURY,
S.E. MIDDLETON.
(N.O.I.C. Lerwick 0015A/5 to A.C.O.S.)
2 Whitleys R/V with you 0800 for co-operation.
Hudsons flying new Flora patrols 5 and 6 throughout daylight 5th.
Whitleys 15 new Floras 7 and 8 during daylight 5th. Details of
Flora Patrols.
(C. in C. Rosyth 0340A/5 to CHIDDINGFOLD, LEDBURY, MIDDLETON)
(A) 060° 46' N. 002° 43' W. 243° five hours. (B) 1830/5th.
(C) Nil. If not in contact or no further orders received,
abandon search at 0430/6th and return to Sullom Voe. Trawler
lines T.R. four, four A, five, five A manned tonight.
(C. in C. Rosyth 1124A/5 to CHIDDINGFOLD.)

/Patrols ...

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Thursday.HOME COMMANDS.Operations - contd.

- Patrols. My 1100A/4. "Device" returned 0718/5.
(F.O.I.C. Portland 0732/5.)
- Your 1449/4. "Sapper II" arrived Dartmouth.
(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 0906/5 to C. in C. Plymouth.)
- M.T.Bs 55 (S.O) 54 and 56 proceed to patrol near 50° 20' N.
0° 10' W. passing E.A.5 buoy at 1830/5 and 0730/6.
2. Codeword "Advent".
 3. Return to St. Helens if weather is unsuitable.
 4. Two Chasseurs patrolling near E.A. 5 buoy.
 - 5. M.Ls 246 and 303 patrolling 50° 20' N. between 1° 35' W. and 2° 10' W.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 1258A/5 and 1534A/5.)
- M.L. Patrol tonight. 2. Forces employed M.Ls 153 (S.O) 491.
3. Patrol. 7 miles 065° and 245° position 130° Start 20 miles.
 4. Object. To intercept E.Boats.
 5. Information. Own. Combined operations craft will pass Portland Bill to westward from approximately 0300/6 onwards, landing at Bridport at daylight. FERNIE patrolling to southward as cover. Enemy E-boats may work from either Guernsey or Cherbourg.
 6. Execution. Proceed at 1715/5 to patrol. Leave patrol at daylight 6th November and return to Dartmouth.
 7. Codeword "Sapper".
(C. in C. Plymouth 1319A/5.)
- M.T.Bs 55, 54, 56 patrolling 30 miles south of Brighton passing E.A. buoy at 1830/5 and 0730/6. 2 Chasseurs patrolling near E.A. 5 buoy. →M.Ls 246 and 303 patrolling South of Anvil Point.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 1441A/5 and 1705A/5.)
- 1. Intend M.Ls 303 (S.O) and 246 to patrol on lat 50° 20' N. between 1° 35' W. and 2° 10' W. tonight, leaving Weymouth 1930 and leaving patrol line at dawn. Codeword "Device".
(F.O.I.C. Portland 1625A/5.)
- Your 1319/5. "Sapper" sailed.
(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 1732/5 to C. in C. Plymouth.)
- M.Ls 450 and 220 from Ramsgate patrolling between Dumpton and North East Spit buoys, E.T.D. 0745/6. M.Ls 139 and 141 near C one buoy.
(V.A. Dover 1734A/5 and 1847A/5)

UNBEATEN
Patrol.UNBEATEN in Zones K.501 and K.505.
(F.O.S. 2056A/5 to Admty.)Wreck
clearance.Intend sailing M.L.224 at 0900 tomorrow to commence operations on MARIA ROSA wreck, weather permitting. Request fighter protection.
(F.O.I.C. Gt. Yarmouth 1441A/5.)

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HOME COMMANDS.

Allied Air Activity.

Enemy Merchant ship bombed. 1 Medium sized enemy Merchant Vessel in 44° 20' N. 13° 15' W, course 090° 8 knots. (A/C 5 T.B. Duty K. 1010/5 to 19 Group.) Have attacked enemy "Tim", result near miss. (A/C 5 T B Duty K. 1020A/5 to 19 Group.)

A/C practice with KENT. KENT, sailing from Bar Light Vessel 1200A/7 for Scapa to work up, is available for aircraft practice on passage. Request C.O. at Stretton arrange direct with KENT and inform me of intentions. Speed on passage 24 knots. (F.O.I.C. Liverpool 1108A/5 to R.A. N.A.S.)
see p. 155.
Request you pass your 1108/5, to Machrinhanish. No T.B.R. Squadrons are at present at Stretton. (R.A. N.A.S. 1911A/5 to N.O.I.C. Liverpool.)

Unknown ship bombed. Intercepted 1304 G.M.T. de (undecypherable) to Nordeick. Bombed by A/C in 43° 59' N. 12° 12' W. (Portishead Radio 1404/5 to Admty.)

Task 1. A.C. 492 5/11. Your W. 7 2/11. Was Task one attempted and with what result. (H.Q.C.C. 1625A/5 to H.Q. R.A.F. Iceland.)

Russian Recognition Signals. Russians are evidently using a system of recognition over the land different from A.S.R.S.5. Example. In view of obvious difficulties, request you will make every endeavour to persuade Russian authorities to adopt A.S.R.S.5 universally over land. (D.S.D. 1846A/5 to Ad. Miles.)

Mining.

Operation Q.U.1. Q.U.1 completed. A. Area enclosed by lines joining 052° 29' 12" N. 004° 29' 06" E., 052° 27' 30" N. 004° 29' 06" E. 052° 27' 30" N. 004° 27' 48" E, 052° 29' 12" N. 004° 27' 48" E. B. M.Ls 100, 105, 110. C. November 5th at 0115. (BEEHIVE 1023A/5 to Admty.)

Portsmouth. M.M.S. 205 damaged. One ground mine detonated by M.M.S.205 at 1027/4 in 123° Nab Tower 10 - 15 miles. Details. Seams of M.M.S. 205, slightly opened and beams cracked in engine room. (C. in C. Portsmouth 1305A/5 to Admty.)

/Explosions ...

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Thursday.HOME COMMANDS.Mining - contd.

Explosions. 6 explosions 59° 54' N. 07° 49' W.
(K.58 1350A/5 to 18 Group.)

Coastal sweeps. Intend to sail BRECON CASTLE and BILSDEAN at 0730/6 sweeping "Slave IV" to Plymouth and DORINDA and LOCH BUIE at 0830/6 sweeping "Ounce IV" to Exmouth.
(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 1549/5.)

Enemy Intelligence.

Bay of Biscay. P.C. of 4 enemy ships about 800 tons no markings, TVHA 1151, (undecypherable) 270°, 20 knots.
(Duty B, 502 Sqdn. 0910/5 to 19 Group.)
Aircraft report four enemy Units 800 tons in 044° 11' N. 006° 08' W. at 0910A/5, course 270°, speed 20 knots. These ships may possibly be escort proceeding to meet incoming Blockade-runner.

(F.O.S. 1016A/5 to S/Ms.)

My 1016/5. Aircraft report one merchant ship up to 10,000 tons in 044° 20', 013° 15', course 090°, speed 8 knots at 1010A/5.

(F.O.S. 1036A/5 to S.O. 3rd Sub. Flotilla.)

One enemy merchant vessel in 44° 40' N. (?longitude), course 060°, speed 14.

(A/C 10 O T U 1455/5 to 19 Group.)

TIRPITZ, P.R.U. Trondheim p.m. 5th November shows TIRPITZ in usual berth. SCHEER in 63° 33' N. 10° 45' E, stationary and heading west.
SCHEER. (D.D.I.C. 1758A/5.)

U-Boats.

U-Boats Am over enemy S/M in 58° 30' N. 32° 52' W. reported. When first sighted was on surface, now observed to submerge on course 350° speed 10 knots.
(A/C N I U Duty H. 0840N/5 to 15 Group.)

At 0504C/5 U-Boat sighted in 69° 48' N. 36° 00' E.

See Shipping.

Inconclusive D/F bearings at 1121/5 G.M.T. indicate U-Boat in about 50° 00' N. 26° 00' W.

(D.D.I.C. 1255A/5 to Escorts K.M.F.2.)

U-Boat position by D/F at 1158Z/5 in vicinity 057° 30' N. 025° W. ENIGMA 19.

(C. in C. U.S. Fleet 1506/5 to C.T.U. 24.1.16.)

Inconclusive D/F at 1411/5 G.M.T. suggest U/B in vicinity of 49° 30' N. 26° 30' W.

(D.D.I.C. 1610B/5 to Escorts K.M.F.2.)

My 1610/5. Further D/F at 1526/5 G.M.T. indicate U-boat anywhere within 90 miles of 49° 30' N. 26° 30' W. This may be an additional boat.

(D.D.I.C. 1740A/5 to K.M.F.2.)

/By D/F

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U-Boats reported (contd.) By D/F at 1811Z/5 U-Boat estimated to be anywhere within 45 miles of 60° 30' N. 20° 00' W. (D.D.I.C. 2218A/5 to A.C.I.C.)

U-Boats attacked. Am over enemy submarine in 67° 35' N. 18° 30' W. Enemy on surface. (A/C 6 L F H 1122N/5 to 15 Group.) Have attacked enemy with depth charges and estimate (?9) hits. (A/C 6 L F H 1128N/5 to 15 Group.)

Am over enemy submarine in 58° 08' N. 33° 13' W. Enemy was on surface when first sighted on course 080°, estimated speed 12 knots. Have attacked enemy with depth charges. (A/C N I U H 1224/5 to 15 Group.)

Am over enemy submarine in 58° 05' N. 32° 57' W. Enemy on surface and observed to submerge, course 080°, speed 10 knots. Have attacked with depth charges. (A/C 1501N/5 to 19 Group.)

Navigational.

Clyde. My 1233A/4. River Clyde now open to traffic. (F.O.I.C. Glasgow 1043/5.)

Casualties and Defects.

SABRE. At about 1930A/4 SABRE and H.28 in collision in Approaches to Lough Foyle. Ships locked together, bow of H.28 entering forward lower mess decks of SABRE. H.28 not making water. * *see next page*

No casualties. FOWEY and 2 harbour tugs standing by. Efforts to part ships at present unsuccessful. Rescue tug SCHELDE E.T.A. 0800A/5. (Cdre. Londonderry 0126A/5.)

My 0126A/5. SABRE and H.28 parted at 0153A/5. Proceeding harbour escorted by FOWEY and KIRKELLA respectively. (Cdre. Londonderry 0229A/5.)

STENTOR survivors. E.T.A. 1200/6. Details. (RAMSEY 1035A/5 to N.O.I.C. Liverpool.) If considered desirable land survivors at Milford Haven. (C. in C. W.A. 1045A/5 to RAMSEY.) Your 1040A/5. Propose carrying on to Liverpool. (RAMSEY 1134A/5 to C. in C. W.A.)

KITCHENER. Intend sailing KITCHENER to arrive Bar Light Vessel at 0800A/6. Admiralty 2050A/4 refers. KITCHENER will only fuel to 50% capacity owing to leaky tanks. (Cdre. Londonderry 1056A/5.)

/H.28 ...

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Thursday.HOME COMMANDS.Casualties and Defects - contd.

H.28

*See previous
page.*

An external examination has been made and reveals the following damage to H.28. Details. Ship is seaworthy and capable of steaming at 6 knots. Intend sailing her escorted to Clyde p.m. tomorrow after Board of Inquiry. (Cdre. Londonderry 1801A/5 to Admty.)

INVERCLYDE.

Board of Inquiry re loss of H.M.T. INVERCLYDE is being held on November 10th. It would appear from first report of Skipper and condition of accompanying Trawlers which were repaired at Newhaven that the loss may have been due to faults in reconstruction of Trawler. (N.O.I.C. Newhaven 1802A/5 to Admty.)

P.556.

See pp 154 & 155.

Arrived P.556. (F.O.I.C. Milford Haven 1831A/5.)

NICOLENE.
PAXIDANE.

Your 0950/3. Both NICOLENE and PAXIDANE were specially selected being new ships. Since leaving Humber where they were refitted for 2 months they have been delayed by defects at Montrose, Aberdeen and Buckie. Request early investigation giving your views on general cause of trouble. (D.S.V.P. 1834A/5 to A.C.O.S.)

X.3.

X.3 has sustained damage to machinery and equipment due to being flooded internally with salt water. Request she may be taken in hand for repair Portsmouth dockyard on completion of X.4. Subject to approval arrangements will be made for X.3 to be transported to Portsmouth by rail from Faslane Bay when X.4 arrives at latter place. (F.O.S. 1844A/5 to Admty.)

~~FRONTINAC~~
STENIOR
(Torpedoed
28th Oct.)
(S.L. 125)

Your 1515/5. Are you acting in accordance with C. in C. W.A. 1443/4. If not report intentions. (C. in C. Plymouth 1851A/5 to WOODRUFF.)
Your 1851A/5. Yes. (WOODRUFF 1905Z/5 to C. in C. Plymouth.)
Indicate P.C.S. (C. in C. Plymouth 2207A/5 to WOODRUFF.)
Your 2207A/5. 049° 36' N. 008° 36' W, 78°, 14 knots at 2200Z. (WOODRUFF 2205Z/5 to C. in C. Plymouth.)

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Operation Adjust rescue operations as follows:-
 F.B. (a) One trawler with air co-operation as in A.M. 1545/3 and for survivors of WILLIAM CLARK.
 (b) One trawler to patrol vicinity of 77° N.
 00° 01' E. keeping clear of submarine areas until last ship is estimated to have passed South Cape.
 (c) One trawler to reinforce (a) or (b) as circumstances require.
 (A.C.N.S. (H.) 0020A/5 to A.C.I.C. (R) ST. ELSTAN, CAPE PALLISER, NORTHERN PRIDE.)
 A.M. 0020A/5. (1) ST. ELSTAN comply with para A.
 (2) CAPE PALLISER comply with para B. Estimate last ship will pass South Cape by 0005/9.
 (3) Reference para C. NORTHERN PRIDE to reinforce nearest position unless circumstances require otherwise.
 (A.C.I.C. 0510A/5.)
 My 0510A/5. Para (1) Expect Norwegian Catalina in 070° 10' N. 012° 59' W. about 1245A/5. Aircraft using convoy H/F waves.
 (A.C.I.C. 0615A/5 to ST. ELSTAN.)
 At 0504C/5th U-boat sighted in 069° 48' N. 036° 00' E.
 (S.B.N.O. North Russia 0952A/5 to CAPE MARIATO, CAPE ARGONA, ST. KENAN, M.F.6.)
 Details of complement of each merchant ship.
 (A.C.I.C. 1305A/5) See Lion Copy.
 Aircraft reports one lifeboat and crew in 070° 41' N. 011° 40' W. at 1625A. Proceed to assist.
 (A.C.I.C. 1801A/5 to ST. ELSTAN.)
 My 1801/5. 2nd lifeboat and crew in 071° 08' N. 011° 28' W.
 (A.C.I.C. 1845A/5 to ST. ELSTAN (R) NORTHERN PRIDE.)
 Positions of submarines at 0800A/6 and movements for following 24 hours. (A) TUNA vicinity 75° 30' N. 14° 10' E.
 (B) O.15 vicinity 75° 02' N. 08° 08' E.
 (F.O.S. 2056A/5 to Admty.)

O.N.143, Inform Commodore BRITISH FAITH is returning to
 BRITISH Clyde.
 FAITH. (C. in C. W.A. 0041A/5 to Escorts O.N.143.)

K.M.S.3. TAWALI now at Greenock should sail in K.M.S.3.
 TAWALI. (D.S.T. 0302A/5.)
 My 2248/4. Sail VIRGINIA to Loch Ewe to arrive not later than A.M.7th. VIRGINIA will be required to escort one tanker to R/V with K.M.S.3 as ordered by N.O.I.C. Greenock.
 (C. in C. W.A. 1456A/5 to N.O.I.C. Londonderry.)
 N.O.I.C. Greenock 1254/5.
 (1) BLACK SWAN, LA MALOUINE, MALLOW, WEYBURN are to proceed direct to Greenock.
 (2) Remaining ships named in my 2248/4 paragraph (1) are to arrive Greenock p.m. 6th.
 (C. in C. W.A. 1715A/5.)
 My 1558A/4. Fog has again prevented ships from sailing.
 (N.O.I.C. Liverpool 1738A/5 to Admty.)

/A.M. 1750/3 ...

MOST SECRET M E T S C E 1305A/5th November IN

From: A.C.I.C.

Date 6.11.42.
Recd. 1200

Naval Cypher A.1 by W/T

Addressed: Admiralty repeated C. in C. Home Fleet.
S.B.N.O. North Russia S.B.N.O. Archangel.

465. Operation F B. Your 1310 18th August.

Name of ship.	A	B	C	D	E
EMPIRE GALLIARD	11	36	21	Nil	67
EMPIRE GILBERT	11	37	19	Nil	67
CHURCH LEIGH	11	29	18	Nil	58
EMPIRE SCOTT	11	36	24	Nil	71
EMPIRE SKY	11	31	18	Nil	60
JOHN WALKER	13	28	25	Nil	66
HUGH WILLIAMSON	9	31	24	Nil	64
WILLIAM CLARK	8	33	30	Nil	71
JOHN H. LATROBE	9	31	25	Nil	65
RICHARD H. ALVEY	11 approx.	28 approx.		Nil	64

1305A/5.

Advance copy D.C. D.O.D.(H) D.T.D.
 Re details of complement of each merchant ship sailing
 in PQ and Q P Convoys.

V.C.N.S.
 A.C.N.S. (H)
 A.C.N.S. (T)
 N.A. 1st S.L.
 D.O.D. (H) (2)
 D.O.D. (F) (2)
 D. of P. (2)

D.N.I. (4)
 D.T.D. (3)
 D.T.D. (M)
 D.T.D. (C)
 D. of S.T.
 D.P.S.
 Hd. of C.W.

Hd. of N.
 Hd. of M.
 I.P. (2)
 W.D.

JR.

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K.M.S.3. A.M. 1750/3. Cancel para 7. R/V to remain as in
TAWALI. A.M. 2303/1 para 1.
(contd.) 2. If due to weather conditions Liverpool ships
cannot be sailed in time to attend conference in
Clyde, F.O.I.C. Liverpool is requested to sail them
direct to the R/V off Skerrymore.
(D.O.D. H. 1959A/5.)

Intend sailing CARNATION, LUNENBURG 0930A/6 for Greenock in
accordance with C. in C. W.A. 1715A/5. E.T.A. Cumbræes 0030A/7.
LUNENBURG is not to sail until Officers mentioned in NIOBE
1659A/5 have arrived.

(N.O.I.C. Liverpool 2302A/5 to N.O.I.C. Greenock.)

W.S.24. Your 1350/3. Draughts of ships in convoy W.S.24
at first port of call are as follows. Details.
2. To allow for trim maximum and minimum draughts
may be up to three feet greater or less respectively than the
mean draughts in each case.
3. Full draughts of H.M. ships are as follows. Details.
4. Confirmed Admiralty type fuel oil suitable.
(D.S.T. 0503A/5 to C. in C. U.S. Fleet.)

S.L.G.125. My 1909A/4. Ships for Oban are to be ordered to
proceed to Loch Ewe independently from 8° W.
(C. in C. W.A. 0959A/5 to SWEETBRIAR.)

Q.P.15. My 0937/3. Fuel will be supplied.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia 1445A/5 to C. in C. H.F.)
Following numbers relate to merchant ships now in Archangel
with their adjusted speeds.
(A) 11 knots and above 8.
(B) 10 knots 14.
(C) 9½ knots 4 including Cam ships.
(D) 9 knots 6.
(2) Is it still intended to sail 9 fast ships independently after
sailing of Q.P.15. If so, then Q.P.15 would consist of 20 ships
plus COPELAND with speed of advance 9 knots, leaving 3 slow ships
to be retained for Kola Inlet before verge is frozen.
(3) If not, convoy will consist of 20 ships plus COPELAND with
speed of advance of 9½ knots on account of inclusion of Cam ships,
leaving 12 ships to be despatched.
(4) Your 1957/4. Ships bound from Belosha Bay to Iceland if not
sailed or ordered to return will have to proceed to Archangel or
Kola on account of ice.
(S.B.N.O. Archangel 1510A/5 to Admty.)
Position 2000 tonight. FAULKNER, ECHO, IMPULSIVE 059°
05' N. 003° 50' W. East of Faroes to Seidisfjord.
(F.O.C. O.S. 1528A/5.)

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Convoys.
Proposed
Supporting
Forces.

Recent heavy losses in convoy in the Atlantic emphasise the urgent need for a supporting force capable of operating in threatened areas.

2. Consider it most desirable that two such forces should be made available, so that one could always be at sea, but one supporting force would be much better than none.

3. It is not considered that scratch forces should be raised by weakening the present groups.
4. Following alternatives are put forward for urgent consideration: (A) Provide two supporting forces by return of B.5 and release of one of the eleven mid-Ocean Groups. Cycle to be maintained at eight days. Present lay over of from eight to thirteen days is considered excessive. (B) Provide one supporting force by one of the above expedients.
5. It is assumed that the provision of supporting forces by further opening of the cycle is not acceptable.
(C. in C. W.A. 1545A/5 to Admty.)

Clyde. A.M. 1232A/29/9 and A.M. 1952A/29/9 are cancelled.

Loch na Keal. Vessels for which there is no room at Clyde

ARISTOCRAT. anchorages are to be berthed temporarily in the Lismore Convoy Anchorage.

2. M/S and A/S vessels at Loch na Keal are to be returned to the ports whence they came, A/A vessel ARISTOCRAT is to be returned to Clyde and R.N.O. personnel and stores at Loch na Keal are to be withdrawn.
(D.T.D. 1606A/5 to F.O.I.C. Greenock.)

K.M.F.2. A. We believe K.M.F.2 is being shadowed by U-boats.
B. We cannot provide any additional escorts from U.K. nor from any convoys on passage.
C. Request you will consider whether additional escorts to meet K.M.F.2 can be sent from your end.
(1st S.L. 1832A/5 to N.C.X.F. 46.)

REGINA.

INT. M.D.

Your 1419/31. Request REGINA may be sailed with S.C.108 or H.X.214 or independently if not ready till later.
(C. in C. W.A. 2207A/5 to F.O.N.F.)

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U/B near K.M.F.2. D/F bearings on 4540 k/c/s at 2200Z indicate U-Boat within 60 miles of 51° 30' N. 26° W. (D.D.I.C., 0005A/5 to Escorts of K.M.F.2, (R) C. in C. W.A., F.O.C.N.A., Cominch, N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, H.Q.C.C., C.T.G. 24.7.)

HOLCOMBE. *See p.170* Proceed best speed to Bathurst, reporting E.T.A. (F.O.C.N.A., 0016A/5 to HOLCOMBE, (R) Admty., (? Destroyers Med. Fleet), R.A.W.A., N.O.I.C. Bathurst.)

COLTSFOOT. COLTSFOOT arrived Ponta Delgada 0930 G.M.T. 5th. (N.C.S.O. Ponta Delgada, 0940/5.) COLTSFOOT left Ponta Delgada 1530 G.M.T. 5th. (N.C.S.O. Ponta Delgada, 1340/5.)

K.M.S. 2 - fuelling "Hunts". Your 2050Z/4. BRITISH LADY is fitted with buoyant hose. Fuel them at sea or else detach them with oiler in company to find lee at Lisbon Lagos (Port) or Madeira. Weather is unlikely to improve. (F.O.C.N.A., 1014A/5 to LONDONDERRY, Admty., C. in C. W.A., CLEVELAND, ROCHESTER, ESKDALE, ALBRIGHTON.) *See p.166 - (Sit. Rep.)*

COWSLIP, SILVERWILLOW, JAUNTY, LEYLAND, ALASKA, KETA. Your 1831/4th. Catalina call sign TV5K is carrying out search for you today. (F.O.C.N.A., 1036A/5 to COWSLIP, (R) Admty., C. in C. W.A., LEYLAND.) Report P.C. and S. if not in company. (F.O.C.N.A., 1517A/5 to LEYLAND, JAUNTY, (R) COWSLIP, Admty.)

(1) SILVERWILLOW now dangerously listing. Engine room and No. 2 hold flooding. Tug and escort arrived late. Decided to abandon at 1300Z. Light armament dismantled and wireless apparatus destroyed.

(2) JAUNTY and LEYLAND met 1525Z and standing by in 034° 07' N. 014° 39' W. with ALASKA. Consider inadvisable to put E.R.A. aboard SILVERWILLOW and request authority to retain for passage in KETA.

(3) Am proceeding given course 77° speed 7 knots E.T.A. 1300Z/8.

(4) If possible tug intends towing at daylight 6th.

(5) ALASKA makes 18 inches water per hour but has it under control at present.

(COWSLIP, 2000Z/5 to F.O.C.N.A.)

Bag S.D.9999. V.A. Malta's 1601/4. Malta has acknowledged bag S.D.9999 containing these books and has been instructed to open the bag. (D.S.D., 1137A/5 to N.C.X.F.37, (R) V.A. Malta, C. in C. Med. 702 (B.1.))

/RICHELIEU ...

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RICHELIEU, Your 0845/5. Following is repetition of my
ships at 0001/5* begins: Addressed Admty. 28 from N.C.X.F.
Dakar. Most Secret. Photographic R/C Dakar at 1620/3

shows RICHELIEU with fourth gun in B turret
apparently in position, three 6-inch cruisers,
two large destroyers, eight submarines.
(2) Admiralty recypher and pass to W.N.T.F.
(Gib. C.C.O., 1155A/5 to Admty.) *Received undecypherable.

STURGEON. My 1624/4th (1642/4 intended?). Convoy due
position 035° 56' 006° 17' at 1130A/5th will
follow you through Straits.

You are to instantly (? be) ready to identify yourself should
you sight own surface forces and you are not to dive if these
forces are in sight.
Should you encounter own forces by night you should turn away,
identify yourself and remain on surface.
(Capt. (S) 8, 1204A/5 to STURGEON, (R) F.O.C.N.A.)

Blockade At 0910/5 A/C sighted 4 enemy vessels believed
runner to be T.Bs in 44° 11' N. 06° 09' W. course 270°
and escorts. 20 knots.
At 1010/5 another A/C sighted presumed blockade
runner in 44° 20' N. 13° 15' W. course 090° 8
knots. Enemy vessel may have been damaged by near miss.
(D.D.I.C., 1207A/5 to F.O.C.N.A., (R) H.Q.C.C., F.O.S.)

P.R.U. of V.A. Malta, 1304A/5 to N.C.X.F.
Italian See Mediterranean.
ports.

CALPE, Your 1257A/2nd* not passed to CALPE, FARNDALE
FARNDALE, 13th Fleet Minesweeping Flotilla who have sailed.
13th F.M/S.F. (N.C.X.F., 1341A/5 to N.C.C.N.T.F.)
*(N.T. in W.R.)

CLYDE. Your 2210/4th not to N.C.X.F.
Approved to sail CLYDE for Gibraltar and U.K.
as ordered by N.C.X.F.
(A.C.N.S.(F), 1345A/5 to V.A. Malta, N.C.X.F.40,
(R) C. in C. Med., F.O.S., F.O.C.N.A., Capt. S.1,
Capt. S.8.)

TRIBUNE. F.O.(S) 1129. Pass 043° 01' 012° 10' W. at
0100A/6th and then proceed as in F.O.C.N.A.
1318/3rd pass Cape St. Vincent at 1800A/7th and
035° 59' 006° 01' at 1000A/8th. S. of A. 10
knots.
(Capt. (S) 8, 1404A/5 to TRIBUNE, (R) Admty.,
F.O.(S), F.O.C.N.A., N.C.X.F.)

/Arrivals ...

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Arrivals. Arrival ARGONAUT, TARTAR, MARTIN, ASHANTI, PARTRIDGE, QUIBERON, QUENTIN, QUALITY, MILNE, ESKIMO, PATHFINDER, METEOR.
(S.O.(I) Gibraltar, 1423A/5.)

Bombing My 1630/3rd. Add 4 hours to all times.
restrictions. (Capt. (S) 8, 1444A/5 to Admty., H.Q.C.C.,
(R) F.O.(S), F.O.C.N.A.)

Situation Area "Y". Situation 1955A/5th.
Report. (1) K.M.S.2 LONDONDERRY, CLEVELAND, ESKDALE,
ALBRIGHTON, 6 Sloops, 2 Cutters, 3 Corvettes (e)
36.05 20.48 88, 6. *See p.164*
(2) NORFOLK, (? CUMBERLAND) cruising North and East of 35.01
(?24).01, 16 $\frac{1}{2}$.
(3) ONSLOW, OFFA, ORIBI left Ponta Delgada 1930A/4th northbound
12.
(4) K.M.F.2 PELICAN, 3 Sloops, 2 Cutters 48.01 26.21, 174, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1454A/5 to N.A. Station.)

*ARRAN, ARRAN will part company from GRYFEVALE at
*GRYFEVALE, position (L) GRYFEVALE continuing along route
BURDOCK. unescorted.
** See p.164* (2) You are to proceed along reciprocal route
rendezvousing as early as possible.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1502A/5 to BURDOCK, (R) Admty.,
R.A.W.A., ARRAN.)

P.217, (1) P.217 is to proceed to waiting position in
P. 51. vicinity of 043° 01' 005° 01' E.
(2) P.51 is to patrol in area A.
(Capt. (S) 8, 1836A/5 to 8th S/M.F.)

Special U/B Admiralty decipher and retransmit* to T.G. 34.11
estimate and via British broadcast schedules.
weather Inactivity entire area one good D/F 2027Z/4
forecast. locality 36° N. 18.15 W. during past 24 hours.
U/B areas and number of U/Bs this estimate only
approx. 9 patrolling Casablanca to Cape St.

Vincent. 8 Canary Islands to Azores. 3 North Cape Verde Islands.
4 vicinity Dakar. 3 patrolling along 40 N. between 16 W. and
24 W. 3 Northbound 13 N. 22 W., 17 N. 22 W., 31 N. 23 W.
5 Southbound off Portugal. No information on Italians or
refuelling subs.

Atlantic coast Morocco weather forecast. Overcast with rain
improving early Friday with showers. S.W. wind 22 knots
occasional squalls veering to Nly. and diminishing Friday.
Visibility 4 miles improving with clearing. Sea very rough
gradually improving. Swell N.W. heavy some decrease late
Friday. Azores 0000Z Thursday swell average moderate N.E. 4
to 5 feet slowly decreasing period 8 seconds. Sea slight to
moderate. N.W. gales from Baffin Bay S.E. to lat. 40 will
cause increase in swell height on 48 hours.
(Cominch, 1940/5 to Admty.)
* Passing action being taken by W.R.

/Force Q ...

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Force Q. Your 1056/4th.
 (A) a.m. Friday 13th if cruiser can fuel destroyer.
 (B) If fuelling impossible destroyer a.m.

Wednesday 11th cruiser p.m. Thursday 12th. Based on 14 knots with destroyer 18 knots without destroyer. In the case of (B) destroyer parts company a.m. Monday 9th.

2. Have no Q.K.A. messages between 58 and 73 and no Q.K. messages.
 3. P.C. and S. 2000Z/ 037° 14' N. 022° 02' W. 040° 13 knots.
 Following is a weather report 6772 1885.
 (S.O. Force Q, 2113A/5 to N.C.X.F., (R) F.O.C.N.A., C. in C. H.F.)

?COREOPSIS. Local defence plot suggests you are too far to southward. You should be on route A TON 1 Appendix 4. Adhere closely to route orders. (F.O.C.N.A., 2208A/5 to (? H.M.S. COREOPSIS), (R) 10th C.S.)

Operation "Crupper". Pass following message to ARDEOLA, TADORNA and GLENFINLAS, when you (? stand by) K.M.S.A. 1 begins: Operation "Crupper", enclosure A amend para. 2, position (A) to read 37.12 N. 03.00 E. When detached by Cdre. of convoy at 1730/7th TADORNA and ARDEOLA should proceed at 10 knots direct to position (A), ends. T.O.O. 2258A/5th. (N.C.X.F., 2300A/5 to ALGERINE, S.O. Force H, N.O.I.C. Gibraltar.)

Oran defences. Repetition of N.C.X.F. 2337A/4. (N.C.X.F., 2337Z/5 to C.N.T.F., (R) S.O. Force H, R.A.(A) H.F., FORMIDABLE, ARGUS.)

South Atlantic.

CORINTHIAN. (1) Circumstances have necessitated cancellation of arrangements given in my 1307/1st. (2) Now intend CORINTHIAN to proceed Pointe Noire and thence direct to Rio de Janeiro, arriving about 1st December. (3) A.N.A. Rio de Janeiro is requested to ask Brazilian authorities if date acceptable for docking CORINTHIAN. (R.A.W.A., 0111Z/5 to Assistant N.A. Rio de Janeiro, Comsolantfor, (R) Admty., C. in C. S.A., C. in C. U.S. Fleet.)

Fuelling, Ponta Delgada. Provided Portuguese authorities have no objection intend H.M. Ships to call at Ponta Delgada to fuel as follows: ARROW, ACTIVE p.m./11th Nov. BRIDGEWATER p.m./12th Nov. This is repeated to SHROPSHIRE. (R.A.W.A., 0121Z/5 to N.C.S.O. Ponta Delgada for British Consul, (R) N.A. Lisbon, Admty., F.O.C.N.A.) Reply: Admty. 1309/6.

/ROSS ...

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- ROSS (torpedoed 29th October) (Corrupt) (? 39) (? survivors) ex British ship ROSS landed at Capetown. Vessel torpedoed 29th October in 038° 51' S. (? 021°) 40' E. by (? U-Boat). Only casualty Chief Officer killed by propeller.
(S.O.I..Capetown, 0706C/5 to Admty., etc.)
- ? Dakar. P.R.U. 1710Z/4th November. Only change since my 1435Z/4 (Hush, Most Secret) one BOUGAINVILLE sloop departed. Admty. pass to addressees in my 1435Z/4th.
(R.A.W.A., 0851Z/5 to Admty.)
P.R.U. 0923Z/5th November. No change since my 0851Z/5th. ELAN sloop off Saingounar Point. Admty. pass to addressees of my 2337Z/3rd.
(R.A.W.A., 1540Z/5 to Admty.)
My 1540Z/5th November. For BOUGAINVILLE read ELAN (corrected).
P.R.U. 1610/5th November. No change. Complete cover. Admiralty pass to addressees of my 2337Z/3rd.
(R.A.W.A., 2300Z/5 to Admty.)
- MENDOZA. Your 0330/29 for information (? 0338/29 intended re request report sailing for Durban of MENDOZA.) Regret MENDOZA sunk off Durban 31st October.
(P.S.T.O. Capetown, 0951C/5 to Admty. for D.S.T.)
- ROSS survivors. Simonstown arrival 4th November ROCKROSE with 39 survivors ex SS. ROSS.
(C. in C. S.A., 1015C/5 to Admty., etc.)
- U/B. B.A.O.C. Aircraft reports sighting U-Boat 140° Takoradi 17 miles at 0905/5.
(R.A.W.A., 1142Z/5 to Admty.)
- ENGADINE, W.S. 23. Arrived (A) (? ENGADINE).
(B) W.S.23 with DURBAN, CARTHAGE, NORMAN, DERWENT, CATTERICK, KANARIS.
(N.O.I.C. Durban, 1143Z/5 to Admty., C. in C. S.A., C. in C. E.F.)
- Signal Letters of sides of M/Vs. C. in C. E.F's 1421/26th October. Painting signal letters on sides of ships. I agree entirely with this suggestion.
(C. in C. S.A., 1229C/5 to Admty.)

/LUDLOW ...

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- LUDLOW. Your 1902/24 and 1805/28. Request ship may be target ship fitted with two motor boats for torpedo recovery, torpedo davits each side and stowage on deck for 18 torpedoes 18 inch or American. A minimum fuel limit imposed when these stowages are in use will be acceptable. It will be necessary to use ship to assist recovery of torpedoes particularly when attacks are made on other ships. Tug *ST. DONAGEL has been found unsuitable for torpedo recovery and the recovery facilities are otherwise limited to fishing boats capable of towing a number of torpedoes back to harbour from False Bay only. (C. in C.S.A. 1234C/5 to Admty), * *see below*.
- Dispositions. EXPRESS searching about position 127° Cape Recife 109 knots (as received). *see next page*. DRAGON 020° 30' S. 010° 20' E. to Pointe Noire, 17.5.
- THYME searching in Area 036. 30 S. 037.30 S. 020.E. 025.E. (C. in C.S.A. 1500C/5 to Area Q).
- ARRAN. Arrival p.m./5th, ARRAN escorting GRYFEVALE. GRYFEVALE. (N.O.I.C.? Bathurst 1530Z/5 to R.A. West Africa, C. in C.S.A. Admty, F.O.C.N.A.).
see p. 166.
- LUDLOW Your 1902/24 and 1805/28. Request ship may be refit. fitted with two motor boats for torpedo recovery torpedo davits each side and stowage on deck for 18 torpedoes 18 inch or American. A minimum fuel limit imposed when these stowages are in use will be acceptable. 2. It will be necessary to use ship for (corrupt group) recovery of torpedoes particularly when attacks are made on other ships. Tug ST. DOGMAEL (ST. DONAGEL.? see 1234/5), has been found unsuitable for torpedo recovery and the recovery facilities are otherwise limited to fishing boats capable of towing a number of torpedoes back to harbour from False Bay only. (C. in C.S.A. 1600C/5 to Admty. (R) R.A.N.A.S. Lee-on-Solent, Wingfield, C.S. Simonstown, C. in C. Rosyth, C.E. in C. Eastern Fleet).
** No log of this name - St. DOGMAEL in Navy List (N.M. Tug - Simonstown)*
- W.S.24. Alusna Rio de Janeiro 1650/5. See Admty 1617A/6.
- HAI HING. Norwegian ship HAI HING sunk by U-Boat in 25° 55' (sunk 4th 33° 10' E. at 1600/4th Nov. 42 survivors landed Nov). Lourenco Marques. (S.O.(I) Capetown 1736C/5 to Admty).
see p. 174

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South Atlantic - Contd.

- C.F.7. C.F.7 sailed 4th (5 ships.VOLENDAM, ANTENOR, MALOJA, SAMARIA, HIGHLAND BRIGADE)
2. Following survivors on board.
Passenger details in my code 1830/5.Nov.
(D.S.T.O.W.A. 1825/5, to Admty for D.S.T.).
- CORINTHIAN. E.T. A. 0701Z/6th.
See p.167 (CORINTHIAN 1901Z/5 to R.A.W.A.(R) D.18).
- MILFORD. E.T.A.Pointe Noire with Oiler OLTENIA^{II} 1400 Z.
November 6th.
(MILFORD 1925Z/5 to R.A.W.A. (R) B.N.L.O.W.A.).
- BENGALI. Arrival 5th Nov.
(N.O.I.C. Takoradi 1927Z/5 to Admty).
- HOLCOMBE. E.T.A.Bathurst a.m./Monday 9th Nov.
See p.164 (HOLCOMBE. 1944Z/5 to R.A.W.A., N.O.I.C.Bathurst,
(R) F.O.C.N.A. C. in C. S.A., Admty),
- SOUTHERN GEM. Departure 1600Z/5th. SOUTHERN^N GEM for Lagos.
(N.C.S.O. Duala, 1954/5 to Admty etc).
- EXPRESS In position 138° Cape Recife 58 miles at 2030
suspicious sighted apparently white Very light to south
light. eastward.
See previous page - (Dispo-sitions) Search of area unsuccessful. Intend remaining
vicinity and continuing search at daylight.
(EXPRESS 2135C/5 to C. in C.S.A.).
- Movements. Arrival 5th Nov. MAGNOLIA, ORFAFAY (as
decyphered ? ORFSAY.) escorting*ISTENDERZLA
and EMPIRE SAND.
(S.O. (I),Freetown 2222Z/5 to Admty etc).
**TULLA intended*
- HOLCOMBE My 2247/8th Oct.
ILEX. HOLCOMBE may remain under orders of R.A.W.Af.,
until arrival of ILEX at Freetown unless an
opportunity for her employment as A/S escort to
the Cape arises earlier.
(D.O.D(F) Approved A.C.N.S.(F) 2305A/5 to R.A.W.Af.,(R) C. in C.
Med.,C. in C.S.A.,C. in C.E.F.,R.A.D.Med).

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Transports. Anticipated arrivals at Port Sudan and Suez.
(D.S.T. 0150A/5 to P.S.T.O.E.) See Lion Copy.

Movements. 4th, arrivals, *ANTWERP, Greek Destroyer *IERAX,
F.S. COMMANDANT DOMINÉ, TRAVELLER. Departure
Greek Destroyer IERAX, F.S. COMMANDANT DOMINE,
G.S. PAUL COUNDOURIOTIS, ANTWERP.
(S.O.(I) Beirut 0247B/5 to Admty. (R) C. in C. Med.)
** see p. 172*

TAKU. Elaphonesos Channel may prove fruitful next 24
hours.
(Capt. S.1. 0433B/5 to TAKU. (R) C. in C. Med.
Capt. S.10.)

DIDO. My 2359/4th Nov. under arrivals add DIDO. *see p. 142*
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 1053B/5.)

U/B Your 1043Z/31st Oct. T.L. request that you will
sunk, convey their congratulations to ships and aircraft
30th Oct. responsible for destruction of German U-Boat.
(D.A./S.W. Approved 1st. S.L. 1055A/5 to
C. in C. Med.)

Black Sea. 1 Tuapse no longer used as major base: small craft
still landing supplies. (?During) past week enemy
advanced to within port but now driven back about
7 kilos. where Russian counter attack is held.
2 After capturing Nalchik enemy has been heavily
bombing Ordzhonikidze.
(N.L.O. Black Sea 1125C/5 to Admty. Adm. Miles.
N.S.O.(I) Istanbul.)

R/C of P.R.U. Thursday 5th visual (a) Taranto 0715A.
Italian Battleships, six at usual berths. (b) Brindisi
Ports. 0730A. No warships. (c) Navarino 0700A. Three
see p. 173 cruisers, four destroyers, one possible destroyer
half mile north of Pylos. (d) Naples 0630A.
Three 6" (?one or three) 8" cruisers. (e) Messina 0725A. 2 8"
cruisers. (f) Cagliari 0645A. 6 S/Ms. (g) Palermo 0745A.
1 Regolo Cruiser, 5 destroyers and 1 destroyer off Cape Gallo
course westerly. (h) Empedocle 0810A. 2 pounder 3 E-Boats.
(V.A. Malta 1304A/5 to N.C.X.F. (R) C. in C. Med. Admty.
F.O.C.N.A.)

COETLOGON. Arrival.
(French) (Barcelona 1326/5 to M.W.T.)

Movements. Arrival STORMCENTRE, 0730Z, NUBIAN.
(Cdre. Aden 1343Z/5 to Admty. etc.)

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Addressed: P.S.T.O. Egypt, Date: 5.11.42.
Repeated: A.D.P. Egypt,
C. in C. Mediterranean,
C. in C. Middle East,
F.O.R.S.

Interservice X.

From: Director of Sea Transport.

Anticipated arrivals at Port Sudan and Suez from all areas are as follows:-

- A. Represents arrivals in first 10 days of month.
- B. Second 10 days.
- C. Remainder of month.

Part I November.

From U.K. Troopships C.1.

Store Transports A INGLETON, EMPIRE MARLOWE, EMPIRE ZEPHYR, OCEAN VOYAGER C. PORT JACKSON, KING II, STRAAT MALAKKA. Liners and coal and truck ships A. LUCIJANA B. TROLLUS. C. MALAYAN PRICE. BIRCHBANK and NURTURETON should arrive B. but may be delayed.

From North America. Troopships B.1.

Liners A. FERNPLANT, WEST KEENE, HARBERTON, KELVINBANK, HARRY LANE. B. J.L. LUCKENBACH, MARIE BAKKE, GEORGE CHAMBERLAIN. C. EMPIRE SOUTHEY, WILLIAM S. SEWARD, CAPE ROMANO, DEEBANK, JOHN SEVIER, RUGELEY, GEORGE GALE, PIERRE S. DUPONT, GIDEON WELLES. EDWIN M. STANTON, O. HENRY.

The following which we understand have not yet cleared South African Ports may also arrive C. PANAMAN, TOSARI, SALTERSGATE, MARINA, GRAIGLAS, ZYPENBERG, DOROTHY LUCKENBACH.

From S. & E. Africa. Troopships A.3 B.4 C.3.
Liners A.2 B.2. Colliers A.3. B.2.C.2.

From India. Troopships B.5.

Liners and Store Transports 10 Colliers A.1 B.4 C.5.

From Persian Gulf. Store Transports 1.

From S. America. Tramp A.1.

From Australia. Liners 1.

Part II December. Arrivals include:-

From U.K. Troopships 2 Store transports 4 Liners and Coal and truck ships 9.

From N. America. Troopships 2 Liners 30.

From Australia. Liners 1.

From S. & E. Africa. Troopships 5 liners and Store Transport 3 Colliers 10.

From Mauritius/

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From Mauritius. Tramp 1.

From India. Troopships 4 liners and Store Transports 10
Colliers 4.

Part III January. Arrivals include:-

From U.K. Store Transports 5 Liners and Coal and Truck
Ships 11.

From North America. Liners approx. 24.

P.S.T.O. Egypt pass to M.W.T.R. 0150A/5.

for Director of Sea Transport.
Extn. 2625.

- A.C.N.S. (F) (2)
- A.C.N.S. (E)
- N.A. 1st S.L.
- D.C.D. (H) (2)
- D.C.D. (F) (2)
- Hd. of M. (13)
- D.D.I.C. (2)
- D. of P. (2)
- D. of S.T.
- D.T.D. (3)
- D.T.D. (M)
- I.P. (2)
- W.D.
- D.C. (2)
- Adml. Blake.

HMB

so far are claims by 10 Corps up to 2359 hours 3. Nov.
 Total tanks claimed 259 of which 45 M.13s plus 23
 captured British. Destroyed by R.E. 62 of which 27 M.13
 Guns claimed 254 of which 44 (or 34) 8.8.C.M. and of
 which 38 demolished by R.E.

Two. German. Following from Yorker. 3 Nov. two battle
 groups formed by 15 Armd. Div. First OC Capt. Siemens 8 Tank
 Regt. 1 Bty. 33 Arty. Regt. 33 Eng. Bn. 1 and 2 Tps. 43 A.A. Regt
 plus Italian tanks. Second OC Capt. Fischer 33 and 605
 anti tank Bns. 3 bty. 33 Arty. Regt. 1 and 2 tps. 53 A.A.
 Regt. 6 tank Regt. workshops working for both 5 and 8 tank
 regts. 33 anti tank Bn. lost 8 SP guns period 13 Oct. to
 29 Oct. had only one S.P. gun runner on 30 Oct. 28 Oct.
 2 and 3 Tps. 1 Bty. 33 A.A. Regt. regrouped and 1 Tp.
 removed from line. Comment. Suggests formation large
 troops of remaining guns and heavy casualties in 1 troop.

Following from captured documents. Code list shows
 Von Eckhardtstein, Crasemann and Mildebrath battle groups in
 15 Armd. Div. These officers last identified commanding
 115 PGR. 33 Arty. Regt. and 1 Bn. 5 Tank Regt. respectively.
 Comment. Probably command the three northern groups which
 included Italian units. Following from PW. existence
 10 TP 33 Arty Regt. confirmed by PW. and captured code list
 PW states armament is 15 CM SPH 13 on French Lorraine
 chassis. Establishment 11 in troops but only six present.
 1 Africa Arty. Regt. formed from 408, 115 and 523 Army
 Arty. Bty. organisation. Three Btys. each of three troops.
 1 Bty. composed of one troops 408.

Third Cipher Part

One troop 115, one troops 523. 2 and 3 Btys.
 similar. PW 9 troop 3 bty states armament three 21 cm hows.
 2 Africa Ret still being organised. To incorporate
 C.D. btys. from Italy, of which 547 and 529 believed
 arrived this spring. Only two btys. 220 arty regt. in
 Africa, nos. 1 and 2. 1 bty three troops of 10.5 c.m.
 gun hows. 3 troop has additional two French Schneider-
 Creusot 15.5 cm guns. 2 bty armd with light mountain hows.
 220 Recce Unit has two squadrons numbered 2 and 3.
 Organisation 2 squadron three rifle platoons and one
 anti-tank platoon with three 5 cm 3 squadron three anti-
 tank platoons each with three 3.7 cm. Little remains
 of 382 PGR. Remnants of 1 bn absorbed by 1 bn 115 PGR
 and 9 Coy of 3 Bn by 2 Bn 433 PGR.

Personalities, Col. Nicoletti stated by PW to be O.C.
 135 A.A. Regt. Yorker shows Rommel with 580 Recce. Unit
 2 kms from FDL's northern sector 30 Oct. Captured
 documents show Capt. Von Heyden O.C. Kiel Group. PWS
 to 3 Nov. in 308 PW cage and base hospitals 70 officers
 and 2504 other ranks. Lt. GE Ritter von Thoma G.O.C. Dak
 has been captured.

Three. Italian P.W. reports all arty of Trieste left in
 support/...

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support Folgore as well as following corps arty.
 2 bty 105/28 of 24 Corps Arty Group 147 Bty 149/28 of
 8 Army Arty Group and 31 Bty 149/28. Comment. Suggest
 latter probably of 20 Corps Arty Group. Further PWS
 report establishment 4 Bn 133 Tank Regt. Littorio Div.
 as normal 52 tanks. Yorker shows 33 bty 8 Army Arty
 Group and 19 Bty with 21 Corps. Comment. Latter bty
 probably ex 5 Army Arty Group. PW states 33 Bty only
 6 guns near coast 25 Oct. PW 30 Oct says 131 Bty 149/28
 of 8 Army Arty Group in support Trento north and south
 railway with 8 guns.

Fourth Cipher part

Other PW says four guns only. Captured document shows
 52 Bty. 152/37 of Eight Army Arty Group near coast 19/10
 PWS identify 375 Bty 75/27 GAF in 21 Corps. Comment.
 Increasing identifications G.A.F. batteries forward and
 Cyrenaica provides evidence Tripolitania being denuded to
 reinforce forward areas. Squalid shows part Pistoria Div.
 Bengasi Area Sep. Yorker suggests some of division in
 Bardia-Sollum area with div H.Q. Bardia. PW reports
 strength First Arty Regt. Brescia at start of battle as one
 bty 100/17 up to strength two bty 100/17 only four or
 eight hows. three bty 75/27 up to strength four bty non-
 existent. Yorker shows strength one bty 46 Arty Regt.
 Trento as seven 100/17 hows. and three 88 mm and three
 bty as five 75/27 and four 88 mm guns on 30/10. Comment.
 General impression obtained from P.Ws that Italian Div.
 Arty not brought up to strength since Aug. P.Ws and
 captured documents indicate reorganisation Folgore Div.
 took place early October.

Total Italian P.Ws to 3/11 in 318 PW cage and Base
 Hospitals 193 officers and 2935 other ranks. Total 3128
 Personalities. Captured documents show that Brig/Gen
 Giorgio Masina took over Trento from Gen. Scotti
 (repatriated) 14/10. Lt. Col. Ferraioli Chief of Staff
 Trento according to PWS Brig/Gen Arturo Kellner is
 second I/C Trento. Gen. Frattini G.O.C. Folgore
 reported by PWS killed. Comment. Probably succeeded
 by Gen Parri believed second i/c Major Giovanni Verdano
 Chief of Staff Folgore. Brig/Gen Carlo Fassi believed
 Chief of Staff Decise. Col. Amoroso O.C. 12 Bersaglieri
 Regt. Captured. Captured documents show Gen. Navarini
 G.O.C. 21 Corps recently returned from leave in Italy.

Four. German administrative situation.

A Fuel. I MT. Stocks in Cyrenaica sufficient
 for three weeks if convoy arrived Bengasi 4/11
 discharges. When transport forward from Bengasi
 organised 300 tons air transport space daily
 to Tobruk will be released for other loads.
 (II) Aviation sufficient in operational area for
 five days but amount consumed daily must be
 replaced.

Last Cipher Part/.....

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By air transport to Tobruk until stocks at Benghazi (over 14 days if above convoy discharges) can be got forward.

B. Ammunition. Submarine destroyer and armed merchant cruiser transport to Tobruk indicates that stocks at Tobruk Matruh and Daba equivalent in weight to about two to three weeks consumption are ill-balanced. Shortage believed acute in tank anti-tank and heavy arty.

C. Rations stocks in and forward of Tobruk for one week plus two weeks at Benghazi if present convoy discharges.

D. Transport. Withdrawal will tend to restrict use of Tobruk to Coastal submarines destroyers and lighters Benghazi becoming chief supply port. While living off dumps as he withdraws enemy will attempt to switch M.T. to Barce-Tobruk run.

Five. Conclusions: Enemy consistently failed to appreciate where we would hit him next. Having put in Trieste which was his last available reserve he frittered away 21 Armd. Div. and 90 Light which were comparatively fresh in attacks with limited objective of relieving 125 P.R. Did not appreciate our intention to strike westwards towards Agqafir and success of our thrust therefore found his armour split. Decision to withdraw presumably taken after failure of very determined counter-attack on second November. Availability of transport will determine how much of the forces south of our breakthrough preponderantly Italian can be withdrawn. Since M.T. is known to be very short consider probable that majority will be abandoned. R.A.F. made 1044 sorties on fourth November against M.T. withdrawing along road which must further reduce the forces which can be finally extricated.

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Part 2.
Air.

Night 3/4 Nov. Torpedo and bomber aircraft from Malta and Egypt were despatched to attack southbound convoys north of Benghazi. One heavily laden M/V of medium size torpedoed and left stationary down at the bows. A tanker claimed hit by bombs and torpedo. Oil patches seen on surface following day. Hits with bombs also claimed on another M/V and on destroyers. One Wellington missing. These attacks were followed up by afternoon attack on Benghazi harbour 4th Nov. by three formations of American B.24s. Several hits or near misses claimed. Photographs being examined. Convoy seen approaching harbour with 1 M/V smoking and apparently damaged. One enemy fighter shot down. One probably destroyed another two damaged.
(C. in C. M.E. 1345 G.M.T./5.)

RORQUAL Sailed.
(V.A. Malta 1425A/5 to Admty. et.c.)

AQUITANIA. Your 1549/4, not to N.C.S.O. Suez. AQUITANIA arrived Suez 31st. Oct.
N.C.S.O. Suez is requested to repeat to Cominch arrival signals of ships carrying large numbers of U.S. personnel.
(D.O.D. F. 1625Z/5 to Cominch (R) N.C.S.O. Suez.)

Movements. Arrivals and departures 5th Nov. ANTWERP, *JAVELIN, Gr. destroyer IERAX. *see p. 171*
(N.O.I.C. Famagusta (Cyprus) 1731B/5 to Admty. etc.)
** see next page*

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No. 584.

Night 4/5 Nov. Halifaxes and Liberators bombed Ju.52 aerodrome at Maleme Crete. Majority of bombs burst on aerodrome but no results other than two small fires seen.
(C. in C. M.E. 1840 G.M.T./5.)

MOONSTONE
contact.

Situation. Not in contact. Destroyers carrying M B K 1. MOONSTONE remaining in the vicinity of her contact.
(Capt. D.12 1928B/5 to C.S.15. (R) R.A.D. Med.)

Malta
Air
Report.

I.91 5th Nov. C.S.R. Night 4/5th Nov. No enemy activity. 5th. 1430 hours, 20 Me.109s approached Malta at height and were intercepted by 13 Spitfires who damaged 1 Me.109 without loss to themselves. 10 Spitfire sorties were made in R/C patrols north of Malta but no enemy aircraft or shipping was seen.
(A.H.Q. Malta 2000/5.)

/ R/C of...

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Italian
Ports.My 1304/5 (~~N.T. in W.R.~~) (A) Photographs confirm
except as follows.

- (1) Taranto add (group omitted *) destroyers 4
torpedo boats 10 S/MS.
- (2) Brindisi add 2 destroyers 3 torpedo boats.
- (3) Navarino "Possible destroyer" is a Sloop.
- (4) Nil Messina add 1 destroyer 1 torpedo boat.
- (5) Empedocle for 2 to 3 E-Boats read 10 E-Boats.
- (B) p.m. R/C above ports no change except Taranto add 1 S/M.
Naples convoy with escort of 5 destroyers has left since 3rd Nov.
(V.A. Malta 2131A/5 to N.C.X.F. (R) C. in C. Med. Admty.
F.O.C.N.A.) * Being obtained.

Tug for
Malta.Request consideration be given to sending an ocean
going tug to Malta at first convenient opportunity.
(V.A. Malta 2216A/5 to Admty. C. in C. Med.)

Movement.

5th Nov. Port Said arrivals PINDOS. Departures
PAKENHAM, *JAVELIN, KELVIN, HERO.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 2320/5 to Admty. etc.)** See previous page.*

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- Port F. Progress. Reply to A.M. 1355/15/10, para.4, re progress of works in hand. (C. in C.E.F. 0602Z/5 to Admty (R) F.O.C.R.I.N, F.O.Ceylon). See Lion Copy.
- U /B Failure of Air Patrol. F.O.Ceylon 0323/2 and 222 Group 1100/3. Concur with F.O.Ceylon that the best chance of intercepting and destroying this U-Boat was lost by the failure of the A. S.V. patrols on Friday and Saturday nights. Difficulties with which the Catalinas were faced, as set out in 222 Group's 1100/3 are fully appreciated. This operation, however, illustrated necessity for being able to organise patrols at very short notice with small means if we are to take advantage of the fleeting and rare opportunities of making contact with enemy U-Boats. I feel sure that the crews of the Catalinas did their best under difficult circumstances. This operation further emphasises the need for more flying boats, and greater supplies of spares in order to increase the serviceability of those we have. (C. in C.E.F. 0801Z/5, to F.O.Ceylon A.O.Ceylon (R) Admty).
- P.B.9. Arrival. ORISSA, 0411, Bombay, with P.B.9. Bombay portion. (S.O.(I) Bombay 0809Z/5, to Admty etc).
- HAI HING. My 1830 /4th. (1730/4th intended. N.T. in W.D.) Ship was Norwegian HAI HING unescorted to Lourenco Marques. Crew 67 survivors 42 including 6 British. (C.S. A. Lourenco Marques 0955B/5 to C. in C.S. A. etc). Unknown ship torpedoed 1500/4 position 025.35 S. 033.10 E. Have stopped sailings. (C.S.A. Lourenco Marques 1730B/5 to Admty for information, C. in C.S.A. C. in C.E.F. Cdre. Durban, C.S.A. Beira).
- U.S. Forces. A.M. 1115/29. Oct. Following changes in dispositions U.S. Forces in Pacific. LONG ISLAND, At Pearl Harbour. LOUISVILLE, ST LOUIS, At Mare Island. DETROIT, At San Francisco. RICHMOND, On passage to Callao. *VOICE, On passage to Canal Zone. CHESTER, Repairing at Sydney. NASSAU, ALTAMAHA, HONOLULU, At Sea. 2. ALTAMAHA is an Auxiliary Aircraft Carrier. (D.O.D.(F) 1145A/5 to C. in C.E.F.).
*?BOISE intended.
- Movements. Colombo arrivals Nov. (?5th) 0400Z. EARL KITCHENER, 11 (?00) Z. LISMORE. (S.O.(I) Colombo 1258Z/5 to Admty etc).

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06027/5th November

From C. in C. Eastern Fleet.

Date 6/11/42
Recd. 0100

Naval Cypher X by Cable

Addressed Admiralty. Repeated F.O.C. Royal Indian Navy,
F.O. Ceylon.

IMPORTANT

Port F. - progress of works.

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A.M. 1355/15/10 paragraph 4. Navigational aids.
Temporary day marks erected. Report awaited regarding
erection of permanent beacons.

2. Jetties. Temporary boat pier Salaya Creek completed.
Sykes Point main jetty 70% completed. Sykes Point boat
pier completed.

3. Roads. Jamnagar-Khambhikia 94% complete. Khambhikia-
Salaya completed. Salaya-Syke Point 97% complete.

4. Railways. Salaya-Sykes Point mostly completed.

5. Water supply. Pipe line 50% complete. Reservoir at
Parodia 70% complete. Purification works 10% complete.

6. Dredging. Completed in vicinity of main jetty and
Westerly end of destroyer anchorage. All dredging suspended
from 9th September owing to removal of dredgers as agreed in
A.M. 1328/19/8 (not to C. in C. Eastern Fleet).

7. Aerodromes.

(a) History. No aerodromes in vicinity of Port 'F' were
available and as air protection for ships using the port was
required two sites were selected and construction commenced
by R.A.F. pending allocation financial responsibility. As
the aerodromes were solely for the defence of Port 'F' and
the Fleet and the R.A.F. had no requirements in this area it
was agreed that the provision of the aerodromes was an
Admiralty commitment and that the cost should be chargeable
to H.M.G.

(b) Progress on the aerodromes is as follows - Khambaliya
22 degrees 14' North 69 degrees 42' East estimated date of
completion 30th November 1942. No.1 runway Northeast-South-
West 2,000 yards cleared only. No.2 runway East-West 1600
yards by 200 yards cleared fit for landing and concreting
commenced dispersion tracks 25% completed water supply and

accommodation /

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accommodation commenced technical buildings blast pens and hangarages not yet started. Naval requirement. Temporary accommodation for 24 fighters 30 officers 200 men. Dispersal points for aircraft squadron and W/T offices only required. Chela 22 degrees 22' North 70 degrees 06' East expected date of completion 31st December 1942. No.1 runway Northeast-Southwest 2000 yards cleared only. No.2 runway East-West 1600 yards cleared only. Work on water supply commenced but construction of buildings not yet started. Naval requirement. Emergency landing ground or satellite for Khambaliya.

(c) Both aerodromes have been planned to the R.A.F. standard for fighter aircraft with technical accommodation for one squadron and domestic accommodation for 75 officers and 1000 men.

(d) A.H.Q. India has been informed that permanent fighter protection is not required in present circumstances but that when the port is in use and in the absence of aircraft carriers up to a maximum of one Blenheim or similar squadron may be required for A/S patrols and in these circumstances R.A.F. fighter protection might be required also.

8. A.M. 1355/15/10 paragraph 5. Government of India wish to make it clear that all developments at this port have been carried out at my request as an Admiralty liability and that object of paragraph 2 of F.O.C.R.I.N.'s 0631/10/5 was to make certain H.M.G.'s approval would be sought for consequential (7 groups missed /) at that time were likely to be substantial. At the present state of developments F.O.C.R.I.N. considers that works would be of little permanent value to the State.

9. A.M. 1355/15/10 paragraph 6. F.O.C.R.I.N. states that it is not intended that Port 'F' should be an R.I.N. establishment. It is at present being administered by R.I.N. staff as an H.M.G. liability of approximately 7,000 pounds per annum owing to the non-availability of R.N. staff. I consider that on account of the changed strategical situation the consequent limitations to the development of the port and its possible use as a convoy assembly port it is desirable that it should continue to be administered by ~~R.N.~~ ^{R.I.N.} staff as a nucleus for possible expansion.

10. My 1355/15/10 paragraph 7. The Army have no medical facilities in the vicinity. It is therefore suggested that the sick-bay should be manned temporarily by R.N. personnel when required. So far no sick-bay has been provided and it is requested that plans may be forwarded.

0602Z/5.

/ Note: Correction to missing groups to follow.

Marking over

1st Lord
 1st S.L.(2)
 2nd S.L.
 3rd S.L.
 Vice Controller
 4th S.L.
 C.N.A.S.
 A.C.N.A.S.
 Civil Lord
 Secretary
 V.C.N.S.
 A.C.N.S.(F)(2)
 A.C.N.S.(T)
 A.C.N.S.(W)
 A.C.N.S.(H)
 N.A. to A.C.N.S.(T)
 N.A. 1st S.L.
 N.A. 2nd S.L.(2)
 N.A. 2nd S.L. (Air)
 P.A.S.(O)
 A.S.(CL)
 D. of L.D.
 D.O.D.(H)(2)
 D.O.D.(F)(2)
 D.T.D.
 D.B.D.
 D.A./S.W.
 D.M.S.
 D.T.M.
 Duty Captain (2)
 I.P.(2)
 W.D.
 Head of Air Branch
 D.N.A.D.
 D.A.M.

D. of P.(2)
 D.A.C.D.
 Head of M.(40)
 and for India Office (Mr. Clausen)
 War Office
 Air Ministry
 W.C.O.
 Treasury (Mr. Fleet)

D. of N.
 Hydrog.
 D.P.S.
 M.D.G.
 C.E. in C.
 D.A.S.
 W.G.F.
 Head of C.W.
 Head of N.
 D.T.S.D.
 Deputy Controller)
 C.E. in C.)
 D. of D.)
 E. in C.)
 E. in C. (FMB))
 R.I.N.L.O.)
 Head of S.W.R.)

) Bath by courier

From. War Registry.

MOST SECRET

17.11.42.

CORRECTION

Most Secret message 0602/5th November from
C. in C. Eastern Fleet (Concerning Port F).

Paragraph 9. Last line but one. For
"R.N. Staff" read R.I.N. Staff.

- 1st Lord.
- 1st S.L. (2)
- D.F.S.L.
- 2nd S.L.
- 3rd S.L.
- Vice Controller.
- 4th S.L.
- C.N.A.S.
- A.C.N.A.S.
- Civil Lord.
- Secretary.
- V.C.N.S.
- A.C.N.S. (F) (2)
- A.C.N.S. (T)
- A.C.N.S. (W)
- A.C.N.S. (H)
- N.A. to A.C.N.S. (T)
- N.A. to 1st S.L.
- N.A. 2nd S.L. (2)
- N.A. 2nd S.L. (Air).
- P.A.S. (O)
- A.S. (C.L).
- D. of L.D.
- D.O.D. (H) (2)
- D.O.D. (F) (2)
- D.T.D.
- D.B.D.
- D.A/S.W.
- D.M.S.
- D.T.M.
- Duty Capt. (2)
- I.P. (2)
- W.D.
- Hd. of Air Br.
- D.N.A.D.
- D.A.M.
- D. of P. (2)
- D.A.C.D.
- M. (40) & for India Office.
(Mr. Clausen).
War Office. A.M.
W.C.O. Treasury
(Mr. Fleet).
- D. of N.
- Hydrog.
- D.P.S.
- M.D.G.
- C.E. in C.
- D.A.S.
- W.G.F.
- Hd. of C.W.
- Hd. of N.
- D.T.S.D.

- Dep. Contr.
- C.E. in C.
- D. of D.
- E. in C.
- E. in C. (F.M.B.)
- R.I.N.L.O.
- Hd. of S.W.R.

Bath by
courier.

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SECRET

174^E

M. I. S. P. I. G. E. 0943Z/11th November.

IN.

From. (7C. in C. Western Fleet)

Date. 24.11.42.

Time. 0535.

Naval Cypher C. by W/T.

Addressed. S.N.O. Persian Gulf Repeated. C. in C. South Atlantic N.C.S.O. Hormuz.

IMPORTANT.

Since the recent extension of the use of Bandar Abbas as a convoy assembly port, it has been found that insufficient information is being received at the Naval Headquarters at Kilindini and Capetown to enable Persian Gulf shipping to be accurately plotted. This is mainly due to subordinate ships being held for convoys, and no accurate information being passed as to their time of departure from Hormuz and their now expected time of arrival.

(2) The following information, which is normally signalled as VESCA for independently routed ships, must also be passed by N.C.S.O. Hormuz for all ships which are (sailing) from Hormuz in convoy but which will be dispersed on route, :-

- (A) Date of departure.
- (B) Name of ship.
- (C) First port of call.
- (D) Expected time of arrival.
- (E) Instructions are requested of dispersing from convoy
- (F) Speed of convoy.

(3) 2 Signals are required:- Signal "X" for ships bound to South African and Portuguese West African Ports, and signal "Y" for ships bound to other ports.

(4) Signal "Y" is to bear a serial number from one - 500, and is to be addressed Admiralty, C. in C. B.F. S.O. (I) Colombo and COMNAV.

(5) Signal "X" " bear the same serial number with suffix "C" for Charlie, and is to be addressed as for signal "Y" but to C. in C. S.A. in addition.

(6) Some reorganising of N.C.S. (arrangements) in the Persian Gulf Area will be necessary in order that N.C.S.O. Hormuz can effectively carry the duties of the Principal N.C.S.O. in that Area. Detailed proposals for this have been forwarded to S.N.O. Persian Gulf by air mail. In view however of the great importance of maintaining accurate plots (it is essential that) measurements should be taken forthwith to ensure that the information in paragraph 2 is invariably signalled.

0943Z/5.

- V.C.N.S.
- A.C.N.S. (F)
- A.C.N.S. (T)
- N.A. 1st S.L.
- D. of P. (3)
- Ops. (3)
- O.D. (5)
- O.I.C. (2)
- D. A/S.W.
- M. (2)
- D.T.D. (4)
- D.T.D. (U)
- D.T.D. (C)

Advance Copy Ops. O.D. Trade.

- D. of S.T. (2)
- D.N.I. (5)
- H.V.R. (2)
- I.P. (3)
- W.D.

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Thursday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

America & West Indies.

CAPETOWN
CASTLE,
HIGHLAND
MONARCH.

Your 2047/29. CAPETOWN CASTLE and HIGHLAND MONARCH are proceeding to New York due about beginning and mid January respectively to load for U.K. Accommodation may be used up to unescorted numbers only.
(D.S.T., 0227A/5 to N.S.H.Q.)

B.A. Ts.

Norfolk arrived 1515Z/5 B.A.T.9 and 10.
(N.S.H.Q., 0401Z/5 to Admty).

Unknown Ship
Attacked.

Following intercepted by Kingston Radio, unknown ship reports submarine attack 12.35 N., 69.39 W. 0736 G.C.T.
(S.O.(I) Kingston Jamaica 0530R/5 to Admty).

U/Bs

U-boat position by D/F at 0413Z within 75 miles of 05.58 N., 32° W. Another U-boat position by D/F at 0237Z within 75 miles of 05.59 N., 31° W. Both W.W. 4796 k/cs.
(Cominch, 0655/5 to C.T.U. 24.1.14, C.T.U.24.1.16 C.T.F.24).

GURNARD.

My 2309/4. Para. (3) for 375A - 42 read 37 S.A.42 (F.O.S., 0744A/5 to Admty etc) Amended.

U/B
Position.

C.E.S.F. 1900/4. 0800Q/5 submarine estimates. 1 locality 31.30 N., 80.30 W., from sighting 0803Q/4.
(Comnav, 0801/5 to Admty).

Casualties,
S.C.107,
T.A.G.18.

Connav's 2114/4, informs as follows:-
Connav Serial 4. In S.C.107 the following ships are reported torpedoed in addition to EMPIRE SUNRISE and PARTHENON, in Serials 2 and 3: MOUNT PELION, RINOS, MARITIMA, HARTINGTON, EMPIRE LEOPARD, EMPIRE ANTELOPE, DALCROY on November 2nd all at approx. 52 N., 45.W. The HAHIRA was also torpedoed and sunk at 44.37 N., 41.45 W. on November 3rd. Losses in T.A.G.18 were CHRISTIAN J. KAMPMANN which was torpedoed and sunk, and THORSHAVET, LEDA, GYPSUM EMPRESS, which were torpedoed but still afloat.
(Comnav, 0842/5 to Admty).

Movements
Summary.

1800 G.M.T. 5th November.
Ship Position Course Speed
Convoy 27½° N., 30½° W. 181° 12½
W.S.24
ILEX 16° N., 31° W. 080° 16
(D.O.D. (F) 1046Z/5 to Opnav (R) Comnav).

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Movements.

Departure Vieuxfort 1500Z/5th SS. HOLMBURY
United States Army Transports STATE OF VIRGINIA
and EL LIBERTADOR Trinidad. E.T.A. Bocas 1600Z/6
Escorts P.C.624. S.C.522 S.C.532.
(B.R.O. St. Lucia 1101Q/5 to Admty).
Arrival 4th departure 5th U.S.S. CYPRESS for
DOMINICA.
(B.R.O. St. Lucia, 1148Q/5 to Admty).

R.N. and
R.C.N.
Corvettes.

Your 1902/11 not to all addressees has been
passed to C.T.G.24.7. Difficulties stressed by
C.T.U. 24.1.12 are fully appreciated. Careful
consideration has been given to the subject and
it is suggested R.N.-manned corvettes allotted to
you should be grouped with such R.N.-manned
destroyers as you can spare. This group to run as a "C" group
and to proceed to Greenock instead of Londonderry.
C.T.G.24.7 is in favour of this proposal. Facilities for
exercising which are not available at Liverpool are available at
Greenock. If you concur accounts could be transferred to
ORLANDO.
(2) Provided C.T.G.24.7 concurs there is no objection to
R.C.N. Corvettes visiting Greenock periodically to boiler clean
and give leave should you so wish.
(C. in C. W.A., 1151Z/5 to F.O.N.F. (R) Admty. C.T.F.24.,
C.T.G.24.7. N.S.H.Q., Capt. (D) Newfoundland, Capt. (D) Greenock,
Capt. (D) Liverpool, N.O.I.C. Greenock, N.O.I.C. Liverpool).
* W.R. Note N/T pack or file.

B.A.T.s

New York sailed A.M. 4th B.A.T.9 (H.M.S. DESTINY)
and B.A.T.10 (H.M.S. EMINENT) for Norfolk.
(N.S.H.Q., 1220Z/5 to Admty (R) B.A.D. C.O.A.C.)

MAGDALEN,
grounded.

My 1416/4. N.S.H.Q., confirmed no other damage
to MAGDALEN.
(C.O.A.C., 1308Z/5 to Admty).

QUEEN MARY.

Arrived Ambrose 1025Z/5.
(Port Director New York, 1502/5 to Admty etc).

U/B

U-boat estimated in your vicinity by D/F has
made a sighting report of a convoy or important
unit at 1436Z/5th 10510 k/cs.
(Cominch 1505/5 to C.T.U., 24.1.14, C.T.U.
24.1.16, C.T.U. 24.1.11 (R) C.T.F.24).

U/B
report.

C. in C. U.S. Fleet 1506/5 see Home Commands.

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America & West Indies - Contd.

EMPIRE
SUNRISE. My 1045/2nd (Re H.M.R.T. TENACITY sailed to salvage and tow SS. EMPIRE SUNRISE) Aircraft sweeping area sighted wreckage only. TENACITY searched visual area 300 square miles, no sign of EMPIRE SUNRISE. Instructed return St. Johns N.F. 2209/4th. (F.O.N.F., 1511Z/5 to C.T.F.24).

U/B Positions. S/M estimates 5th Nov. and U.S. Submarine notice. (C. in C. U.S. Fleet, 1536 /5, 15?7/5, 1559/5, 1600/5, 1601/5 to Admty).

Attacks on S.C.107. S.C.107 attacked during night. DALEBY sunk survivors rescued. ^{SAM} INGHAM, U.S. Destroyers LEARY U.S. Destroyer SCHENCK joined 1100Z/5 VANESSA detached to rejoin H.X.213. Aircraft attacked three submarines on surface while investigating H.F. D/F bearings. Suggest Iceland section and escorts remain until dusk 7th November. P.C. and S. 58.27 N., 32.45 W. (B) 051° 7.5 knots. Weather. (C.T.U. 24.1.14, 1602Z/5 to C.T.F.24 (R) Connav Admty. C. in C. W.A., N.S.H.Q., F.O.N.F., C.O.A.C., C.T.G.24.7 A.C.I.C. C.T.24.6)

Curacao, Aruba staff. B.A.D's 1339/3 and S.B.N.O. Curacao's 1613/3. Request your remarks. A.M. 1923/25 October refers. (D.T.D., 1605A/5 to S.B.N.O.W.A.) Reply:1129/6.

AQUITANIA Admty. 1625/5 to Cominch. See Mediterranean.

Trawlers for Cape Area. Arrival H.M. Trawlers HERTFORDSHIRE, CAPE WARWICK, ST. LOMAN, NORTHERN ISLES, LE TIGER. (S.B.N.O. Trinidad, 1632Q/5 to S.B.N.O.W.A.)

EMPIRE TURNSTONE. Request any news available of EMPIRE TURNSTONE (Br) due New York ?26th October from O.N.136. (N.S.H.Q., 1836Z/5 to Connav (R) Admty).

Shipping Delays, New York. Pass to N.C.S.Os. Commodores of O.N. and O.N.S. Convoys are to be requested to report the names of any ships in convoy bound beyond New York who will be delayed in New York more than 24 hours by voyage repairs or other reason.

2. The report should be given to that part of escort proceeding to Halifax and passed thence by cable to Port Director, New York.

3. This information is required by New York for purposes of arranging best connection with Coastal Convoys. (D.T.D., 1906A/5 to F.Os. I.C.) Reply: B.A.D., 2055/6.

/Shipping...

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Shipping
Intelligence.

Your 2101/30/10. Concur generally but sailing dates of outward convoys will not be sufficiently certain to calculate on this basis. Commodores are therefore being instructed to report delays of more than 24 hours by method proposed in your para. 2.

(D.T.D., 1906A/5 to B.A.D. (R) N.S.H.Q., C.O.A.C)

O.N.139,
enemy
signals.

Your 1925/2 para. 1 U-boats always use H/F for reporting and only use M/F for homing. Homing procedure was presumably not brought into operation.

2. Para. 2. Short signal traffic and possibly weather reports may precede attacks (C.B.4002N para. 5) Main types of operational transmissions are still E bar and Naval Enigma (C.B.4002N para. 2) Homing Signals are not made on H/F. C.B. 3082 deals with M/F transmissions only.
3. Request confirmation that CAIRNVALONA holds C.B. 4002N (2) and name of issuing authority. This book is over a year out of date. Current issue is C.B. 4002N (9).
(N.I.D. 9 1938A/5 to B.R.L.O. New York).

Special U/B
estimate.

Cominch 1940/5 see North Atlantic).

U/B O.N.\$142

D/F on 7640 k/cs at 1306Z, suggests U-boat anywhere within 90 miles of 51° 00' N., 31° 00' W. (D.D.I.C., 1942A/5 to Escorts of O.N.\$142).

ST. LAURENT,
O.N.143.

Intend sailing ST. LAURENT at 1200Z/8th to R/V O.N.143 and remain with convoy till arrival Westomp. Intend R/V 049° 42' N., 043° 51' W. in 1000Z/9th.
(F.O.N.F., 1959/5 to C.T.24(R) C.T.U. 24.1.11., N.S.H.Q. C.O.A.C., C. in C. W.A., Admty. ST. LAURENT).

U/B

S/M located in 040° 30' N., 069° 27' (?W) at 1510Q/5th course 075°.
(C.O.A.C., 2007Z/5 to G.B.7 A (R) C.T.F. 24., Connav Admty. C. in C. W.A., N.S.H.Q., F.O.N.F., C.O.A.C., C.T.G. 24.7).

U/B Campaign.

Connav Serial 5. EMPIRE ZEAL torpedoed sunk 2nd November 00.30 S., 30.45 W. Following additional ships torpedoed 4th November approx. 56 N., 37 W. S.C.107. JEMP Br. Merchant Ship HOBDEMA, EMPIRE LYNX, TITUS, HATIMURA. JOHN WINTHROP and EMPIRE

DAWN Serial 30 presumed lost. METON and ASTRELL both torpedoed sunk today T.A.G.18, 12.21 N., 69.21 W.
(Connav, 2043/05 to Comnav). *See next page*

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America & West Indies. - Contd.

Busra,
proposed
amendment.

Your 1223/4. Amendment to Busra gives effect to agreement recorded in my 1747 /31 October para.1. 2. Consider that Busra para. E sub-para. (A) should remain as now worded and that a fresh sub-para. in the terms of my 1747/31 October para.1 should immediately follow. Subsequent sub-paras to be re-lettered.

3. Your reference to the line running along parallel 40° S., to East coast of South America is not understood as there is at present no proposal to amend the "Chop" line in South Atlantic. (B.A.D., 2049Z/5 to Admty (R) N.S.H.Q.) Reply: D.T.D.1519/6.

Shipping
Intelligence.

Your 1854/4 para. D. It is desired to emphasise understanding here that Merco Office New York is intended to be no more than redistribution centre and not information bureau.

(2) We feel that all necessary information can be made available to Ministry of Information Room through existing channels and it is not considered advisable at this stage to advertise its existence nor to approach U.S. Authorities for the supply of information direct.

(B.A.D. 2207Z/5 to Admty (R) N.S.H.Q.)

B.R.L.Os.

Your 2041/23, para. 2 may be read to exclude B.R.L.Os. from any intelligence functions.

2. Submit they be instructed to assist our Reporting Officers whenever this can be done

without interfering with their other duties as their co-operation on intelligence most desirable.

(B.A.D., 2211Z/5 to Admty. (R) N.S.H.Q., S.B.N.O.W.A.)

Para A.

U/B

Campaign.

in previous page.

EMPIRE ZEAL 3 torpedo hits 18 shells sunk 00.30 S., 30.45 W. 0558Z/02. EROS torpedo miss 47.30 N., 38.10 W., about 1830Z/04. JEYPORE, HOBHEMA, EMPIRE LYNX, TITUS, HATIMURA torpedoed area 55.55 N., 37.20 W., 4th November. METON 3 torpedo hits, and ASTRELL torpedoed 12.21 N., 69.21 W., 0715Z/05 sunk. Hudson plane attacks U.88 type on surface 13.20 N., 62.20 W. 1615Z/04 course 135°.

Para. B. Two unidentified attacked 12.35 N., 69.39 W. 0730Z and 12.36 N., 69.40 W., 0804Z/05. DANIEL MORGAM Bluish white sub. Honomu U.45 type letter V surmounting three dice. Sighting 1610Z/04 my 2151/04 sub. on surface course 270.

Para. C. ALCOA RANGER conflicting reports indicate light gray U.45 type number 13 and Blue and Red Dragon C/T also Blue white sub. Three Ostrich feathers C/T. OLOPANA light brown U.45 type Moose Head Conning Tower. Pan Atlantic two subs scene attack aluminum colour one whitish green, Swastika small Dragon C/T. P.C. 492 attacks sound contact 10.55 N., 61.14 W. 2010Z/03 October U.S.S. CRAWFORD attacks sound contact 10.54 N., 61.49 W., 1425Z/12 October. P.C.490. Attacks sub. 17.05 N., 64.19 W., 2005Z/29 October. Sub sighted 51.50 N., 46.35 W., 1200Z/04 31.24 N., 80.57 W., 0803Z/04. B.25 sights oil slick and bubbles 40.30 N., 69.20 W., 1530Z/05 and PBY reports Radar contact 40.30 N. 69.27 W., 1916Z/05. Pan Air Plane sights sub. on surface 19.30 N., 73.20 W. 1947Z/04. Para. D. CGC 83314 attacks sound contact 39.18 N., 75.10 W. 25th October.

(Cominch 2220/5 to Admty).

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Australia & New Zealand.

BENGAL

Departure ^{Amantle} 5th November BENGAL for Colombo via Diego Garcia.
(A.C.N.B., 0502Z/5 to Admty etc).

Movements

Departures Espirito Santo 0300Z/4th U.S. Ship (group missed) SOLACE for Auckland expected time of arrival 0001Z/8th. Departures Noumea 0600Z/5 U.S. ship NICHOLAS for Auckland expected time of arrival 0200Z/8th. Arrivals Lautoka 4th November U.S. ship TAPPAHANNACK.

(S.O.(I) Wellington, 0630Z/5 to Admty).

Hired transport EKATERINI COUMANTARO(?U) departs Melbourne 4th November due Brisbane 7th. Dutch Naval store ship SOEDOE departs Cairns 4th, due Thursday Island 7th. U.S. Store ship GOLD STAR departs Sydney 4th, due Melbourne 7th. R.A.A.F., store ship WANAKA arrived Townsville 5th.

(N.B. Melbourne 1043Z/5 to Admty, Connav).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimates at 1200Z/5 indefinite.
(D.D.I.C., 1410A/5, 1538A/5).

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6.11.1942
Friday.

SITUATION REPORT.

The Admiralty today sent a message giving details of the arrangements for communication between British and U.S. Naval forces engaged in combined operations in the Atlantic, to come into force on 1st December.

Home Commands.

Four enemy escort vessels and a merchant ship were reported again today, the former at 1111 in 43° 20' N., 5° 40' W. steering north, and the latter at 1100 in 44° 58' N., 5° 10' W. steering west. UNBEATEN was ordered to intercept the merchant vessel. At 1610 an aircraft reported 3 destroyers and a large merchant vessel in 46° 10' N., 5° 59' W. steering west, and attacked.

Operation
F.B.

SS. CHULMLEIGH proceeding independently to Russia, reported at 0318 that she had struck a reef off South Cape, Spitzbergen and was making water.

Commencing with E.N.59 and W.N.59 Loch Ewe will replace Oban as terminal of E.N./W.N. convoys.

Operation "Torch".

N.C.X.F. in a message at 1301A/6 to his various forces said that reliable information indicated the likelihood that full Army and Air Force resistance may be of a minor nature only. Naval resistance, however, is expected to be strong; particularly at Oran, where the area is primarily under naval control. Coast defences or ships opening fire must be dealt with promptly and vigorously, but fire should cease when resistance has stopped, and the greatest discretion exercised in fire on other shore targets.

North Atlantic.

Two or three U-boats were attacked by aircraft this morning, approximately between Cartagena and Oran. Two of them surfaced again after submerging.

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Friday.SITUATION REPORT.Mediterranean.

ANTWERP, escorted by *2 Greek destroyers completed a.m. today without incident the move of 1200 military personnel into and 2400 out of Cyprus.

*NERAX & PAUL COUMBOURIS.
(see Remarks (The) 4/11 & 5/11)

Both last night and the previous night M.T.Bs. 4^h operated along the coast near Mersa Matruh to prevent any evacuation of enemy troops or tanks, 204 but nothing was found on either night.

American B.24s and B.17s bombed Benghazi and Tobruk harbours this afternoon: a 6,000 ton tanker is reported to have been destroyed at Benghazi and a 5,000 ton ship was set on fire in Tobruk.

America & West Indies.

SS. ARICA in Convoy T.24 was hit, believed by torpedo at 1820 G.M.T. in 10.58 N., 60.52 W. and broke in two and sank.

SS. OCEAN JUSTICE was torpedoed at 2320Z today in 10° 6' N., 60° 0' W. (about 60 miles east of Trinidad) and is presumed to have sunk.

Australia.

A.C.N.B. propose that U.S. Navy accept responsibility for the supply of stores to R.N. ships based on Australia Station. Rear-Adm. Young concurs.

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Friday.HOME COMMANDS.Policy.Use of
R.M.Ls.

In the event of shortage of other craft, R.M.Ls. may be used for local patrols on the clear understanding that any Air/Sea Rescue requirements for these boats are always to have priority. Air Ministry concurs.
(D.D.O.D. (C), 1306A/6 to A.I.G.12).

Co-operation with U.S.A.

Communications Arrangements for communication between British and U.S. Naval forces engaged in combined operations in the Atlantic.
(Admty. 1209A/6) See Lion copy.

Movements.

*SEVERN,
SABRE,
*SKATE.

* See p. 185

My 1238/4. Postpone all times 24 hours.
(S.5 0140A/6 to S.3 (R) C. in C. Portsmouth,
C. in C. Plymouth, F.O.I.C. Falmouth, F.O.I.C.
Portland, F.O.(S) Admty. H.Q.C.C.)

WOODRUFF.

Hasten reply to my 2207/5.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 0201A/6 to WOODRUFF).

CAPE ARGONA,
CAPE MARIATO,
ST. KENAN.

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Trawlers to return to Iokanka immediately. Further instructions will follow.
(S.B.N.O. Archangel, 1014A/6 to CAPE ARGONA,
CAPE MARIATO, ST. KENAN, (R) S.B.N.O. North
Russia, Admty. C. in C. H.F., Admiral Miles, S.O.
6th M/F).

MUSKETEER.

See p. 184.

F.O. 1st C.S.1634A/4th. Early 30 minutes.
(MUSKETEER, 1025A/6 to A.C.O.S.)

OXFORDSHIRE.

Sailed Hospital ship OXFORDSHIRE in accordance with Admty 1215A/2.
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 1033A/6).
My 1035A/6. Add E.T.A. Gibraltar 11th November.
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 1702A/6).

AZALEA.

See p. 184.

A.M. 1933/5th not to Londonderry. Request you will sail AZALEA as soon as ready to Londonderry for short work up. Ship will probably be required to proceed on service November 13th.
(C. in C. W.A., 1252A/6 to N.O.I.C. Cardiff).

RIPLEY.

Return to Londonderry. Acknowledge.
(C. in C. W.A., 1253A/6 to RIPLEY).

/SKYE...

1209 13 November
Date 6.11.42
ADMITTED. Admiralty General
Message Home 157 AZ
North Atlantic 480 AK
South Atlantic 409 AG
West Atlantic 183 AE

NAVAL CODE J

FROM Admiralty

DEFERRED.

The following arrangements for communication between British and U.S. Naval forces engaged in combined operations in the Atlantic come into force on December 1st from which date A.F.O. S.103/42 is cancelled. They do not alter the existing British - U.S. communication arrangements for convoy escorts:-

- (1) The frequencies used for intercommunication are to be M/F 500 kc/s and H/F 4740 kc/s except in areas F, P, Q and S where 4295 kc/s is to be used instead of 4740 kc/s.
- (2) Forces of either nation operating in the Atlantic are to guard 500 kc/s.
- (3) After enemy surface forces have been reported in the Atlantic, units engaged in the operations are to guard 4740 kc/s (4295 kc/s in areas F, P, Q and S).
- (4) Enemy reports are to be passed to shore stations who will take the necessary steps to broadcast them on the appropriate area broadcast and to pass them to the authority of the other nation for similar action. Ships having difficulty in clearing their enemy reports to stations of their own nation are to try and clear them to a station of the other nation.
- (5) Enemy reports of immediate import are in addition to the action in paragraph (4) to be broadcast on the frequencies in paragraphs (2) and (3). This is in addition to the instructions laid down for enemy reporting within the ship's own navy.
- (6) Enemy reports will be re-broadcast on the appropriate area broadcast. Ships are to read their own area broadcast. If difficulty is experienced in reading their own broadcast ships should if possible set an extra watch on the appropriate broadcast of the other nation.
- (7) Admiralty and Cominch will issue any further necessary orders at the time.
- (8) The senior officer of any allied forces acting in close co-operation may order a special inter-communication frequency in addition to those in paragraphs (2) and (3) but it must be remembered that the frequency is only known to those specifically ordered to guard it and reports made thereon will not be read by other authorities.

1209.1/6
D.S.D. (94)

D.S.D. (3)	Ad. Blake.	M. (3) (M051308/42)
D.S.O.	W.D.	N.I.D. 10 (2).
O.D. (5)	I.P. (3)	C.C.O. (2)
U.S.N. (3)	W/T Room (2)	S.W.R.

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SKYE. E.T.A. Faeroe Islands 1600A/8th.
(SKYE, 1330A/6).
Your 1721/2nd. SKYE sailed 1144/6th. E.T.A.
p.m./8th. Routed (A) Reykjanes (B) 062° 45' N.,
012° 00' W. (C) between 062° 18' N., and 061° 45' N., and
through Skopen Fiord.
Wireless watch on 1570 k/cs per second 2 operators watching.
(A.C.I.C., 1412A/6 to N.O.I.C. Faeroes).

Section ~~N.W.~~ ^{p. 215}

Western Approaches. * ~~SHERBROOKE~~ S.C.107. RESTIGOUCHE, AMHERST, ALGONA, MOOSEJAW,
SHERBROOKE, U.S.S. LEARY, U.S.S. INGHAM,
Situation U.S.S. SCHENCK. 59.01, 26.29 to 59.02, 21.23, 7½.
at 2000A/ S.C.L.107. ARVIDA, CELANDINE, 61.48, 26.02
6th. to Reykjavik, 9½. ~~See p. 191~~ Section South West.
Hospital Ship (A) 46.42, 14.13, to 41.30, 14.30
12.
Hospital Ship (B) 51.25, 15.00 to 41.30 15.00
13.
S.L.125. SALADIN, PETUNIA, CROCUS, 51.46,
12.05 to 55.01, 10.00, 6.
K.M.F.2. PELICAN, 3 Sloops, 2 Cutters. 44.18, 23.42 to 40.55,
16.30, 11½. ~~See p. 198 - (Int. Rep.)~~
(C. in C. W.A., 1355A/6). * ~~See p. 220. (Not worth S.C. 107. - Comd. by Nelson 6/11)~~

SUFFOLK. My 1626/5. Sailing postponed in view of weather.
(C. in C. H.F., 1614A/6 to C.S.1 A.C.W.A.,
London, Admty).

MATCHLESS. Expect MATCHLESS will be ready to sail 11th
November request H.F/D.F. calibration be
included in programme.
(F.O.I.C. Tyne, 1625/6).

MUSKETEER. Scapa arrival 1311 MUSKETEER.
~~See p. 183~~ (A.C.O.S., 1635/6).

HOLDFAST. My 1227/26/10. Owing to unforeseen
circumstances loading cannot be completed until
approx. 18th November.
(F.O.I.C. London, 1703A/6 to C. in C. Nore).

P.556 Intend to sail submarine P.556 for Portsmouth
~~See p. 205~~ p.m. 7th escorted by MANGROVE.
(N.O.I.C. Milford Haven, 1721A/6 to F.O.(S)
(R) C. in C. Plymouth, C. in C. Portsmouth,
Admty).

LONDON. C.S.I's 1603/5th sailed at 1115/6th.
(A.C.I.C., 1815A/6 to C. in C. H.F., A.C.O.S.,
(R) C. in C. W.A., Admty. A.O.C in C. C.C.
SUFFOLK).

/SEVERN...

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SEVERN,
SKATE. Sailed at 1841A/6 H.M. S/M SEVERN escorted by SKATE replacing SABRE. Codeword "Familiar". S.3's 1159A/3 and 1710A/5 refers. (F.O.I.C. Greenock, 1928A/6 to A.I.G.220 etc).

CAPE ARGONA,
CAPE MARIATO,
ST. KENAN. Trawlers to return to Iokanka immediately. Further instructions will follow. (S.B.N.O. Archangel, 2214A/6 to CAPE ARGONA, CAPE MARIATO, ST. KENAN (R) S.B.N.O. North Russia, Admty. C. in C. H.F., Admiral Miles, S.O. 6th M/F).

See p. 183.

Operations.

Patrols. My 1625A/5 "Device" returned owing to weather. (F.O.I.C. Portland, 0126A/6 to C. in C. Portsmouth, (R) Admty. C. in C. Plymouth, N.O.I.C. Dartmouth).

Your 1319/5. "Sapper" arrived.

(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth, 0824A/6 to C. in C. Plymouth).

Destroyer patrols not required tonight Friday.

(C. in C. Nore, 1048A/6 to Capt. (D) 16th D.F., Capt. (D)

21, D.F., N.O.I.C. Humber, Harwich, Yarmouth, S.E.E.C.C.D., WINDSOR, WHITSHED, WORCESTER, MONTROSE, COTTESMORE, HOLDERNESS, KITTIWAKE, SHELDRAKE).

M.L. patrol tonight November 6th.

2. Forces employed. M.L. 186 (S.O.) 180 and 259.

3. Patrol. 7 miles 065° and 245° from position 105° Start 20 miles.

4. Object. To intercept E-boats.

5. Information. Own. W.P. 244 passes Dart Buoy 1700/6 to eastward. Combined operation craft will pass Portland Bill to westward from approx. 0300/6 onwards landing at Bridport at daylight. → FERNIE patrolling to southward as cover.

Enemy. E-boats may work from Cherbourg or Guernsey.

6. Execution. Proceed at 1715/6 to patrol. Leave patrol at daylight and proceed to Falmouth passing through position 180° start 4 miles.

7. Codeword "Obstacle". Collective call sign 3 F O V.

→ (C. in C. Plymouth, 1331A/6 to M.L., 186, 180, 259, (R) N.O.I.C. Dartmouth, F.O.I.C. Falmouth, F.O.I.C. Portland, C. in C. Portsmouth, Admiralty, Escorts W.P.244).

Note. Patrol was cancelled by C. in C. Plymouth 1721A/6.

Chasseurs 15 (S.O.) and 10 are to patrol tonight 6/7 November between E A 5 Buoy and 50° 25' N., 00° 00' codeword "Advent".

→ Part of Force J are exercising during night proceeding from Needles to Bridport with FERNIE patrolling 6 miles Southward of their route.

*MALLARD and *TIGRIS arrive E A 5 from eastward 0800/7th November.

(C. in C. Portsmouth, 1440A/6 to X.D.O. East (R) *See next page Admty. C. in C. Plymouth, V.A. Dover, F.O.I.C. Portland, N.O.I.C. Newhaven, D.l., HORNET, FERNIE, Tangmere, Thorney Island, S.O. Force J).

→ Southerly gale expected. Cancel my 1331A/6/11 weather permitting you will be sailed for Falmouth a.m. tomorrow Saturday.

(M.L. 186, 180, 259 (R) N.O.I.C. Dartmouth F.O.I.C. Falmouth, F.O.I.C. Portland C. in C. Portsmouth, Admty).

/Dover...

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Contd.

Dover Dispositions for night of 6/7 November.
M.Ls. 450 and 207 from Ramsgate patrolling between
Dumpton and N.E. Spit Buoys. E.T.D., 1815.
E.T.R. 0745/7. M.Ls. 143 (S.O.) and 138 near
C.l. Buoy. *TIGRIS escorted by *MALLARD Westbound
E.T.A. off Dover 1910.* *See previous page 2 below.*
(V.A. Dover, 1807A/6).

Operation
S.E.Sullom Voe arrivals CHIDDINGFOLD, LEDBURY,
MIDDLETON.

(N.O.I.C. Lerwick, 1050A/6).

Intend sailing OAKLEY a.m. 7th to Sullom Voe to
relieve CHIDDINGFOLD in operation S.E.2. CHIDDINGFOLD to leave Sullom Voe a.m./8th for Aberdeen for
boiler cleaning.3. As it is uncertain whether CASTLETON's propeller can be
duplicated at Rosyth in time to enable her provide escort for
TJALDUR sailing from Aberdeen 1800/10 to Faeroes and return
request Home Fleet destroyer may be detailed for this duty.(A.C.O.S., 1515A/6 to C. in C. H.F., C. in C. Rosyth,
(R) CASTLETON R.A.D.H.F., N.O.I.C. Aberdeen, N.O.I.C. Faeroes,
N.O.I.C. Lerwick, OAKLEY, CHIDDINGFOLD).OAKLEY is to proceed passing Switha Gate at 0800 7th to
Sullom Voe.2. Speed is to be adjusted so as to arrive in day but if
weather prevents this OAKLEY is to proceed to Lerwick for night
and on to Sullom Voe on Sunday 8th.3. On arrival OAKLEY takes over from CHIDDINGFOLD as S.O.
Destroyers in operation S.E.

4. Turn over in harbour is essential.

5. OAKLEY acknowledge and repeat in due course E.T.A.
Sullom Voe.(A.C.O.S., 1815/6 to OAKLEY, CHIDDINGFOLD, (R) C. in C.
H.F., C. in C. Rosyth, F.O.C. D/F H.F., N.O.I.C. Lerwick).My 1515/6th. OAKLEY may be prevented by weather from
arriving Sullom Voe before Sunday, 8th. In this event or if
you are operating at sea when she arrives you should not leave
until you have turned over to OAKLEY in harbour.(2) On completion of turn over you are to sail for Aberdeen
adjusting speed so as to arrive in daylight 9th or 10th as
applicable.(A.C.O.S., 1915A/6 to CHIDDINGFOLD, (R) C. in C. H.F.,
C. in C. Rosyth, N.O.I.C. Aberdeen N.O.I.C. Lerwick).

My P.C. and S. at 2300 BXJB 54.20 310 6 knots.

(CHIDDINGFOLD, 2300A/6).

TIGRIS.

*See previous
page & above.*My 0035/2 para.1 After (A) add position
50° 14' N., 2° 15' W. Amend position (B)
to read 180° start point 29'.(S.5., 1116A/6 to C. in C. Portsmouth (R)
F.O.S. C. in C. More, F.O.I.C. Portland H.Q.C.C.,
H.Q.F.C., H.Q.B.C., C. in C. Plymouth S.3., Admty
F.O.I.C. Falmouth).

/Blockade...

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Blockade Runner. (1) Reported at 1100/6th 6000 merchant ship in 044° (7044°) 58' 005° 10' course 270° speed 12 knots proceed to intercept bombing restrictions extended.
See p. 189
 (F.O.S., 1141A/6 to UNBEATEN (R) H.Q.C.C., C. in C. Plymouth).

My 1141/6th aircraft report enemy merchant ship at 1221A 6th in 044° 46' 005° 43' Course 270° speed 10 knots.
 (F.O.(S), 1334A/6 to UNBEATEN).

My 1141. Position at 1340 044° 56' 005° 58' W. speed may be reduced.

Three aircraft strikes have been arranged in Bay of Biscay area.
 (F.O.(S) 1522A/6 to UNBEATEN).

If no contact has been made with enemy by dawn 7th November proceed to patrol vicinity of 045° 01' 007° 59'.

(F.O.C. S/Ms 2109A/6 to UNBEATEN (R) Admty. C. in C. Plymouth, H.Q.C.C.)

Cancel my 2109A/6 (Gr.32).

(F.O.S., 2256A/6 to Admty. (R) Whitehall W.T.)

Altenfiord area S/M patrol. F.O.(S) 1926/3 not to all addressees. Request you will sail:

(1) P.312 at 1500A/7th through position (A) 090° Out Skerries five miles (B) 068° 59' 008° 01' E. (C) 071° 02' 015° E. (D) 071° 15' N., 020° 01' E., thence to patrol in Russian Zone two A East of 024° E.

(2) P.216 at 1800A/7th through positions: (A) (B) and (C) thence through position (E) 070° 55' 019° 59' E. to patrol in Russian Zone two A West of 024° E.

(3) Submarines to proceed on the surface at C.O.'s discretion until position (C) thence dive by day.

(4) Repeat back positions (A) to (E).

(Capt. (S) 9 1235A/6 to S.O.(S) Lerwick, (R) H.Q.C.C., F.O.(S) A.C.O.S., C. in C. Rosyth, C. in C. Home Fleet).

Part company with F.S. LA CAPRICIEUSE when south of Sumburgh Head and proceed independently with despatch as follows A. H.M.S. Sub. P.312 through position (X) 061° 01' 000° 02' W. to patrol position 062° 30' 005° 33' E. B. H.M. Sub. P.216 through position (X) (Y) 061° 40' 004° 10' E. (Z) 062° 16' 004° 18' E. to patrol position 062° 25' 005° 08' E.

C. Object cruisers and above.

D. Submarines are to dive by day when within 60 miles of Norwegian coast.

E. Patrol Areas are divided by line 315° through position midway between patrol position.

F. Attention is called to Notice to Mariners 905 (T)/42 and A.M. Q.Z.X.471.

(F.O.C. S/Ms 1852A/6 to P.312, P.216, (R) F.S. LA CAPRICIEUSE, Admty. C. in C. H.F., A.C.O.S. Capt. (S) 3rd S.F. Capt. (S) 9th S.F. S/O S/Ms Lerwick).

Protocol. Finished.
 (N.O.I.C. Swansea 1615A/6).

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Operation "Blanket". My 1338/29/10. Add new para. 10. In event of a red warning occurring during hours of darkness, crews have been instructed to remain stopped until the "All Clear" is sounded. This does not apply between Margate and Swale Boom.
(C. in C. Nore, 1220A/6 to A.S. Chatham, Cdre Sheerness, F.O.I.C. London, N.C.S.O. Thames, R.N.O. Margate, R.N.O. Whitstable R.N.O. Gravesend, S.E.C.O. Eastco. No.1 A.A. Group, No.11 A.A. Group London District 45th Divn, 134 Brigade, Essex Sub Area, (R) C.C.O., Admty).
My 1440/6. Force "J" exercise cancelled. FERNIE remain at Yarmouth at immediate notice.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 1845/6 to X.D.O. (E))

Allied Air Operations.

Attack on blockade runner. P.C. and S. of 3 Destroyers 1 Merchant vessel Psn. 46° 10' N., 5° 59' W. course 270° speed 8 knots.
(A/C 3 R.C.F., 1610/6).
Am engaging enemy ships 3 destroyers 1 merchant vessel large.
(A/C 3 R.C.F. 1611/6).
Enemy has altered course 140°.
(A/C 3 R.C.F. 1616/6).

Enemy Air Operations.

Orkneys. Enemy A/C believed to be Ju.88 sighted over Sanday below 1000 feet proceeding south westerly.
(A.C.O.S., 1550A/6).
My 1550A/6. This Ju.88 was seen at 1548 orbiting south of Sanday at about 200 feet. It then flew S.E. plotted 5 miles south of Sumburgh at 1558. At 1603 Sumburgh saw Ju.88 plotted to north of Shetlands and away to S.E. Photographs most improbable.
(A.C.O.S., 1840A/6 to Admty).

Enemy A/C crashed. Wreckage of Ju.88 found in approx. 064° 15' N. 021° 21' W. Three bodies recovered. Presume aircraft crashed as result of damage from contact with U.S. fighter. My 1805/18th October refers.
(A.C.I.C., 2115A/6 to Admty).

Mining.

Thames Estuary. One ground mine detonated (A) 1037/5/11 by M.M.S.45 051° W., Barrow Beacon 2.6 miles. (E) Red 170° 1/4 cables. (F) On Pulse Blue to Starboard.
(Capt. M/S Sheerness 0940/6).

/HARRIER...

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Mining. - Contd.

HARRIER,
GLEANER.

HARRIER and GLEANER are not to operate north of position G.
(S.B.N.O. Archangel 1016A/6 to S.O. M/F No.4
(R) GLEANER, S.B.N.O. North Russia, Admty.
C. in C. H.F., Admiral Miles. and S.B.N.O.
North Russia, 2017A/6 to S.B.N.O. Archangel).

Enemy Intelligence.

6 M.T.Bs.

P.C. and S. of 6 enemy M.T.Bs. is 47° 4' N.,
5° 20' W., 180° 20 knots.
(172 Sqdn. 19GP 0155/6).

Blockade
Runner

P.C. and S. of one merchant vessel (6,000 tons)
44° 58' N., 5° 10' W., course 270° 12 knots.
(A/C C/S 6PRJ 1100/6).

4 M.T. Bs.

4 Motor torpedo boats bearing 300° distance 10
miles. Course 360° position 43.20 N., 54° W.
(A/C C/S 6 PRG 1111/6 to 19 Gp).
1 Merchant Vessel bearing 055° distant 7 miles
course 135, speed 11 knots. My position O.33
HYTH 62 (indecypherable)
(H.M. Ship at sea, 1810A/6 to Whitehall W/T).

U-boats.

U/B reports.

Inconclusive D/F bearings on 4412 k/cs at
2347/5 G.M.T. suggest that a U-boat may be
anywhere within 75 miles of 42° 00' N., 17° 00' W.
(D.D.I.C., 0140A/6 to Escorts of K.X.5, (R)

C. in C. W.A., F.O.C.N.A., H.Q.C.C.)

D/F bearings on 4412 k/cs at 0431Z/6 indicate U-boat any-
where within 50 miles of 45° 00' N., 11° 30' W.

(D.D.I.C., 0616A/6 to S/Ms on Patrol, South of 51° N.,
F.O.(S) H.Q.C.C.)

K.M.F.2
U/B report.

A.M. 1740A/5. There has been no subsequent
indication that shadowing continued. Admty.
appreciation is K.M.F.2 is at present clear of
shadowers.
(A.C.N.S. (H) 1020A/6 to Escorts of K.M.F.2).

Navigational.

Inshore route,
Humber to
Flamborough
Head.

Owing to the risk of collision between
independently routed ships proceeding to Humber
and H.M. Ships on passage north during the
winter months it is desired to re-introduce the
inshore route between Humber and Flamborough
Head for the use of independently routed

merchant ships
vessels.

fishing trawlers fish carriers and minor war

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- Inshore route, 2. Following route is proposed. From 53° 33' Humber to 36" N., 00° 21' 36" E. to 53° 54' 52" N., Flamborough 00° 03' 06" W., thence to No.17 Buoy. Head. Contd. Vessels proceeding between Humber and the north to proceed between H.7 buoy and 53° 39' N., 00° 15' 12" E.
3. Request lighted buoys may be established in (A) 53° 39' N. 00° 15' 12" E. (B) 53° 54' 52" N., 00° 03' 06" W.
4. This route is sufficiently far offshore to enable shipping to proceed during dark hours.
(C. in C. Nore, 1224A/6 1729A/6 to Admty).

Wick. Wick Harbour closed through weather 1430/6/11.
(R.N.O. Wick, 1435A/6).

Casualties & Defects.

PRINCE CHARLES. Admiralty's 1448A/5 not to C. in C. Portsmouth. Propose PRINCE CHARLES be sailed to reach London Graving Dock, Poplar on 16th November.
(S.O. Force J., 1108/6 to C.C.O.)

DAFFODIL, PRINCESS IRIS. Reference Admty 1128/22/10 and C.C.O. 1842/31/10 neither to all addressees. Regret that owing to weather and unforeseen delays DAFFODIL and PRINCESS IRIS may not now be available to commence refit before about 21st November.

2. C. in C. Portsmouth is requested to report earliest date when vessels may be expected at Greenock.
3. S.O.A.S.C. is requested to arrange for landing craft to be disembarked from both vessels on arrival.
(C.C.O., 1317A/6).

H.28 Commodore Londonderry 0126/5 not to all addressees. H.M. S/M H.28 can be taken in hand for permanent damage repairs by the Ardrossan Dockyard Co. Docking cannot commence until the 13th November.
(D.O.D. (H) 1449A/6).
S.7 0935A/6. It is not intended to sail H.28 for Clyde until weather moderates. Further signal will be made. My 1801A/5 refers.
(Cdre. Londonderry, 1614A/6).

X.3 F.O.S. 1844/5. Proposal approved. A.S. Portsmouth is requested to pass F.O.S. 1844/5 to C. in C. Portsmouth.
(D.O.D. (H) 1500A/6 to F.O.S.)

/NICOLENE...

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Friday.HOME COMMANDS.Casualties & Defects. - Contd.NICOLINE,
PAXIDANE.

Reference A.M.1834A/5 both these vessels were in good order when leaving Humber. Satisfactory speed trials were carried out prior to leaving. Request information as to the nature of the defects which have developed since departure.
(F.O. Humber, 2200A/6 to Admty).

Shipping & Convoys.Operation
F.B.
CHULMLEIGH.

Following has been read from CHULMLEIGH -
S O S Struck reef off South Cape Spitsbergen making water rapidly.

(A.C.I.C., 0318/6 to Admty).

Your 1957/4th. Russians have cancelled further westbound sailings. DONBASS left by Elushaya

1340A/4th but has been recalled. Admiralty pass to
H.Q.C.C.

(S.B.N.O. North Russia, 1016A/6 to Admty).

Operation EB. Admiralty's 1817/4. DALDYCH and BRIARWOOD arrived Reykjavik at 0930/6th.

(A.C.I.C., 1241A/6).

S.C.107

*See p.184*CELANDINE and ARVIDA escorting one ship
STOCKPORT, U.S. Tanker GAUCER, and U.S. Tugs

*PUSSACUR and UNCA from S.C.107. Boom at 0400Z/

6 060° (905') N., 029° 17' W. 060° 9.5 knots.

Ships have approx. 500 survivors and 10 cot cases. Details later. E.T.A. Reykjavik 1800Z/7th weather report 5872 3353.

(CELANDINE, 0415Z/6 to A.C.I.C.(R) Admty. C. in C. W.A.,
C.T.24 C.T.24.7 C.T.24.6, Connav). **not identified*

A.T.28

My 0456/28/10. Para. 3. Embarkation has been delayed by one day.

(D.S.T., 0442A/6 to P.S.T.O. Scottish Ports).

W.S.25 P.

My 0312/31/Oct. not to D.S.T.O. Belfast.

Following amendments to embarkation programme of W.S.25 P are notified.

(D.S.T., 0443A/6).

K.M.S.3

Your 1715A/5 Para. (1) arrived Clyde.

(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 0844A/6 to C. in C. W.A.)

Terminal
of E.N./W.N.
Convoys.1. Loch Ewe will replace Oban as terminal of
E.N./W.N. convoys.

2. E.N.59 is to run to Loch Ewe.

3. W.N. 59 will run from Loch Ewe.

5. Reversion to previous route will be ordered by signal. For present Oban route as far as applicable is to be followed.

(C. in C. Rosyth, 1011A/6).

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K.M.S.3. (A) 8 M.T. Vessels. (B) 1130A/6th until 0730A/7. (C) 2. (D) 1130A/6th Bar L.V. Standard route to Clyde E.T.A. 0730A/7th. (E) 500 k/cs Conshore. (F) Empire I. (G) $9\frac{1}{2}$ knots. (N.O.I.C. Liverpool, 1052A/6 to A.O.C. No.9 Group A.O.C. No. 13 Group, R.A.F. Northern Ireland. (R) F.C.H.Q., N.O.I.C. Belfast Admty. C. in C. W.A., F.O.I.C. Greenock).
R/V 270° Skerryvore 10 miles at 1600Z/9th Nov. R/V 1200Z/10th 055° 40' N., 011° 36' W. R/V 1200Z/11 054° 32' N. 016° 19' W.

(N.C.S.O. Clyde, 1110A/6 to N.C.S.O. Loch Ewe, N.C.S.O. Mersey (Liverpool) (R) Admty. C. in C. Western Approaches F.O.I.C. Greenock).

(A) 5 M.T. Vessel. (B) 1230A/6th until 0830A/7th. (C) 11 (D) 1230A/6th Bar L.V. standard route to Clyde E.T.A. 0830A/7th. (E) 500 K/cs Conshore. (F) Empire 2. (G) $9\frac{1}{2}$ knots. (N.O.I.C. Liverpool, 1230A/6 to A.O.C. No. 9 Group, A.O.C. No. 13 Group, R.A.F. Northern Ireland, (R) F.C.H.Q., N.O.I.C., Belfast, Admty. C. in C. W.A., F.O.I.C. Greenock).

K.M.S.3. Intend to sail MYOSOTIS escorting 3 merchant ships 1200A/7th for R/V 270° Skerryvore 10 miles in accordance with C. in C. W.A. 1018/1st para. 3 balance being ships delayed from my 1558/4th E.T.A. R/V 1700A/8th. S. of A. $8\frac{1}{2}$ knots. Codeword "Funnel". Help call on 385 k/cs Mail for MYOSOTIS to continue at Liverpool.

(N.O.I.C. Liverpool, 1242A/6 to C. in C. W.A., (R) N.O.I.C. Greenock, N.O.I.C. Londonderry, MYOSOTIS, BLACK SWAN, C. in C. H.F., C.C.H.Q., C.T.G.24.7 F.C.H.Q., Capt. (D) Liverpool, Admty. N.O.I.C. Belfast).

K.M.S.3. Request fighter protection. (A) 3 Merchant ships escorted by one corvette (B) Rock Light 1030A/7th to Skerryvore 1700A/8th (c) 2 (d) Normal E.T.D. Bar L.V. 1030A Monday to R/V 270° Skerryvore 10 miles 1700A/8th. (E) 385 k/cs Conshore (F) Funnel (G) 8. knots at R/V Funnel Becomes Redbreast.

(N.O.I.C. Liverpool, 1244A/6 to H.Q.19 Group, H.Q.13 Group F.C.H.Q., R.A.F., Northern Ireland (R) Admty. C. in C. W.A., N.O.I.C. Belfast, N.O.I.C. Greenock BLACK SWAN, MYOSOTIS, C.C.H.Q.)

My 1738/5th. All Liverpool ships sailed Clyde today except JAMES MONROE who will be sailing in company EMPIRE FOAM escorted by MYOSOTIS November 7th to R/V off Skerryvore.

(N.O.I.C. Liverpool, 1503A/6).

My 1242/6th and 1244/6. Reduce number of merchant ships from 3 to 2 and in my 1244/6th para. (d) amend E.T.D. Bar L.V. from 1030A/7th to 1200A/7th MYOSOTIS will be supplied with copy A.M. 2303/1.

(N.O.I.C. Liverpool, 1512A/6 to as formers).

Sailing postponed 24 hours. Amend R/V given in A.M.2303/1 to read A. 270°. Oversay 6 miles at 0900Z/9.

2. Loch Ewe and Liverpool ships which cannot be sailed to Clyde in time for convoy conference should be sailed to new R/V accordingly.

(D.O.D. (M) 1835A/6 to C. in C. W.A., F.O.I.C. Greenock, F.O.I.C. Liverpool N.O.I.C. Loch Ewe (R) N.C.S.O. Clyde, N.C.S.O. Mersey, N.C.S.O. Aultbea, Com. Londonderry H.Q.C.C., C. in C. H.F., F.O.C.N.A., H.Q.F.C.)

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K.M.S.3
Contd. A.M. 1331/30 October. Para. 1 Section G.
Delete the words "Also one or two oilers".
Add CARDIUM.
2. N.O.I.C. Loch Ewe is requested to sail CARD-
IUM as requisite to join convoy at Oversay R/V.
(D.O.D. (H) 1847A/6 to C. in C. W.A., N.O.I.C. Loch Ewe,
N.C.S.O. Aultbea).
K.M.S.3. Intend sailing convoy first ship passing Clyde
Boom 1430A/8 to R/V with Liverpool and Loch Ewe portions at
1000A/9th in 270° Oversay 6 miles thence in accordance with
A.M. 2303A/1 Codeword Redbreast.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock, 2244A/6 to Admty (R) C. in C. W.A.,
C. in C. H.F., N.O.I.C. Liverpool, N.O.I.C. Aultbea, F.O.C.N.A.,
H.Q.C.C., A.O.C.15th Group C.C.)

Instructions for neutral merchant ships etc. As from 0001/15 A.M. 2108A/20/2 amended by A.M. 2125A/29/9 latter not to all addressees, is cancelled. Neutral merchant ships (other than those sailing in British or U.S. Convoys or employed in the coasting trade between U.K. ports) British deep-sea fishing vessels and all foreign fishing vessels arriving in the U.K. must, before proceeding to their destinations, call at one of the following ports for search:-
St. Helens Roads for Portsmouth or Southampton. Falmouth or Weymouth for all other South Coast Ports.
Milford Haven for Milford Haven. Fishguard for Port Talbot and Bristol Channel ports to the westward thereof except Milford Haven and for Fishguard.
Barry Roads for Bristol Channel ports eastward of Port Talbot.
Fleetwood for Fleetwood, Heysham, Barrow and Millom.
Workington for Cumberland ports except Millom.
Brodict Bay for Ayr. Troon, Irvine and Ardrossan Holyhead, Rothesay or Belfast for all other West coast or Northern Ireland ports.
Rothesay for East Coast ports (other than for fishing vessels) Thurso (Kirkwall if weather is unsuitable) or Scalloway, Shetlands for fishing vessels proceeding to East Coast Ports.
(D. of L.D., 1255A/6 to A.I.G. 12 and 19 A.C.I.C.)

K.X.6 Sailed H.M.S. HYDERABAD, HONEYSUCKLE, OXLIP, Codeword "Princess" in accordance with C. in C. W.A., 1524A/31/10 not to all addressees.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 1924A/6 to F.O.I.C. Milford Haven, (R) C. in C. W.A., Admty. R.A.(M) Capt. (D) Greenock, F.Os. in Charge Belfast, Liverpool)

Depth charges. Until a satisfactory stowage has been devised the number of depth charges embarked in tankers for supply to escorts is to be limited to the number which can in the opinion of the Master be safely stowed with existing facilities.
(D.T.D., 2018A/6 to F.O.I.C. Greenock, B.R.L.O. New York).

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Convoy
K.MF.3

The following ships will be ready to leave U.K.
on 13th November:-

Clyde Section A. STRATHAIRD, EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA,
STRATHALLAN, BERGENSFIORD, WINDSOR CASTLE,
NEA HELLAS, DUCHESS OF YORK, LEOPOLDVILLE, ORONTES

STAFFORDSHIRE, ORION, SCYTHIA, COAMO.

Section O. MARIPOSA, RANGITIKI, VILLE D'ANVERS.

Liverpool Section A. CHRISTIAN HUYGENS.

Section O. ESPERANCE BAY, ANDES.

2. All ships have a speed of 15 knots except ESPERANCE BAY
14½ knots and RANGITIKI 14 knots.

3. Escort will be provided by (a) 42nd Escort Group. WESTON
WELLINGTON, FOLKESTONE, TOTLAND, GORLESTON, (b) *AZALEA and
WAVENEY.

4. Admiralty will promulgate route.

* see p. 193

5. F.O.I.C. Greenock is requested to convene convoy
conference a.m./13th November.

6. C. in C. W.A. is requested (a) to provide escorts as in
para. 3 (a). (b). To arrange sailing of Clyde and Liverpool
portions to R/V off Oversay.

(D.O.D. (H), 2041A/6).

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U/B by D/F. A.M. 2246A/5. Further bearings give position of U-boat as anywhere within 90 miles of 33° 30' N. 23° 00' W.
(D.D.I.C. 0402A/6 to F.O.C.N.A.)

Operation "Torch". T.C.A.11. 1 (a) 3rd June a.m. and p.m.
(b) 4 H. (c) W A W R 2. 3rd June p.m.
(b) 1 C (c) W F.
(N.C.X.F. 0728A/6 to F.O.H. (R) ARGUS, K.M.S.I.A. K.M.S.I.O.)

You should be escorting TON 2 Serial 61 who will be patrolling within 25 miles of position HH (see TON 1 Appendix A.M.O. B). Proceed to this position at best speed and search. If serial 61 is not found by sunset tonight Friday it is important that you should remain within 8 miles of coast of Spain until dawn 7th Nov. to be in harbour at 1000A/7th.

(F.O.C.N.A. 0740A/6 to LOUISBURG.)

"Torch" 797 N.C. L" paras 6 and 7 not held by all S/Ms. P.54 and URSULA are to proceed to dive by day after daylight D day to vicinity position 036° 38' N. 002° 20' W. 037° 59' 000° 20' W. respectively to arrive about 1200Z/25th 2300Z respectively on D day. Submerged bombing restriction will be arranged accordingly.

(Capt. (S) 8 1002A/6 to 8th S/M F. (R) N.C.X.F., N.C.C.N.T.F.)

AVENGER. One Swordfish arrived.
(F.O.C.N.A. 0900A/6 to AVENGER.)

2 French S/Ms. 2 French submarines escorted by surface vessels passed Straits eastbound today.
(Capt. (S) 8 0910A/6 to STURGEON.)

U/B reports & attacks. Am over enemy S/M in 36° 48' N. 0° 9' W. Enemy S/M previously reported was sighted on surface and observed to submerge, when first sighted was on course 136° speed 12 knots.
(A/C C/S TRIV 0925/6.)

Have attacked enemy with depth charges.
(A/C C/S TRIV 0935/6.)

Am over enemy S/M in position 36° 30' N. 0° 2' W. S/M previously reported was on surface, when first sighted was on course 270° speed 6 knots.

(A/C C/S TRIT 0927/6.)

Have attacked enemy S/M with depth charges. S/M has dived in 36° 30' N. 0° 2' W.

(A/C C/S TRIT 0944/6.)

Enemy submarine previously reported has surfaced and subsequently observed to submerge.

(A/C C/S TRIT 1015/6.)

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U/B reports & attacks (contd.) Am over submarine in 37° 24' N. 1° 26' E. Submarine was previously sighted on surface and observed to submerge. When first sighted was on course 245° speed 15 knots. (A/C C/S TRIV 1036/6, 1037/6.)
Have attacked enemy with bombs dive. (A/C C/S TRIV 1045/6.)
Enemy S/M previously reported has surfaced. Was previously sighted on surface and observed to submerge. (A/C C/S TRIV 1115/6.)

U/B reports & attacks. GFG V UAZC. Am over enemy S/M in position 36° 42' N. 0° 37' W. Enemy previously reported was sighted on surface and observed to submerge when first sighted was on course 270° estimated speed 8 knots. (A/C UAZC 1400Z/6 to G.F.G.)
Am over enemy submarine in position 36° 42' N. 0° 37' W. enemy submarine sighted on surface and observed to submerge course 270 speed 8. (A/C C 1400Z/6.)
Am over enemy S/M in 36° 30' N. 0° 30' W. enemy S/M sighted on surface and observed to submerge course 270 speed 8. (A/C 2 1440/6.)
Am over enemy submarine in 38° 20' N. 2° 30' E. Previously sighted on surface and observed to submerge. Course 210° 10 knots. (A/C C/S 772A 1503/6.)
Have attacked enemy S/M with depth charges. S/M has device in position C.Z.J.T. 2030. (A/C C/S UAIA 1520A/6.)
Am over enemy submarine in 36° 10' W. 3° 19' W. Enemy previously reported was sighted on surface and observed to submerge. When first sighted was on course 090° speed 8 knots. (UAIC 1525/6 to G.F.G.)
Have attacked enemy with bombs level estimate no hits. (A/C C/S UA3A 1625A/6.)
Am over enemy S/M in position 37° 33' N. 0° 33' E. course 472° 2 knots. (A/C C/S UAIA No T.O.O/6.)

COWSLIP.

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Your 0915A/6th my 2 Z 5th refers. My P.C. and S. at 0900Z 034° 25' N. (?012°) 30' W. 075° 8 knots amended ?E.T.A. 0900Z/8th. (COWSLIP 0930Z/6 to F.O.C.N.A.)

K.X.5.

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Admty. 1827/26th Oct. not to all addressees. Convoy K.X.5 is to proceed to Gibraltar at full speed on route ordered. BLEAN is to report E.T.A. Gibraltar. (N.C.X.F. 1105/6 to Escort K.X.5, (R) Escort, K.M.S. 2 K.M.F. 2, F.O.C.N.A., Admty.)

Detach FLAMINIAN and VOLTURNA for Lisbon (Lisboa) escorted by one trawler who is to escort to limit of territorial waters then proceed at best speed to Gibraltar. (F.O.C.N.A. 1633A/6 to Escort K.X.5 for Commodore.)

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- K.M.F.2. Your 1832/5th not to F.O.C.N.A. C. in C. W.A., C. in C. H.F. Intend sailing *ESCAPADE to join K.M.F.2 tomorrow 7th. If 3 Hunts with K.M.S.2 have been able to fuel at sea intend to send (?3) to K.M.F.2 as soon as K.M.S.2 has passed concentration of submarines now apparent in St. Vincent Cape Area.
(N.C.X.F. 1107A/6 to Admty. (R) F.O.C.N.A., C. in C. W.A., C. in C. H.F.)
** see next page (2.1.8 up.)*
- CLYDE. Admty. 1345A/5th. Request you will sail CLYDE as in S.10 L.B.C. 11 para 42.
(N.C.X.F. 1138A/6 to V.A. Malta (R) Capt. (S) 1, Capt.(S) 8, Capt.(S) 10, Admty., C. in C. Med. F.O.C.N.A., F.O.S.)
- S/M reports. Submarine seen on surface 20 miles west of Trafalgar Cape course south east 1045 G.M.T. today A.1.
(N.A. Lisbon 1209/6 to S.O.(I) Gib.)
- ARCOLA. Following received from ARCOLA. Confirm. Am returning by reverse route as used on passage to Las Palmas.
(Gibraltar W/T 1220/6.)
- Blockade breaker. At 1100A/6 aircraft reported 1 merchant vessel (6000 tons) in 44° 58' 05" 10' W. Co. 270°. (D.D.I.C. 1240A/6 to F.O.C.N.A., F.O.S., C. in C. Plymouth, H.Q.C.C., Force Q.)
- GRYFEVALE. In view of great improvement in water situation at Gib. please hold GRYFEVALE in readiness to come to Gib. if and when required. (2) N.C.X.F. concur. (F.O.C.N.A. 1245Z/6 to R.A.W. Af.)
- Enemy Resistance. To be decyphered by Officer specially detailed by you. Latest reliable information indicates likelihood that full Army and Air Force resistance may be of minor nature only. Naval resistance is however expected to be strong. This particularly applies at Oran where the area is primarily under naval control; coast defences in French territory are usually Naval manned. (2) Coast defences or ships opening fire must be dealt with promptly and vigorously but fire should cease when resistance has stopped and the greatest discretion exercised in fire on other shore targets.
(N.C.X.F. 1301A/6 to S.O. Force H., N.C.E.N.T.F., C.N.T.F., W.N.T.F., R.A.(A))

/Messages ...

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Messages. Following for Army and Air Commanders from
 Z Time C. in C. Effective at once. All addresses
 to be used. and signatures on messages in operation "Torch"
 (from Eisenhower to all Task Force Commanders,
 C.G. Eastern Assault Force C.M.A. A.O.C. Eastern
 Air Command, C.G. 12th Air Force) will be buried in body of
 messages and will not be shown in clear P.D. Effective 0001Z
 Nov. 8th. Z time only will be used in all messages and time
 will be followed by Suffix Z.
 (N.C.X.F. 1315A/6 to N.C.W.N.T.F., N.C.C.N.T.F., N.C.E.N.T.F.)

Enemy Air K.156 TON 1 appendix 2. Little change in
 Forces. French and Italian Air Forces. German long range
 bombers/ torpedo aircraft in Sicily and Sardinia
 probably considerably increased.
 2. K.146 and K.147 are Basegram.
 (N.C.X.F. 1331A/6 to S. and A. "Torch", All
 British S. and A. concerned in Operation "Torch".)

Situation For Area X. Position 2001A/5th.
 Report. TRIBUNE 039° 55' 011° 18' on surface through 039°
 01' 011° 01' thence 145° 10.

2. U.S. S/M SHAD patrol off Mehedia.
3. U.S. S/M GUNNEL patrol off Fedala.
4. U.S. S/M HERRING patrol off Casablanca.
5. U.S. S/M BARB patrol off Safi.
6. U.S. S/M BLACKFISH patrol off Dakar.
7. GUARDIAN, CYCLAMEN, ARMERIA 31.58 14.48 through 34 (?34)
11.58 thence 327° 11.
8. BURDOCK 28.19 15.52 through 27.42 16.39 to 25.04 19.11 thence
177 12.
9. JURA, RUSKHOLM, PORT STANLEY, 1 motor vessel 038° 20' 009°
02' coastwise to Cape St. Vincent thence direct to Gibraltar 8.
10. COLTSFOOT 036° 10' 018° 20' to R/V with K.M.S. 2 14.
11. Spanish training ship JUAN SEBASTIAN DE ELCANO (2 corrupt
groups) in area between Canary Islands and Point 036° 01' 30° 02'.
12. K.M.F. O. one AURORA, JAMAICA, ABERDEEN, WISHART, WESTCOTT,
VERITY, VELOX, BITER, SWALE, EXE, 35.56. 06.10 through 180°
Tarifa? four thence 071° 12.
13. WALNEY, HARTLAND 35.56 06.08 to Gibraltar 15.
14. (?U) G.F. one 34.32 14.07 082° 12 $\frac{1}{2}$.
15. K.X. five GLAISDALE, *BLEAN, five corvettes, four trawlers
39.43 14.54 through 38.55 14.40 thence 034° seven. * see p. 196
16. K.M.S.2, LONDONDERRY, ESKDALE, ALBRIGHTON, H.M.S. CLEVELAND,
6 sloops, 2 cutters, 3 corvettes 36 (?10) 17.53 through 36.15
15° 02' thence 091° 6.
17. NORFOLK, CUMBERLAND, ONSLOW, ORIBI, OFFA cruising north and
east 238.35.01 24.01.
18. JAUNTY, LEYLAND, 2 M/Vs in tow 34.35 11.39 075° 5.
19. COWSLIP (E) 34.45 10.55 075° 8. see p. 196.
20. K.M.F.2, PELICAN, 3 sloops, 2 cutters 44.25 23.19° 125° 11 1/3.
see p. 154
21. ESCAPADE 036° 25' 007° 25' 109° 15. see previous page.
22. 1 trawler, 2 merchant ships 39° 50' 14° 43 direct to Lisbon,
7.

(F.O.C.N.A. 1333A/6, 0337A/7.)
 My 1333/6th. Add new para 23. VENOMOUS off Spartel
 through 35.40 06.30 and 35.45 10.02 thence 236 15. see next page
 (F.O.C.N.A. 1733A/6.)

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Casablanca. C.B. 4096 E Casablanca Part 6 page 9. Credible report states concrete blocks of 3 tons sunk in harbour entrance reducing width to 300 feet. Full details not reported. (N.C.X.F. 1342/6 to W.N.T.F.)

C.F.7, Sail at 1700Z/6th to R/V with convoy C.F.7 in
 ** → *VENOMOUS. 29.03 N. 21.48 W. at 1200Z/9th Nov. and escort
 *VINDICTIVE and *HECLA to Gibraltar. **MARNE will
 * See previous page (23.7.42) be sailed later to join you. Pass through
 position (A) 35.40 N. 06.30 W. and (B) 35.45 N. 10.02 W.
 Thence direct to R/V, S.O.A. 15 knots. Last Q.K.A. message was
 73.
 (N.C.X.F. 1346A/6 to VENOMOUS (R) Admty., N.C.W.N.T.F.,
 F.O.C.N.A. Capt.(S) 8, R.A. W.A., C. in C. W.A., VINDICTIVE,
 HECLA, C.S.15.) x p. 205. (Disposition)

Dakar P.R.U. Dakar 0808Z/6th Nov. One cruiser has
 R/C. moved to outer harbour, one submarine has sailed,
 one Elan class has arrived. Some smoke coming
 from French Battleship RICHELIEU and French S/M
 Parent ship JULES VERNE. Admiralty pass to addressees of my
 2337Z/3rd.
 (R.A.W.A. 1547Z/6 to Admty.) Passing action taken in W.R.

Force Q. D/F Bearings on 11068 k/cs at 1214Z indicate
 U-Boat may be in vicinity of Force Q.
 (D.D.I.C. 1610A/6 to Force Q., F.O.C.N.A.,
 N.C.X.F., (R) R.A.W.A.F., Cominch.)

ENTF German aircraft have reported sighting a large
 sighted. Naval formation off Cape De Gata.
 (N.C.X.F. 1610A/6 to N.C.E.N.T.F. (R) S.O.
 Force H, R.A.A.H.F., N.C.C. N.T.F.)

TASAJERA, To avoid U-Boat sighted in 36° 10' N. 03° 19' W.
 GERANIUM. alter course forthwith to pass through position
 J J thence to R/V as previously ordered by
 N.C.C.T.F.
 (N.C.X.F. 1647A/6 to TASAJERA, GERANIUM, (R)
 SPIREA, ULSTER MONARCH, N.C.C.T.F., N.C.E.T.F.)

→ MARNE, Proceed at 0800Z/7th to comply with my 1346A/6th.
 S. of A. 18 knots. (?Convoy moving) (?as follows
 from) (c) 23.22 N. 20.40 W. to (d) 30.01 N.
 21.59 W. S. of A. 12½ knots.
 (N.C.X.F. 1706A/6 to MARNE, (R) Admty., N.C.W.N.T.F.
 F.O.C.N.A. Capt.(S) 8, R.A.W.F., C. in C. W.A.
 VINDICTIVE, HECLA, VENOMOUS.)

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Special U/B estimate. Admiralty recypher and pass to Task Force 34.11. 4 vicinity 34 N. 23 W. from numerous D/Fs.
 Weather One refuelling sub estimated same area. Possibly 3 N.W. Canary Islands. Possibly 3 North Cape Verde Islands refuelling sub believed same area.
 Forecast. 3 off Dakar. 8 estimated Lisbon to Casablanca not recently located, one locality 38 N. 10 W. by D/F 0613Z/6. 1 Italian 35 N. 14.30 W. by poor D/F 0037Z/6. 3 patrolling area N. of Madeira. 4 estimated N.E. Azores. 3 Southbound area 39 N. 14 W. 2 Northbound 17 N. 22 W. 34 N. 21 W. D/F activity moderate during last 24 hours with 6 transmissions. Atlantic Coast Morocco weather Friday and Saturday. Mostly cloudy becoming partly cloudy. Occasional light rain. Visibility 12 miles. Northerly winds 14 knots gradually decreasing. Sea moderate. Swell northwest long moderate. Azores 1200Z Friday. Sea slight to moderate. Swell long low from north east with underlying south southwest two feet period 8 seconds. West north-west winds 30 knots from Labrador to long. 20. Weather coast of Morocco next five days. Mostly fair but partly cloudy to cloudy with scattered showers the first 2 days and again about Tuesday or Wednesday. Winds will be mostly moderate. Fresh at times. Probable directions variable becoming southwest Saturday. Southwest Sunday. Northwest becoming variable Monday. Variable on Tuesday becoming southwest on Wednesday. Cyclonic storm with strong northwest winds centred Iceland area moving east about Wednesday. Tropical storm northeast of Newfoundland Wednesday. (Cominch 1709/6 to Admty.)
 Passing action being taken by W.R.

FRESNEL,
ACTÉON.

K.158. French S/Ms FRESNEL and ACTÉON escorted by one destroyer passed through straits eastbound at 1025Z/6th destination unknown.
 (N.C.X.F. 1721A/6 to All British S. and A. concerned in operation "Torch", V.A. Malta.)

Air R/C.

Following graded A.1. Eight Ju.88 active on sea R/C Western Mediterranean. At 1335 one aircraft in 036° 17' N. 001° 32' W. reported three units. At 1525 one aircraft reported landing at Algiers. Times G.M.T.
 (V.A. Malta 1756A/6 to N.C.X.F. (R) C. in C. Med. Admty., C.O.I.S. Alexandria.)

JAUNTY.

Commences 0845Z speed 2 to 3 knots sea moderate wind North East 4.
 (JAUNTY 1845A/6 to F.O.C.N.A.)

/NIMBLE ...

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NIMBLE. Your 1221/4. Tug NIMBLE is the only available vessel likely to suit your requirements and she will be sailed with K.X.6 on 8th Nov.
2. Request you will sail MASTADONTE for U.K. on completion of repairs.
(D.O.D.(H) 1851A/6 to N.C.X.F. 65 (R) F.O.C.N.A.)

Tankers. Your 1723/29 and 1538/28. ESSO GETTYSBURG completed discharge. Have space for one tanker. Propose to discharge NORLYS and retain CLIONA. Request destination NORLYS.
(V.A.C.N.A. 1902A/6 to Admty.)
Reply: 1720/7.

U/B
UTMOST. R/C shows U-Boat in position 036° 20' N. 018° 00' E. at 1752A (?6th) course 310° 10 knots.
p. 210 UTMOST move to 37.53 N. 15.44 E. by 0700/7th Nov.
(Capt. S.10 1916A/6 to UNA, UTMOST (R) C. in C. X.F., C. in C. Med. Fleet, Capt. (S) 1.)

French shipping. Gibraltar 1412. Armed trawler*LA SETOISE, SS AEEN, CARTHAGE, both full, ERIDAN, laden, MONTAIGNE light, barrels and cattle, Trawler CAPITAINE ARMAND, eastbound.
p. 204 (S.O.(I) Gibraltar 1945A/6 to Admty.)
** see next page*

P.217. Cancel para 1 of my 1836/5. (2) P.217 is to proceed to waiting position in the vicinity of 043° 01' 006° 59' E.
(3) P.217 may encounter P.222 and P.219.
(4) Further instructions for P.217 follow.
(Capt. (S) 8 1958A/6 to 8th S/M F.)

Operation "Torch". K.159. S.Os must ensure that ships in company are in possession of essential information transmitted by W/T. It is clear to me that insufficient efforts are being made by ships to obtain by V/S from ships in company messages they have missed.
(N.C.X.F. 2012A/6 to All British S. and A. concerned in Operation "Torch", V.A. Malta.)

Air R/C Report. My 1756/6th. Following Grade A.1. Between 1330 and 1515 reports were made of large numbers of ships in positions between 036° 31' N. and 036° 15' N. and between 001° 28' W. and 002° 15' W. Times G.M.T. C. in C. Med. pass to Capt. on Staff Alexandria.
(V.A. Malta 2034A/6 to N.C.X.F., (R) C. in C. Med. Admty., Capt. on Staff Alexandria.)
W.R. Note.- Repetition of enemy aircraft on sea reconnaissance.

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Casablanca WX.4973. PRU/GIB/W1/6/11. GIB/G1/6/11. Sortie R/C. G219 dated Nov. 6 time 1200 hours shows:-

Casablanca. Since 14th Oct. naval shipping shows decrease of one LA GALISSONNIERE CR two ELAN Evs, two REDOUBTABLE S/Ms, three S/Ms 200/220 and one probable auxiliary 200/250 and increase of one Naval unit 210 approx. Total now present comprises B.S. *JEAN, BART with? booms? in position one DUGUAY TROUIN Cr. one GUEPARD Ct. one CASSARD Ct. one FANTASQUE Ct. seven ALCYON or SIMOUN (?and) one ELAN Ev, two REDOUBTABLE, one S/M 200/220 on patrol vessel 215, one naval unit 210 (?approx) probable S/M Chaser FLEE Oiler. ELORN Type Fleet oiler, probably ADOUR type and seven small auxiliaries. The CASSARD Ct. is (?outside) harbour entrance and one of REDOUBTABLE S/Ms in in large floating dock. Merchant. 13 M/Vs 200/500 including one cargo liner present compared with 19 M/Vs 250/500 including 5 cargo liners on 14th October. Departures include JAMAIQUE type liner. Port Lyautey/Kenitra A/D. Part cover only shows hangar. One large 5 probable Glen Martin 167 F 3 medium and 10 small A/C visible. Rabat A/D part cover 3 medium A/C visible. * See next page (P.R.U. Gib. 2045Z/6 to Admty. etc.) 7p. 304

Enemy Admiralty re-encypher and transmit to T.F.34 Policy less T.G.34.11. for information. Ambassador and Hayes at Madrid reports on Nov. 3rd that late in Intelligence. October Germany requested permission to send an army across Spain if Allied nations commenced operations in Morocco. Oss at Vichy reports that German officers and men in unoccupied France have told people at divergent places that they are awaiting Allied operations in Northwest Afrida and that they will occupy Mediterranean coast of France as soon as Allied landing is announced. Amcon Dakar reported 4th Nov. that 4 or 6 French submarines arrived 3rd Nov. including VESTALE, PERLE, SULTANE and ATALANTE escorted by P.G. COMMANDER SOMBAMBORY. Amcon Dakar also reported 4th Nov. that submarines CENTAURE and ARGO still present. Amcon Casablanca reported 5th Nov. that following French M/Vs departed 3rd Nov. for Dakar. GABRIEL GUISTHAU, FORT DE VAUX, CEPHEE, GROIX, OUED FEZ and INEDE BRENAT escorted by ASPIRANT BRUN. CEPHEE carried 47 7 ton Renault tanks. Amcon Casablanca reported 5th Nov. that Spanish CASTILLO GIBALFARO departed 30th October for Spain carrying phosphates and that Portuguese FOCA arrived 1st Nov. from Lisbon carrying lumber. Amcon Casablanca reported 3rd Nov. OUED TIFLET arrived 29th October from Port Lyautey, MONTAIGNE, GABRIEL GUISTHAU, AGEN and CARTHAGE arrived 1st Nov. from Dakar escorted by HIPPOPOTAME and that LIEUTENANT DE LA TOUR, GROIX and Trawler CAPITAIN FAGNET arrived 2nd Nov. from Marseille escorted by *P.C. SETOISE, and that PONTET CANET departed 27th October for Safi and Spanish SAC IV departed 28th October for Carthage with phosphate. Neutral merchant ships in area 30.36 N. 05.20 W. at 1200Z/6 CAMPOAMOY Spanish 34.50 N. 13.35 W. 260/10. ZORROZA Spanish 34.40 N. 16.50 W. 230/10. CAMPOMANES Spanish 33.00 N. 20.30 W. 265/11 and in area 35/42 N. 30.47 W. SANTI Spanish 35.05 N. 32.50 W. 270/9. TEMMAREN, BALBOA and SATURNUS all Swedish 37.30 N. 45.00 W. 180/14. KAIOSOS Swiss 35.25 N. 36.00 W. 267/11. AMARANTE Portuguese 35.00 N. 37.15 W. 090/8. LUANGO Portuguese 35.00 N. 40.00 W. 090/8. YARRAWONGA and AKKA Swedish 39.05 N. 42.00 W. 295/12.

* See Memo page /LOBITO ...

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Enemy Policy & Intelligence (contd.) LOBITO Portuguese 35.00 N. 46.40 W. 090/8. Pass to appropriate Army Commands. (C. in C. U.S. Fleet 2046/6 to Admty.) Passing action being taken by W.R.

Gibraltar Air Report. Opsum for 24 hours ended 1800 hours 6/11. (1) A/S escorts all Catalinas 1 to K.M.S. 1A 1 to KMFIA 2 to UGFl 1 to KMS10 1 to KMF10 72 hours A/S sweeps 1 Cat. CLA 3° east to 6° E. 15 hours 30' (9 or 8 cpt.) Hudsons to east 50 hours, 10 Hudsons to west 62 hours 40'. 8 Swordfish to east 30 hours, 1 Hudson U-Boat hunt 6 hours, 1 Hudson met, flight 9 hrs. U-Boat sightings all by Hudsons. LBXP 4851 at 0935 hours attacked. LBXP 3058 at 0927 hours attacked, XTNV 2426 at 1037 hours attacked with 1 bomb. LBXP 4223 at 1400 hours not attacked. LBXP 2030 at 1440 hours not attacked. CZJT 2030 at 1520 hours attacked. LBYG 1041 at 1525 hours not attacked. LBXP 3055 at 1530 hours attacked. XTCP 3333 at 1624 hours not attacked. (W.D. Note.- Lb = 36° N., XP = 1° W. X.T = 37° N. N.V. = 1° E. C.Z. = 38° W., J.T. = 2° E. Y.G = 4° W. C.P = 00° E. or W.)

(2) No enemy activity over Rock.

(3) Photo R/C Oran and Algiers 5/11 unsuccessful weather, 1 Mosquito Oran and Algiers 6/11 4 hours 30 mins. 1 Spitfire Casablanca 6/11 3 hours 30 mins. recco. of Casablanca since 14 Oct. decrease in naval shipping of 1 LA GALISSONNAIRE C/R, 2 ELAN EVS, 2 REDOUBTABLE S/MS, 3 S/MS 200/220 1 probable auxiliary 200 and increase 1 naval unit 210 approx. total now present Bs. JEAN BART, 1 DUGUAY TROUIN CR, 1 GUEPARD CT, 1 CASSARD CT, 1 FANTASQUE CT, 7 ALCYON or SIMOUN DRS. 1 ELAN EV, 2 REDOUBTABLE S/MS, 1 S/M, 200-220 1 P/V 215 1 probable S/M Chaser 210 approx. Fleet Oiler ELORN, Type Fleet Oiler probably ~~ADOUR~~ type, and 7 small auxiliaries, 13 M/Vs. 200/500 including 1 cargo liner present. Port Lyautey/Kenitra A/D part cover only shows hanger 1? Large 5 probable Glenn Martin 167 FS, 3 medium and 10 small aircraft visible. Rabat A/D part cover 3 medium aircraft visible.

(4) Transit aircraft in 1 D.C.3, 1 Fortress, 1 Catalina, 10 Hudsons, 1 Beaufort, 10 Spitfires from U.K. 1 Sunderland from Bathurst, out, 1 D.C.3 3 Fortresses, 1 C.47 to U.K. 5 Spitfires, 1 Liberator to Malta.

(H.Q. R.A.F. Gib. 2300Z/6.) *See previous page 4 p. 204*

Air Programme. A.C.402 6/11. Programme for Nov. 7. 1 Catalina A/S escort KMSIA dawn to dusk, 1 Catalina each A/S escort to KMSIO KMFIA KMF 10 KMS2 USF I all dawn to dusk, 1 Catalina all A/S patrol from 0300 E 0300/2100 5 Hudsons on FP 2 4 6 8 10 A.M. and P.M. 4 Swordfish A/S patrol to Alqoran Island A.M. and P.M. 2 Mosquito P.R.U. Toudon over target 1000/7 and 1500/7. 1 Catalina special sortie A.M. 1 Catalina anti-shipping cross-over 40 - 42° N. 3 - 6° W. 1400 - 0800/8, 4 Hudsons A/S sweep east A.M. and P.M. 1 P.R.U. sortie Casablanca Oran Algiers. (H.Q. R.A.F. Gib. 2315A/6 to H.Q.C.C. (R) A.L.O. Admty.)

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R/C of Italian Ports. Photographic R/C p.m. 5th shows Taranto, 2 S/Ms departed. Brindisi 2 destroyers arrived. Navarino 5 destroyers departed. Messina 2 destroyers departed 3 S/Ms arrived. Naples 2 destroyers arrived 1 S/M departed. Palermo anchoring 1 destroyer. Genoa 2nd Nov. 1 destroyer 2 S/Ms arrived. Dakar 0808/6th 1 S/M departed. Casablanca 1200/6th 6 S/Ms departed. (N.C.X.F. 2332A/6 to "Torch" Naval Forces negative W.N.T.F.)

R/C of Casablanca French S/Ms. Photographic R/C Casablanca 1200/6th*JEAN BART one 6-inch cruiser, 3 large destroyers, 7 destroyers, 3 submarines of which one in dock 13 M/Vs over 200 feet. At 1415/1st A/C sighted 5 French S/Ms in 017° 30' N. 017° 30' W. course 360°. A total of 23 S/Ms are believed based West Africa ports. (N.C.X.F. 2333A/6 to W.N.T.F.)

* See pp 202 & 203

French Shipping. At 1300/6th French ships AGEN, CARTHAGE, MONTAIGNE, ERIDAN and one smaller escorted by trawler passed through Straits eastbound. Destination probably Oran. (N.C.X.F. 2359A/6 to C.N.T.F. (R) E.N.T.F. S.O. Force H.)

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ILEX. Arrival 6th. (C.S.A. St. Vincent 1025/6 to Admty.)

CUBA, SILVERASH, MILFORD, DETROYAT. Your 1253Z/28th para 3. Expected time of sailing of all ships named from Pointe Noire 2300/6th. (B.N.L.O. W. Africa 1025/6 to R.A.W.A.)

COMMANDANT

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NEW TORONTO (Sunk 5/11) NEW TORONTO torpedoed and sunk 2010Z/5th in 005° 57' N. 002° 30' E. (? 84) survivors landed Lagos by Nor. M.L.263. One European seaman 3 coloured men missing. FANDANGO, KELT, RUNSWICK BAY, and M.L. 1042 sent to scene to hunt and if possible find missing men. (N.O.I.C. Lagos 1029Z/6 to Admty. (R) R.A.W.A.F. C. in C. S.A., N.O.I.C. Takoradi.) British 6568 tons, on passage Lagos to Accra. NEW TORONTO sunk by submarine 2000Z/5th in 005° 57' N. 002° 30' E. on passage Lagos (Nigeria) to Accra. Missing Europeans (list). (N.C.S.O. Lagos 1106Z/6 to Admty.)

/Dispositions ...

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Dispositions. DESPATCH 06.15 13.05 to Freetown 18.
 TRUANT and K.14 02.30 10.05 321° 8½.
 MORRIS DANCE, 2 M.Ls with S.T.40. 04.15 09.20
 through 08.01 08.59, M.O.M.P. 03.10, 07.02 thence 077° 8½.
 (OKINO) M.L. off Takoradi to Lagos.
 COMMANDANT D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES 01.40 S. 05.05 E. 114° 12 at 2002Z/6th.
 SOUTHERN GEM, ~~DRAGON~~, to route 9. DRAGON 13.30 S. 10.01 E. to
 Pointe Noire 17½. *MILFORD, *COMMANDANT DETROYAT (F.S.) off
 Pointe Noire to North. * ~~see p. 204 & 206~~
 (R.A.W.A. 1101Z/6 to Area P.)
 P.614. 19.30 18.59 180° 8 at 2001Z/6th. SHROPSHIRE,
 *HECLA, ARROW, ACTIVE, *VINDICTIVE, BRIDGEWATER with C.F.7,
 16.20 19.58 355° 11¾. *QUEEN OF BERMUDA, ROTHERHAM, with
 W.S.24 about 20.55 30.45 182° 12½. SOUTHERN PRIDE 11.25
 23.10 280° 11¼. SPANIARD, 2 M.Ls escorting, 09.25 15.01 to
 Freetown 6½. CANNA, 08.25 15.20 to Freetown, 8½. M.L 277
 off Bissao to Bathurst.
 (R.A.W.A. 1121Z/6 to A.I.G. 149.) * ~~see p. 199~~ * ~~see next page~~

Transport of Service Personnel. A.M. 1948/25/2. Request confirmation that Allied service personnel should not be included in the limits of 250 per service but that they should have their own separate categories. This question is likely to arise in connection with American personnel. Troopers 66843 QM2(c) of 20 Sept. refers.
 (P.S.T.O. Capetown 1143C/6 to D. of S.T. D.S.T.O. Durban.)
Reply: Admty 1259 A/18.

Fuelling, Ponta Delgada. Your 0121/5. Unless ships concerned have fuelled or provisioned at Ponta Delgada in the previous 3 months, the Portuguese authorities are not entitled to object to entry and fuelling of H.M. ships and nothing should be said to encourage them to think they have any such right.
 (A.C.N.S.(F) 1309A/6 to R.A.W.A.)

EXPRESS, THYME. EXPRESS from vicinity Cape Recife to Simonstown, THYME from patrolling South of Agulhas Bank to Simonstown.
 (C. in C. S.A. 1437C/6 to Ships in Area Q.)

P.555. Your 1944/9 and F.O. S. 1849/26. Request confirmation that spare gear for submarines P.555 and P.556 is to be sent to Simonstown from Port Elizabeth and not U.K.
 * ~~see p. 184.~~
 (C. in C. S.A. 1442/6 to Admty.)
 Confirmed. (F.O.S. 1044A/7.)

U/B. U.S. Aircraft reports sighting U-Boat 12 miles east of Cape St. Paul. Course 102° at 1215/6.
 (R.A.W.A. 1446Z/6 to Admty.)

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Experimental Marine Staff *Craft.* Instructions in your 1833/23 August have been complied with. Hook has, however, on his own responsibility and at his own expense continued work on this idea and has today demonstrated model of dynamically supported water craft.

2. (Details). Demonstrations greatly impressed Commander Goodlet sometime Professor of Engineering Universities Birmingham and Capetown and Instructor Commander Bishop of my staff.

3. These Officers agree that there appears to be no reason why model capable of carrying a passenger should not be equally successful in sheltered waters.

4. Further development including larger loads and sea keeping qualities will necessitate experiments on a larger scale beyond Hooks resources and I strongly recommend that he should be given service facilities for these, preferably in U.K. or U.S.A., thereby avoiding long delays which are inevitable if any gear not available in this country is required.
(C. in C. S.A. 1518C/6 to Admty.)

R/C of Dakar. R.A.W. Af. 1547Z/6 see North Atlantic.

Escort of W.S.23. Your 1749/5th not to Admiralty. *QUEEN OF BERMUDA is escort to W.S. 24 due Bahia about 13th Nov. In view of 8 days delay to DURBAN due to defects, intend CARTHAGE shall continue as escort to W.S.23, subsequently remaining for service with Eastern Fleet.
(C. in C. S.A. 1553C/6 to C. in C. E.F. (R) N.O.I.C. Durban, Admiralty, CARTHAGE.)

W.S.24. Your 1650/5. (quoted in Radio Washington 0143/6 q.v. America and West Indies) A.M. 1835/31 Oct. giving fuel requirements can be obtained from N.A. Rio.
(D.O.D. (H) 1617A/6 to Alusna, Rio de Janeiro (R) Comsolant, N.A. Rio.)

Vichy Destroyer. U/Bs in Vichy Waters. Aircraft sighted Vichy destroyer in 6° 5' N. 1° 22' E. at 1330Z/6/11. District Commissioner, Kota, reports enemy submarines entered Lome at 1430Z/6/11. Comment. If this report is accurate this is the first definite case of U-Boats using Vichy territorial waters.
(S.O.I.) Freetown 1842Z/6 to Admty.)
See also 0303/7.

Movements. *p.204* Departure from Pointe Noire 1800Z/6th. MILFORD and COMMANDANT DETROYAT escorting SS SUBA and SS SILVERCASH in accordance with your 1253/28th. E.T.A. SILVERCASH at Lagos p.m. 8th E.T.A. remainder at Takoradi 1000Z/9th.
(B.N.L.O.W.A. 1855/6 to R.A.W.A.)

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Departure 6th Nov. U.S. Sloop HUMBOLDT, arrival
6th Brazilian Minelayer CARIOCA.
(R.O. Pernambuco 1956Z/6 to Admty. (R) S.O.(I)
Montevideo, Freetown, Rio de Janeiro.)

Strategic
Area
Agreement.

B.A.D. 2101/6.
See America and West Indies.

U.S. Air
Sqdns.
W. Africa.

For Admiral Bieri. Compatron 92 reports that
facilities at Freetown are inadequate for 12
plane squadron land based operation flights.
First division based Jui for sea plane operations.
Waterloo field adequate but messing, fuelling, and
water supplies not available for 12 plane operational squadron
although able to accommodate 6 non-operating. Information from
R.A.W.A. indicates patron 92 is to be shifted from Freetown to
advanced area. Strongly recommend 2nd Div. be directed proceed
Roberts field, Liberia, without delay and remain in reserve
pending further operational developments. If Roberts unable
accommodate 6 planes they may be based Waterloo nonoperating
status while being fitted and checked. R.A.W.A., Van. C.Os
Waterloo and Robert concur. In reply to the preceding,
Cinclant directs 2nd Div. patron 92 proceed Roberts field
Liberia or other base directed by R.A.W.A. to arrive about 10
Nov. Squadron to be ready for further transfer from 12 Nov.
C.T.F.34 has this.
(Comnavcu 2341/6 to Admty. pass to N.C.X.F. Passing action
taken by War Registry.)

LA SALLE.

LA SALLE U.S. Overdue Capetown since 1st Nov.
from Balboa.
(C. in C. S.A. 2344C/6 to Admty., (R) S.O.(I)
Callao, S.O.(I) Montevideo.)

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A/C.
S.O.S. Following has been read from aircraft using call sign V.S.D.A., S.O.S. 34.55 N. 17.50 E. T.O.R.0150.
(Malta W/T No.T.O.O./6).

G.AVEROFF,
NUBIAN. Departure Greek Cruiser GEORGIOS AVEROFF, with NUBIAN in company.
(N.O.I.C. Aden, 0529Z/6 to S.O.(Is) Kilindini, Colombo, Bombay, Admty, C. in C.Med.F.O.C. R.S. F.).

AQUITANIA. Following are answers to A.M. 2036/4th.
See p. 223 (N.O.I.C. Aden 0732Z/6 to B.A.D.).

Movements. Arrival 5th Nov. *CROOME, HURWORTH, GLOXINIA, KLO, ~~YEN~~ (~~PTEN~~) M.A.S.Bs. DURMITOR, KAJMAKALAN.
Departure 5th Nov. *SOUTHERN SEA, *CUMBRAE.
(S.O.(I) Alexandria 0921B/6 to Admty, C. in C.Med).
** 2nd unit p. 12.5.15
x 2nd p. 2.10*

CLYDE. Orders to sail (N.C.X.F. 1138A/6) See North Atlantic.

MAURO CROCE
Italian. Arrival Nov. 6th.
(Barcelona, 1247/6.).

Enemy Units. P.C. and S. of 2 medium vessels 2 small vessels 2 destroyers, 36.32 N. 25.42 E. course 175° 10 knots.
(A/C C/S X5NF. 1420B/6 to Hal Far).

Attacks on U/Bs. Repetition of items 366, 373, 383, 389, and 390 of C. in C.Med, 1829/1/11.
(C. in C.Med, 1430/6 to Admty).
(See Lion Copy of 1/11/42)

R/C
Italian
Ports. Visual R/C all about 0730A/6th.
My 1304/5th and 2131/5th. (A) Taranto, Navarino, Naples, Messina, Palermo, Empeiole, no material change.
(B) Cagliari, 6 large 3 small S/Ms.
(C) Trapani, 4 Destroyers, 5 S/Ms. (D) Augusta, no warships.
(V.A. Malta 1446A/6, to N.C.X.F. (R) C. in C.Med, Admty, F.O.C.NA)

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C.S.15 Your 1001/6th (N.T. in W.D.) being passed to 201 Group Air H.Q. Egypt, 15th C.S., less DIDO, all available "Fleets", CROOME, and ALDENHAM, should be within two hours steaming of seaward end of Alexandria searched channel to seaward Q.B.C. (corrupt group) and East of $029^{\circ} 20'$ by 0800 /8th, and will be required to remain in this area until (sunset?).
(If practicable?) Beaufighter escort will be available. Fleet will be probably returning Alexandria.
(C. in C.Med 1452B/6 to C.S.15 (R) 201 Group Air H.Q. Egypt).

PORPOISE. Arrived.
(V.A. Malta, 1511A/6 to C. in C.Med, etc).

Enemy Units. P.C. and S. of 1 Merchant Vessel, 1 L tug, 1 A/C, in 37.35 N. 24.15 E. course 030° speed 8 knots.
(A/C C/S X 5ND. 1620B/6 to 201 Group).

P.C. and S. of enemy 5 barges, 32.08 N. $34.(?24)$ 38 . E. 270° 5 knots.
(A/C V9CV 1625/6 to 201 Group).
P.C. and S. of 2 merchant vessels 4 destroyers (group missed) 26.05 N. 36.21 E. 140° . 8 knots.
(?9NG.1650/6 to B.M.1?)

TAKU. Consider your position compromised. Operate on Piraeus, Suda Bay, Candia, Shipping routes South of 037° .
(Capt.S.1. 1633B/6 to TAKU (R) NEREUS, C. in C. Med).

Destroyers. My position 1600, 031.49 N. 032.19 E. 300° speed 15 knots. Intend to alter to 030° at 1900, to 120° at 2000, to 210° at 2359, to 300° at 0130, to 030° at 0330 and to 120° at 0430. 201 N.C.Group and 235 Wing acknowledge.
(Capt.D.12 1612B/6 to Destroyers in Company Med Fleet (R) F.O.C.15th C.S. F.O.C.(D.F.) Med, 201 N.C.Group, 235 Wing).

S/M for Greece. My 2057/7/10. (Re turning over of new S/M to Greeks). Greek C. in C. informs me he has a crew ready now to leave for U.K. when required.
(C. in C.Med.1640B/6 to Admty).

Movements. 5th Nov. arrival Greek Destroyer* PAUL COUNDOURIOTIS, ANTWERP, *G.S. IERAX, F.S. COMMANDANT~~E~~ DOMINE, SNAPDRAGON, SOUTHERN MAID. Departures WHITEHAVEN, Greek Dest. IERAX, ANTWERP, HYACINTH.
(S.O.(I.) Beirut 1715B/6 to Admty (R) C. in C.Med).

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→ Movements Contd. Arrival 6th Nov. *SOUTHERN SEA, ERICA, G.S. SAKTOURIS. Departure 6th Nov. *SOUTHERN SEA, ERICA, ROMEO, SAKTOURIS. (N.O.I.C. Famagusta (Cyprus). 1736B/6 to Admty etc).
** See p. 208 762/100*

Enemy Aircraft. A.l. report (V.A. Malta 1756A/6 to N. C.X.F.) See North Atlantic.

U/B UNA, UTMOST. R/C shows U-Boat in 036° 20' N. 018° 00' E. at 1752A today course 310° 10 knots. UTMOST move to 37.53 N. 15.44 E. by 0700/7th Nov. (Capt. S.10.1916A/6 to UNA, UTMOST, (R) N.C.X.F. C. in C. Med. Capt. (S) 1).
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Situation Report No. 288. Movement of 1200 military personnel and 2400 out of Cyprus completed a.m./6th Nov. by ANTWERP escorted by *2 Greek destroyers. No incidents. *IERAX & PAUL LOUNDOURIS. *See pp. 182, 209*
2. Nights of 4/5th Nov. and 5/6th Nov. M.T. Bs along coast between front line to westward of Mersa Matruh to prevent any evacuation by sea of enemy troops or tanks. On both occasions nothing was found.
3. CLYDE and PARTHIAN have completed storing trips to Malta with petrol and stores respectively. (C. in C. Med 1944B/6, 0950B/7 1801B/7).

Air R/C. V. A. Malta 2034A/6 to N. C.X.F. See North Atlantic.

→ Movements. 6th Nov. Port Said arrivals (?colon) ARETHUSA, HERO, CUMBRAE, SOUTHERN SEA. Departures: CUMBRAE, SOUTHERN SEA L.C. Ts. 106, 107 (?120) (?154) M.L.s 1158, 1015, 349, 356. (N.O.I.C. Port Said 2142B/6 to Admty etc).

Malta Air Report. I.94 6th Nov. Night 5th/6th Nov. 1829 hours 1 Cant 1007 approached Malta at height and was shot down into sea 30 miles North of Island by Beaufighter, 2 prisoners taken by ?R.A.F. Rescue launch. 2150 hours partial R.D.F. interference was experienced as 2 enemy bombers approached Malta at great height, 2 Beaufighters airborne forced raiders to drop bombs in sea 10 miles North of Island and turn back.
6th Nov. 1012 hours. Partial R.D. F. interference was experienced as 45 ME.109s and RE.200ls approached Malta as great height in 3 waves. 13 Spitfires airborne intercepted 20 miles North of Island and forced half the raiders to turn back but enemy had height advantage and 1 Spitfire was slightly damaged, pilot unhurt. 1125 hours, 4 Spitfires up for 8 raiders which turned back before reaching Malta. 1545 hours, 6 Spitfires up for /12.....

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12 raiders which turned back before reaching Malta. Today 40 Spitfire sorties have been made of which 7 were for protection of arrival of delivery aircraft, 10 for R/C patrols North of Malta and 23 for interception of 65 enemy

sorties. 1 Spitfire was damaged in combat pilot unhurt.
Night 5th/6th Nov.

4 torpedo and 1 bomb carrying Wellingtons despatched on R/C for enemy naval units patrolled Gulf of Taranto Straits of Messina and from Cavoli to Marettimo. 1 Wellington sighted 2142 hrs. 240° Santa Maria Di Leuca 40 miles 4 M/Vs course 135° speed 15 knots.
(Air H.Q. Malta, 2211Z/6).

2 Italian
Convoys.

Report graded B.2. states two Italian convoys comprising 30 ships with destroyer escort passed Kelibia Roads at 0800Z/6th hugging coast course northbound.
(N.C.X. F. 2331A/6 to C. in C. Med. V. A. Malta).

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Addu Atoll, Your 1920A/2nd November. (1) Lay of shore ends cable. type E from southern end Abuhera could be done but master cable ship considers type D cable unsuitable lay through northern channels and over edge outer reef into very deep water. (2) JOHN W. MACKAY is too large for laying cable through northern channel and there is no other suitable vessel available at Addu. (3) It would be impossible to avoid controlled minefield in northern entrance and it would also be necessary to lift indicator net laid inside these entrances. (4) Master of cable ship again stressed necessity of thorough survey outside northern channel before operation is attempted. (5) N.O.I.C. Addu Atoll holds plans of loops and controlled minefield. (F.O. Ceylon, 0420Z/6 to Admty.)

Movements. Departure Dutch minelayer D.S. WILLEM VAN DER ZAAAN at 0100Z/6th and LAUNCESTON at 0600Z/6th. (N.O.I.C. Trincomalee, 0600Z/6 to Admty., etc.)
Departure MARGUERITE escorting DUMANA, E.T.A. Bombay 0030Z/9th. Requirements follow in P/L. (N.O.I.C. Cochin, 0953Z/6 to Admty., etc.)
Arrival 5th November FREESIA & R CAPETOWN *confirmed by Rose route of H.M. Ship. See also next page.*
(F.O. E.A., 1338Z/6 to Admty.)

Madagascar, From Gen. Platt.
Reunion. Ref. your 77643 (M.O.11) of 5th November.
1. You have not yet replied to par. 7 of my 60289 dated 26th October concerning use of British troops to instal or maintain Fighting French Regime. Your directions are urgently required.
2. Ref. para. 5 my 58919 dated 19th October. Is any operation to be undertaken against Reunion?
(G.O.C. in C. E.A., 0730Z/6 to W.O.)

Convoy Sailing telegram.
B.A.33. (N.C.S.O. Bombay, 0740Z/6 to Admty.)

TREKIEVE SS. TREKIEVE torpedoed 71° (could also be 342°)
torpedoed. Flehacad* 37 miles at 1400 G.M.T./4th. Vessel sunk, survivors landed Lourenco Marques. (C.S.A. Lourenco Marques, 1051/6 to Admty., etc.)
*(Repetition at 2125/6 says "Inhace light 37 miles)

B.A.33. B.A.33 sailed from Bombay 6th November for Suez via Aden, E.T.A. Aden 0630Z/14th VARELA, TALMA, KAROA, OFLAMINAY, JALAGOPAL. Numbers on board, etc.
(P.S.T.O. Bombay, 1125Z/6 to S.S.T.O. Suez.)

/Air ...

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Air Report. W.X.4782 Int.66 6th November.
Daily Intelligence Summary No.236 for 6th
November. Ref. Part (3) D.I.?S. No.226 for 27th
October - U.S.A. Air Force report states Chinese Intelligence
confirmed that 15 of 16 Japanese fighters intercepting were
destroyed by U.S.A. Force attacking Hong Kong 25th October.
U.S.A. Air Corps R/C report Hong Kong 3th November, 9 medium
sized freighters vicinity Kowloon Peninsula. No warships seen.
Kaitak aerodrome - north-west runway being enlarged.
(A.H.Q. India, 1146Z/6.)

CAPETOWN. Intend to sail CAPETOWN for Durban on 9th Nov.
See previous page
(Morse code etc.) E.T.A. 14th Nov. She should remain at Durban
for about 10 days to adjust complement and
boiler cleaning returning to Kilindini. Details of complement
adjustments required follow by air mail letter to R.A.T.E. If
possible should complete fitting of R.D.F. type 271 Mark III
and II pounder pom-pom all gear for which is on board.
(C. in C. E.F., 1225Z/6 to Cdre. i/c Durban, (R) Admty., etc.)

HAWKINS. Arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Seychelles, 1230Z/6 to Admty., etc.)

AQUITANIA, Your 1945/4. It is almost certain escort will
New Zealand be provided between Aden and Colombo. In any
troops. case these troops should be embarked.
(C. in C. E.F., 1235Z/6 to P.S.T.O. Egypt, (R)
Admty., A.C.N.B., F.O.C.R.S.F., N.Z.N.B.)

TRUSTY. Colombo departure 6th Nov. 1135Z TRUSTY.
(S.O.(I) Colombo, 1246Z/6 to Admty., etc.)

Raiders. Situation No.14.
(1) No further information Japanese or German
raiders E, H or J.

Raiders situation number 13, SHICKSHINNY arrived safely.
(2) PIETRO ORSEOLO, ERMLAND and (?)CATARACIE could by now be in
India or Pacific Ocean. BELGRAVE ex MAGALLANES should have
reached longitude of Cape Agulhas or Cape Horn.
(C. in C. E.F., 1315Z/6 to E.I. Stn., etc.)

Movements. Arrival 6th Nov. WARSPITE, BIRMINGHAM, NAPIER,
HOTSPUR. */Kilindini.*
(F.O. E.A., 1329Z/6 to Admty.)

Routeing. My 2008/5 Sept. para. (B), after "S.O.(I)
Capetown" add "and S.O.(I) Colombo".
(D.T.D., 1838A/6 to C. in C. E.F., C. in C. S.A.)

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MATTHEW
MAURY,
"Q" Report.

De ZSC, Slangkop Radio, QQQQ MATTHEW MAURY,
suspicious vessel, low in water, 34.09 S.
24.42 E. at 2220. T.O.R. 2250 G.M.T. (ends).
(Valentia Radio, 2253/6, Port Patrick Radio
2255/6.)

A/S
escorts.

Request brief report of present employment of
A/S escorts on protection of shipping on East
Coast of Africa and in Cape Area.
(D.T.D. Approved A.C.N.S.(T), 2355A/7 to
C. in C. S.A.)
Reply: C. in C. S.A., 1615C/9.

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U/B. By D/F at 1957Z/5. U-Boat estimated to be anywhere within 60 miles of 59.30 N. 32.30 W. (D.D.I.C. 0044A/6 to Escorts S.C.L.107, (R) Escorts S.C.107, etc).

W.S.24. fuelling at Bahia. Following is Alusna Rio de Janeiro 1650/5, Navcom, Washington, (R) Consolant. Begins:- Admty 1840A/3 Fuel oil requirements Bahia have not been received but present combined commercial and (U.S.) Navy stock not otherwise obligated for bunkers is 41000 brls. Desire point out Bahia fuelling rate made (?quick) probably maximum 50 tons per hour alongside only barges available. Impossible berth more than two ships this class inner harbour. No tugs available to assist in manoeuvring in very restricted inner harbour. So far as known here largest ship to berth alongside Bahia 22000 tons 27 foot draft. Port info gives maximum depth high water 28 feet.

(Radio Washington 0143/6, to Admty).

W.S.24 Alusna Rio's 1650/5* to Navcom Washington shows that there is considerable difficulty over fuelling of this important convoy at Bahia.

2. Request you will ask U.S. Authorities to divert to Bahia one or more large tankers, which appears to be the only efficient solution and would conserve stocks for independent ships now being routed through Bahia.

3. Also request following information. (a) Who is responsible officer in charge? We have had signals from Consolant, N.C.S.O Pernambuco, Alusnob, Recife, and Alusna, Rio.

(b) Is watering situation satisfactory?

(c) Are A/S escorts meeting convoy and screening them while fuelling?

(d) Is air A/S protection arranged?

(e) We are if necessary prepared to accept fuelling at the Cape with consequent reduction by 1400 tons oil and 2250 water.

Would Americans wish to take advantage of this, if so details will be signalled.

(f) Would stay of convoy be shortened by sailing without waiting for *QUEEN OF BERMUDA to complete fuelling? Latter's speed is 20 knots which would permit her to overtake.

(D.O.D.(F) 1655A/6 to B.A.D.(R) Rio de Janeiro)* *See p. 206*

*re fuel oil requirements Bahia not received.

Your 1655/6th.

1. Com South Atlantic is responsible authority and has already been asked to confirm that all arrangements are correct. Answer to remaining questions follow as soon as possible.

(B.A.D. 2223Z/6 to Admty, (R) N.A. Rio de Janeiro).

S.C.107.

See p. 184

Your 1602/5th to C. T.24. ^{SAMUEL D.} INGHAM, U.S. Destroyer LEARY, U.S. Destroyer SCHENCK, and Iceland portion are to remain with convoy until dusk 7th Nov. (C. in C.W.A. 0822Z/6, to C.T.U. 24.1.14 (R) Connav, C.T.F.24. Admty, N.S.H.Q. F.O.N.F. C.O.A.O Halifax, C.T.G.24.7. A.C.I.C., C.T.G.24.6.).

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T.24. Sailed H.M.Trawlers, ARCTIC EXPLORER, LADY ELSA, WELLARD escorting convoy T.24 to position 07.59 S. 34.27 W. thence in company by direct route to Freetown via Pernambuco. E.T.A. Pernambuco 1200Z/17 Nov. E.T.A. Freetown 1200Z/27 Nov. S. of A. from Pernambuco 9½ knots.

2.W/T Communications: ARCTIC EXPLORER in accordance with "Sugar" 1/42 but not complying with Admy 1217/28/10 (473AK) remainder guard 500 K/Cs and B.A.M.S. routines. ARCTIC EXPLORER and WELLARD do not hold S.P. 02404. (5) All ships can use S.P. 02272. Call Signs from S.P. 02253 (7) and S.P. 02182 (5). (S.B.N.O. Trinidad 0902Q/6 to S.B.N.O.W.A. (R) Admty etc).

Spanish Shipping. C.A. F.O. 1629/42. If W.P.P.S.messages include movements of Spanish shipping request I be added to addressees. (S.B.N.O. Trinidad 0943Q/6 to S.B.N.O.W.A.(R) Admty S.O.(I) Jamaica). Reply: D.E.W.D. 1621A/8).

STEPHEN HOPKINS, raiders, intelligence. Following is Opnav's 2142/5 addressed for action to Admiralty and amplifying Opnav 2242/2. (N.T. in W.D.) on basis of information received from U.S.Naval Attache, Rio de Janeiro; Weather: hazy; Visibility: low. HOPKINS on course 310° True sighted two raiders on starboard bow, course south. Both raiders were painted dirty grey, lighter than standard war colour, and much touched up with red lead on superstructure and fittings. The smaller of the two raiders was a motor ship of about 4000 tons with pronounced clipper bow and cruiser stern. Guns were behind shields just forward of bridge structure and in after well deck. Similar to German ANKARA and Norwegian WASHINGTON EXPRESS. (Consult ONI 208 Confidential Raider Supplement. May be MANYO MARU, Raider 45 or Raider 10). The larger of the two raiders was a motor ship of about 7000 tons with clipper bow and tall stack at after end of high superstructure. Sequence; Mast, Mast, Funnel, Kingpost, Mast. Inverted cross trees. No booms visible. Box-like structure on poop. German DRESDEN and BELGRANO could fit description. (Ref. Cominch 1705/15 of Oct. and 1450/15 of Sept.) Larger Raider, with no heavy guns visible, was on starboard bow of smaller. HOPKINS turned away to port. Large enemy unit drew ahead of smaller which opened salvo fire immediately at about 1000 yards with approximately 6" guns (based upon purported shell fragments recovered). Shrapnel and incendiaries were also used. The larger raider continuously fired many machine guns. HOPKINS fired about 35 rounds of 4" at waterline of smaller ship then 5 rounds at other ship when magazine of HOPKINS exploded. Larger raider was continuously machine gunned by HOPKINS but only 4 rounds of 37-MM were fired at her before 1st

/Officer....

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HOPKINS,
raiders,
intelligence
Contd.

Officer of HOPKINS, controlling, was killed. HOPKINS was afire and sinking and was abandoned after 20 minutes fighting. Smaller enemy vessel was afire, listed heavily to port and down by the stern. Other enemy vessel went alongside apparently to take off crew of smaller ship which when last seen was enveloped in smoke. After HOPKINS was seen to sink, a heavy explosion was heard and was believed to be aboard smaller raider. (Commaveu 1021/6 to Admty).

T.A.G.18.
LEDA,
THORSHAVN,
GYPSUM
EMPRESS.*See next page
7/5.221*

My 1622/5. All ships returned Trinidad. SS LEDA sank in tow 2015Z/5 in position 11° 12' N. 62° 18' W. SS THORSHAVN sunk and SS. GYPSUM EMPRESS presumed sunk before assistance could arrive. (S.B.N.O. Trinidad 1032Q/6 to S.B.N.O. W.A.(R) Admty, B.A. D., S.O.(I) Kingston).

Movement
Summary.

1800 G.M.T. 6th November.

Ship.	Position.	Course.	Speed.
Convoy W.S.24	25½° N. 30½° W.	181°	12½.

(D.O.D.(F) 1033Z/6 to Opnav (R) Commaveu).

Curacao
Aruba.
Staff.

Your 1923/25 Oct. and 1605/5. This question is under constant review. Until the points referred to in my 1241/4 November are satisfactorily settled any material reduction in B.R.L.O. Staff would be inadvisable. My 1242/4. Nov. also refers. (S.B.N.O.W.A. 1129Q/6 to Admty).

ST.LAURENT.

My 1959/5th. Amend to read "intend to R/V 049° 24' N. 044° 38' W. at 1200Z/9th." (F.O.N.F. 1154Z/6 to C.T.24).

MEAD.
EMILE BAUDOT.

Cdre.Supt. Simonstown 0910 (?29th) Sept not to N.O.I.C.Durban. Owing to other commitments MEAD will be now (?towed) to Capetown about (?21st) Nov. to be completed there by contract. Date of completion will be end of December subject to receipt of certain gear from U.K.

(2) A. Letter M/A/SW. 3210/42 of 5th August, 1942 Para 7. Permission is requested to retain EMILE BAUDOT for laying of fixed defence at Durban which should have highest priority. (C. in C.S.A. 1230G/6 to Admty).

TENACITY,
EMPIRE SUNRISE.

H.M.R.T.TENACITY arrived St.Johns 0222Z/6 ex search for SS.EMPIRE SUNRISE. (F.O.N.F. 1246Z/6 to Admty for C.C.R.T.(R) N.S.H.C.O.A.C.).

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WOENS DRECHT salvage. SS. WOENS DRECHT 4668 tons owned Vacuum Oil Co Ltd in ballast torpedoed bows and stern* 14th Sept. stern portion to fore bulkhead of engine room broken off and sunk. Fore portion salvaged by A.M.R.T. CONFIDENT brought to Port of Spain ship in tow 0630/16 to 0100/19. Form D.46 now signed no bail or security given ship not repairable. Scrap value 5000 pounds. Report follows. (S.B.N.O. Trinidad 1307Q/6 to Admty). *12th - B.R. 1337

Proposed Conference. Your 2110Z/4. Prefer no fixed agenda be outlined for proposed meeting as subject meeting is understood for primary purpose of discussing possible future adjustments in accordance your 1440Z/16. (C. in C.U.S. Fleet 1309/6 to N.S.H.Q. (R) Admty)

Movements. New York sailed Nov.4th in escort of N.G.519 HALIFAX. Arrived Nov 5th from Boston CHELSEA. Escorting SS. QUEEN MARY, WITCH. (N.S.H.Q. 1347Z/6 to Admty (R) B.A.D., C.O.A.C. F.O.N. F.).

Swedish Relief Ships. Montreal 1300 November 5th FORMOSA, EROS, CAMELIA all Swedish, Piraeus, Greece, knots 12. Routed as in Admiralty's 1551/1st August. Swedish Red Cross Mission). (N.S.H.Q. 1348Z/6 to S.O.(I) Gib.S.B.N.O.W.A.).

B.Y.M.S. New York sailed a.m./5th Nov.for Halifax BYMS 15 and 16. (N.S.H.Q. 1418Z/6 to Admty (R) B.A.D. C.O.A.C. F.O.N.F.).

S.C.108. S.C.108. Task Unit No.24.1.12 BROADWAY (S.O.)
W.S.C.108. SHERWOOD, ORILLIA, PRIMROSE, POLYANTHUS, MORDEN,
*REGINA, KING HAAKON VII. Sailing St.Johns N.F. at 1930/7th to relieve Task Unit No.24.18.3. in 048.36 N. 051.00 W. at 1000/8th. * see next page.
PICTOU escorting W. S.C. 108, 2 ships, sailing St.Johns N.F. 1830/7th to join in 048. 46 N. 051. 02.W. at 1100/8th. (C.C.N.F. 1423Z/6 to C.T.U.No. 24.18.3.(R) C.T.24, C.O.A.C. N.S.H.Q. Connav, C.T.U.No.24.1.12. C.T.G.No. 24.7. C. in C.W.A. etc).

T.A.G.18. My 1605/4. C.A.F.A.C. reports 43 survivors from THORSHAVET (?THORSHAVN), 8 from CHRISTIAN J.KAMPMANN landed Curacao. Norwegian LEDA torpedoed but being towed Trinidad, 48 survivors landed Curacao. S.B.N.O. Trinidad reports 39 survivors of GYPSUM EMPRESS rescued by Spanish GOBEO which is being taken to Trinidad by U.S.Navy for interrogation. (S.O.(I) Jamaica 1434A/6 to Admty,S.B.N.O.W.A. B.A.D.).

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L. S.T.301. When ready about Nov.8th sailing British L.S.T. number 301 from Boston to Halifax. Ship desires to conduct endurance trials en route. (C. in C.U.S.Fleet 1436/6 to C.E.S.F.).

REGINA. Your 1419/31 and N.S.H.Q. 1441/1. Request REGINA may be sailed in accordance with C. in C.W.A. 2207/5. (D.O.D.(H) 1502A/6 to F.O.N.F.).
See previous page - (S.C. 108)

Busra proposed amendment. Your 2049/5 para.(2) concur subject to this being in accordance with Connav's views. 2.Your para.(3), proposal has effect of making Chop line same as dividing line between strategic zones in this area and was put forward for consideration. It will, however, be quite satisfactory to Admiralty if existing Chop line is maintained. (D.T.D. 1519A/6 to B.A.D. (R) N.S.H.Q.).

BOLD, INTEGRITY, LARIAT, TAMPA. N.O.I.C.Trinidad 1717/5th.(H.M.R.T.LARIAT - defects - N.T. in W.D.) Suggest (1) BOLD and INTEGRITY(?INTEGRITY) proceed with TAMPA to Freetown without waiting for LARIAT. 2. LARIAT be sailed to Norfolk (Vir) after repairs at Barbados to provide escort for 2nd batch L.C.I.Ls probably ready about that time. See para.3. of Admiralty 2007/3rd*. Consider it is essential that at least one tug should accompany each batch. 3.LARIAT to proceed Freetown after escorting L.C.I.L. to destination. (B.A.D. 1555Z/6 to Admty etc). *Hush- Most Secret distribution.

U/B Positions. 6th November Sub.estimate and U.S.Sub notice. (Cominch 1617/6).

Operation "Torch. " Special U/B estimate and weather (Cominch 1709/6) See North Atlantic.

U/B. One S/M sighted 044.22 N. 066.10 W. at 1451Z. (C.O.A.C. 1701Z/6, to Admty, C.T.G.24.7.London-derry).

?U/B. Surface vessels attacking contact 1200Q in 40°N. 7° 11' W. (Halifax 1745/6 to Admty. C. in C.W.A.,C.T.G. 24.7)

POLINA OSPENKO. "S" Report. Following has been received. SSSS DE UVLV 50°N 137° W. POLINA OSPENKO, 1745/6.(Ends). (C.O.P.C. 1812Z/6, to Admty, S.B.N.O.W.A. Cominch Opnav,N.S.H.Q.).

/BRAND.....

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Distress
NIAGARA.

Motor ship BRAND proceeding to Sydney C.B. on one engine P.C. and S. at 1730Z 46.14 N. 57.38 W. 272° 5 knots. His other engine broke down and he requests assistance of tug to enter owing to steering difficulties. Propose escorting him until further orders.

(NIAGARA 1836Z/6 to F.O.N.F.(R) C.O.A.C. N. S.H.Q. C. T.24, N.O.I.C. Sydney C.B., C.T.24.18.3.)

M.S.BOWLING under your escort to Sydney C.B. My P.C.S. at 2100Z 46.18 N. 58.01.W. 272°, 5 knots.

(NIAGARA 2137Z/6 to DRUMMONDVILLE, (R) LINCOLN).

RUNER.

U.S.S/M notice. Refer U.S. C and G.S. chart 12 E. Unescorted U.S.S.RUNER in Portsmouth N.H operating Area C on 7th remaining until 0600Z/8th (Cominch 1902/6 to Admty).

SEAWOLF.

It is anticipated SEAWOLF will be ready to leave New London having completed work up practice about 17th December. Request destination. (B.A.M.R.1912Z/6 to Admty).

Deck Cargoes.

It has been and will continue to be necessary for ships in U.K:bound convoys to carry deck cargoes. It is requested that Commodores may be warned that in order to avoid damage to such cargoes it may be necessary to reduce the speed of the convoy or to heave to at an earlier stage than would otherwise be necessary. It is also requested that Masters of such ships should be instructed to report to Commodore when maintaining of speed ordered will cause damage. (D.T.D. 1915Z/6 to Connav N.S.H.Q. C.O.A.C.).

O.N.142.
Routeing.

Stragglers route amended from Q to V 44.40 N. 39.58 W. to S. omitting R.
R/V 1200 G.M.T./7th in 49.59 N. 30.44 W.
R/V 1200 G.M.T./8th in 48.28 N. 32.52 W.
(D. T.D. 1940Z/6 to B.A.M.S. Convoy O.N.142 & Stragglers. C.F.D.3, C.F.D.9.(R) C. in C.W.A. Connav).

SHERBROOKE.

Intend sailing SHERBROOKE at 1530Z/7 independently direct to Londonderry, great route, 13 knots, E.T.A. Londonderry a.m/Nov 13. Request SHERBROOKE be sailed to join C.T.24.1.14 escorting O.N.147. (C.C.N.F. 1952/6 to C. in C.W.A. (R) Admty, Cdre.Londonderry, C.T.24. C.T.24.7, C.O.A.C., SHERBROOKE, Connav).

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B.Y.M.S. Routes. F.O.N.F. recommends in his 1320/5 not to Admiralty that B.Y.M.S. 5 now on passage to U.K. should proceed direct to Londonderry on account of weather and proximity to convoy routes.

Understand fuel consumption of B.Y.M.S. which have already made this passage in 8 days is 24 American gallons per hour which should leave 1200 gallons remaining on arrival from 5900 at 95% full if this route is followed. Deck cargo is considered unsafe and is not being permitted. Suggest you approve this route for all future groups of B.Y.M.S. on passage to U.K. instructing F.O.N.F. accordingly in connection with B.Y.M.S. now awaiting orders at St. Johns Newfoundland. (B.A. D. 2016Z/6 to Admty.(R) F.O.N.F.).

* Should be "for B.Y.M.S. routes"
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EMPIRE TURNSTONE. My 1837/5. Nov. re EMPIRE TURNSTONE following received from Connav begins. Your despatch 1837/5 negative. Ends. (N.S.H.Q. Ottawa 2019Z/6 to Admty).

Lake Tankers. Your 1155/31. Understand 6 further lake tankers (tanker message) available for Puerto La Cruz trip immediately on return of present convoy. Do you confirm this. What is prospect of escort. (D. T.D. 2030A/6 to B.R.L.O. Curacao).

Morocco. Enemy policy and intelligence (C. in C.U.S. Fleet 2046/6). See North Atlantic.

Shipping Delays, New York. Your 1906/5. Intention of my 2101/30th Oct. was to give New York advance information of reason for any delay to immediate onward routing of ship ex O.N. Convoy so that repair and stores organisations can programme individual requirements before arrival. 2. Request instructions to Commodores be framed accordingly. (B.A.D. 2055Z/6 to Admty, N.S.H.Q. C.O.A.C.)

Strategic Area. Boundaries. No reply has been received to my 1703Z/5. Intend to inform Cominch that South Atlantic agreement will now come into force at 0001Z Tuesday 10th Nov. and that you will inform British Authorities. (B.A.D. 2101Z/6 to Admty.(R) C. in C.S.A.R.A.W. A

U/B. Campaign. Connav Serial 6. DALE. (Presumably DALEBY) torpedoed sunk night of 4th Nov. approx. 58° N. 34° W. S.C. 107. LEDA, THORSHAVN, GYPSUM, EMPRESS Serial 4 all Sunk. Cancel GDYNIA Serial 31 arrived U.K. not torpedoed. (Connav 2102/6 to Connaveu).
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Sub Attack and sighting Summary. Para.A. DALEBY torpedoed sunk area 57.27 N. 35.05.W. 5th Nov. unidentified attacked 11° N. 60.57 W. 1820C/6. PBV 5.A. attacks S/M on surface 67.45 N. 18.33 W. 1222Z/5 possibly numbered U-10. S/M possibly damaged crash dived leaving 7 men on surface.

Para.B. Aircraft attack 3 S/Ms on surface area 58.27 N. 32.45 W 5th Nov.

Para.C. S/M sighted alongside schooner 12.33 N. 70.05 W. 2138Z/5. Fishing vessel sights S/M 40.20 N. 68.40 W. 0115Z/6.

Para.D. Surface craft attack sound contact 40° N. 70.21 W. 1600Z/6. U.S.S.CHAMPLIN attacks oil slick 40.25 N. 69.26 W. 1400Z/6.

(C. in C.U.S.Fleet, 2140/6, to Admty for O.I.C. (R) N.S.H.Q.)

U/B. Positions. C.E.S.F.1905/6. S/M estimate as of 0800/7. (Comnavcu, 2311/6 to Admty),

Australia & New Zealand.

Supply of Stores to R.N. My 1242Z/16/10. Question of supply of Naval Stores to R.N.ships has been discussed with Rear Admiral Young who concurs in general arrangements proposed, viz, that U.S.Navy accept responsibility for R.N. ships based on Australia Station. U.S. will supply necessary personnel and arrangements will be made by Australian Govt. for necessary storage accommodation to be made available. Adml.Young and local U.S.Officer in charge consider it will be necessary to arrange for additional trained staff for liaison duties particularly observing that stores will be maintained in more than one port. As stated previously no suitable staff can be provided from Australia in view considerable development, observing also that notwithstanding U.S.commitments in regard to supply of Naval Stores considerable additional work will require to be accepted by Naval Store Branch in Australia. In connection with refit of H.M. and Allied ships, it is intended that U.S.Supply Officers should be trained in H.M.A.Naval Stores Depots and this should help. On receipt official confirmation of final arrangements stores already received from Admty will be transferred to appropriate U.S.Authorities.

(A.C.N.B. 0506Z/6, to B.A.D.(R) Admty, N.L.O).

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Australia & New Zealand.- Contd.

Proposed Admiralty 1706A/1st and N.Z.N.B. 1039N/4th.
 Convoy. Anticipate following E.T.A. Fremantle.
 AGWIPRINCE 17th Nov. TARAKAN 20th Nov.
 2. Consider a convoy should be formed.
 ADELAIDE, ^{JALOB} VAN HEEMSKERCK and KANIMBLA can escort to longitude
 95° E. KANIMBLA available for escort further to Westward if
 desired by you.
 3. Request remarks. Commander Western Australia pass to
 C.T.F. 51.
 (A.C.N.B. 0656Z/6 to C. in C.E.F.(R) Commander S.W. Pacific
 Force. ADELAIDE, ^{JALOB} VAN HEEMSKERCK. Commander Western Australia
 N.Z.N.B. Admty, KANIMBLA).

Scuttling of Your 1309Z/2. The relative advantages of
 Ships. scuttling charges and other means of scuttling
 merchant ships is under active consideration
 and it is hoped to be able to issue
 comprehensive instructions shortly.
 2. As a temporary measure no objection to fitting the proposed
 charges in ships which could not by other means be readily
 scuttled providing that Masters, who should invariably be
 consulted, are agreeable.
 (D.T.D. 2111A/6 to A.C.N.B.).

AQUITANIA, Your 1945/4th. New Zealand Government agree
 escort. to despatch New Zealand troops without escort
^{see p. 208.} from Aden to Fremantle if party does not exceed
 100. If party exceeds 100 they would wish
 to be consulted in each case.
 (N.Z.N.B. 2020M/6 to P.S.T.O. Egypt, (R) C. in C.E.F. A.C.N.B.
 Admty, F.O.C.R.S.F.).

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimated positions at 1200 A/6 up to 12 between
 Gibraltar and 13.00 W. S. of 37.59. Some of these
 may pass Straits.
 (D.D.I.C. 1504A/6, 1508A/6).

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Saturday.SITUATION REPORT.Home Commands.Operation
"FB".

The Russian report that the Soviet Tanker DONBASS has not received the recalling message sent to her yesterday and while still proceeding Westward in Operation "FB", was attacked by A/C at 1030A today in 76° 24' N. 41° 30' E. Two ships, RICHARD H. ALVEY, and EMPIRE GALLIARD arrived at Dvina Bar early this morning. Both ships grounded on the bar and the former may be a total loss.* The S/M TUNA was ordered today to proceed with despatch to the vicinity of 70° 32' N. 20° 01' E. → from the N. Westward, while O.15, P.312, and P 216, remain in their respective patrol positions. * She arrived safely.

*Atlantic
Trawler
Patrol.*

C. in C.W.A. considers that, to prevent any lowering of morale in the Merchant Navy, it is urgently necessary that ships should be made available to patrol near Atlantic convoys in the dangerous area between 25° and 40° W, and suggests that 10 N.P. Trawlers should be transferred to Londonderry for this purpose.

Operation.
"SE".

OAKLEY sailed from Scapa this morning to Sullom Voe, to relieve CHIDDINGFOLD in Operation "SE". CHIDDINGFOLD, LEDBURY, and MIDDLETON arrived at Sullom Voe at 1050A/6.

Convoy.
Q.P.15.

→ S/MS P.312 and 216 sailed from Lerwick today to patrol in the Altenfiord area in the Russian Zone during the passage of Q.P.15.

The blockade breakers KOTA NOPAN and ANNELIESE ESSBERGER outward bound from Biscay were located and unsuccessfully attacked by aircraft yesterday and today. The inward bound blockade breaker KULMERLAND was located in the Bay of Biscay yesterday and probably arrived in the Gironde today. Six Mosquitoes attacked two blockade runners in the Gironde River today and report hits on one of them and near misses by the other. Aircraft of Bomber Command on A/S patrol in the Bay of Biscay attacked unsuccessfully a 5,000 ton merchant ship which retaliated.

65 aircraft laid mines last night in enemy waters.

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Saturday.SITUATION REPORT.Operation "Torch."

At 0915A, N.C.X.F. reported that the Oran assault convoy had entered the Mediterranean, and that the Algiers fast (?convoy) had been sighted but not attacked. All Naval movements in accordance with TON 2 and Mickey Mouse diagram had been completed. U.S. THOMAS STONE, from K.M.F.A.1 was reported at 0650Z as torpedoed and stopped in 37° 34' N, 00° 01' W., with her propellers and steering gear gone. SPEY, standing by, reported her in no danger of sinking. Tug ST. DAY, patrolling off Cape De Gata, was ordered to take the ship in tow, and WISHART and VELOX to escort to Gibraltar. At 1305A, WISHART was ordered, when she reached the ship, to take off a proportion of troops and escort her in tow to Algiers. At 1800Z, SPEY reported that, acting under orders from C.O. THOMAS STONE, she was escorting 24 of her landing craft with 700 men to Queen Blue Beach, and had left THOMAS STONE unguarded in 37° 25' N. 00° 02' E. N.C.X.F. approved this action. At 1833 the destroyer PANTHER with Force H reported she was badly flooded forward by a near miss in 37° 46' N. 02° 52' E. and was steering 270° at 6 knots, making for Gibraltar, where she arrived on 8th November.

North Atlantic.

NORTE.

A Corunna report states that Spanish motor sailing vessel NORTE shipped torpedoes today from a German tanker at Ferrol.

South Atlantic.

S.O.(I) Rio de Janeiro reports that SS. ELMDALE was torpedoed and sunk at 2103 G.M.T./1 in 0° 17' 30" N 34° 55' N.

R.A.W.A. today reported that KELT, trawler, attacked and possibly damaged a U/B at 1940/30/10 in 2° 20' S. 8° 30' E.

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South Atlantic - Contd.

To avoid a U-Boat suspected in approx 13° N. 33° W., W.S.24 was ordered by Admiralty at 1855A to be diverted to eastward, and R/V for ILEX and SOUTHERN PRIDE adjusted accordingly.

St Helena W/T intercepted at 0200 a "Q" message from MATTHEW MAURY (New York to Table Bay and Mombasa) Position doubtful.

At 0557 G.M.T. on "S" report was made by an unknown ship in a position 110° 30 miles from Accra.

SS.OLAF BERGN reported to Simonstown at 1600 G.M.T. having picked up a lifeboat and 20 men from LLANDILO in 26° 30' S. 01° 10' W.

Mediterranean.

Operation
"Sneeze."

Holder of envelope Med. 00181/8 were instructed by C. in C.Med at 1122 to open it, and prespective signal for Operation "Sneeze" was made at the same time.

72 Lancasters attacked Genoa last night.

A Hudson today attacked a U-Boat in 37° 32' N. 1° 30' E. and saw a piece of the casing blown into the air, and in 38° 8' N, 2° 12' E a Hudson saw a U-Boat sink stern first with bows at an angle of 60° for 4 minutes and reported much oil and air, and 5 bodies in the water.

East Indies.

Troops Convoy M.C.1. sailed from Kilindini today for Durban, escorted by ENTERPRISE.

A German raider or supply ship was fixed by D/F off Sunda Straits at 1419Z today.

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East Indies - Contd.

During a patrol from 17th October to 7th November D S/M O.23 attacked a convoy of 4 merchant vessels of about 5,000 tons off the North entrance to Penang on 25th October and secured one hit on one ship.

America & West Indies.

B.Y.M.S. 2 ~~and~~ 4 ~~ships~~ ^{ships} reported disabled in 51° 06' N. 41° 50' W at 0420. FRISKY ~~and~~ ~~ships~~ escorted by VEGREVILLE ~~was~~ sailed to ~~their~~ assistance. *See p. 261*

Convoy T.A.G 19 was attacked today and NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE and LINDENHALL were torpedoed in 11° 34' N. 63° 26' W.

U. S.S. SURPRISE was missed by two torpedoes today and counter-attacked in 11° 32' N. 63° 26' W at 0745Z.

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Saturday.HOME COMMANDS.Movements.

- SUFFOLK. My 1626/5. Proceed to pass Hoxa Gate at 1800/7.
(C. in C. H.F., 0827A/7 to SUFFOLK).
Scapa departure 1747 SUFFOLK. E.T.A. 0730/9.
(A.C.O.S., 1815/7 to A.C.I.C.)
- P.556 My 1002/6. P.556 escorted by MANGROVE leaves
see p. 230
252 Milford Haven p.m./7th southabout for
Portsmouth.
(F.O.S., 0914A/7).
- KENT. My 1122A/5. Sailed.
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 1115A/7 to A.C.O.S.)
- TIGRIS. TIGRIS sails from Portsmouth at 1800/7 and
see p. 230 crosses 043° N., at longitude 012° 30' W. at 1400
/12th.
(Capt. S.5., 1203A/7 to F.O.C.N.A.)
Your 1508/6. Arrived 1215/7.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 1219A/7 to C. in C. Nore).
Sailed TIGRIS.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 1903A/7 and 1906A/8 to
F.O.C.N.A.)
- W.A. Command. Situation at 2003A/7. Details.
(C. in C. W.A., 1357A/7) See Lion Copy.
- THUNDERBOLT. (1) Sailing THUNDERBOLT escorted by CUTTY SARK
on 10th November so as to part company in the
vicinity of Bishop Rock at 1700/12.
(2) Route.
(F.O.S., 1446A/7 to TITANIA).
- UNBEATEN. UNBEATEN is to be recalled so as to R/V
see p. 230 CUTTY SARK after daybreak 180° Bishop Rock 10
miles at 1700/12th.
(2) UNBEATEN is to be routed approximately through
(A) 045° N., 004° W. (B) 048° N., 008° W.
keeping clear of old mine-fields.
(F.O.S., 1449A/7 and 1541A/7).
UNBEATEN is to leave patrol area after dark 8th, dive by
day, and pass through following positions at times stated.
(a) 044° 31' 006° 59' at 0030/9th. (b) 045° 05' 004° 02' at
0030A/10th. (c) 047° 55' 007° 59' at 2000A/11.
(d) 180° Bishop Rock 10 miles 1700A/12th.
(2) CUTTY SARK will R/V in position (d) above at 1700A/12.
(Capt. S.3., 1901A/7).

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HOME COMMANDS.

Movements. - Contd.

PRINCE
LEOPOLD.

Intend sailing PRINCE LEOPOLD at 0300A/8 for Portsmouth via Irish Sea standard route, and channel route (P). E.T.A. Needles 1200A/9. (F.O.I.C. Greenock, 1506/7).

SEVERN.

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My 1238/4. Para.1. Amend time at R/V to read 0730/9th.

Para 2 amend? date to read 9th November.
(3) Para. 3 amend times to read as follows
Submerged area 51, 0100/8 to 0500/8. Area 53, 0200/8 to 0100/9. Area 41 1400/8 to 0730/9. total from 0630 to 1030 on 9th Nov. (Capt. S.5., 1550A/7 to SEVERN).

NIMBLE.

Sailed H.M. Rescue Tug NIMBLE to Milford Haven. E.T.A., 1800A/8. A.M. 1843A/6. refers. (F.O.I.C. Greenock, 1706A/7).

NIMBLE is to adjust speed so as to join*convoy (S.O. of Escort LANCASTER) estimated in 180° Smalls 4½ miles at 1600A/8th. Convoy will be proceeding at 6 knots via Q.Z.S. 301 and thence through 270° The Smalls 5 miles. (N.O.I.C. Milford Haven, 1855A/7 to NIMBLE). *K x.6.

A.F.D.18

My 1900A/4 and C. in C. Plymouth 1353A/5th. Intend sailing A.F.D. 18 towed by EMPIRE BASCOBEL EMPIRE LARCH, and ABEILLE 4 from Needles 1200/10 for Corpach.

2. Routed A.M. Q.Z.S. 293 and route P and A and then Spithead Route and in accordance with traffic regulations to North Channel. Expected speed of advance in fine weather 5 knots.
3. Escort will be provided by FERNIE and a destroyer and 3 A/S trawlers to be detailed by C. in C. Plymouth. Codeword "Jovial".
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 1835A/7 and 2325A/7).

Operations.

Operation
"Upsilon"
(JUNON)
UREDD
Patrol.

(1) JUNON and UREDD are to be sailed to Lerwick 9th November.
(2) JUNON is to proceed to Lerwick for a special landing operation North of Lofoten Island, thence operating in area K.9. Orders follow by courier tonight Saturday.
(3) UREDD is to proceed to Lerwick to operate in Area K.5. and K.6 between latitude 060° 45' N.

and 063° N.

(4) Instructions for submarines are contained in my 1219/9th October.

(F.O.S., 1121A/7 to Capt. S.9).

My 1121/7th para. 2. Short title of operation is "Upsilon"
(F.O.S., 1122A/17).

MOST SECRET.

MOST SECRET

1357A/7th November

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Situation at 2003A/7th November 1942.

Section N.E.

SUFFOLK		58 48 04 06	To 58 45 07 15 thence Hvalfjord	18
LONDON		58 48 06 45	To Scapa	18
W.N. 58	COVERLEY TARANTELLA	58 16 05 33	To Methil	8
E.N. 59	POLKA VALSE	58 46 04 18	To Loch Ewe	8

Section S.E.

KENT		55 10 05 40	To Scapa	24
ANCHUSA		53 50 04 52	To Londonderry	12
Convoy	DERBY COUNTY	52 08 05 21	Northbound	8½
T.A. 28	Unescorted	Sails Clyde 0300A/8	270 degs Oversay 6 miles	22
H.M. 60	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	52 57 05 03	Southbound	8
O.N.S. 144	EGLANTINE	54 07 04 59	Northbound	7
O.N.S. (M) 144	FOXTROT	54 24 05 02	Northbound	6
O.N.S. 144	Unescorted	Sails Belfast 0145A/8	R/V 270 degs Oversay 6 miles	6½
O.N.S. (C) 144	Unescorted	Sails Clyde 2015A/7	R/V 270 degs Oversay 6 miles	6½
O.N.S. (O.J.) 144	SOUTHERN WAVE	Sails Oban 0030A/8	R/V 270 degs Oversay 6 miles	6
1 M/V 1 Tug and Tow	YORK CITY	52 13 05 18	Northbound	5½

Section N.W.

S.C. 107 C.T.U. 24.1.14.	RESTIGOUCHE AMHERST ALGONIA MOOSEJAW SHERBROOKE	50 59 20 39 to 58 05 13 02		7½
S.C.L. 107 C.T.U. 24.6.3.	U.S.S. INGHAM U.S.S. LEARY U.S.S. SCHENCK	59 23 21 37	To Reykjavik	6
R.U. 47	BLACKFLY AICA	59 29 10 51	000 degs Butt of Lewis 6 miles	4

Section/.....

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Section S.W.

4 minesweepers		54 28 28 20	To 54 30 28 00 thence 55 30 18 00	10
Hospital ship AMARAPOORA		41 55 14 30	To 41 30 14 30 thence 37 00 10 00	
Hospital ship NEWFOUNDLAND		46 20 15 00	To 41 30 15 00	13
Hospital ship OXFORDSHIRE		52 22 14 20	To 52 00 15 00 thence 41 30 15 00	
K.M.F.2.	PELICAN 3 Sloops. 2 Cutters.	41 50 18 25	To 40 55 16 30 thence 37 10 16 30	11
S.L.125	SALADIN PETUNIA CROCUS	54 02 10 40	To 55 01 10 00 thence 55 34 08 28	
H.X. 213 C.T.U 24.1.16	HESPERUS WHITEHALL VANESSA GENTIAN CLEMATIS HEATHER.	56 44 14 08	To 56 29 08 30	
O.N.S. 1/2 (E) C.T.U 24.1.5	FIPEDRAKE SUNFLOWER LOOSESTRIFE ALISMA PINK 4 trawlers KYBER	49 32 31 21	To 43 20 40 01	5

1357A/7.

Advance copy D.C. D.E.D. (H) D.T.D.

- V.C.N.S.
- A.C.N.S. (H)
- A.C.N.S. (F)(2)
- A.C.N.S. (T)
- N.A. 1st S.L.
- Capt. Pim
- D.O.D. (H)(2)
- D.O.D. (F)(2)
- D.C. (2)
- U.S.N.
- D.A/S W.
- Hd. of M.
- D.D.I.C. (2)
- J.P. (2)
- W.D.
- D.T.D. (M)
- D.T.D. (3)
- D.T.D. (C)
- D.M.S.

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Saturday.HOME COMMANDS.Operations - Contd

Patrols. Patrol tonight.
M.T.B. 55 (S.O.) 54, 56, M.G.B. 611, 615 near position 50° 05' N., 01° 30' W., passing Needles at 1800 and F buoy at 0730. Codeword "Device". Return St. Helens if weather foul. *SEVERN escorted by SKATE arrives Needles 0830/8. 2 Chasseurs patrolling near E A 5 Buoy. ** see p. 229 & 26/100*

(C. in C. Portsmouth, 1156A/7 to HORNET).

M.L. patrol tonight.

- 2. Forces employed M.Ls. 153 (S.O.) 491, and 195.
3. Patrol 5 miles either side of 110° Start Point 9 miles.
4. Object. To intercept E-boats. *see above.*
5. Information. Own. Submarine SEVERN passes up channel unescorted during the night through 180° Lizard 15 miles 180° Start Point 20 miles, and 180° Portland Bill 13 miles. Enemy. E-boats may work from either Cherbourg or Guernsey.
6. Execution. Proceed at 1800/7 to patrol. Leave patrol at daylight 8th and return Dartmouth.
7. Codeword "Obstacle".

→ (C. in C. Plymouth, 1339/7).

Intend M.G.B. 318 at 1700/7 for the southward returning Dartmouth 0845/8. Codeword "Warrant".

2. Request Fighter Escort as follows; (A) Dartmouth 1700/7 to VY 2027 at 1830/7 (B) VY 1324 at 0700/8 to Dartmouth at 0845/8.

(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth, 1541/7 to C. in C. Plymouth).

M.L. Patrol tomorrow.

2. Forces employed. M.L. 181 (S.O.) 179, and 183.
3. Patrol. 7 miles 065° and 245° of 130° Start Point 20 miles.
4. Object. To intercept E-boats.
5. Information. Own. *P. 556 escorted by *MANGROVE passes Start Point at 2100/8 on convoy route to eastward. Enemy E-boats may work from Cherbourg or Guernsey. *see p. 228 + 252*
6. Execution. Proceed at 1030/8. R/V with PLOUGASTEL and tow in 180° Rame Head 2 miles at 1400/8. Escort tug and tow to Salcombe keeping outside 25 fathom line. Leave Salcombe 1730/8 and proceed to patrol. Leave patrol at daylight 9th and proceed to Dartmouth. If you consider weather too rough for safety of tow, you are to order PLOUGASTEL and tow back to Plymouth.
7. Codeword "Obstacle 1" whilst escorting "Obstacle" for patrol.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 1635A/7).

Situation 2000. TIGRIS 115° Portland Bill 18, S.W. bound, 12 knots. *see p. 228.*

3 M.Ls. on patrol 9 miles S.E.S. Start Point.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 1645A/7).

Your 1339/7. "Obstacle" sailed less M.L. 491.

(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth, 1754A/7 to C. in C. Plymouth)

UNBEATEN
Patrol.UNBEATEN in Biscay West Zone.
(F.O.S., 1726A/7 and 1801A/7). *see p. 228*

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Saturday.HOME COMMANDS.Allied Air Activity.Russian
Recognition
Signals.

Your 1846/5.

Am quite certain Russians would never agree universal adoption A.S.R.S. over land. This was only accepted by them for use over limited area of sea.

2. Best we can hope for is that Soviet Naval Authorities keep aerodromes and A.A. defences (?vicinity) Vaenga and Archangel informed current A.S.R.S. identification We must try always to give them expected time of arrival British aircraft.

3. This should lessen chances our aircraft arriving first time being shot at. British aircraft operating from Soviet aerodromes will be given local recognition procedure.

4. Experience shown however Russians regardless of any recognition procedure are quick on the trigger.

(Ad. Miles 1231C/7 to Admty).

Bomber
Command
Operations.On day 6th November, 4 A/C attacked Wilhelmshaven
On night 6/7 November, 65 A/C laid mines, and
62 A/C bombed Genoa.
(H.Q.B.C., 1600/7).Bombing
restrictions.Request total bombing restrictions in
(A) Area bounded by longitude 012° E., and
021° E. and latitude 073° 30' N., and 070° N.
forthwith until 0800/9th.
(B) My area bounded by 071° N., 021° E. 019° E.
and Norwegian coast from 0800/8th.
(F.O.S., 1757A/7 to H.Q.C.C.)MiningOff
Dundee.Request you will issue orders for ADVENTURE to lay a line of Mark XVII mines in a direction 215° from 56° 28' N., 01° 37' W.
(A.C.N.S.(H), 1617A/7 to R.A.M.)Lyme Bay
sweep.Your 1621A/6. Arrived "Ounce V".
(F.O.I.C. Portland, 1642A/7).Enemy Intelligence.Enemy
Merchant
Ship.P.C.S. of one Merchant Vessel 45° 18' N., 11° 04' W. (?240°) 10 knots. Hostile. Name unknown. 7000 tons. Similar 20 page 42.
(A/C 461 Sqdn. 1300/7 to 19 Group)
270, 8,10,000 tons, 12 knots, 2 masts, one funnel, grey derricks fore aft, no flag or markings.

(A/C 6 GKS 1355/7 to 19 Group).

Latest position of A/V 46° 50' N., 10° 42' W.

(A/C, Duty H. 1450/7 to 19 Group).

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Saturday.HOME COMMANDS.Enemy Intelligence - Lon 13.

Enemy Merchant Ship. Contd. MVO 90, 4 220, 44° 24' N., 12° 07' W.
(A/C, 224 Sqdn, 1527/7 to 19 Group).
1 M.V. 090.4 220 THJY 2453. 44° 24' N., 12° 07' W.
(A/C 304 Sqdn, Duty C, 1527/7 to 19 Group).
P.C.S. of enemy are (?latitude) 12° 07' W., (?2) 10 10.
(A/C 304 Sqdn. Duty C 1535/7).
Position of M/V 46° 50' N., 11° (?06') W.
(A/C 10 O.T.U., 1615/7 to 19 Group).
P.C.S. of Enemy 45° 52' N., 02° 02' W., 045° 10 knots.
(A/C 502 Sqdn. Duty E., 1721/7 to 19 Group).
One enemy merchant vessel bearing 015° distance 10 miles
course 170° position 45° 52' N., 10° 57' W. estimated at 1708.
(A/C 224 Sqdn. Duty F., 1735/7).

Unidentified Ships. Your 0048/3. The following ten unidentified vessels were plotted by R.D.F. during October. Details.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 1835A/7 to Admty).

U-boats.

U-boats Reported. Am over enemy S/M in (?latitude) 02° 12' E. Enemy was on course 090° speed 5 knots, when first sighted.
(A/C TVSU 1045/7).
One U-boat inward-bound within 150 miles N or N.W. of Finisterre. One outward within 40 miles 047° 10' 010° 59'. 3 outward East of 006° 30'.
(F.O.S., 1553A/7 to S/Ms).

Navigational.

Blackstone Point danger-area. My 1126/3. Amend danger-area to read Point of origin 50° 20' 03" N., 03° 34' 03" W. Sea danger is bounded as follows. Details.
(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth, 1232/7 and 1818A/7).

Owers. Owers elbow bell-buoy is adrift from station.
(Hydrographer 1731A/7).

Casualties & Defects.

MARITIMA, MOUNT PELLION, Survivors. My 0415Z/6. P.C.S. at 0103Z/7, 062° 02' N., 024° 29' W., 028° 9 knots. Number of survivors 515 comprising 100 officers 301 ratings and 114 Lascar seamen and including Commodore Watson and staff. At least 8 cot-cases, numerous minor injuries.
(CELANDINE, 0115Z/7 to A.C.I.C.)

/Amended...

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MARITIMA, Amended E.T.A. Reykjavik 0104Z/8. ARVIDA.
MOUNT PEELION, A.F.O. 29(46?)/41. Details.
Survivors. STOCKPORT has 54 Officers, 206 Ratings, including
Contd. PUSSAHIGH has 25 Officers and 29 ratings
including Commodore Watson and Staff and 29
Lascar Seamen. U.S. Tug UNCAS has Officer, 18 Ratings and
85 Lascar Seamen.
(CELANDINE, 1355Z/7 to A.C.I.C.)
My 0936A/5. MISTRAL delayed by defects. Anticipate
sailing p.m./8th.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 1104A/7).

ASTURIAS. Your 1705/2. On arrival in U.K. ASTURIAS can
be taken in hand for refit by Harland and
Wolff, Belfast.
(D.O.D. (F), 1145A/7 to R.A. West Africa).

H.S.L. 191 Your 1406. ^{N.T.A.M.D.} H.S.L. 191 arrived Weymouth with
compass defects.
(F.O.I.C. Portland, 1233/7 to C. in C. Portsmouth)

RINGDOVE. Boiler trouble has necessitated sheltering and
repair at Stornoway before proceeding Kirkwall.
(RINGDOVE, 1730A/7 to N.O.I.C. Kirkwall).

Shipping & Convoys.

Q.P.15 My 1127/2. FAULKNOR, ECHO, IMPULSIVE remain
at Seidisfiord until further orders.
(C. in C. H.F., 0114A/7).
My 1728/2 and F.O.(S) 1928/3. In view of A.M.
1415/6 and A.M. 0109/7 Russians have despatched S/M K.3 to
area 2 A.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia, 1005A/7).

Operation Reliable fix D/F bearing of one enemy destroyer
F.B. at 0545 G.M.T./7th in estimated position 068°
DONBASS 40' N., 011° 10' E.
attacked (S.B.N.O. North Russia, 0745A/7 to Admty).
by A/C. At 0843A Russians reported by direction finder
enemy destroyer in region Nordkin Cape.
Reliability very doubtful.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia, 0925A/7 to Admty).
My 1016A/6. Russian report DONBASS has not received
recalling message and is still proceeding to westward. Ship
was attacked by aircraft in 076° 24' N., 041° 30' E. at 1030A/7.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia, 1110A/7).
TUNA proceeding forthwith with despatch to patrol vicinity
of 070° 32', 020° 01' E. It is most important to remain unseen
approaching your patrol positions.
(F.O.S., 1544A/7 to S/MS).

/Positions...

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Operation F.B. DONBASS attacked by A/C. Contd. Positions of submarines at 0800A/8th and movements for the following 24 hours.
A. TUNA proceeding with despatch to vicinity 70° 32' N., 20° 01' E., from Northwestward.
B. O.15 vicinity 75° N., 08° W.
C. P.312 and P.216 in zone K.6. (F.O.S., 1726A/7 and 2234A/7).
My 1544/7th. Your object cruiser and above. (F.O.S., 2326A/7 to S/Ms).

K.M.S.3 Cancel my 1110A/6. Amended R/V as follows.
R/V 270° 6 miles from Oversay at 0900Z/9.
R/V 1200Z/9 055° 38' N., 007° 18' W. R/V 1200Z/10 055° 29' N., 012° 10' W. (N.C.S.O. Greenock, 1041A/7).
Arrived VIRGINIA. (N.O.I.C. Aultbea, 1501A/7).

F.S. and F.N. Convoys. *See next page.* Commencing with F.S.57 southbound convoys will proceed by Q.Z.S. 308 and 311 except on those nights when no F.N. Convoy is in the area when they will proceed by Q.Z.S. 287 and 277. Commencing with F.N.63 northbound convoys will proceed by Q.Z.S. 287 and 277. (C. in C. Nore, 1048A/7).

Owing to withdrawals from Rosyth Escort Force and temporary defects in WESTMINSTER and LEEDS it will be impossible to provide 2 Escorts on all occasions in near future. It is intended therefore that F.S.461, F.N.469, F.S.462 and F.N.470 will only have 1 escort each from Rosyth Escort Force and it is requested if available C. in C. Nore will provide 1 escort for each Convoy between Nore and Tyne or if that is not practicable as far north as possible.

(C. in C. Rosyth, 1540A/7 to C. in C. Nore).

O.N.145 C.T.U. 24.1.3 in ^{GEORGE W.}CAMPBELL, plus ROSTHERN, DIANTHUS, BADGER, TRILLIUM, designated ocean escort O.N.145. Anticipate DIANTHUS will sail to overtake on 10th. (C.T.G.24.7. 1100Z/7 to C. in C. W.A.)

K.M.F.3 Admiralty 2032A/6 and 2038A/6. Conference 1100A/13. It is highly desirable that ships should arrive Clyde p.m./12th. (N.O.I.C. Greenock, 1114A/7).

Admiralty's 2041/6th, 2038/6, 2032/6. One ship of 42nd Escort Group to escort Cardiff portion and one ship of 42nd Escort Group to escort Liverpool portion to Clyde. F.Os. in charge concerned are requested to arrange R/V.

(i) Remainder of 42nd Group and AZALEA to arrive Clyde a.m. (9) in time for convoy conference. (C. in C. W.A., 1222A/7).

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- H.X.213 Convoy is to split into fast and slow sections. Speed of fast section to be such that Mersey ships are capable of reaching seaward end of Q.Z.S. 298 by 0800A/9th. Names of ships detached to be reported. Escort is to be allocated in proportion to size of sections. Ships bound Loch Ewe are to proceed independently from position L. (C. in C. W.A., 1238A/7 to C.T.U. 24.1.16).
- O.N.S.144 Take ROSE and VERVAIN under your orders and R/V O.N.S.144 in 000° Altacarry 8 miles at 0915Z/8. (N.O.I.C., Londonderry 1439A/7 to POTENTILLA).
- O.N.143
BRITISH
FAITH. Reason for returning unable to rejoin convoy after making temporary machinery repairs. (N.C.S.O. Clyde, 1530/7 to C. in C. W.A.)
- S.L.125 Your 1007/7. Instruct TYNEMOUTH to endeavour to make Barrow if possible, only proceeding Belfast if absolutely necessary. (C. in C. W.A., 1546A/7 to SALADIN).
Your 1221A/6. Intend escorting S.L.125 U from 08° W., to 57° N., S.L.125 U E.T.A. Loch Ewe 0900A/9. Your 1546A/7 and my 1001A/7 TYNEMOUTH now reports unable to proceed past Lough Foyle. Will carry out own repairs there SEMBLIAN has engine defects. MANO dangerous cargo due spontaneous combustion both are proceeding Clyde. (SALADIN, 1854A/7 to C. in C. W.A.)
S.L. 125, E.T.A. 055° 35' N., 007° 00' W. 1200A/8. When KIRKELLA joins, PETUNIA fuel Merville, CROCUS direct to Liverpool. (SALADIN, 1901A/7).
Request KIRKELLA be sailed to meet PETUNIA escorting S.L. 125 in position A at 1200A/8. (N.O.I.C. Liverpool, 2224A/7 to N.O.I.C. Londonderry).
- H.X.215 My 1033/3. Route for HURRICANE and ships in company (A) 57° 01' N., 24° 55' W. (B) 53° 02' N., 40° 03' W. thence Argentina. Provided ships concerned can arrive Argentina in time to refuel and return with H.X.215, HURRICANE has discretion to carry out A/S operations on passage after crossing 025° W. reporting intentions. (C. in C. W.A., 1614Z/7 to Commdre, Londonderry).
B.l. Group HURRICANE S.O., WALLFLOWER, MONKSHOOD sailed from Lough Foyle in accordance with your 1033/3 as indicated. WALLFLOWER, MONKSHOOD 1030A, HURRICANE at 1937A to overtake. WATCHMAN delayed Asdic defective. (Cdre. Londonderry, 1939A/7 to C. in C. W.A.)
- F.S. and
F.N. Convoys. Starting with F.S.457 and F.N.863 East Coast Convoys will operate the following timetable, my 1521/9/4/42 then being cancelled. Details. Southbound convoys proceed by Q.Z.S. 308 and

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F.N. Convoys
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311 unless otherwise ordered by C. in C. Nore.
Northbound Convoys will proceed by Q.Z.S. 287 and
277.
8½ knot convoys will only run when specially
ordered.
(C. in C. Rosyth, 1800/7).

K.X.6

Arrived your 1924A/6.
(F.O.I.C. Milford Haven, 1821A/7 to F.O.I.C.
Greenock).

Atlantic
Convoy
Rescue
Trawlers.

To prevent any lowering of morale in the Merchant
Navy, it is considered an urgent necessity that
ships are available to patrol between 25° W.,
and 40° W. preferably in the vicinity of convoys,
to assist in the rescue of the crews of
stragglers and independents which may be
torpedoed in this dangerous area.
2. It is submitted that immediate consideration may be given
to transfer of the ten trawlers of the Northern Patrol to
Londonderry to work in this area. They would be invaluable in
rendering assistance and at the same time would be working
in an area where the U-boat density is undoubtedly greater than
on their present patrol line.
(C. in C. W.A., 1912A/7 to Admtty).

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U/B.

1 S/M on surface bearing 110° speed 2 knots
course 110° position 35.51 N. 2.37 W.
(SPIREA 0110Z/7).

THOMAS STONE
torpedoed.

U.S. THOMAS STONE from K.M.F.A.1 torpedoed and
stopped in 37.34 N. 00.01 W. Propellers and
steering gear gone. Request tugs immediately.
Am standing by.
(SPEY 0650Z/7 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) N.C.X.F.,
N.C.E.N.T.F.).

My 0650, if am to carry out my part in operation "Torch",
must leave THOMAS STONE in 37.34 N. 00.01 W. at 1200Z. Am
giving her A/S protection only. Ship is in no danger of
sinking. Request immediate instructions.

(SPEY 0745Z/7 to N.C.X.F. (R) Com.E.N.T.F.).

SPEY 0650Z/7th. If Regimental Commander (35th ? 39th)
Infantry is on board THOMAS STONE he should be transferred to another
ship so that he may direct landing operations of remainder of
his regiment. Request you will arrange.

(N.C.X.F. 0937A/7 to N.C.E.N.T.F., (R) S.O. Force H).

Proceed to position 037.34 N. 000.01 W. with all
despatch.

(F.O.C.N.A. 0955A/7 to ST. DAY (R) SPEY N.C.E.T.F.).

U.S. Transport THOMAS STONE torpedoed and stopped in
037.34 N. 000.01 W. Propeller and (?steering gear) destroyed.
ST. DAY patrolling off Cape de Gata has been ordered to take ship
in tow. Proceed with all despatch and escort to Gibraltar.
SPEY stand by at present.

(N.C.X.F. 1005A/7 to WISHART, VELOX, (R) ST. DAY, SPEY).

Your 0745Z/7th. Remain in company until relieved by
WISHART and VELOX.

(N.C.X.F. 1202A/7 to SPEY (R) N.C. E.T.F.).

When you reach THOMAS STONE take off a proportion of
Troops and escort her in tow to Algiers.

(N.C.X.F. 1305A/7 to WISHART (R) VELOX, N.C.E.N.T.F.,
SPEY).

Acting under orders from C.O. U.S.S. THOMAS STONE am
escorting 24 of her landing craft with 700 men to Queen Blue
Beach steering 100° to pass through 37.00 N. 03.00 E. E.T.A.
in this position 1100/8th. THOMAS STONE left unguarded in,
37.25 N. 00.02 E.

(SPEY 1800Z/7 to N.C.X.F. Eastern N.T.F. S.O. Force H.
S.O. Force O. S.N.O.L. KARANJA, S.O. Force R.).

As soon as WISHART joins you take THOMAS STONE in tow for Algiers
at best speed.

ST DAY is to search position 037.24 N. 000.41 E. at 0700Z/8th
course 107° WISHART amend R/V as necessary.

(N.C.X.F. 1948A/7 to SPEY (R) WISHART, ST DAY).

Your 1800Z/7th. Your action heartily approved.

(N.C.X.F. 2208Z/7 to SPEY (R) E.N.T.F. S.N.O.L. KARANJA)

/Cancel....

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THOMAS STONE, Cancel my 1948A/7th. SPEY has proceeded with
torpedoed. L.C.A. leaving STONE in 037.25 N. 000.02 E.
Contd. Comply with my 1305/7th. giving necessary
instructions to ST.DAY.
(N.C.X.F. 2218Z/7 to WISHART.(R) SPEY N.C.E.T.F.
S.O. Force H.Capt.S.8., ST DAY).

9 S/MS V.A.Malta 0855/7 to N.C.X.F. see Mediterranean.
from
Cagliari.

EDAY. My position 0900Z/7th 036.27 N. 003.16 W.
K.S.M.O.I. speed 10.5 knots. Unable to R/V K.S.M.O.I.
until 1900Z/7th. Request instructions.
(EDAY 0901Z/7 to F.O.C.N. A.).
Your 0901Z/7th. Press on at best speed
to overtake.
(N.C.X.F. 1225A/7 to EDAY (R) N.C.C.T.F.).

Situation Oran assault convoy entered Mediterranean
Report Algiers fast sighted but not attacked yet.
No.2. All Naval movements in accordance with TON 2
and Mickey Mouse diagram completed.
(N.C.X.F. 0915A/7 to Admty (R) F.O.C.N.A. etc).
[No.Sit. Report 1 - probably Hush.]

G.U.F.1. Request route for G.U.F.1 from position 34.00 N.
10.00 W. to longitude 40.00 W.
(N.C.X.F. 0931A/7 to Admty).

U/B reports Am over enemy S/M in 36.35 N. 10.24 W.
& attacks. Enemy on surface and observed to submerge.
(A/C TK7M. 1010/7)
Am over enemy S/M in 36.35 N. 10.24 W.
enemy on surface and observed to submerge course
130° speed 10 knots.
(TK7M. 1016/7).
Am over enemy S/M in position CZJJ. 812 (indecipherable)
when first sighted was on surface on course 090°. 5 knots.
(Gib.A/C 1045/7).
Have attacked enemy with bombs (dive).
(A/C TV5U.1150/7).

R/C My 1446/6th. Forenoon photographs and afternoon
Italian visuals confirm no change except.
Ports. (1)Brindisi, add 3 destroyers. (2).At 1440A/6th
2 destroyers at Palermo 10 course 270° speed
15 knots.
(V.A.Malta 1037A/7 to N.C.X.F. (R) C. in C.Med.
Admty, F.O.C.N.A.).

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GLAISDALE K (?X) (?5), E.T.A. Gibraltar 1000A/10th, S. of A.
K.M.5. 8 knots.
See p. 241 (GLAISDALE 1038A/7 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) Admty,
C. in C.W.A.).

Italian Visual R/C about 0730A/7th no change Italian
Main main unit(s). Navarino not yet covered.
Units. (?V.A. Malta 1045A/7 to N.C.X.F. (F) F.O.C.N.A.
Admty, S.O. Force H, E.N.T. (?F) C.N.T.F.)

German A/C At 0810Z German A/C reported either Force H
Report. or K.M. (?F) (?A) 1.
(N. C.X.F. 1101A/7 to S.O. Force H, E.N.T.F. (R)
C.N.T.F.).

Oran R/C. Photographic R/C Oran 1545/6th shows following
change merchant shipping since (? 1st) Nov.
One medium from abreast LORRAINE one medium
along last GIRAUD one medium stern to AUPUY one small one
medium departed Miller and one small to Senegal.
2 small (5 Groups omitted) departed (?central). Naval Units.
CASSARD to north central. ELAN to Lamoune. Destroyer from
floating dock to Beaupuy stern to one S/M from Lamoune to
alongside inner floating dock.
(N.C.X.F. 1130 A/7 to N.C.C.N.T.F. WALNEY, HARTLAND)

SHAD. 1 A/S A/C will be attacking any S/M sighted
GUNNEL, on surface in vicinity of assault areas.
HERRING. 2 Essential therefore that SHAD, GUNNEL,
BARB. HERRING, and BARB when withdrawing should remain
See next page submerged during daylight on D. Day. S/Ms after
dark on D. Day should then proceed on the
surface to patrol positions on Cape Sim Madeira line as
previously ordered.

3. Total bombing restrictions will be in force 20 miles either
side line joining Cape Sim and position 283°. Cape Sim 160
miles from daylight D plus one day until further orders and
in area between Cape Sim 31.30 N. 11.00 W. 33.00 10.00 33.00
09.00 Cape Sim from daylight D. plus one day until D. plus 2
days.

4. When endurance causes you to relinquish patrol report this
fact and proceed through 32.00 N. 12.00 W. 35.00 15.00.
(N.C.X.F. 1150A/7 to BARB, HERRING, GUNNEL, SHAD. R.A.W.A. (R)
N. Cdr. Western Naval Task Force, A.O.C. Gibraltar).

Algiers. Photographic R/C Algiers 1545/6th shows
R/C. following changes in merchant shipping since
1212/2nd. One small alongside Fecamp. One
medium alongside Dieppe. Tanker off Port de
France has departed. One large floating crane at Bonifacie
from end of Jete Du Nord. One medium from Calais has
departed.

/One small...

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R/C.
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One small engine aft from Biarritz to alongside (?dry) dock
One medium alongside south (?D) Jefna. One small engine aft has departed from New Mole. Cargo liner and medium have departed from Courriers. No change naval units.
(N.C.X.F. 1159A/7 to N.C.E.N.T.F. MALCOLM.BROKE).

P.228.
P.54,
URSULA,
P.219.

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P.228 sailed, Toulon patrol at 1700Z dived by day 160 miles a day keeping within 5 miles of Spanish coast to Cape Palos thence 042° and may meet P.54, URSULA, and P.219.
2. P.219 returning from Toulon position doubtful.
(Capt.S.8. 1350A/7 to 8th S/M.F).

P.221,
P.45,
P.48.

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P.221 P.45 P.48 are to leave Eastern (?limit) of Algiers Sanctuary at 1930, 2000 and 2200 G.M.T. respectively on Sunday 8th and proceed diving by day so as to pass through 37.30 07.59 at 2100/9th, 0300/10th and 0600/10th respectively.

Subsequent instructions will be communicated through Capt.(S) 10.
2. Submerged bombing restrictions arranged 10 miles either side line joining 37.01, 04.30 and 37.30, 07.59 from 2200/8th.
(Capt.S.8. 1342A/7, to 8th S/M F. (R) N.Cdr. Eastern Naval Task Force, Capt.(S) 10, S.O. Force H.).

Situation at
1958A/7.

1. Spanish Training Ship JUAN SEBASTIAN DE ELCANO cruising in area between Canary Is. and point 36.01, 30.02.

2. U.G.F.2. escorted by Fleet Unit 9 destroyers

36.50, 34.34 115° 13½.

3. NORFOLK, CUMBERLAND, ONSLOW, OFFA, ORIBI, cruising North and East of position 35.01, 24.01.

(F.O.C.N.A. 1352A/7).

Situation
2004A/7th.

1. U.G.F. ¹One, escorted by fleet unit, 9 destroyers, 036.50 034.34 115° 13½.

2. HOLCOMBE 20.08, 19.22. 162° 11½. *See p. 251*

3. C.F.7. fleet unit SHROPSHIRE, ARROW, ACTIVE, BRIDGEWATER 020. 10, 020.21, through 23.22 20.40, thence 350° 11¾.

4. BURDOCK 24.15, 18.21 through 20.01, 19.01 thence southward 12.

(F.O.C.N.A. 1358A/7 to A.I.G.65).

Situation
2002A/7th.

1. U.S.S/M SHAD on patrol off ?(Me)hediya

2. U.S.S/M GUNNEL on patrol off Fedala.

3. U.S.S/M HERRING on patrol off Casablanca.

4. U.S.S/M BARB on patrol off Safi.

5. TRIBUNE 36.48, 09.03 through 26.35 07.01 and 35.59 06.01.

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Situation to Gib. on surface 10.
 2002A/7th. 6. GUARDIAN, CYCLAMEN, ARMERIA 34.47 11.01
 Contd. through 35.50 06.03 thence Gib.11.
 7. Spanish Training Ship JUAN SEBASTIAN DE
 ELCANO cruising in area between Canaries and
 point 36.01 30.02.

See p. 239 8. K.X.5, GLAISDALE, BLEAN, 5 Corvettes, 3 Trawlers, 37.48, 12.37
 through 36.22, 10.01 thence Gibraltar 7 (amendment 2311/7).
 9. K.M.S.2, LONDONDERRY, CLEVELAND, COLTSFOOT, ESKDALE,
 ALBRIGHTON, 6 Sloops, 2 Cutters, 3 Corvettes 36.13 14.52 90
 6.knots.
 10. NORFOLK, CUMBERLAND, ONSLOW, OFFA, ORIBI cruising North
 and east of position 35.01 24.01.
 11. JAUNTY, LEYLAND one Merchant Ship in tow 36.18, 12.07,
 (?4) 3.
 12. COWSLIP 35.33 07.11 to Gibraltar 8.
 13. K.M.F.2, PELICAN, 3 Sloops, 2 Cutters, 41.49 18.18 through
 40.55 16.30 thence 180° 11½.
See p. 246 14. ESCAPADE 38.27, 14.28 through 39.01, 16.30 to R/V K.M.F.2.
 15. VENOMOUS 34.18, 12.39 236°15.
 16. JURA, RUSKHOLM, PORT STANLEY, one Merchant Ship.
 36.18, 06.57 to Gibraltar 8.
 (F.O.C.N.A. 1404/7 to Area X). W.R.Note:- Message incomplete
 remaining Part (3) being obtained.
 My 1404/7th para.(8), Amend position to (E) 038.25,
 013.44 and speed to 8. Para.(18) amend position to 39.(39)?
 11.38, and first speed to 8.
 (F.O.C.N.A. 2311/7 to S. & A., Area X).

Plan of Operations. Main plan was for 3 assaults in force in
 vicinity of Algiers, Oran and Casablanca. These
 were directed on beaches near the ports
 involving subsequent encircling movements.
 It was considered important that operations should appear to
 have American aspect, and therefore assaults at Oran and
 Casablanca were carried out by American ground forces; that
 at Algiers was, however, supported closely by British troops.
 Naval forces inside the Mediterranean were purely British.
 Landings were supported by carrier-borne aircraft.
 The very large convoys and great number of warships practically
 completed phase without detection by enemy. Convoys inside
 Mediterranean were sighted on D minus 1, only damage
 sustained in this stage was one assault ship torpedoed but
 not sunk.
 Landings were achieved with strategical and tactical surprise.
 Algiers capitulated unconditionally 1700 hours, 8th November.
 Previous to this much of Algiers area appears to have been
 in friendly hands and resistance was largely local.
 Assault forces were:- Casablanca area, 1 armoured and 5 infantry
 brigade groups.
 Oran Area:- 1 armoured and 3 infantry brigade groups.
 Algiers area:- 3 brigade groups.
 Of the above, all are known to be on shore except possibly one
 armoured and 3 infantry brigade groups, in Casablanca area.
 One fighter squadron has since flown into Oran area and 3
 Squadrons to Algiers area.
 (C. in C. A.F. 1423/7 to H.M. Ambassador Madrid, pass to
 U.S. Ambassador Madrid, Gov. Malta., M. of S.M.E., Resident
 Minister, Achimalta.)

/U/B.....

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U/B

Am over enemy submarine in 36.43 N., 00.46 E. sighted on surface and observed to submerge. When first sighted was on course 090° estimated speed 6 knots.
(A/C using Callsign WD 3L 1430A/7, 1454/7).

→ P.219

P.219 is returning to Gibraltar diving by day with W/T out of action. Position uncertain (?by day) P.219 is to keep 5 miles north of her outward route after passing Cape Palos.
(Capt. S.8., 1502A/7 to 8th S/M F.)

French Shipping.

Following French Ships passed Straits westbound 0800/7th DAHOMEY, FOUDROYANT, STRASBOURGEOIS, LOUP DE MER, POITOU, SIMON DUHAMEL II, CAPITAINE PAUL LEMERLE, LORRAIN, last 2 with deck cargo motor transport.

Escort 2 armed trawlers.

(N.C.X.F., 1514A/7 to N.C.W.N.T.)

Gibraltar 0900. French Ships FOUDROYANT laden, DAHOMEY, STRASBOURGEOIS, SIMON DUHAMEL II, LORRAIN, all full, last named deck cargo Motor Transport. CAPITAINE PAUL LEMERLE laden deck cargo Motor Transport, Trawlers LOUP DE MER, POITOU, escorted by survey vessel ESTAFETTE, JOSEPH ELISE, VICTORIA westbound.

(S.O.(I) Gib., 1843A/7 to Admty etc).

S/Ms.

Western Mediterranean Submarine Situation Report at 2000Z/7th.

- see p.240*
- (1) P.54 and URSULA off Oran in position C W and C E respectively proceeding at about 2300/7th to position 036° 38' N., 002° 20' W., and 031° 59' 00° 20' W. respectively. On surface by night 8 knots submerge by day 2 kts
 - (2) P.221, P.45, P.48, vicinity Algiers, proceed after assault to area south of 037° 07' ? between 003° 30' E., and 004° 30' E.
 - (3) P.228 leaves Gibraltar on surface 11 knots at 17 7th to eastward keeping within (?5 miles) of Spanish coast proceeding submerged at 2 knots after daylight 8th.
 - (4) P.217, P.51, P.222, off Toulon.
 - (5) P.219, 040° 25' N., 001° 58' E. to Gibraltar from Toulon diving by day keeping close to south coast Spain.
(Capt. S.8., 1529A/7 to A.I.G.259, A.O.C. Gibraltar).

Reports of torpedo hits.

Signals reporting torpedo hits must specify whether hit by aircraft or U-boat torpedo.
(N.C.X.F., 1530A/7 to All British ships and authorities concerned in Operation "Torch" V.A. Malta (excluding ships refitting in U.K.))

/Disposition...

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Disposition of Italian Fleet photographed 0800A/7 confirmed by midday visual: (a) Taranto. 6 Battleships, 5 destroyers, 4 torpedo boats, 11 submarines (See correction 2136A/7). (b) Naples. One 8 inch cruiser in dock, 2 6 inch cruisers, one 6 inch cruiser undergoing repairs one destroyer, 3 torpedo boats one submarine.

(c) Messina 2 8 inch cruisers 1 T.B.
 (d) Palermo 1 5.3 inch cruiser 3 destroyers.
 (e) Cagliari 1 submarine.
 (f) Navarino 3 6 inch 3 destroyers.
 (g) Trapani 4 destroyers, 5 submarines M A S number not established.
 (h) Empode (?Empedocle) 5th November 10 E-boats.

Note: since p.m./6th (A) 8 submarines less at Cagliari (B) 5 destroyers have left Taranto.
 (V.A. Malta, 1601A/7 to N.C.X.F. (R) C.N.T.F.E.N.T.F. Force H. F.O.C.N.A., C. in C. Med., Admty. Submarines on patrol).
 My 1601/7th. Evening visual R/C no change.

(2) Taranto correct destroyers to read 12 delete torpedo boats, and amend note (B) to read 4 torpedo boats have left Taranto.
 (V.A. Malta, 2136A/7 to N.C.X.F. (R) E.N.T.F., C.N.T.F., Force H., F.O.C.N.A., C. in C. Mediterranean, Admty).

Central Task Force. N C No. 11. Para.1. Alternative plan of arriving first light has been adopted. Para. 2. (?Signals) are to commence at 0100/D Day and cease at 0600/D Day.
 (N.C.X.F., 1614A/7 to N.C.C.N.T.F. ALYN BANK, ANTELOPE).

Enemy Destroyer. Following has been read. P.C. and S. of one D D 37.05 N., 11.00 E., course 040° speed 25.
 (A/C Using Call sign V9KJ 1640A/7).

MARNE, VENOMOUS. My 1346A/6 Amend R/V to read 28.16 N., 21.39 W. at 1200Z/9th. My 1706A/6 (N.T. in W.D.) amend position (D) to read 29.29 N., 21.54 W., and add (E) 34.13 N., 26.04 W. Amend Convoy S. of A. to 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ knots. Route to Gib. will be given by VINDICTIVE.
 (N.C.X.F., 1709A/7 to MARNE, VENOMOUS (R) VINDICTIVE, HECLA. Admty. N.C.W.N.T.F., C. in C. W.A., F.O.C.N.A., Capt. (S) 8).

Tankers. Your 1902/6. NORLYS New York in first available U.S. slow convoy (Tanker Message) also CLIONA when empty.
 (Director of Stores 1720A/7 to F.O.C.N.A., (R) N.C.X.F.)

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- U/B U-boat made transmission on 7640 k/c/s at 1510Z/7 which may possibly be sighting report. Very indefinite D/F bearings indicate U-boat may be in vicinity of Force Q or K.M.F.2. (D.D.I.C., 1721A/7 to Force Q, Escorts of K.M.F. 2).
- Italian Main Units. Photo R/C 6th November shows no change Italian main units. At 1340/6th 2 enemy minelayers 360° Palermo 10, course 270° speed 15 knots. (N.C.X.F., 1756A/7 to S.O. Force H., N.C.E.N.T.F.)
- Air Effort. In order to keep our efforts for "Torch" going as long as possible with the petrol available A.O.C. is anxious to cut any R/C that can be spared.
2. Propose (a) to cut out Messina and Cavoli, Marittimo night patrols as these are well covered by S/MS (b) to reduce port (?R/C) to not more than 2 sorties each bomber.
3. Request your concurrence. (V.A. Malta, 1757A/8 to N.C.X.F.)
- K.M.S.A.I. German R/C aircraft in vicinity K.M.S.A.1 at enemy A/C. 1643Z. (N.C.X.F., 1806A/7 to C.S.10).
- A/S Air Patrols. TON 3, Appendix 2. Intend A/S air patrols 8th November on station dawn to dusk. Port Lyautey, 1 Hudson. Fedala, 1 Hudson. Safi, 1 Catalina. (N.C.X.F., 1808A/7 to N.N.T.F.) W.R. Note. Recd. as Hush. Degraded by W.R.
- A/S Air Escort. TCAO 11. Intend A/S Air escort 8th November all dawn to dusk. Force H one C K.M.S 2 1 C. K.X.5 1 C. *THOMAS STONE, 1 H. Oran Sector 3 H. Algiers Sector, 2 C. **see p.237 & next page*. (N.C.X.F., 1812/7 1833A/7 to All British ships and authorities concerned in Operation "Torch" V.A. Malta (Excluding ships refitting in U.K. and W.N.T.F.))
- Special U/B estimate. Handle as O P. Admiralty re encipher and pass to Taskforce 34 via British Broadcast Schedules
Weather Little activity this area with one D/F past 24 forecast. hours. Twelve estimated Lisbon to Casablanca. One Southbound 40 N., 12 W. Four estimated patrolling N.E. Azores. Four Northbound. 12 N., 21 W., 21 N., 21 W., 25 N., 21 W., 37 N., 21 W. Three estimated 34 N., 22 W. One refuelling submarine probably same area. Two patrolling North Madeira. Three estimated patrolling. 31 N., 25 W., 27 N., 25 W., 25 N., 25 W. Two estimated 21 N., 24 W. One refuelling sub. possibly same

/area...

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estimate.
Weather
forecast.
Contd.

area. Possibly one patrolling south C. Verde Islands. One Area 08 N., 15 W., by poor D/F 2302Z/5. No information on Italians. One S.E. Azores by poor D/F 2027Z/6. Weather forecast Atlantic coast Morocco Saturday and Sunday. Partly cloud to cloudy. Visibility twelve miles decreasing during night with haze and light fog improving with sunrise. Light to moderate northerly winds. Sea moderate becoming slight. Swell north northeast long moderate decreasing to less than four feet. Azores 000Z Saturday south southwest some north north east one and two feet period nine seconds sea smooth. (Cominch, 1831/7 to Admty. Task Force 34 (R) C.T.F. 30, Cinclant).

PANTHER
damaged.*see next page*

Ship badly flooded forward by near miss, my position course and speed 037° 46' N., 002° 52' E. 270° 6 knots. Intend to make for Gibraltar routed through 037° 46' N., 000° 00' E., and 036° 30' N., 002° 00' W. (PANTHER, 1833/7 to F.O.C.N.A., (R) S.O. Force H)

Casablanca
R/C.

A. 234 7/11 P.R.U. Gib. W2 7/11 Sortie G224 7/11 1120 hrs. shows Casablanca on oblique photos only Since 6/11 Naval shipping shows increase of one C.T. One ELAN one probable sloop two Redoubtable submarines, 4 probably 5 submarines 200/220. Cassard C.T. H.T.S. not present outside harbour entrance but may be new arrival in harbour. Merchant Shipping. Fourteen M.V.s over 200 present. Rabat. V/D. One medium twin engined two medium three possibly six small A/C visible. Rabat/Manora A/DMT Two German 222 one German 223. Five Probable Leo 45 one probable Amcot 350/1 2 large and 2 medium A/C visible. Dala. 2 Coastal tankers and small craft present. (P.R.U. Gib. 1900/7 to Admty etc).

Air
Programme.

AC 403 7/11, programme for 8/11.
1 Catalina A/S and cover patrol between 04 E., and 07 E., and 41.42 W., from 1500 - 0900/9
Catalina A/S Escort to C/VS to K.M.S. 2 and KX 5 from dawn to dusk Catalina A/S Escort to Force Harry from dawn to Dusk 515 Swordfish A/S Patrol C Spartel 1900 0500/8 3 Swordfish A/S Sweep to West 1400 - 1715 Hudson A/C on special A/S patrols at dawn in connection with Operation "Torch" about 18 Sorties Hudson A/S escort to M/V
* THOMAS STONE dawn to dusk 2 Mosquito Photo reccos. Toulon 1000 and 1500A 1 Catalina 5 (2) (As received) Hudsons on leaflet dropping Sorties in connection "Torch".
(Gibraltar 1905Z/7 to H.Q.C.C. (R) A.L.O. Admty).

* *see pp 237 9244*

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ESCAPADE. Leave convoy at daylight and proceed to Gibraltar.
see p 241
(Situation) (N.C.X.F. 1931/7, to ESCAPADE(R) Escort of K.M.F. & Admiralty, F.O.C.N.A. Capt.(S) 8th Sub.Flottilla).

UTMOST. UTMOST be in position given in my 1916A/6th by 0500A/8th. R/C shows U-Boats in 036.12, 018.14 course 310° speed 11 knots at 1706A/7th. (Capt.S.10. 1945A/7 to UNA, UTMOST (R) N.C.X.F. C. in C.Med. Capt.(S) 1).

Toulon R/C. At 1430 Toulon main fleet (?was in harbour). Everything appears normal there. (N.C.X. F. 2001A/7 to S.O. Force H., N.C.E.N.T.F. N.C.C.N.T.F. (R) Admty).

Force Q. 1. possibly 2, S/Ms were sighted off Ponta U/Bs Delgada at 0800 course westerly. TEJO. Portuguese destroyer TEJO sails (?sailed) today for Lisbon. (N.C. X. F. 2008A/7 to Force Q).

Proclamations. Do not distribute any of (?) terms, public proclamation, or ordinances pending further instructions from this H.Q. From Eisenhower. Address E.A.F., C.T.F., W.T. F., Abfor inform(ed) (N.C.X.F. 2020A/7 to Cdr. Eastern Assault Force, (R) C.T.F., W.T.F. A.F.H.Q. London).

MINNA. My 0745/7th. (No trace in W.R.) para.2, (b) MINNA T.E.1. did not sail. (2) Intend to sail her 2159Z/7th to overtake, S. of A. 9 knots. (F.O.C.N.A. 2056Z/7 to SCOTTISH, Ships escorting convoy T. E.1).

* PANTHER. Enemy S/M sighted in 037.46 N. 002. 12 E. and U/B. forced to submerge. My course and speed 270° 14 knots.
** see previous page* (PANTHER 2142Z/7, to F.O.C.N.A.(R) S.O. Force H)

Casablanca R/C. Photographic R/C Casablanca at 1120/7th shows increase of 7 S/Ms. (N.C.X.F. 2225A/7 to W.N. T.F.).

Flares and Guides. For Gen.Ryder from Eisenhower. Following message from MacGowan. As red flares probably impossible, guides will be waiting at white light near Deux Moulins, Algiers. (N.C.X.F. 2245A/7 to N.C.E.N.F.F.).

/Unknown....

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Unknown Ship. One unknown ship bearing 040° distance 2 miles course unknown my position X.Q.(4 blanks) 05. (? 2329/7, to Gibraltar).

Toulon R/C. A.235 7/11 PR. GIBW3/7/11.
See next page Sortie G.223 7/11 1312 hours shows Toulon B.S. STRASBOURG, CR. ALGERIE, one "Suffren" Class CR. and one "La Galissonniere" Class CR lie at jetties of port Lagoubran. Boom protects jetties. One "Suffren" Class CR in Bassin Missiessy. COMMANDANT TESTE and Ex BS. CONBORCST lie outside Darse Vidgle. BS. DUNKERQUE Ex BS. PROVENCE and one "Suffren" Class CR. in dry docks. BS. DUNKERQUE has part of starboard side opposite main armament stripped. "SUFFREN CR afloat in dry dock with gate open. Boom in position off entrance to Docks. Shipping in Rade D'Hyeres. Two "La Galissonniere" Class CRS protected by long booms. Part two follows giving details of approx. twenty Contretorpilleurs ten S/MS several DRS. and other shipping in Toulon. (P.R.U. Gib. 2345Z/7 to Admty, etc).

Gibraltar Air Report. AI. 142 7th Nov. Opsum for 24 hrs. ended 1800 7th Nov. A/S escorts - 1 Catalina to KMS. IA, 1 Catalina to KMF IA, 2 Catalinas to KMS 2, 1 Catalina to UGF 1, 1 Catalina to KMS OI, 1 Catalina to KMF OI total 104 hrs 30 mins. 3 Hudsons to the (?south) 14 hrs. A/S sweeps 16 Hudsons to east 80 hrs. 5 Hudsons to West - 37 hrs.30 mins. 8 Swordfish to east - 28(25)* hrs. 1 Catalina anti-shipping - 4 hrs. 1 Catalina. CLA-16 hrs 1 Catalina Special task - 14 hrs. 45 mins. 1 Hudson U-Boat hunt - 6 hrs 30 mins. 1 Hudson met flight to west - 9 hrs. U-Boat sighting 6 sightings 4 attacks 1 Catalina in position LBWD 3536 (3532)* at 1011 hrs. Attacked bubbles seen three mins. after 1 Hudson in position XTNV.3230 at 1105 hrs. attacked piece of U-Boat casing blown into air D/R arrived 10 mins later. 1 Hudson in position CZJG 0812 at 1125 hrs. attacked with D/Cs and A/S bombs U-Boat sank stern first after bows projecting 60° for 4 mins. much air and oil. 1 Hudson in position LBCP 4346 at 1413 hrs. D/C failed to explode.
2. At 1216 hrs. 1 JU 88 reported by visual observation near Gibraltar flying at 20,000 feet fighters up but failed to contact owing to insufficient warning.
3. Photo R/C Oran and Algiers 6th Nov. Algiers no change naval shipping since 2nd Nov. 22 M/Vs over 200 ft. present Doran/Agha S.R. Base one very large A/C afloat Algiers/Maison Bla EHE A/D One Farman 222 two Large Twin-engined two large CGX Medium Twin-engined one medium and eighteen possibly 21 small A/C. Part 2 follows. (Gibraltar 2346Z/7).
*as received.

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Gibraltar Part 2 of 2348/7.
 Air Report. Algiers/Hussein Dej no A/C visible. Blida one
 Contd. probable Amiot 350/1 two Les 45s two Potez
 540s two large twin-engined uncamouflaged
 four medium and two small aircraft.

Oran since 1st Nov. naval increase of one probably two S/Ms
 200/220 and increase two S/Ms 260 other units remain same.
 Seven M/Vs over 200.

Mers El Kebir one probable M/V 250/300 has arrived Oran/La
 Senia part cover one Bloch 200 uncamouflaged eight medium 15
 small A/C.

Oran/Tafaroui one large or medium A/C one Spitfire recco.
 Algiers 7th Nov. 4 hours 30 mins, one Spitfire recco Oran
 7th Nov. 3 hours 5 mins. Two Mosquitoes recco Toulon 7th
 Nov. 9 hours 5 mins. one Spitfire recco Casablanca 7th Nov
 3 hours; recco Casablanca 7th Nov shows increase 1 CT 1 Elan
 1 sloop 2 Redoubtable S/Ms and four or give S/Ms 200/220
 Cassard CT not, outside harbour but may be new arrival in
 harbour 14 M/Vs over 200. Recco Rabat A/C one medium twin-
 engined possibly six small A/C visible Rabat/Mamora two
 Farman 222s one 223 five Leo 45s one probable Amiot 350 two
 large and medium A/C Fedala two coastal tankers and small
 craft. Recco Toulon, 7th Nov, present DUNKERQUE in dry dock,
 "Suffren" Class C/R leaving dry dock, one old B/S in dry dock,
 other near dry dock, COMMANDANT ~~TESTE~~ TESTE, 11 S/Ms, 22 CTS,
 STRASBOURG in same place, two "Suffren" Class C/Rs, one
 "Galissonniere" C/R.
 (Gibraltar 2348Z/7). *See previous page*

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Saturday.FOREIGN STATIONS.North Atlantic.

U/Bs. 0800 G.M.T. 7 th submarine sighted southward Aquar Alto 12 miles away steering westerly direction.
0900 G.M.T. submarine sighted bearing 152° 16 miles from Feteiras steering south westward.
A.l. P U F.
(N.C.S.O. Ponta Delgada 0845/7 to S.O.I. Gibraltar.
(R) Admty.)

STURGEON Arrival p.m. 6th.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1454A/7 to Admty.)

U/B at Santander Sadok. Nov. 7th. S/M left dry dock 1500 proceeding Maliano Dock apparently to be interned alongside 2 destroyers reported by me Oct. 2nd.
(Santander 1523/7 to Admty. (R) B.N.A. Madrid. S.O.(I.) Gibraltar.)

NORTE Spanish motor sailing vessel NORTE shipped torpedoes Nov. 7th from German tanker at Ferrol.
(Corunna 1800/7 to Admty. (R) S.O.(I.) Gibraltar. B.N.A. Madrid.)

DUNCAN Admty. 1933A/21. E.T.A. 1400Z/9.
ANTHONY (2) Fuel required DUNCAN 400 ANTHONY 350 tons. Almost empty.
(3) B.A.D. Washington's 2219Z/3 acknowledged.
(DUNCAN 1953Z/7 to F.O.C.N.A. etc.)

Rafts. My 1157/1st. (re: RENASCENT still afloat.)
Ministry of Marine reports number of empty rafts and lifeboats washed up on coast of Madeira 5th and 6th. In addition on 6th fishing boat arrived at Deserta near Funchal with 2 (?survivors) of British Merchant ship BALLMOUTHUS (name uncertain). 3 other survivors on rock near Deserta picked up by Portuguese ship GAVIAO which was sent to fetch them. Other survivors believed in vicinity.
(N.A. Lisbon 2017/7 to S.O.I. Gibraltar. (R) Admty.)

South Atlantic.

Brazilian Destroyer, suspicious ship. Following from Rio de Janeiro (Begins) C.N.S. reports Brazilian destroyer on patrol during daylight 5/6th off Ilha Rasa approx. position 023° 04' S 043° 09' W challenged unknown ship which replied "British warship" and made off at high speed. Brazilian Commander unable to furnish description. (Ends.)
(S.O.(I.) Montevideo 0010Z/7 to Admty. (R) B.A.D. R.A.W.A. Commander South Atlantic Forces.)

/My 0010/7th...

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Destroyer,
suspicious
ship.
Contd.My 0010/7th. Brazilian C.N.S. now reports unknown
ship proves to be British Merchant Ship.
(S.O.I.) Montevideo 1750Z/7 to Admty.)MATTHEW
MAURY
"Q" Report.QQQQ de KFLB (MATTHEW MAURY) 0148 1531 possible
position.
(St. Helena W/T T.O.R. 0200/7.)ELMDALE
(sunk
1/11.)R.O. Ceara (Forteleza) reports British ship
ELMDALE torpedoed and sunk by S/M of unknown
Nationality 2103 G.M.T. Nov. 1st. in 000° 17' 30"
N 034° 55' W. 36 survivors none injured, including
all officers, landed Forteleza dawn Nov. 6th.Lifeboat sighted by patrolling aircraft afternoon 5th. and Brazil
ship sent from Forteleza picked up lifeboat 0300 G.M.T. 6th, 12
miles from Forteleza. Port Lifeboat sunk by propeller and 6 men
missing. S/M about 200 feet long, very new paint, turtle back
at both ends, silver grey top, hull dark grey, guns forward,
A.A. gun aft, C/T very high.S/M approached within 50 feet of lifeboat but engine inaudible.
Believed to have been sighted again from boat 0100 G.M.T./6th.
C.Bs left on board ship which sank in 7 minutes.(S.O.I.) Rio de Janeiro 0215Z/7 to Admty. (R) C. in C. S.A.
etc.)Following is a repetition of message received from R.O.
Ceara addressed to me, (R) S.O.I. Rio de Janeiro (Begins)
36 survivors British steamer ELMDALE landed here Ceara dawn Nov.
6th. Steamer torpedoed 2103 hours G.M.T. Nov. 1st. 000° 17' 30"
N 034° 55' W. Steamer sank in 7 minutes. Port lifeboat sunk by
propeller and 6 men are missing. All officers saved and no one
injured. Lifeboat with survivors sighted by patrol aircraft late
afternoon Nov. 5th. and Brazilian ship sent from Ceara picked up
lifeboat midnight Nov. 5th 12 miles from Port Forteleza. Code
and Cypher sunk with steamer. T.O.O. 1715/6. (Ends.)

(R.O. Pernambuco 1350Z/7 to Admty. S.O.I.) Montevideo.)

Report
of U/Bs
in Vichy
waters.My 1843/6th. (1842/6th intended) Later reported
no S/M entered Lome at 1430/6th, but two tankers
and one small warship entered Lome at 2345/5th.
(S.O.I.) Freetown 0303Z/7 to Admty.)KELT
attack on
U/B, Oct.
30th.At 1940/30 Oct. in 2° 20' S 8° 30' E H.M. Trawler
KELT escorting 1 merchant ship sighted U-Boat,
unsuccessful attempt made to ram. Asdic contact
obtained. At 1950 torpedo detected and sighted
passing down port side. U-Boat illuminated with
star shell, crash dived, range 350 (yards?). KELT
attacked with 6 depth charges. N.V.R. Consider U-Boat possibly
damaged. Merchant ship was not attacked.
(R.A.W.A. 0345Z/7 to Admty.)

/"S" Report...

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"S" Report. Following has been read via Ascension W/T.
SSSS de 2 W E E (A/S M.L. 262) sighted 30 miles
110° Accra.
(A/S M.L. 263 0430G/7.)

Intercept de Sierra Leone Radio. de GB 3 O P SSSS de 2
W E E sighted 30 miles 110° Accra 0340G/7, de VPG TOR de ZBI
0414/7 TOR de VPU 0530/7. (Ends)
(Valentia Radio 0602/7.)

Received at 0606 G.M.T. 375 K/cs de Gallonhead Radio (Begins)
At 0557 G.M.T. de VPU SSSS de 2 W E E (Undecypherable in War Reg.)
sighted 31 miles 100° Accra 0430Z/7 VPG. T.O.R. 0414Z/7. T.O.R.
de VPU 0530/7 (Ends)
(Wick Radio 0708/7.)

→ ILEX Departure 7th.
see p. 253 (N.C.S.O. St. Vincent (C.V.) 0800/7 to Admty.)

→ P.614 Proceed Freetown through position (X) 014° N
019° W, Oropesa. (Y) 010° N 018° W.
(R.A.W.A. 0924Z/7 to P.614.)

Weekly state. South Atlantic Station 7th Nov. Area Q.
Simonstown. CERES, ~~021-0-19~~ NIZAM, FOXHOUND, NEPAL,
NIGELLA, ROCKROSE, FORTUNE, M.L.380, 381, MEAD.
Capetown. F.S. LEOPARD, SPINDRIFT, COMMANDANT
DUBOC, PRUDENT, EMILE BAUDOT.
Durban. *REVENGE, BELLWORT, GENISTA, INCONSTANT, EREBUS,
(?DAUNTLESS) (corrupt group) MANCHESTER CITY, ENGADINE, *DERWENT,
*BLACKMOOR, DURBAN, CARTHAGE, NORMAN, CATTERICK, GLENEARN,
(corrupt group) CECILE MAPLESON, SONDRRA, KANARIS. * *see p. 260*
Port Elizabeth. ATHENE, ALCANTARA, KHETI, STORMWRACK.
East London. (corrupt group) SARKA.
Saldanha Bay. FERNMOOR. BARCROSS.
(C. in C. S.A. 1010C/7.)

Dispositions. HOLCOMBE about 19.10 19.30 to Bathurst ll. *see p. 240*
→ Sub. (?P)614 16.15 18.55 to 14.01 19.01 thence
166° 8.

QUEEN OF BERMUDA, ROTHERHAM with W.S.24 about 15.50 30.50 (182°?)
12½, at 1958Z/7. *see p. 253*

→ ILEX from St. Vincent to join W.S.24. *see p. 253*

SOUTHERN PRIDE 11.35 27.06 to R/V with W.S.24, 11½. *see p. 253*

ST. ZENO 3 trawlers and convoy about 10.20 32.40 095° 9.

1 motor launch from Bissao to Bathurst ll.

(R.A.W.A. 1013Z/7 to A.I.G. 149.)

TRUANT and Dutch Submarine K.14 07.01 13.40 to Freetown 9½.

MORRIS DANCE 2 M/Ls with S.T.40 03.20 06.25 077° 8½.

BENGALI, M/L, and convoy, Takoradi to Lagos (Nigeria), *FANDANGO,

* *see p. 250* KELT off Accra, D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES 03.55 S.09.35 E. to Pointe Noire.

TAMARISK Kotuna to Duala 12. *see next page.*

→ *see p. 250* DRAGON 07.30 S 10.15 E to Kotuna 17½, at 2001Z/7th. *see p. 260*

MILFORD, F/S COMMANDANT DETROYAT escorting 02.35 S 08.35 E
305 ll.

(R.A.W.A. 1033Z/7 to Area P.)

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P.555 C. in C. S.A's 1442/6. This is confirmed.
 * P.556 (F.O.S. 1044A/7 to Admty.)
 * *see pp 228 2230* Your 1442/6. P.555 and 556. Confirmed.
 (D.O.D. (F.) 1930A/7 to C. in C. S.A.)

NIEUW AMSTERDAM NIEUW AMSTERDAM expected sailing 1400C/7 due Diego Suarez 0700C/12. Route. All positions S. & E.
 U 031° 55' 034° 10'. V 026° 50' 046° 20'.
 W 024° 30' 049° 15'. X 015° 08' (?051°) 50'.
 Y 012° 18' 050° 22'. knots 18½ days 13 S.P. (20) (21) One ship 1394 H/F transmission Q G A 110 Q C A (?197) Q C 46 Chop 10th.
 (N.C.S.O. Durban 1138C/7 to Admty. C. in C. E.F. C. in C. S.A. N.O.I.C. Suez, S.O.(I.) Kilindini, F.O.R.S. Canal Area. N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez. S.O.(I.) Colombo. N.O.I.C. Aden.)

M/L.277. M/L.277 arrival 6th. Departure 7th. Freetown.
 (R.O. Bissao 1410/7 to S.O.(I.) Freetown. for R.A.W.A.
 (R) Admty. N.O.I.C. Bathurst.)

Survivors LAPLACE PORT ALEGRE C.O. and 14 other survivors of LAPLACE have been landed Port Elizabeth. 2 boats still adrift. 25 survivors from PORT ALEGRE (Brazil) have been picked up and are expected to land Port Elizabeth, 7th.
 (C. in C. S.A. 1240C/7 to Admty. C. in C. E.F.)

LLANDILO survivors. Following received from OLAF BERGH:- LLANDILO lifeboat 20 men picked up position 026° 30' S 001° 10' W.
 (Simonstown W/T 1600 G.M.T./7 to Admty.)

Dakar R/C. P R U Dakar 0920Z/7th Nov. Arrival 2 Aereopostales 2 submarines. Departure 1 ELAN. Admty. pass to addressee of my 2337Z/3rd.
 (R.A.W.A. 1641Z/7 to Admty.) (Passing action being taken by W.R.)

Movements. Arrival 7th *KELT, *FANDANGO, RUNSWICK BAY.
 (N.O.I.C. Lagos 1645Z/7 to Admty.)
 My 1645/7. Add M.L. 10 42.
 (N.O.I.C. Lagos 2049Z/7.)

→ Arrival Pointe Noire 1500Z/7 Nov. *TAMARISK. *see previous page (Dispositions)*
 (B.N.L.O. West Africa 1745/7 to R.A.W.A.)
 Simonstown arrival 7th Nov. EXPRESS.
 (C. in C. S.A. 2123C/7 to Admty.)

OLTENIA II TAMARISK Am sailing SS. OLTENIA II escorted by TAMARISK to Lagos direct from Pointe Noire at 0700Z/8th Nov.
 (B.N.L.O. W.A.F. 1805/7 to R.A.W.A.)

DESPATCH. Arrival 7th.
 (S.O.(I.) Freetown 1848Z/7 to Admty. C. in C. S.A.)

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W.S.24. To avoid U-Boat suspected in approx. 13° N 33° W
U/B steering North East request you will divert
diversion. W.S.24 to Eastward adjusting R/V for *ILEX and
SOUTHERN PRIDE accordingly.

(D.O.D. (F.) 1855A/7 to R.A.W.A.) *See p. 251*

Convoy W.S.24. N. K. Alter course forthwith for new
position (Z) 012° 20' N 028° 38' W thence (T). Stragglers route
unchanged.

(2) *ILEX amend R/V to position 013° 42' N 029° 45' W at 0800Z
8th Nov.

(3) SOUTHERN PRIDE amend R/V to position 013° 12' N 029° 21' W
at 1100Z/8. Approach course convoy 140°.

(R.A.W.A. 2231Z/7 to Admty. etc.)

Inconclusive D/F bearings indicate U-Boat possibly in your
vicinity may have reported you at 1420Z/7 on 10510 K/cs.

(D.D.I.C. 2230A/7 to Escorts of W.S.24.)

To facilitate R/V of DESPATCH with convoy W.S.24 estimated
position and S of A at 0800Z/11 Nov. is to be passed to SOUTHERN
PRIDE on being detached but is not to be transmitted without
orders.

(R.A.W.A. 2317Z/7 to ROTHERHAM (R) Escort W.S.24.

Comsolantfor. SOUTHERN PRIDE. C. in C. S.A. Admty.
DESPATCH.)

PETERTON British ship PETERTON sunk by U-Boat 3 torpedoes
(sunk at 1030 G.M.T. 17th Sept. in 19° 20' N 29° 50' W.
17th Sept.) One lifeboat 22 survivors picked up 5th Nov. after
49 days state saw other lifeboat empty on 25th
Sept. originally contained 12 men. 8 men

missing when ship sank. Master taken prisoner.

2. (A) U-Boat type unidentified from evidence nearest is
Italian ARCHIMEDE. 12 pounder gun forward, Oerlikon type aft.

(B) Plate on pressure hull seen through arectangular recess in
casing in line after C/T engraved "turn right to open" alongside
connection with lugged cap about 2 inches diameter. First two
words in black above last two words red.

(C) U-Boat had shield device on C/T.

(D) Captain appeared German type with Swastika on cap spoke
good English. Crew in appearance mixed German Italian.

(S.O.I.) Freetown 2113Z/7 to Admty.)

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NEREUS, My 1222/5th. Anticipate two tankers may
Enemy proceed from Piraeus to Leros arriving a.m.
Tankers. either 7th or 8th November. If condition of
engine permits you should continue patrol off
north west approaches to Leros until p.m. 8th
November then proceed to pass through position
(1) 035° 44' 027° 34' at 0600B/9th.
(2) 034° 45' 029° 42' at 1500B/10th.
Proceed on the surface as necessary on 12th November arriving
Beirut 0600B/13th. Report your position and E.T.A. when safe
to do so.
(Capt. S.l., 0007B/7 to G.S. NEREUS, (R) TAKU, C. in C. Med.)

AQUITANIA. Arrival 0356Z/6. Departure 2100Z/6 AQUITANIA
Fremantle 18th November Knots (A) 18 (B) 21
Days 14. Fremantle Fuel Oil 7250. (Route)
(N.C.S.O. Aden, 0530Z/7 to Admty.).

Cagliari Visual Cagliari at 0630A/7th reports 9
R/C. submarines last seen a.m./6th have now left
harbour.
(V.A. Malta, 0855/7 to N.C.X.F. (R) S.O. Force
H, E.N.T.F., Admty, C.N.T.F., C. in C. Med.]
F.O.C.N.A.).

Movements Arrival 6th November, Greek Destroyer PAUL
CONDOURIOTIS, departure 6th November, H.M.S.
ALDENHAM, H.M.S. CROOME, KLO.
(S.O. (I) Alex. 0920B/7 to Admty etc.)

R/C Italian V.A. Malta 1037A/7 to N.C.X.F.
ports (See North Atlantic).

R/C Italian ? V.A. Malta 1045/A/7 to N.C.X.F. see North
bases. Atlantic.

Operation To holders of envelope Med. 00181/8.
"Sneeze" Open envelope Med 00181/8. Preparative
operation "Sneeze". D. day confirmed.
(C. in C. Med., 1122/7 to Med., Fleet S.N.O.L.A.)

Air Reports. Cositrep No.586. 6th November. American B.24s
and B.17 Ms. bombed Benghazi and Tobruk
harbours in afternoon 6/11. A 6,000 ton tanker
claimed destroyed in Benghazi and 5000 ton ship claimed set on
fire in Tobruk.
(C. in C. M.E., 1200 G.M.T./7).

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A.660 7/11. Bi-weekly Opsum No. 71.

Night 3/4 November.

3 A.S.V. 6 torpedo 4 bomber Wellingtons despatched to locate and attack Southbound convoys North of Benghazi. Convoy 1 tanker 2 merchant vessels several destroyers found about 110 miles North by East of Benghazi 2 Wellingtons sighted tanker but torpedoes failed to release. 4 bomber Wellingtons attacked 1 claims tanker straddled by bombs and 4 explosions seen.

(H.Q., R.A.F., M.E., 1354Z/7).

1 hit 2 near misses claimed on a Merchant Vessel followed by flashes and smoke (6 or 3?) hits 2 near misses on destroyer 1 Wellington missing. Details Malta strike continued in combined services report for 4/11. Attacks followed up on 4/11 by afternoon raid on Benghazi shipping by 3 formations totalling 25 B.24's which claim several hits or near misses on ships. Convoy seen approaching Harbour with 1 Merchant Vessel smoking apparently damaged. Oil streaks seen in wake. Enemy fighters intercepted and 1 Me. 109 was shot down, 1 Me. 110 probably destroyed 2 Me. 109s damaged.

(R.A.F., H.Q., M.E., 1411Z/7).

5th November. 1 Baltimore sighted submarine diving about 30 miles North East Port Said H.M. Ship led to position and dropped depth charges but results unobserved by Baltimore

(H.Q. R.A.F. M.E., 1233Z/7).

6th November. Move of fighter squadrons up to Daba delayed until evening by unserviceability of landing grounds that area owing to rain. In afternoon 21 B.24s bombed shipping in Benghazi harbour claiming simultaneous hits and near misses on 6 thousand ton tanker ship. Claimed destroyed 4 enemy fighters attacked B.24s combat inconclusive 11 8000 lbs. N.E. at same time 5 B.17s bombed shipping in Tobruk claiming several hits on 5 thousand ton ship near main jetties followed by smoke rising from vessel to 3 thousand feet and visible for 50 miles 20,000 lbs. H.E.

(H.Q., M.E., 1253Z/7).

Enemy Units.

Following has been read: Addressed: H.Q.
201 Group, M.E. Command.
2 small craft HD, track 58 ground speed 3 knots,
position 32.12 N., 26.29 (7E)
(A/C using call sign U6PS 1230/7).

R/C Italian
Fleet.

V.A. Malta, 1601A/7. See North Atlantic.

Enemy Units.

Position course and speed of one Destroyer
37.5 N., 11.0 E., 140° 25 knots.
(Med A/C, 1640A/7).

Patrols

EXMOOR, BELVOIR carrying out outer and K patrols
off Alexandria tonight 7/11.
(C. in C. Med., 1719B/7 to F.O.C. 15th C.S. (R)
R.A. Alexandria, Capt. (D) 12, DULVERTON
R.A.(D) Med).

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M.T.Bs. 266, 267 Air/Sea Rescue. M.T.Bs. 266 and 267 will leave Alexandria at 1745/7 direct for 032° 55' N., 026° 15' E. arriving 0430/8 to rescue R.A.F. crews. They will return to Alexandria at 0645 arriving about 1530/8. Own forces will not be to the W. of 027° E. during the dark hours. They have been informed of N.O.I.C. Alexandria's 1136/7 (N.T. in W.R.) Continuous W/T watch will be kept by 1 boat on 425 k/cs, the other boats keeping extended speaker watch. N.O.I.C. Alexandria is requested to keep guard on this frequency. Should M.T.Bs. fail to communicate with shore on 425 k/cs attempts will be made on 4205 k/cs. Codeword is "Object".
(Capt. Coastal Forces, 1745B/7 to A.I.G.72, C.S.15, H.Q.R.A.F., M.E., N.L.O. 8th Army, Air Chief Egypt R.N., GH.Q., M.E.)

Situation Report. Amendment to 1944/6.
(C. in C. Med., 1801B/7)

Malta Air Report. I.95. Night 6/7th 1730 1 Beaufighter airborne for raiders which turned back before reaching Malta partial R.D.F. interference.
7th. 0740, 1015, 1330 hrs. total of 18 Spitfires airborne for several? raids which turned back before reaching Malta. In addition 14 Spitfire Sorties were made in R/C patrols North of Malta but no enemy shipping was seen.
(A.H.Q., Malta, 1909Z/7, 1920/7).

Part 2 Section 2.

Shipping at sea Spitfire sighted 0740 hours 180° Messina 2 miles 1 M/V 1000 1 M.T.B. course 180° 7 to 8 knots. 1340 hours 360° Palermo 10 miles 2 D/Rs course 270° Speed 15 to 20 knots.

Night 6th/7th 1 flare carrying 1 bomb carrying and 4 torpedo carrying Wellington eights despatched on R/C for enemy naval units patrolled Gulf of Taranto Strait of Messina and from Cavoli to Marettimo 1 Wellington 8 sighted at 0040 hours 142°. Cagliari 45 miles 1 small vessel course and speed unknown another Wellington 8 sighted at 0045 262°. Ugento 18 miles 3 small vessels course and speed unknown.

Deliveries night 6th/7th. 1 Liberator arrived from Gibraltar and left same night for M.E. 1 Wellington arrived from M.E. 7th 5 Beauforts arrived from M.E. torpedoes held 47.

(A.H.Q., Malta, 1940/7).

SULLBERG (German). Leaving 7th November Night.
(Cartagena T.H.I., 1915/7 to D.N.I.)

UTMOST. Position. (Capt. S.10., 1943A/7). See North Atlantic.

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M/S Groups
176 and 178.

Your 1116/10/10. M/S Groups 176, and 178 are only fitting out as LL M/S at Alexandria and are allocated and urgently required in Persian Gulf. (D.A/S.W. Bath, 1959A/7 to C. in C. Med).

WESTPOINT

Understand WESTPOINT has sailed from U.S.A. with appliance for India and M.E. Does she proceed India thence M.E. or are M.E. personnel to tranship at India. Request E.T.A. Indian Port. Agreed.
(P.S.T.O. Egypt 2014/7 to Admty for D. of S.T.)

Evening R/C.

V.A. Malta, 2136A/7. See North Atlantic.

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Movements. HAWKINS left.
(N.O.I.C. Seychelles, 0200Z/7 to Admty.)
JAY left.
(N.O.I.C. Seychelles, 0230Z/7 to Admty.)

→ Colombo arrival 7th Nov. 0107Z, D.S. 0.23; 0500Z D.S. WILLEM VAN DER ZAAAN departure nil.
(S.O.I. Colombo, 1705Z/7 to Admty.)

→ S/M O.23, D.S. O.23 patrolling 17th October to 7th November.
R. of P. 25th Oct. off North entrance to Penang sighted

convoy of 4 merchant ships all of about 5000 tons escorted by one trawler course about 340°

to position 005° 35' 099° 49' thence convoy altered course to 110° for Penang.

At 1145FG, D.S. O.23 (? attacked) leading ship with 2 torpedoes range 1300 yards. 1 hit just before (? bridge). Then fired 2 torpedoes at second ship which altered course (? upon) torpedo missing.

First ship stopped and listed about 010°. Single torpedoes were fired at a range of 1100 yards at 1151 whilst ship was rotating turning slowly to port and again at 1159 and 1201 while ship was stopped.

Torpedoes missed but explosions were seen just ahead and astern of ship possibly from last two torpedoes. Ship was later seen to proceed towards Penang escorted by trawler whilst remainder of convoy proceeded to Penang. One A/S vessel and one seaplane ship later seen in the vicinity attacked position. A/S activity also unsuccessful in same area on Oct. 27th and 29th. Oct. 28th hospital ship burning corrected light sighted course 280° to position 005° 48' N. 009° 08' E. then altering course to N.W. Nov. 2nd two unidentified sighted patrolling in vicinity 005° 30' N. 092° 30' E. D.S. O.23 has defect in one main motor and in one main thrust block which are estimated to take 12 days to make good.

(S.O. S/Ms Colombo, 0525Z/7 to C. in C. E.F., etc.)

DUMRAC. Is not to be used for transporting cased petrol.
(D.S.T.O. Kilindini, 0632Z/7 to S.T.O. Diego Suarez, S.S.T.O. Majunga, H.Q. Island Area, S.T.O. Tamatave, D.S.T.)

MAURETANIA. P.S.T.O. Egypt 1345/6 (D. of S.T.'s 1345/6 intended?)

1. As escort for MAURETANIA must call at Colombo preferable that transshipment of U.S.A. troops should take place in Colombo as arranged in P.S.T.O. Egypt 1230/25 Oct. not to F.O. Ceylon and that additional call at (? Bombay) for this purpose should be avoided.

2. Earliest date that can be guaranteed for escort is to meet MAURETANIA off Socotra in about 056° E. a.m. 19th Nov. MAURETANIA should not, therefore, leave Aden until p.m. 17th Nov.

3. P.S.T.O. India is requested to give early decision on alternatives in para. one above.

(C. in C. E.F., 0749Z/7 to S.S.T.O. India, P.S.T.O. Egypt., (R) Admty., F.O.R.S., Cdre. Aden, F.O. Ceylon, D. of S.T.)

/ALBATROSS

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ALBATROSS.

7th Nov. arrived ALBATROSS with relieved garrison from Mayotte?
(N.O.I.C.*?Diego Suarez, 1010Z/7 to Admty., C. in C. E.F., etc.)

** Confirmed by documents of H.M. Ships.*

Standard reference positions.

1. Following standard ref. positions are to be brought into force from 0001Z/12 and will remain in force until further instructions. All positions north and east -

(AZ) 021° 25', 067° 30'.
(BY) 017° 05', 071° 30'. (CX) 010° 40', 074° 50'.
(DW) 005° 10', 080° 10'. (EV) 009° 40', 082° 40'.
(FU) 013° 50', 081° 40'. (GT) 018° 40', 085° 40'.

2. All of these ref. positions are to be issued to all ships on Indian coastal voyages to be used for purpose of diversion etc. by shore authorities and by ships in lieu of route positions for reporting their positions. They are not to be included in route signals or Vesca. Section (D) of C. in C. E.F. 0914/17th October (923C) (circulated under time of origin 1914/17 re shipping in Bay of Bengal) will be cancelled in due course.

3. F.O.C.R.I.N. only - C. in C. E.F. 0921/17th Oct. refers. (F.O. Ceylon, 1030Z/7 to F.O.C.R.I.N., (R) Cmdre. R.I.N., C. in C. E.F., Admty., N.O.I.C. Hormuz, N.O.I.C. Karachi, N.O.I.C. Bombay, N.O.I.C. Cochin, N.O.I.C. Trincomalee, N.O.I.C. Madras, N.O.I.C. Vizagapatam, N.O.I.C. Calcutta.)

Air Report.

No.237 for 7th Nov. Daily Intelligence Summary
S.A. Air Force report 6 B.24s bombed Kemmendine
Docks Rangoon from 26,500 feet 1300 hours 6th

Nov. Warehouses 1 small ship believed hit and 1 10,000 ton ship reported seen. Main docks obscured by cloud. Few bursts inaccurate A.A.

(A.H.Q. India, 1131Z/7.)

TEVIOTBANK.

Ref. your 0844/25th Oct. TEVIOTBANK now ready. Propose sailing 10th Nov. Request instructions for A/S escort.

(Com. R.I.N., 1149Z/7 to C. in C. E.F.)
Date amended to 12th Nov., see 0338/9.

R.A.F. planes over Lourenco Marques.

For C.O. R.A.F. G.G. Portuguese East Africa protests strongly against R.A.F. warfare planes flying up Limpopo Estuary at 0615 and 1400 and over pilot hulk and into bay area of Lourenco Marques at 1300/6. Planes were flying very low and crossed land in direct (corrupt group).

These constant infringements of neutral territory must cease. (C.G. Lourenco Marques, 1225/7 to C. in C. S.A., (R) C. in C. E.F., Cmdre. Durban, Embassy Lisbon, F.O.)

/DRAGON ...

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DRAGON
refit. On arrival in U.K. about 2nd December DRAGON
can be taken in hand for refit and modernisation
by Camnell Laird, Birkenhead.

see p. 251
(Dispositions) 2. Leave in accordance with A.F.O. 4374/41 may
granted.

3. R.A.W.Af. pass to DRAGON on arrival.
(D.O.D.(F), 1241A/7 to C. in C. E.F., (R) C. in C. S.A.,
C. in C. W.A., R.A.W.A., F.O.I.C. Liverpool.)

Boom
Defences. My 1437/12 August. Following work has been
completed.
(C. in C. E.F., 1314Z/7 to Admty.)
See Lion Copy.

Eastern
Fleet
Movements. Request following movement be arranged.
(A)*REVENGE escorted by*DERWENT and*BLACKMOSE
leaving Durban about 14th Nov. for Kilindini.
(B) RESOLUTION escorted by NAPIER and HOTSPUR
leaving Durban for Kilindini as arranged by

F.O. (2nd) E.F.
2. NAPIER and HOTSPUR will be sailed from Kilindini a.m. on
12th Nov. to arrive Durban 16th Nov.
(C. in C. E.F., 1321Z/7 to F.O. (2nd) E.F., Cmdre. Durban, (R)
C. in C. S.A., Cmdre. (D) Admty., RESOLUTION, REVENGE.)

Convoy
M.C. 1. Route &c.
(N.C.S.O. Kilindini, 1332Z/7.)
Convoy M.C.1 consists of ALMANZORA and ORDUNA
leaves Kilindini p.m. 7th Nov. escorted by

ENTERPRISE.
(2) ORDUNA will be detached to enter Diego Suarez 10th Nov.
ALMANZORA will continue with 29th South Africa Brigade to
Durban escorted by ENTERPRISE and routed East of Madagascar
E.T.A. p.m. 16th Nov.
(C. in C. E.F., 2039/7 to Admty., Cdre. Durban, C. in C. S.A.)

ENTERPRISE. Departure 7th Nov.
(F.O. E.A., 1352Z/7 to Admty.)

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SECRET

MESSAGE

1314Z/7th November

IN

From: C.-in-C., Eastern Fleet.

Date: 9.11.42

Naval Cypher N.N. by W/T.

Recd: 0650

Addressed: Admiralty. Repeated: F.O.I.C., East Africa, F.O., Ceylon, V.A.2 Eastern Fleet, N.O.I.C., Mauritius, N.O.I.C., Seychelles.

325. My 1437/12 August. Boom defences Indian Ocean bases.

- (1) Following work has been completed:
 - (a) Kilindini. A/T boom. Double line A/T except in gate which consists of one line A/T and one line anti S/M. boom defence.
 - (b) Seychelles. A/T boom in St. Annes Passage. Intend to reinforce present mooring on account of bad holding ground.
- (2) Following are now in hand:
 - (a) KIRRIEMOOR. Loading Diego Suarez anti S/M. A/B from TREVORIAN at Kilindini.
 - (b) ETHIOPIAN. Loading Seychelles anti S/M. boom for Corf from TREVORIAN and shore stocks at Kilindini.
 - (c) BRITTANY. Loading bottom nets for Diego Suarez from TREVORIAN.
- (3) Following is intended programme:
 - (a) KIRRIEMOOR to leave Kilindini end of November for Diego Suarez.
 - (b) ETHIOPIAN to leave for Seychelles about November 20th.
 - (c) BRITTANY to leave for Diego Suarez about November 25th.
 - (d) DEVON CITY to load with remaining nets for Diego Suarez and then to assist KIRRIEMOOR in laying anti S/M. A/B boom.
- (4) Delays in programme given in my 1433/12 August are due to breakdown of TREVORIAN derricks and lack of lighters, cranes and storage space at Kilindini. TREVORIAN cannot consequently be rebased before early December (my 1508/13 October to D. of S.T. refers).
- (5) BARFOAM and BARFOUNT are being sailed for Diego Suarez shortly.
- (6) Outstanding commitments which cannot be progressed on account of lack of boom defence vessels are (my 1324/21st September refers):

/(a)

- (a) Mauritius - Grand Port. Anti-submarine A/B boom.
- (b) Diego Suarez - A/T baffles.
- (c) Mauritius - Port Louis. A/T baffles.
- (7) Above quoted signal not to all addressees.

1314Z/7

1st S.L.
 Dep. 1st S.L. (2)
 Controller
 Vice Controller
 A.C.N.S. (T)
 A.C.N.S. (F) (2)
 A.C.N.S. (N)
 N.A. 1st S.L.
 N.A. to A.C.N.S. (T)
 O.D. (5)
 O.I.C. (2)
 D. of L.D. (3)
 D.T.D. (4)
 D.T.D. (M)
 D.T.D. (C)
 D. of S.T. (2)

D.B.D. (BD.0916/42)
 D. of N.
 D. of P. (3)
 J.T.M.
 D.G.D. (2)
 D.A/S.W.
 D.T.S.D.
 I.P. (3)
 W.D.
 D.P.S. (3)
 M. (4)
 Hydrog.
 Dep. Controller (3)) Bath by
 D.A/S.W. (2)) T/P.
 D.T.M.) (BA.150)

EVT

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Bahamas, Your 1224/4 (N.T. in W.D.) Admiralty considered local defence. that, as 1000/1500 R.A.F. personnel, of whom three quarters would be armed, were being sent to Bahamas and as three Air/Sea Rescue craft have been provided, it was no longer necessary to man local launches for patrols and that the R.A.F. aircraft, although only training, would also be a deterrent to raiding submarines. 2. Colonial Office concurred and informed Governor who agreed.
(M. Branch, 0152A/7 to S.B.N.O.W.A.)

"S" Report. Intercepted from San Juan radio at 0638 G.M.T., submarine attack 11.32 N. 63.26 W. at 0545 G.M.T./7th.
(Kingston, Jamaica, 0220R/7 to Admty.)
Intercept 0730 G.M.T. 'S' DENYS (Undecypherable in War Registry). (Same as 0220R/7.)
(Lands End Radio, 0734 G.M.T./7.)

SS. ARICA. ARICA British hit by what is believed a torpedo 1820 G.M.T./6 in 10.58 N. 60.52 W. Ship broke in two. From bridge forward still afloat, stern part sank. Master and 54 landed here 7th Nov. 11 missing one dead two seriously injured. Submarine not seen.
(S.B.N.O. Trinidad, 0302Q/7.)
My 0902/6. LADY ELSA returned Trinidad with 50 survivors from SS. ARICA lost out of Convoy T.24.
(S.B.N.O. Trinidad, 1302Q/7.)

Y.M.S. 33 Arrived 0900Q/6th U.S. warship Y.M.S. 33.
(Harbour Master Barbados, 0433/7 to Admty.,
(R) S.O.(I) Jamaica.)

ELMDALE. 36 survivors of British ELMDALE rescued 30 miles East of here by Brazilian* TAREEINA MILEO all well. Advise where and how to be sent.
Comsolant referred this to local British representative at Fort Aleza. *not identified
(Opanav, 0718/7 to Admty.)

B.Y.M.S.2, H.M.R.T. FRISKY escorted by VEGREVILLE sailing B.Y.M.S.4. St. Johns N.F. at 1130/7 to your assistance.
(Halifax N.S., 0910Z/7 to B.Y.M.S.2, B.Y.M.S.4.)
B.Y.M.S.2 reported B.Y.M.S.4 disabled in 51.06 N. 41.50 W. at 0420/7 FRISKY escorted by VEGREVILLE sailing at 1130 to her assistance.
(F.O.N.F., 1145Z/7 1317Z/7 to Admty., etc.)
H.M.R.T. FRISKY departed St. Johns 1155Z/7 to assist B.Y.M.S.4 disabled in 51.06, 41.50 W.
(F.O.N.F., 1716Z/7.)

/Escorts ...

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- Escorts for tankers. Your 2030A/6th. No prospects of escorts being available for another 8 to 10 days for return voyage to Puerto la Cruz. Will inform you (tanker message) if situation changes. Oil company have lake tankers available for this trip at short notice.
(B.S.N.O. Curacao, 1050Q/7 to Admty.)
- Movements. Departure Nov. 6th U.S. Destroyer^{*}BRECKENRIDGE, U.S. Ship 31, U.S. Ship P.C.566, U.S. Ship P.C.493, U.S. Ship^{*}P.C.583, U.S. Ship P.C.608, U.S. Ship P.C.609, escorting T.A.G.19. U.S. Destroyer^{*}TARBELL escorting U.S. Army Transport^{*}MERAK, U.S. Destroyer BLAKELEY. (N.O.I.C. Trinidad, 1112Q/7.) * *See next page. X see p. 265*
- Convoy for Freetown. Your 1924/24 Oct. and 1243/27 Oct. not to all addressees. Intend to delay for 24 hours convoy consisting of SS. BRITISH UNITY, KENTUCKIAN, BANFF PARK, H.M.R.T. BOLD, INTEGRITY, escorted by H.M.Ts. ST. LOMAN, NORTHERN CHIEF and NORTHERN ISLES, to include SS. BRITISH POWER due November 9th. Convoy expected to sail Nov. 10th for Freetown.
(S.B.N.O. Trinidad, 1132Q/7 to Admty.)
- LA CORDILLERA. 1 lifeboat 20 survivors ex LA CORDILLERA British ship landed Barbados 7th Nov. vessel torpedoed 095° 85 miles to eastward 1556 G.M.T./5th. Number 2 lifeboats with 38 survivors got away. 3 killed. Master reports 1 lifeboat with 18 survivors including Chief Officer picked up by American ship 6th Nov. Submarine large vessel camouflaged grey brown green letter V on conning tower 1 4-inch gun before, 1 A.A. gun abaft conning tower. Nationality German, paint good condition. 1 torpedo hut between numbers 4 and 5 holds vessel sank in 15 minutes. C.Books all locked in iron box went down with ship no possibility of rescue.
(Harbour Master Barbados, 1216/7.)
- ATLANTIC. Arrived Halifax 6th Nov. from H.X.214 (Nor.) ATLANTIC collision damage escort pass to Commodore.
(N.C.S.O. Halifax N.S. 1304Z/7.)
- S/M report. Coast watchers report sighting submarine on surface 048° 36' N. 053° (724') W. at 1230Z/7th heading east.
(F.O.N.F., 1336Z/7 to Comtask Force 24, (R) Connnav, Admty., C. in C. W.A., N.S.H.Q., C.O.A.C., C.T.G. 24.7.)

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Troopships. Departure Port of Spain Nov. 7th 1000. U.S. Ship MERAK and U.S. Army Transport G.W. GOETHALS escorted by Lieut. Com. W.M. Stuart Foster U.S. Navy in U.S. Destroyer TARBELL. (Route). (Port Director Port of Spain, 1349/7.)
See previous page - (Port Director)

BOLD, Your 1555/6. Concur, but Rescue Tug requirements of C. in C. Eastern Fleet as arranged INTEGRITY, should be fulfilled as soon as possible. LARIAT, (C.C.R.T., 1407A/7 to B.A.D.) TAMPA.

2 U.S. Army Departure 7th Nov. U.S. Navy Tankers TALLULAH tankers. and MONONGANALA to sea. (B.R.O. Aruba, 1408QR/7.)

Oil at Bahia. Your 1655/6th and my 2223/6th. U.S. Authorities Fuelling greatest anxiety due to the original estimate of W.S.24. of 1500 tons given in your 2245/6th Oct. (not to N.A. Rio de Janeiro) being amended to 6450 tons by your 1835/31st Oct.

(2) On receipt of Washington 2315 MSM and B.A.D. raised question of replenishment of stocks immediately after departure of convoy which U.S. Navy are now arranging.

(3) Since receipt of Alusna Rio de Janeiro's 1650/5 Comsolant confirms that fuel and water can be provided in accordance with your 1835/31st October. He is responsible for arranging such air and anti-submarine surface protection as he considers necessary.

(4) It has been suggested to him that QUEEN OF BERMUDA could act in accordance with para. 3 (F) of your signal. (B.A.D. Washington, 1503Z/7 to Admty.)

South Atlantic Cancel my 2101/6. Admiralty 0948/6 now Agreement. received. (B.A.D. Washington, 1507Z/7 to Admty.) Your 2101/6. It was agreed that change should come into force as proposed in your 1703/3 vide "A" message 0948/6.

Last para. of 0948/6 now amended to read 0001/10 Nov. (Hd. of M., 1749A/7 to B.A.D.)

Patrol. My 1307Z/5th* ships left 6th for Rio Grande do Sul. Are to patrol between Rio Grande Florianopolis. (R.O. Florianopolis, 1530Z/7 to Admty.) * No trace of receipt in W.R. Repetition has been requested.

U/B 7th Nov. S/M estimate. One area 40 N. 69 W. attacked. eastbound probably damaged from numerous attacks. S/M notice. At 1200Z/8th GURNARD 39.37 N. 43.67 (?) W. GURNARD. course 46.5 advancing 300 miles 24 hours submerged if advisable. (Cominch 1615/7, 1616/7, 1641/7 C. in C.U.S. Fleet 1642/7, 1643/7.)

/ U/B ...

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- U/B sighted. Intercepted from Guantanamo Radio submarine sighted at 1502 G.M.T. in 17.53 N. 75.19 W. (Kingston Jamaica, 1625R/7.)
- SEAWOLF. Your 1912/6. Destination in the U.K. is Holy Loch. (D.O.D.(H), 1738A/7 to B.A.M.R. Washington.)
- Special U/B estimate. Cominch 1831/7. See Operation "Torch".
- S.C.108. Ref. my 0100/7th and your 0915/7th. As escort of S.C.108 consisting of 38 ships is now one destroyer one corvette and one minesweeper only, request position of Task Unit 24.1.12 may be detailed to reinforce groups to Westomp. P.C. and S. 1900/7th 047° 11' N. 052° 20' W. (a) 031° 7.5 knots steering for Westomp. Weather report 6380 1554. (C.T.U. 24.18.3, 1920Z/7 to C.C.N.F., (R) C.O.A.C. Halifax, N.S.H.Q., Connav, Comtask 24, Admiralty, C.T.U. 24.1.12.) Your 1900/7th* Task Unit 24.1.12 cannot join before Westomp. (F.O.N.F., 2258Z/7 to C.T.U. 24.18.3, (R) Admty., C.O.A.C, N.S.H.Q., Connav, C.T.U. 24.1.12, C.T. 24.) * 1920/7 ? intended. POLYANTHUS and PRIMROSE contact convoy S.C.108 and reinforced escort. 1900 position C 047° 11' N. 052° 20' W. 031° 7.5 knots. (C.T.U. 24.1.12, 2333Z/7 to POLYANTHUS, (R) PRIMROSE, F.O.C. Newfoundland Force, C.T.U. 24.18.3.)
- O.N.142 reported. D/F bearings on Series One at 1611Z/7, 1631Z/7, and 1715Z/7 indicate U-Boat has probably sighted and reported O.N.142. (D.D.I.C., 2010A/7 to Escorts of O.N.142, (R) C. in C. W.A., Cominch, N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, C.T.G. 24.7, H.Q.C.C.)
- U/B in Clayoquot Sound. R.C.A.F. report sub. in Sydney Inlet Clayoquot Sound. H.M.C.S. BELLECHASE and fishery reserve vessel SEINER and LOYAL I proceed to investigate. (C.O.P.C. Esquimalt, 2010Z/7 to Admty., N.S.H.Q., S.B.N.O.W.A., Cominch, C.N.W.S.F., (R) G.O.C. in C. A.O.C. Westn. Air Com?)
- RODAS, CHARLES KURZ. RODAS Dutch, CHARLES KURZ U.S. damaged in collision. RODAS badly holed number 4 wing and 5 main tanks starboard. CHARLES KURZ heavy damage forepeak. Both able to proceed to Curacao own power. Both at anchor Puerto la Cruz. (Puerto la Cruz, 2021/7 to Admty., S.O.(I) Jamaica.)

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- L.S.T.301. Re trials whilst en route for Halifax.
(Cdr. 1st U.S.N. District Boston, 2021Z/7.)
Approved.
(C. in C. U.S. Fleet, 1428/9.)
- NATHANIEL C.R. No.1453. Connav Serial 7.
HAWTHORNE Both torpedoed today convoy T.A.G.18 11.34 N.
& LINDENHALL. 63.26 W.
(Connav, 2055/7 to Comnav, (R) S.O.(I)
Kingston, C. in C. W.I., N.S.H.Q. Ottawa,
C.E.S.F., C.G.S.F., C.P.S.F., C.C.S.F.)
- C.L. 59. C.L.59 in Trepassey Harbour state they are having
difficulties and unable to steam till a.m./7.
STRATFORD patrolling off Trepassey.
(STRATFORD, 2104Z/7.)
- Washops. 1. 27 Japanese bombers and fighters attacked
Solomon Is. U.S. position Guadalcanal 5th November with
little success.
2. U.S. raiders destroyed Japanese outpost at
Cape Astrolabe capturing radio equipment, arms and ammunition
intact without casualties.
(J.S.M. Washington, 2103Z/7.)
- Submarine A. U.S.S. SURPRISE two torpedo misses, attacks
attack and submarine 11.32 N. 63.26 W. 0745Z/7.
sighting B. Navy plane attacks submarine 57.08 N. 34.47 W.
summary. 1224Z/5.
U.S.S. *BRECKENRIDGE sights submarine on surface
11.38 N. 63.04 W. about 0500Z/7. *p. 262*
- C. Submarine sighted 58.08 N. 33.13 W. 1224Z/5, 58.05 N. 32.07
W. 1501Z/5, 12.35 N. 69.39 W. 1136Z/5.
P.C.583 attacks submarine contact 11.34 N. 63.26 W. 7 Nov.
Coast watcher sights submarine on surface about 48.36 N.
53.24 W. 1230Z/7 course east.
D. Three submarines attacked 17.53 N. 75.19, 1520Z/7.
(C. in C. U.S. Fleet, 2143/7.)
- Contact Contact attacked by RED DEER at 2200Z in 47° 51'
attacked. N. 063° 50' W.
(Halifax W/T, 2206Z/7, N.O.I.C. Gaspe 2339Z/7.)
- Signalling There is a growing demand from Masters of ships
by merchant sailing independently for
ships with H/F A. Some reduction in the number of occasions on
transmission. which ships with H/F transmission should report
their positions.
B. A system by which a different call sign can
be used for each transmission.

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- Signalling by merchant ships with H/F transmission. (Contd.)
2. Propose for your concurrence:-
As regards A, the following amendment to M.A.R.I. II, 11. Masters of independently sailed United Nations managed ships fitted with H/F transmission are to report their positions by W/T in accordance with the following instructions.
- (a) The Routeing Officer will agree with the Master the times of passing through selected lettered positions on the route which are approximately one thousand miles apart starting from port of departure.
- (b) The agreed times are to be inserted in the route signal between the letters and the geographical descriptions of the selected positions.
- (c) The Master is to report only if the ship is more than three hours early or late at each agreed point. The signals are to be coded in Mersings II recoded S.P.02272 series in the form (examples only) "G 4 hours early" or "X 5 hours late".
- (d) Upon a report being made both the Master and the Diverting Authority will apply the appropriate correction to the agreed times of reaching all subsequent agreed points. No further report is to be made unless the ship is more than three hours early or late on the amended times.
- (e) The Diverting Authority will deduce a speed of advance from reports received and will, if the ship is diverted, include in the diversion signal a new series of points along the new route together with estimated times of passing through. The Master will then if necessary report on passing through these new points as in (c) above. End of amendment to M.A.R.I.
3. As regards B propose -
- (a) To introduce a system of Merchant Navy general call signs and a modified form of Codress (text address) procedure for use by Merchant ships.
- (b) To allocate twelve call signs for this purpose namely GA to GM inclusive except GB.
- (c) All messages which are made in Mersigs II recoded by one of the Merchant ship recoding tables to be transmitted from one of the twelve call signs selected at random.
- (d) The originator of message to be indicated by inclusion of the War W/T Call sign of the Merchant ship coded as the last word of the text and preceded by the word "from".
- (e) Weather reports when made to be added to position reports and not transmitted as separate messages.
- (f) Passing instructions in plain language to continue as before.
4. An early reply would be appreciated.
(A.C.N.S.(T), 2246A/7 to Connav.)

Russian
S/MS and
Shipping.

1. U.S. Consul at Vladivostock reports that on Oct. 15th two Soviet submarines S type departed Petropavlovsk for U.S. He was told that this had been handled between Moscow and Washington and that U.S. naval authorities had been informed.
2. MICHURIN (10.3 knots) left Vladivostock Oct. 15th, due Portland Nov. 2nd.

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3. KLARA ZETKIN (11 knots) left Nagaev Oct. 13th due Portland Oct. 30th. Usual route.

4. NENETZ (10 knots) left Vladivostock Oct. 23rd due Portland Nov. 10th. Usual route.

5. Vladivostock departures, Oct. 26th. Usual route. KARL LIEBKNECHT (9 knots) due Portland Nov. 13th. VSEVOLOD SIBIRITSEV (?) (7 knots) due Portland Nov. 18th. SIBERTSEV

6. SVIR (8.5 knots) departed Vladivostock Oct. 27th due Portland Nov. 26th. Usual route. (Viscount Halifax, Washington, No T.O.O./7 to M.E.W.)

W.R. Note: Message received from M.E.W. 1053/10 for circulation in Admiralty.

Australia and New Zealand.

Convoy C.O.43. Post sailing telegram Convoy C.O. 43 6th Nov. (N.C.S.O. Newcastle N.S.W., 0147Z/7 to Admty., (R) N.B. Melbourne.)

Movements. Arrival Sydney 6th Nov., U.S. Cruiser SAN JUAN, Cairns 5th Nov., H.M.A.S. WARREGO. Departures Brisbane 6th Nov., U.S. Destroyer PATTERSON, U.S. Destroyer BAGLEY for escort duties. (A.C.N.B., 0308Z/7 to Admty., C. in C. E.F., N.Z.N.B., C.O.I.S. E.F.)

U.S. Transport ANHUI arrived Brisbane 6th Nov. Hospital ship MANUNDA departed Sydney (N.S.W.) 6th Nov., due Brisbane 8th Nov. (A.C.N.B., 0751Z/7 to Admty., Connav.)

Departure Papeete 6th Nov. F.S. CHEVREUIL Bora Bora 7th Nov. (D.N.I. Wellington, 2132M/7 to Admty., (R) Comsopac.)

Situation. Digest serial No.288 Nov. 5th. Shipping Bulletin Shortlands Base morning 5th Nov. Indicated as including only 2 heavy cruisers (described one Nachi, one Aoba class) One Sendai class light cruiser, 2 sloops, 5 merchant vessels. In addition 14 unidentified vessels sighted 6° 40' S. 156° 20' E. Noon 5th Nov. in following formation 6 medium followed by 2 large followed by 6 small course 190°.

(2) Fighting continues in the Oivi Area.

(3) Five Catalinas attacked shipping Buin Tonolei Area early morning 5th Nov. one near miss light cruiser other results not observed. 3 possible fighters observed airborne but no interception.

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- Situation. (4) Photo R/C Rabaul morning 5th Nov. indicates
(Contd.) 1 converted aircraft carrier, 4 destroyers, 5
sub. chasers, 2 minelayers, 1 possible M.L.C.,
7 small tankers, 30 merchant vessels 3000 -
10,000 tons totalling approximately 185,000 tons. 5 small
merchant vessels, 11 small craft Rabaul harbour also 4
unidentified vessels St. Georges Channel course 330°. Fortress
completing this R/C attacked by 6 Zeros one probably destroyed.
(5) 6 Hudsons bombed buildings Bobonaro Paren 35 miles S.S.W.
Dilli morning 5th Nov. scoring direct hits and starting fires.
8 fighters and 2 bombers reported Dilli aerodrome 4th Nov.
Dawn patrol being maintained.
(G.H.Q. S.W.P.A., 2305Z/7.)
Digest Serial No. 287Z November 4th.
Enemy force Buin Shortlands area morning 4th Nov. indicated as
one heavy cruiser, two light cruisers, 14 destroyers one
Seaplane Tender, one Minelayer, 3 Tankers, 8 merchant vessels.
(2) One 6,000 ton merchant vessel reported approaching Buka
Passage from N.E. noon 4th Nov.
(3) R/C Rabaul area morning same day reported 29 large and
medium sized unidentified vessels and 2 possible destroyers
in harbour. M.F.S.O. one small merchant vessel just north
Rabaul course 320°.
(4) Enemy force encountered near Pirivi (4 miles east Kokoda)
4th Nov. but dislodged and driven back after bombing and
strafing of positions by 3 Bostons. Our troops continue
advance on Oivi. Indications enemy preparing to make strong
stand Wairope.
(5) Strong force Fortresses, Bostons, B.25s and Beaufighters
with P.38s and P.40s as top cover made four separate attacks
Salamaua area 4th Nov.
(6) 6 Hudsons followed by 6 Marauders attacked Maobisse area
(Timor) morning 4th Nov. demolishing buildings and starting
fires.
(7) Ref. possible cruiser and transport reported. My Serial
No.286 para.4 subsequent air searches failed to locate and
report discounted.
(G.H.Q. S.W.P.A., 2321Z/7.)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.Submarines Reported.

Estimate of U-Boats.
(D.D.I.C., 1445/7, 1456/7.)

Torch files

No. Torch/N.1A
MEMORANDUM
Operation Torch

Naval Operation Order
(Short title TON)

B. H. Ramsay

3 Oct 1942

N1 - N2 - ~~8/10/42~~ N3 = N4 ^{8/10/42}

N5 13/10/42 N6 12/10/42

N7 12/10/42 N8 20/10/42

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Sunday.SITUATION REPORT.Home Commands.

Halifaxes on A/S patrol in the Gironde River made attacks on a 4000 and a 8000 ton merchant vessel, but no hits are claimed.

Twenty-six Wellingtons of Bomber Command laid mines last night successfully in the Baltic.

Operation "Torch".

- Object.** The object of the operation was to occupy French Morocco and Algeria in order to provide a base for an advance on Tunisia by combined British and U.S. forces.
- Plan.** The plan was, to make simultaneous assaults in force near Casablanca, Oran and Algiers to capture these ports and adjacent landing grounds. It was considered important that the operations should appear to have an American aspect, and therefore the assaults at Oran and Casablanca were carried out by U.S. Ground Forces, that at Algiers was, however, supported closely by British Troops. Naval forces inside the Mediterranean are purely British. The landings were supported by carrier-borne aircraft.
- Command.** Lieut.-General Eisenhower is C. in C. Allied Force (short title C. in C. A.F.)
Admiral Sir Andrew B. Cunningham is Naval Commander (short title N.C.X.F.)
- Execution.** The Eastern Task Force under Rear-Admiral Burrough (C.E.N.T.F.) is to make one landing to the east and two to the west of Algiers at 0200 and a direct assault on the harbour to prevent sabotage of the dock installations and shipping (this direct assault is called Operation "Terminal").
The Centre Task Force under Commodore Troubridge is to make two landings to the east and two to the west of Oran at 0200 and a direct assault on the harbour to prevent sabotage of the dock installations and shipping (this direct assault is called Operation "Reservist").
The Western Task Force under Admiral Hewitt U.S.N. (C.W.N.T.F.) is to make landings at Safi, Fedala and Mehedia at 0530 to secure the airfields and attack Casablanca from the east.
Force H under Admiral Syfret in DUKE OF YORK provided a covering force in the Mediterranean and Force Q (CUMBERLAND and NORFOLK) a covering force in the Atlantic.

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The very large convoys and great number of warships practically completed the approach phase without detection by the enemy. Convoys inside the Mediterranean were sighted on D minus one, but the only damage sustained in this stage was one assault ship torpedoed but not sunk.

Strategical and tactical surprise was achieved, and all landings were effected successfully in early hours of today.

Eastern
Task Force.

Algiers Area. Assault forces consisted of 3 brigade groups. All forces arrived safely in position in time, except U.S. Transport THOMAS STONE which was torpedoed and damaged yesterday. SPEY which had gone on yesterday with 24 landing craft from THOMAS STONE, reported at 1100Z/8 that a breakdown necessitated her sinking all the boats but 2.

The landings were effected successfully with little resistance, except in the centre. BROKE and MALCOLM attacked the boom at Algiers: and BROKE breached it: both destroyers were damaged by the shore batteries and air attack. After landing her troops BROKE rejoined BULOLO (C.E.N.T.F.) but Operation "Terminal" (the direct assault on the harbour) failed. BROKE was taken in tow, but she sank at 1559/9 in 37° 0' N. 0° 44' E. *by ZETLAND. Sub p. 292.

COWDRAY was damaged by shell fire. Fighter aircraft commenced to leave Gibraltar for Blida Aerodrome at 0700 G.M.T. and by 1030 G.M.T. 17 Hurricanes and 35 Spitfires had left, all arrived safely at Maison Blanche. At 1900 the French ceased hostilities unconditionally and the occupation of the city of Algiers commenced at 1900Z.

SHEFFIELD and BERMUDA (temporarily attached from Force H) were repeatedly attacked by a series of single torpedo bomber aircraft for $\frac{3}{4}$ hour at dusk, but were not damaged. BERMUDA parted company during the attacks. SPEEDWELL made 11 attacks on a submarine 11 miles N.N.E. of Algiers harbour a.m. today. The submarine was twice blown to the surface.

Centre
Task Force.

Oran Area. Assault forces were 1 armoured and 3 infantry brigade groups. The landings were effected successfully with little resistance, though batteries and ships inshore off Oran resisted: the ships made a sortie and AURORA sank two destroyers and damaged two or three more: BRILLIANT sank the escort vessel LA SURPRISE in 35.55 N. 01.05 W. and one enemy submarine is reported to have been destroyed* (apparently by ACHATES off Arzeu). The Allied battleships bombarded the ports.

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Task Force
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In Operation "Reservist" the cutters WALNEY and HARTLAND were lost in an attempt to force the boom at Oran and prevent the scuttling of merchant ships. Both ships entered harbour and succeeded in landing troops. WALNEY penetrated to the western end of the Bassin Gueydon before being sunk.

BOADICEA, on A/S patrol with 4 M.Ls was hit in the shell room at 0740Z.

8 Albatrosses and 22 Naval fighters attacked the aerodrome at dawn today and destroyed 47 aircraft which were bombed up, alerted and ready to fly. Spitfires from Gibraltar arrived safely at Oran about 1645Z, except one plane which was shot down as it was about to land.

Western
Task Force.

The enemy offered opposition in all areas but the assault forces (1 armoured and 5 infantry brigade groups) were landed successfully at Safi, Fedala and Mehedia by 1145Z. A French naval force consisting of one or two cruisers, destroyers and submarines made a sortie at 0815Z from Casablanca and was engaged by the covering force. One enemy destroyer was sunk and it is reported that one enemy cruiser was damaged, and at 1130Z W.N.T.F. reported that the remainder of the enemy's ships were retiring into Casablanca apparently damaged.

WESTCOTT (Gibraltar escort force, providing escort for coastal convoys to and from Oran and Algiers) attacked a submarine about 2100 in approx. 36.49 N. 0.53 W. and considers she destroyed it.

R.A.F. and Naval aircraft provided successful A/S and fighter protection throughout the day. A minefield was laid off Fedala.

P.219 and Catalina carried out a night operation successfully.

Operation
"Perpetual".

At 0258Z N.C.E.T.F. informed S/Ms. P.221, P.45 and P.48 that Operation "Perpetual" (assault on Bougie and Jijelli) might be carried out. Ships may pass through Algiers sanctuary p.m. on D day.

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Sunday.SITUATION REPORT.South Atlantic.

In view of indications of U-Boat activity between St. Pauls Rocks and Natal the Admty. recommended to Connav that all shipping other than coastal should be diverted to North and East of St. Pauls Rocks.

Task Group 23.2 consisting of Commander U.S. Cruisers 2nd Divn. (R.A. Read) in U.S. Cruiser MILWAUKEE with CINCINNATI and U.S. Destroyer SOMERS sailed from Recife at 2100Z today to patrol north-west of Ascension Island until 18th November.

SS. WEST HUMHAW and BENALDER were torpedoed in 4.19 N. 2.44 W. (120 miles W.S.W. of Takoradi) at 1715Z today. The former sank, and the latter was taken in tow for Takoradi.

SS. PLAUDIT was torpedoed and sunk at 2000 G.M.T. today in 36.0 S. 26.32 E.

Mediterranean.

Genoa
bombed.

175 aircraft of Bomber Command were detailed to attack the port and city of Genoa last night: 135 attacked, led by Pathfinders. The raid is reported to have been most successful. Four of our aircraft were lost. The Italian High Command communique states "Damage is huge".

A. REGOLO
torpedoed.

P.46 on patrol off St. Vito reported that she had secured a torpedo hit on an Italian 6" cruiser at 1023A in 38° 14' N. 12° 41' E. and had expended all her torpedoes. On 9th Nov. the Italian light cruiser ATTILIO REGOLO was seen in Palermo, damaged.

Western
Desert.

Mersa Matruh was cleared of the enemy this morning and during the day petrol was landed on the beaches close east of the port by L.C.Ts.

The Turkish DUMLUPINAR is reported to have been sunk by a warship in 41.10 N. 30.1 E. at 1240/6.

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SITUATION REPORT.

America and West Indies.

SS. HOLMPARK is reported to have been torpedoed in 13° N. 47° W. on 24th Oct.

Survivors of U.S. WEST KETAR arrived at Barbados today. The ship is reported to have been torpedoed in 14.57 N. 53.37 W. at 2215 G.M.T. 29th Oct.

SS. CAP OLMO was torpedoed at 0940 G.M.T. today in approx. 11° N. 61° W. but reached Port of Spain under her own steam.

SS. NIZAM made a submarine distress report at 1705 in 10.4 N. 53.11 E.

Australia and New Zealand.

The U.S. report the following enemy losses:-
25th October in action north of Santa Cruz Islands, 1 battleship, 5 cruisers, 2 aircraft carriers hit and damaged.
29th October in Solomon Islands area 1 destroyer torpedoed by a U.S. M.T.B.
31st October in Solomon Islands area 2 cruisers and 1 merchant ship hit in air attack.

U.S. shore based aircraft in Australia, New Guinea, the Melanesian Islands and Fiji form a protective barrier covering the supply route from the U.S. to Australia. The Guadalcanal airfield forms part of this barrier.

The evidence is that the Buin Faisi area (Bougainville Island) has now become almost as important a concentration area for Japanese forces as Rabaul, since the Japanese efforts are directed more against the Solomon Islands and less against New Guinea.

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Policy.

21st & Pending further developments the 22nd M.T.B.
22nd M.T.B. Flotilla is to be transferred from BEEHIVE to
Flotillas. MANTIS.
2. S.O. 21st, M.T.B. Flotilla is to return to
BEEHIVE as soon as practicable. Remainder of
this Flotilla is to return as soon as sufficient of the 22nd be-
come serviceable to form a unit of three M.T.Bs available at
Lowestoft.
(C. in C.Nore 0844/8).

Atlantic C. in C.W.A. 1912/7. Request your remarks.
Convoy (D.O.D(H). 1159A/8 to A.C.O.S.).
Rescue
Trawlers.

CASTLETON. My 1540/7. It would considerably ease the
operational situation in the Rosyth Escort
Force if CASTLETON until required for refit
could be lent for East Coast Convoy duties when
not required by A.C.O.S.
(C. in C.Rosyth, 1550A/8 to A.C.O.S.).

Movements.

CELANDINE. Reykjavik arrival CELANDINE 0415/6th.
(A. C.I.C. 0315A/8).

PRINCE Sailed PRINCE LEOPOLD in accordance with
LEOPOLD. my 1506/7.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock 0316A/8 to C. in C.Portsmouth)
Proceed to Plymouth adjusting speed to
arrive 0800/9.
(C. in C.Plymouth 2225A/8 to PRINCE LEOPOLD).

THUNDERBOLT. F.O.S.1446A/7. Intend sailing THUNDERBOLT
escorted by CUTTY SARK from HHZ at 1100/10th Nov.
(TITANIA 0750A/8).

AJAX, When ordered to do so by AJAX a.m./9th you are
HOLDERNESS, to part company and proceed Northwards along
AGAMEMNON, Swept Channel until AGAMEMNON, MENESTHEUS, and
MENESTHEUS, VESPER are met, when you are to assume S.O.escort
VESPER. to Sheerness.

(C. in C.Nore 0942A/8 to HOLDERNESS).
Sheerness departures AJAX escorted by
MONTROSE and HOLDERNESS at 0940, S.O.A.20 knots, E.T. A.1230/9.
(C. in C.Nore 1024A/8 to A. C.O.S.).
My 1200/8. Add AJAX, HOLDERNESS, MONTROSE on passage
northward, E. T.A. Flamborough Head 2000/8.
(C. in C.Nore. 1204A/8).
Scapa departures AGAMEMNON, MENESTHEUS, VESPER.
(A.C.O.S. 2319A/8 to C. in C.Nore).

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- LONDON. Scapa arrival LONDON.
(A.C.O.S. 1124/8 to A.C.I.C.).
- L.C.T. Admiralty's 1716/31/10. Request you sail
Craft for L.C.T. 399 (S.O), 403, 418, and 419 from
Scapa. Lamdash to Scapa. Craft will be ready to
sail on 15th November.
(Capt.L.C.T. 1151A/8 to F.O.I.C.Greenock).
- KENT. Scapa arrival KENT.
(A.C.O.S.1202/8 to F.O.I.C.Liverpool).
- WESTMINSTER
LEEDS. Your 1540/7. ^{/N.T. 24.3} Escorts will be provided from
this command if circumstances permit.
(C. in C.Nore 1212A/8 to C. in C.Rosyth).
- M.T.Bs. Intend to sail M.T.B. 618, S.O. 619, 620, 623,
for 625, and 631 for Lerwick at 0645/9. E.T.A.
Lerwick. 1830.
(N.O.I.C.Invergordon 1225A/8).
- H.28. My 1726/7. ^{/N.T. 24.3} Add H.28 escorted by SARDONYX,
See p. 279 leave Londonderry 1600/8. E. T.A. Clyde 0900 /9.
(F.O.S. 1319A/8 to Admty).
- W.A.Command. Situation at 1958A/8.
Details.(C. in C.W.A. 1355A/8). See Lion Copy.
- North Atlantic Disposition of operational units in N.Atlantic.
Dispositions. Area Iceland (C). BERWICK, SUFFOLK, 4 destroyers
Area Scapa. ANSON, KING GEORGE V, LONDON,
5 destroyers. Operational Area, DUKE OF YORK,
NELSON, RENOWN, RODNEY, ARGUS, FORMIDABLE, FURIOUS, VICTORIOUS,
ARGONAUT, BERMUDA, CHARYDBIS, DELHI, JAMAICA, SCYLLA, SHEFFIELD,
CUMBERLAND, NORFOLK, AVENGER, BITER, DASHER, 21 destroyers.
(D.O.D.(H). 1430Z/8 to C. in C.U.S. Fleet).
- ANCHUSA, Sailed ANCHUSA and DAHLIA in accordance with
DAHLIA, your 1006Z/3.
*HURRICANE, (Cdre.Londonderry 1600A/8 to C. in C.W. A.).
WATCHMAN. Sailed HURRICANE and WATCHMAN to overtake
ANCHUSA and DAHLIA proceeding in accordance with
** See p. 279* your 1006Z/3.
(N.O.I.C.Londonderry 2355A/8 to C. in C.W.A)
- CELIA. Admiralty's 1943/24/7. Intend to sail CELIA,
to Aberdeen for onward routeing to Iceland at
0700 tomorrow. E.T.A.Aberdeen 1900/9. Request
fighter protection.
(F.O.I.C. Tyne 1625/8 to C. in C.Rosyth).

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MOST SECRET MESSAGE 1355A/8th Nov. **MOST SECRET**

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From C. in C. Western Approaches Date 8.11.42.
Recd. 2045.

Addressed Admiralty.

Situation at 1958A/8/11.

Section North East.

1 M/V	VIRGINIA	57 12 07 02	To Oversay	8
6 M/Vs.	MINUET	56 48 06 30	To Loch Ewe	8
	WOLVES			

Section South East.

SKATE		53 55 04 52	To Londonderry	15
1 Auxiliary Vessel		52 08 05 32	To Portsmouth	18
ST. ALBANS		Sails Tbermory 2200A/8	To Merville	15

KMS 3	BLACK SWAN	55 33 05 00	270 degs. Oversay	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
	1 Sloop		thence 55 28 13 01	7
	8 Corvettes			

1 M/V		57 12 07 02	To Oversay	8
1 M/V	MYOSOTIS	54 04 04 58	270 degs. Oversay	9
			6 miles	

KX 6	LANCASTER	51 57 06 05	Via South of Ireland to 180 degs. Fastnet Rock 10 miles	6
	1 Destroyer			
	3 Corvettes			
	4 Trawlers			

ONM 145	ROSEMARY	52 06 05 24	To Belfast	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
	2 Trawlers			

1 M/V	PC 74	Sails Swansea 2000A/8	Northbound Irish Sea	10
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HM 61 Convoy	YORK CITY	53 00 05 04	To Milford Haven	8
	LEEDS	51 59 05 29	Northbound	8
	UNITED			

SL 125	KIRKELLA	55 03 05 40	To Mersey	7
SLU 125	SALADIN	56 57 07 05	To Loch Ewe	7
HX 213	HESPERUS	56 18 08 10	To North Channel and Irish Sea	9
	WHITEHALL			
	VANESSA			
	CLEMATIS			

HX 213.F.	GENTIAN	55 29 06 40	To Mersey	12
	HEATHER			

ONS 144 C.T.U. 24.1.4.	POTENTILLA	55 43 07 48	To 55 58 15 22	6
	EGLANTINE			
	MONTBRETIA			
	ROSE			
	VERVAIN			

H.28 SARDONYX		55 23 06 22	To Clyde	6
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Section N.W./.....

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Section North West.

SUFFOLK		62 22 18 23	To Hvalfjord	20
SC 107	RESTIGOUCHE	58 18 14 54	To 58 05 13	7½
			02 thence	
			56 28 08 35	
C.T.U.	AMHERST			
24.1.14	ALGOMA			
	MOOSEJAW			
SCL.107	U.S.S. INGHAM	62 08 22 18	To Reykjavik	7
C.T.U.	U.S.S. LEARY			
24.6.3.	U.S.S. SCHENCK			
ONSJ.144	U.S.S. BIBB	Sails Reykjavik Southbound		7
C.T.U.	U.S.S. DUANE	1900A/8		
24.6.4.				

Section South West

WALLFLOWER		55 36 16 17	To Argentina	10
MONKSHOOD				
Hospital Ship		46 18 15 00	Through 41 30	15½
OXFORDSHIRE			15 00	
Hospital Ship		41 07 14 36	Through 37 00	13
NEWFOUNDLAND			10 00	
3 Minesweepers		53 49 31 50	To 54 30 28 00	10
ONS 142	FIREDRAKE	48 00 33 32	To 43 20 40 01	5
C.T.U.	SUNFLOWER			
24.1.5.	LOOSESTRIPE			
	ALISMA			
	PINK			
	4 Trawlers			
	KYBER			
TA 28	Unescorted	55 25 15 29	To 55 20 28 01	25
			thence 51 02 36	
			28	

1355A/8.

V.C.N.S.	D.A/S.W.	D.T.D.(M)
A.C.N.S.(H)	D.D.I.C.(2)	D.T.D.(C)
A.C.N.S.(F)(2)	Duty Capt.(2)	Adl. Ramsey (2)
A.C.N.S.(T)	I.P.(2)	Adl. Blake (2)
N.A.1st S.L.	Head of M.	Mr. Cross (M. Books)(2)
Capt. Pim.	W.D.	M.D.G.
D.O.D.(H)(2)	U.S.N.	D.M.S.
D.O.D.(F)(2)	D.T.D.(3)	D.T.D.(M)

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P.311.

Arrived your 1031A/5.
(TITANIA 1736A/7 to C. in C.Plymouth).

KIRKELLA.

Surp. 280

My position at 1800A/8. 055.05 N. 005.43 W.,
Course 144°. Speed 8 knots.
(KIRKELLA 1805A/8 to N.O.I.C.Lerwick).

SEVERN.

Do not pass through area bound by latitudes 050.
00 N. and 050.11 N. and longitudes 003.15 W.
and 003.38 W. on account of suspected
minelaying.
(C. in C.Plymouth 2205A/8 to SEVERN).

SALADIN.

Arrived SALADIN.
(Cdre.Londonderry 2350A/8).Operations.

Patrols.

Your 1339/7. "Obstacle" returned.
(N.O.I.C.Dartmouth 0826/8 to C. in C. Plymouth).
My 1541/7. "Warrant" returned.
(N.O.I.C.Dartmouth 0852/8).→ Intend M.G.Bs. 52 (S.O), 57, and 51 to patrol between the
following positions:-(A) 50.15 N. 02. 05 W. (B).50.20 N. 01.35 W.
leaving Weymouth at 1930 tonight and patrol-line at dawn.
Codeword "Devise."(F.O.I.C.Portland 1100A/8).
(Capt.S.5 to SEVERN.P.556).→ CHASSEURS 15 (S.O) and 5 are to patrol tonight between
E.A.5 Buoy and 50° 25' N. 00° 00'. Codeword "Object."
FERNIE stand by at Yarmouth. 3 Portland M.G.Bs patrolling 50.16
N. 02.05 W. to 50.20 N. 01.35 W.

(C. in C.Portsmouth 1347A/8).

4. M.T.Bs leave Dartmouth 1730 today to patrol within 12
miles of Sept Isles light, returning to within 20 miles of own
coast by daylight. They have been informed of your movements.
S.O. in M.T.B. 235.(C. in C.Plymouth 1444A/8 to W.P.245. SEVERN, MANGROVE,
PRINCE LEOPOLD).→ 2 CHASSEURS patrolling from E.A.5 Buoy to Eastward. 3
M.G.Bs. patrolling 20 miles South of Anvil Point.

(C. in C. Portsmouth 1513A/8).

→ 3 M.G.Bs on patrol 20 miles S.E. Portland Bill.

(C. in C. Plymouth 1623/8).

M.Ls.450 and 220 from Ramsgate patrolling between Dumpton
and N. E.Spit Buoys, E.T.D.1815, E.T.R. 0750/9.

M.L. 143 and 138 near "C" one Buoy.

(V. A. Dover 1748A/8)

Proceed to position 330°. Cherbourg 6 miles to intercept
E-Boats returning from Start Point. If nothing sighted be
within 20 miles Portland Bill by dawn. 2 friendly M.T.Bs
patrolling west of Guernsey.

→ (F.O.I.C.Portland 2215A/8 to M.G.B.52).

/ My....

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Patrols. My 2215A/8. Request bombing restrictions and
Contd. air protection be arranged.
(F.O.I.C. Portland 2500/8 to C. in C. Portsmouth).

Operation "Torch." Whatever may be the final outcome of this operation, Their Lordships consider that the manner in which the vital preliminary stages, the assembly servicing and sailing of these initial convoys, was carried out reflects credit upon all concerned.

2. It is appreciated that this task, one of the largest of the kind we have as yet been called upon to undertake, was carried through successfully in the face of many difficulties including shortage of staff and water transport.

3. It is requested that you will convey this expression of Their Lordships' appreciation to as many of the personnel concerned as you may consider practicable subject to the needs of security of the follow-up convoys.
(1st Lord 1539A/8 to C. in C.W.A.).

Destroyer Detail one destroyer to raise steam. To stand
for by for air-sea rescue work.
Air-Sea (C. in C. Rosyth 1851A/8 to OAKLEY).
Rescue.

Allied Air Activity.

UREDD, Request Fighter Protection for:-
JUNON, One Norwegian and one French S/M escorted by
Trawler from 1600/9th until dark 10th.
Sailing Dundee 1600/9th changing escort at 34
Buoy. E.T.A. Lerwick 0200/11.
(C. in C. Rosyth 1328A/8 to H.Q.13 and 14
Groups).

Bomber On night 7th/8th Nov, 105 A/C bombed Genoa
Command and 26 A/C laid mines.
Operations. (H.Q.B.C. 1610A/8).

Mining.

Thames One ground mine detonated by Sweeper at 1048/7
Estuary. in 025° N.W. Shingles Beacon 4.85 miles.
Details.
(Capt. M/S Sheerness 0930/8).

Lyme Bay Intend sailing FINESSÉ, DORINDA, and WILLIAM
Sweep. MANNEL for Dartmouth at 0700 tomorrow. Sweeping
route P. to Dart Buoy. Codeword "Ounce VI."
(F.O.I.C. Portland 1157A/8).

/Intend....

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Mining - Contd.

Lyme Bay
sweep.
Contd.

Intend to sail BEN URIE and LOCH PARK at 0730/9
sweeping route P. to Portland. Codeword "Ounce
V."
(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 1711/8). *Cancelled 9/11 - 3
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A.F. D.18.

My 1147/8. C. in C. Portsmouth is requested
to sail BILSDEAN and BRECON CASTLE to Portland
a.m./9th Nov. to fuel and provision.

2.F.O.I.C. Portland is requested to sail these trawlers as
necessary to sweep ahead of A.F. D.XVIII.
(C. in C. Plymouth 1247/8).

Humber,

Mine detonated 1213/8 in 061°, 6.6 miles
Spurn light. Details.
(F.O. Humber 1431A/8 and 1844/8).

Enemy Intelligence.

Bordeaux
on 6th
November.

Further examination of sortie S/632 of 6/11/42.
shows that identities of two newly arrived M/Vs
at Customs House Quays Bordeaux are as follows
M/V 500' is of Tannenfels type and M/V 445' is
of Dresden type.
(R.A.F. Medmenham 0645A/8).

KOTA NOPAN,
ANALIESE
ESSBERGER,
KULMERLAND,
DRESDEN,
TANNENFELS,
BELGRANO.

A.M. 1729A/23rd October. Blockade breakers KOTA
NOPAN and ANALIESE ESSBERGER outward bound from
Biscay were located and unsuccessfully attacked
by A/C on 6th and 7th Nov. Last reported
positions KOTA NOPAN 1730/7th Nov 46.51 N. 11.24.
W. ANALIESE ESSBERGER 1710 /7th Nov. 45.40 N.
10.50 W.

2. Inward-bound blockade breaker KULMERLAND
located in Biscay 6th Nov. and probably arrived

Gironde 7th Nov.

3. Photographic R/C of Bordeaux 6th November showed DRESDEN
and TANNENFELS present, recent arrivals from Far East.

4. Photographs of KULMERLAND, KOTA NOPAN, ANALIESE ESSBERGER,
and BELGRANO show that topmasts are painted white or light
colour.

(D.D.I.C. 1933A/8).

E-Boat.

Following is a repetition of my 2144/8th.
Begins. My 2122 and 2125. Suspected E-Boat.
Ends.

(Cin C. Plymouth 2157A/8 to Escorts, W.P. 245,
M.T. Bs. 235 and 236).

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Wick. Wick harbour opened.
(R.N.O. Wick 0759/8).

Casualties & Defects.

Unknown Ship. DE D30T. SOS 41° N. 01° E. Fuel running short.
(Valentia Radio 0045/8).
(C. in C.Plymouth 0228/8 to Admty).

HURRICANE. Arrived HURRICANE with defects.
Comp. p. 275 (Cdre.Londonderry 0740A/8).

H.28. 1. Intend sailing damaged H.28 escorted by
See p. 275 SARDONYX from Lough Foyle to Clyde leaving
1600A/8, E.T.A. 0900A/9.
2. H.M.S.SARDONYX has been instructed to keep you informed
of progress on passage as necessary and to adjust E.T. A.
Clyde accordingly.
4. Request N.O.I.C.Belfast arrange fighter protection during
daylight.
(F.O.I.C.Londonderry 1021A/8).

ATHERSTONE. Request ATHERSTONE to leave C.W.132 at F.
Buoy and proceed up harbour for replacement of
damaged mark (b) bow chaser pom-pom gun prior
to sailing as escort for C.E.130. If gun is ready on ship's
arrival, estimate work can be completed in 2 nights.
(Capt.D.16. 1115A/8 to Capt.D.1).

S.C.107. After fuelling intend sailing STOCKPORT escorted
survivors. by CELANDINE and ARVIDA for Greenock with
maximum number of survivors from S. C.107 who
can be accommodated.
(A.C.I.C. 1117A/8 to Admty). * *See p. 274*

C.M.B.104. *H.M.S.*
My 2050/7. C.M.B. 104 will be unable to sail
owing to steering-gear defects.
(HORNET 1152/8 to C. in C.Portsmouth).

M.G.B.604. Admiralty's 1657A/7. Request you sail M.G.B.604
to Southampton for taking in hand by Messrs.
Thornycroft Northam.
(R.A.C.F. 1205A/8 to F.O.I.C. Portland).

BRITTANY, Clyde arrival KELANTAN with survivors SS.
TAMAHINE. BRITTANY, and TAMAHINE.
Survivors. (N.O.I.C.Greenock.1207A/8).

/NICOLINE...

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- NICOLINE,
PAXIDANE. Your 1834A/5. NICOLINE and PAXIDANE ready to sail. There is a crack in cylinder-head of latter vessel, but this does not affect operation of engine. There appears no reason why engines should not now run satisfactorily. (A.C.O.S. 1227/8 to Admty).
- SCOTT. Sheerness departure SCOTT to Southend, proceeding to Harland and Wolff North Woolwich, a.m. tomorrow. (Cdre. Sheerness 1413A/8)
- RIPLEY. Request you sail RIPLEY to comply with Admiralty's 1537/8. *N.T. & W.D.*
(C. in C.W.A. 2020A/8 to Cdre. Londonderry).
Intend to sail RIPLEY p.m. tomorrow to comply with Admiralty 1537A/8. E.T. A. Bar L.V. 1000A/10. (*Liverpool*)
(Cdre. Londonderry 1918A/8).
~~Request you will sail RIPLEY to comply with Admiralty's 1537/8.~~
~~(C. in C.W.A. 2020A/8 to Cdre. Londonderry.)~~
- OMEGA. Following from Port Rush Radio 077° class 2 was bearing of BQST (unidentified) distress. (Port Patrick Radio 1705 G.M.T/8 and 1804/8).
Request you sail Rescue Tug SCHELDE forthwith to assist. OMEGA disabled in 55° 22' N. 05° 02' W. (F.O.I.C. Greenock 1845A/8 to N.O.I.C. Campbeltown).
Sailed SCHELDE in accordance with your 1845A/8. (N.O.I.C. Campbeltown 1945A/8 to F.O.I.C. Greenock).
- RAMSEY. Request you will sail RAMSEY to comply with Admiralty's 1538/8. *N.T. & W.D.*
(C. in C.W.A. 2023A/8 to F.O.I.C. Liverpool).

Shipping & Convoys.

- H.X.215. My 1614/7. Cancel route. Proceed Argentinia by great circle. Every effort is to be made to avoid weather damage consistent with arrival in time to refuel and return with H.X.215 sailing November 16th.
(C. in C.W.A. 0123Z/8 to WALLFLOWER, MONKSHOOD).
In view of HURRICANE 2322/7th, request you sail WATCHMAN in company with DAHLIA and ANCHUSA in accordance with my 1006/3. *See p.275.*
(C. in C.W.A. 0743Z/8 to Cdre. Londonderry).
- S.L.125. Sailed KIRKELLA for S.L.125. *See p.276*
(Cdre. Londonderry 0937A/8 to F.O.I.C. Liverpool).

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"FB."

Trawlers may be used in addition HARRIER and GLEANER for escorting incoming ships to Southward of position G. Arrange details with Stepanov.

(S.B.N.O. North Russia 0950A/8 to S.B.N.O. Archangel).

JOHN WALKER arrived Dvina Bar. RICHARD H. ALVEY grounded on bar. Hope to refloat shortly.

(S.B.N.O. Archangel 1057A/8 to Admty).

1 A/C bearing 182°, 10 miles. My position 70.43 N. 43.20E. (CAPE ARGONA 1240C/8).

As two more merchant ships are expected to pass through your area remain on patrol to P.L.E. acting in accordance with my 1148/5 when you eventually withdraw.

(F.O.S. 1419A/8 to O.15).

S.B.N.O. North Russia 0950A/8. Request you will operate trawlers on this duty in conjunction with Admiral Abramov.

(S.B.N.O. Archangel 1431A/8 to M/S 6).

Positions of S/MS at 0800A/9 and movements for following 24 hours. O.15 vicinity 75° N. 08° E. TUNA vicinity 70° 32' N. 20° 01' E. P.312 and P.216 in zone K.6.

(F.O.S. 1707A/8).

Following from NORTHERN PRIDE begins. Thoroughly searched. Abandoned, Returning Reykjavik. T.O.O. 1730N/8. Ends.

(A.C.I.C. 2055A/8 to Admty).

O.N.S.142.

Retain four trawlers and KHYBER to P.L.E. and then detach to Horta as a group to conform with my 1548/29th October. Estimate that U.S. Submarine GURNARD will be in position 042.47 N. 039.28 W. at 0800A/9th steering for 046.50 N. 033.30 W. speed 12½ knots. Inform Commodore to keep clear.

(C. in C.W.A. 0956Z/8 to FIRE Drake).

K.M. F.3.

Admiralty 2038/6 and your 1114/7. Intend sailing ORONTES, RANGITIKI, and one vessel from Barry Roads at 2300/11. E.T. A.

Clyde 0400/13.

(N.O.I.C. Cardiff. 1048A/8 to F.O.I.C. Greenock).

A.M. 2041/6. Convoy will sail on 14th November.

Amend paras.1 and 5 for 13th read 14th November.

2. If Liverpool sections are ready in time they should be sailed to Clyde to attend conference otherwise in accordance with para.6 (b).

3. Route. R/V in position. (C) 270° Oversay 6 miles, thence (D) 55° 20' N. 11° 28' W. (E) 52° 00' N. 17° 30' W. (F) 42° 02' N. 17° 29' W. (G) 35° 35' N. 10° 01' W. thence as ordered by N.C. X.F.

4. Stragglers-route as convoy-route but lettered O. to S, with instructions that, if straggling, ships are to open out and keep 30 miles to starboard of route given.

(D.O.D.(H.) 1950A/8).

/K.M.S.3.

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K.M.S.3. Sailing CARDIUM escorted by VIRGINIA in accordance with A.M. 1835A/6 and 1847A/6 (N.C.S.O. Loch Ewe 1102A/8).
Your 1301/8. Detach CARDIUM forthwith to proceed to R/V independently. Proceed as necessary to effect repairs reporting your intentions.
(C. in C.W.A. 1705A/8 to VIRGINIA).
My 2244A/6. Sailing Codeword "Redbreast". Convoy as in Admiralty 1531A/30th October as amended by Admiralty 1535A/31st October, except for EASTERN SUMMER read EMPIRE SUMMER, for EMPIRE FIELD read PRINS HARALD, and for EMPIRE GRENFELL read KONGSVERRE. Cdre. is Cdre. Nicholson R.N.R. in CITY OF VENICE, LUNENBURG delayed by defect. Will be sailing to overtake.
(N.O.I.C. Greenock 1838/8).
Following Ships sailed. Details.
(D.S.T.O. Greenock, 2020/8.) See Lion Copy. p. 283^A

CALMJALDUR, Intend sail steamship CALMJALDUR KRANJE
KRANJE. 1700/10 for Faroe Islands with troops routed by my 1218/9 October. Speed 10 knots. E.T.A. 0700/12. Request escort and fighter protection. (F.O.I.C. Aberdeen 1130/8). * not identified.

O.N.145. Request you will sail BURZA on 10th November
BURZA. to overtake and act as additional escort to O.N.145 escorted by C.T.U.24.1.3.S.O. in U.S.S. GEORGE W. CAMPBELL.
C. T.F.24 is requested to sail BURZA subsequently with any convenient eastbound convoy.
(C. in C.W.A. 1339Z/8 to N.O.I.C. Greenock).

K.X.6. Sailed 1320A/8. E.T. A. 19th November. Ships and escorts. Details (N.C.S.O. Milford Haven 1532A/8). See Lion Copy. next page.

Ships for My 1328/29. In discussing bunker requirements South with Masters of ships for West African and South Atlantic ports the length of voyage should be Bunkering calculated through a point of dispersal from O.N. calculations. convoys in approximate position 45° N. 35° W. To allow for ships being retained in convoy beyond normal dispersal position, and for zigzagging and any diversion on route, the voyage to Capetown should be assessed at 10,000 miles and to other ports in proportion. Usual safety margin for adverse weather should be added and, where the resulting margin of endurance is small, an intermediate bunkering port should be given.
2. In border-line cases ships for the Cape and River Plate should be given a route right through with a suitable position at which to leave for the bunkering port. Masters should be told that they may omit the bunkering port provided they still have a margin of 1000 miles endurance for the Cape and 500 miles

/for.....

MOST SECRET

MOST SECRET MESSAGE 1532A/8th November. IN.

From: N.C.S.O. Milford Haven Date: 8 Nov. 42.
Recd: 2242.

Naval Cypher A one by T/P

Addressed: Admiralty, C. in C. Western Approaches,
H.Q.C.C. H.Q.F.C. C. in C. Plymouth,
C. in C. Home Fleet, F.O.C.N.A.

- (1) K.X.6. *see previous page.*
- (2) 1230A 8th.
- (3) 32. GIRONDE (61) escorted by M/S^T GREGORY sailed at 1500A 8th. Detained through defects H.M. Trawler QUERCIA (83) sailed 1800A 8th. H.M. Rescue Tug joining in vicinity The Smalls.
- (4) 24 kites.
- (5) MAPLEWOOD (51) Gibraltar. BARON RUTHVEN (31) vice (5A) noon R/V's 9th (corrupt group) 24' North 008° 41' West 10th 050° 40' North 012° 14' West. Convoy K.X.6 to Gibraltar. Outcon 316. Call sign GC. E.T.A. 19th November 1942.

Ship	A one square	Declared speed
SWITZERLAND	LTS, K, D/F, M/F, R/T. 42	7½
VANELLUS	LTS, K 52	11
BRITTANY COAST	LTS, K 62	10
PENSHURST	LTS, K 53	9
ZENA	LTS, K, H/F 23	7½
IWOW Escort (Polish)	22	10½
SELVIK (Nor)	K 24	10½
CARA	72	10½
TINTERN ABBEY	LTS, K 21	10
SERULA	K, H/F, 11	10
MAMMY (Nor)	K, 32	12
ODYSSEUS (Dut)	K, 54	9
OUSEL	LTS, K 73	10½
FACTO (Nor.)	LTS, K, D/F 64	10
ZAAN (Dut.)	- 33	10
NARVA	- 74	10
PORTSEA	- 81	10
SHUNALTS	K D/F 44	10
AUDUN (Nor.)	- (?38)	10
GIRONDE	- 61	10
ESNEHI	LTS, K D/F M/F R/T 41	10
MAPLEWOOD	B. LTS, K D/F 51	10
BARON FORBES	- M/F R/T 71	9½
BARON RUTHVEN	LTS, K D/F 31	10
EMPIRE MINOTAUR	14	10
EMPIRE GNOME	45	10
EMPIRE DACE	65	10
H.M.S. LASSO		10
Cable H.M.S.	63	9

AQUILLA/.....

AQUILLA Cable	43
H.M.S.	
H.M.S. TRITON	12
H.M. Trawler	
TRANSVAAL H.M.T.	13
QUERCIA H.M.T.	83
YTHAN BRAES H.M.T.	84
NIMBGE H.M. Tug	55
LAPAGERIA H.M.T.	82

1532A/8

Advance copy D.T.D., E.O.D. (H)
D.C.

1st Lord.
1st S.L. (2)
D.F.S.L.
V.C.N.S.
A.C.N.S. (H)
A.C.N.S. (F) (2)
A.C.N.S. (T)
N.A. 1st S.L.
Capt. Pin
D.O.D. (H) (2)
D.O.D. (F) (2)
D.C. (2)
U.S.N.
D.A/S.W.
Hd. of H.
D.D.I.C. (2)
I.P. (2)
W.D.
D.T.D. (M)
D. of P. (2)
D. of P. (Q)
Ad. Ramsey (2)
Ad. Blake.
D.M.S.
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D.S.D.
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Ships for
South
Atlantic
Bunkering
calculations.
Contd.

for the River Plate over and above requirements for
the original route ordered. If the bunkering
port is omitted Master must report his intentions
by W/T giving his position as laid down in
C.A.M.S.I. 52.
(D.T.D. 1908A/8).

O.N.S.144.

My 1514/7th. If convoy is attacked you will be
ordered to remain as long as possible, proceeding
to St. John's Newfoundland or Argentinia for fuel.
Every effort should be made to reduce fuel
consumption.
(C. in C.W.A. 2318Z/8 to ST ALBANS).

MOST SECRET

MOST SECRET

MESSAGE 2020/8 November

IN

FROM: D.S.T.O. Greenock

DATE: 9. Nov. 42

RECD: 0032

NAVAL CYPHER A.1 by T/P

ADDRESSED: D. of S.T. Repeated P.S.T.O. Scottish Ports.

K.M.S.3. Following sailed.

20642 (BALTONIA),	G4	G2	K57	H47	K55.
26000 (RAJPUT)	H49	E14	H58	J13	K56
20746 (REGUM)	H43	H42	E12	H45	J9
22841 (FORT BOURBON)	H51	H52	H55	H53	J14
27025 (TAVALI)	H54	H46	E11	J6	K59
20977 (BRITISH CHIVALRY)	H57	H41	H44	K50	J10
21266 (CARLTON)	G3	H56	J3	K53	K51
THOMAS PICKNEY	E13	K54	H50	K58	J4
MARTIN LUTHER	J11	K52	H48	J5	

2020/8

(Advance copy sent Duty Captain, D.O.D. (H),
D.T.D.)

1st Lord
 1st S.L. (2)
 D.F.S.S.
 V.C.N.S.
 A.C.N.S. (H)
 A.C.N.S. (F) (2)
 A.C.N.S. (T)
 A.C.N.S. (W)
 N.A. 1st S.L.
 D. of P. (2)
 D.O.D. (H) (2)
 D.O.D. (F) (2)
 Duty Captain (2)
 D.N.I. (4)
 D.D.I.C. (2)
 D A/S W
 Hd. of M.
 D.T.D. (3)
 D.T.D. (M)
 D.T.D. (C)
 D. of S.T. (2)
 I.P. (2)
 W.D.
 D. of P. (2)
 Ad. Blake (2)
 Ad. Ramsey (2)
 D. of L.D.
 Mr. Cross (M. Books)

JH

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Sunday.FOREIGN STATIONS.Operation "Torch".R/C
Bizerta.87.
Visual Bizerta 1655A/7, 7 destroyers.
(V.A. Malta 0001A/8 to N.C.X.F. (R) N.C.C.T.F.
N.C.E.N.T.F. S.O. Force H. F.O.C.N.A. C. in C.
Med 58. Admty.)

TEJO

My 2008A/7. TEJO sailed (?from) Ponta Delgada.
(N.C.X.F. 0051Z/8 to S.O. Force Q.)Emergency. N.C.11. para two. Aircraft left.
E.T.A. Tafaroui 0540Z.
(Admty. 0105A/8 to ALYNBANK. ANTELOPE. N.C.C.T.F.
(R) N.C.X.F.91.)

→ DUNKERQUE

61. My 2001A/7. Photographs show French Battle
Cruiser DUNKERQUE in dock with starboard side
plating removed abreast main turret.
(N.C.X.F. 0106Z/8 to S.O. Force H. N.C.E.N.T.F.
N.C.C.N.T.F. (R) Admty.)Air H.Q.
Algiers.Following for Commanding General Central Task
Force from C. in C. Clark with small group will
leave Gibraltar by air tomorrow or as soon there-
after as practicable for Algiers where he will
establish advance A.F. (H? Groups missing) and commanding
General British First Army, each with small group of Staff
Officers. Party will travel in 3 Baker 17 and 3 Hudson with
fighter escort. Essential that as soon as suitable air field in
your area is under your control you specify its location and
time when landing can be effected.
(N.C.X.F. 0123Z/8 to N.C.C.N.T.F.)R/C
Genoa
Toulon.Form White Emergency. G 932 Nov.8. P.R.U. sortie
C/561 1400/7 shows
Genoa - At least three large fires still burning
at time of photography. Since 2 Nov. only change
in naval units is movements of Naviagtori class
destroyer to dry dock. Total now present comprises two D/Rs two
U-Boats converted liner ROMA and hull of Regolo Class Cruiser.
Since 2 Nov. total merchant tonnage little changed but five M/Vs
250/400 ft. departed and six M/Vs 280/400 arrived. Tanker 520 ft.
still present.

Genoa/Port A/D no A/C visible.

Toulon - No notable change in shipping since 8 July. Battle-
cruiser STRASBOURG remains in usual berth and since that date
→ battlecruiser DUNKERQUE, battleship PROVENCE, and one eight inch
cruiser entered dry docks off Darse Vieille. Since 8 July two six
inch cruisers left port but are probably the ones seen moored in
Hyeres Bay. Total number of Contre Torpilleurs and destroyers
approx. unchanged. Naval units now present comprise Battle-
→ cruisers STRASBOURG, and DUNKERQUE, battleship PROVENCE, ex-Battle-
ship CONDORCET. Aviation transport COMMANDANT TESTE. Four 8 inch
cruisers of which two carrying A/C. One 6 inch cruiser.
Seventeen Contre Torpilleurs. Twelve destroyers. Five T/Bs and
escort vessels. Ten S/MS. The minelayer GLADIATEUR.
Only change of note in merchant shipping is arrival of one tanker
500 ft. Ex-Battleship L'OCEAN remains as guardship at Mandrier.
Hyeres Bay two Galissonniere Class cruisers seen moored to buoys
and surrounded by torpedo booms. (P.R.U. Benson 0125/8 to Admty.
Air Min. B. C. F. (Int) Army Co-op Commands Medmenham 8th USBC.)
/Send...

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Send your Walrus to relieve *JAMAICA for (corrupt group)* 6 "Torch"/NC 8 at 0830Z.
(C.C.N.T.F. 0138Z/8 to RODNEY.)
* - * This might read "T for TROOPER"

Start homing signal now and continue until 0600Z. Report to me and FURIOUS when aircraft now expected at 0540Z. You may (?arrive) X beach if you like.
(S.O. C.N.T.F. 0140Z/8 to ALYNBANK. (R) ANTELOPE. FURIOUS.)

(Landing party arriving?) 0540Z. Report when detected.
(C.C.N.T.F. 0141Z/8 to DELHI.)

THOMAS
STONE

*See pp 291, 292
9304*

Have had THOMAS STONE in tow for 3 hours but little progress made owing to steering difficulties amend R/V for H.M.S. ST. DAY to read 037° 26' N 000° 02' E at 0530Z/8. Have not disembarked any further troops.
(WISHART 0151Z/8 to N.C.X.F. (R) N.C.E.T.F. S.O. Force H. R.A.A. H.M.S. ST. DAY.)

C.G. (corrupt group) sent 1st and 2nd waves landed successfully 3rd (group missing) (?wave) landing (group missing) a * point of F E Y.
(S.N.O.L. Sec.C. 020-/8 to E.N.T.F.)
* Could be 'F'.

P.R.U.
Oran.

A 236 8/11. P.R.U. Gib. 21/8 Nov. Sortie G 227 7 Nov. 1430 hrs. shows Oran naval shipping shows increase since 6 Nov. on one Alcyon or Simoun Dr. and 1 S/M 260 approx. Total naval shipping now present comprises 1 CT probably ~~Cassara~~ type, 3 ~~ALCYON~~ or ~~SIMOUN~~ Dr. 1 ~~ELAN~~ escort vessel. Two S/Ms 260 approx. 6 S/Ms 200/240 a few small auxiliaries. Both inner and outer entrance booms are closed. Merchant. Only changes are arrival one cargo liner 400 approx. 1 M/V 300 approx.
(P.R.U. Gib. 0200/8 to Admty. AAA. H.Q.C.C. Benson pass Medmenham)

Report AURORA for Oran patrol. *See p. 296*
(C.C.N.T.F. 0236Z/8 to FARNDALE, DUBBO (R) AURORA JAMAICA S.N.O.L. Sector Z.) * Not last: H/2- (at Albany)

Algiers
Area.

Landings successful at all beaches except no news from Beer Red. Sidi Ferruch captured.
(D.12. 0240/8 to R.A.A.)

P.R.U.
Algiers.

A.237 8/11. P.R.U. Gib. W2/8 Nov. Sortie G 226 7 Nov. 1525 hrs. shows Algiers. Naval shipping remains as on 2 Nov and 6 Nov. Merchant only change is arrival of two M/Vs 250/300. Booms across borth Northern and Southern entrances are /closed...

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Algiers.
Contd.

closed. Alger/Maison Blanche A/D one Farman 222 two very large two probably SM81 one large twin engined ten medium 16 small A/C visible.
(P.R.U. Gib. 0245Z/8 to Admty. AAA. H.Q.C.C. Benson pass Medmenham.)

Closed beach as convenient acknowledge by B will not be carried out.
S.N.L.O. Sec. C. 0246/8 to "Torch".)

Situation
Report.

78271 cipher (M.O.11) dated 8 Nov.

United States troops landed early this morning in French North Africa.

2. This action has been explained in broadcast in French by President Roosevelt and in supporting statement by H.M. Gov.

3. Large British contingent is taking part in land operations under command U.S. C. in C. Supporting naval and air forces are preponderantly British. First British statement mentions British naval and air support, but nothing has yet been said about landing of British troops, since it is thought French are less likely offer resistance if landing is represented to them at outset as American. But it is neither possible nor desirable to conceal facts once operation under way, and statement will be issued here at early stage announcing British participation. No repeat no mention should be made British participation on land until this statement received.

4. It was not possible tell General de Gaulle of operation in advance. You will be informed his reactions as soon as possible. (War Office 0250A/8 to G.O.C. in C. East Africa.)

Operation
"Perpetual"

Your 1342A/7 operation "Perpetual" may be carried out D + One. Ships may pass through Algiers Sanctuary, p.m. D day.

(N.C.E.T.F. 0258Z/8 to S.8. P.221. P.45. P.48.)

N.C.E.T.F. 0258 this refers to assault on Bougie and Jijelli.

(Capt. S.8. 0514/8 to *P.221.*P.45.*P.48 (R)

N.C.E.T.F.)

* 2-11-296 1299 7312

Morocco
P.R.U.

238 8 Nov. Secret P.R.U. GIH W3/8 Nov.

Supplementary to Gib. W2/7 Nov. Sortie G 224 7 Nov shows also Port Lyautey/Kenitra A/D. One medium and three probably four small B/C visible.

(P.R.U. Gib. 0300Z/8 to Admty. AAA. H.Q.C.C.

Benson pass Medmenham FFF. (R) Bathurst.)

PANTHER

You may meet PANTHER damaged returning to Gibraltar at 7 knots passing 10 miles south of Cape de Gata about 0600 9th.

(Capt. S.6. 0310Z/8 to *P.228.*P.54.*URSULA.)

* 2-11-296

Oran X
Area.

Vertical searchlights are signs of Peace. Confirm that lights seen ashore are vertical searchlights. (C.C.N.T.F. 0312Z/8 to AURORA. CLYDEBANK.)

/(1) Carry...

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Oran X Area. Contd. (1) Carry out tasks one 3 4 and 7.
 (2) (Corrupt group) night defence of task 2 as for task one but over Tafaro left wing. Albacores wait at call 268°.
 (3) Fighters not to shoot up aircraft on 132° unless taking off.
 (4) Aircraft on first patrol task 3 be ready to escort dividing southern entrance E.T.A. 0528Z approaching from seaward over X beach.
 (5) "Torch" NC para 12 V watch aerodrome ground signs return to patrol V are (corrupt group) closed square or square with one side open.
 (C.C.N.T.F. 0336Z/8 to *FURIOUS. (R) DASHER. BITER.)
 Considerable opposition in Oran harbour, our inshore patrols engaged by shore batteries. * *p. 290*
 (AURORA 0352/8 to C.N.T.F.)

2nd. (corrupt group). A Sector no resistance
 OZDN 2 Forts captured C Sector troops inland.
 (C.E.N.T.F. 0409Z/8 to C.C.N.T.F. (R) F.O.H. C.S.10.)

Algiers. Most immediate. MALCOLM damaged 2 boilers (?out of action). Searchlight on Brisela, Tangier, is very troublesome. Have made 3 attempts but failed to find inner channel entrance. Am making another attempt needless (?unless) BROKE makes entry. Would be easier if searchlight could be put out of action.
 (RODNEY 0435/8 to C.E.N.T.F. (R) BROKE, MALCOLM.)

Investigate ships burning navigation lights steering east.
 (C.C.N.T.F. 0444/8 to RHYL.)

1 unknown vessel bearing 340° distance 3 miles course 000° (speed 25 knots?) My position 35° 50' N 0° 15' W.
 (AURORA 0455/8 to Gib. W/T.)

Situation report. Nothing new except that Cap Matifou battery is believed not yet ceased fire. Please carry out Tac/R sortie A as previously arranged. Position of own light should be reported. Sortie B will be second sortie.
 (C.E.N.T.F. T.O.R. ?0500Z/8 to R.A.A. (R) C.S.10. F.O. Force H.)

Following for Cdr. Eastern Assault Force from C. in C.
 Engine trouble prevented Catalina taking off to drop leaflets on Algiers. No substitute A/C available. To E.A.F., A.B.F.O.R. informed.
 (N.C.X.F. 0529Z/8 to N.C.E.N.T.F.)

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Toulon.

See p. 284

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235 8/11 SECDE P.R.U. Gibraltar W3/7 Nov. Part 2. Remainder naval shipping comprises ex B.S. L'OCEAN, 18 Contre Torpilleurs including Etur? CASSARD, one in dry dock, eight GUESARD, three TIGRE, one FANTASQUE, and one MOGADOR class in Floating Dock, three ? SIOUX or L'ALCYON Drs., six, probably seven LE HARDI Drs., one Dr. 370, one BOUGAINVILLE sloop, net layer LE GLADIATEUR, three ELAN EVC, including one leaving harbour, one ARRAS EV, two, probably three POMONE TBS, one possible TB 200, transport SUO, one vessel 260, 270, one vessel 200/250 yacht type auxiliary, 210 two naval units 190, two naval hulls 370, and one 180, fifteen S/Ms, comprising six REDOUBTABLE and YS38 200/200 895 with three REDOUBTABLE and one 200/220 are in dry dock. Merchant shipping fourteen M/Vs over 200 including three tankers 500/550 one 450/50 and one 400 approx. St. Mandrier SPB. No A/C visible. (P.R.U. Gib. 0530Z/8 to Admty. H.Q.C.C. Benson pass Medmenham.) (W.D. Note: N.T. of Part One.)

One unknown bearing 055 distance 6 miles course 015 - 22 - position 35.56 N 00.57 W.

→ (AURORA 0530/8 to Gib. W/T.)

1 enemy destroyer bearing 080° distance 4 miles course 00° speed 15 knots. My position 35° 53' N 0° 25' W.

→ (AURORA 0544/8 to Gib. W/T (R) "Torch".)

Algiers
Area.

Send immediately report of condition of bridge 0075/9 and situation at aerodrome.

(N.C.X.F. 0550Z/8 to F.O. C.N.C.E.T.F.)

O.C.B. region am has been landed here ? and is being (2 corrupt groups) personnel return to Patrol B sector.

(KEREN 0557Z/8 to S.N.O.L. Sector A.)

French
destroyer
sunk.

One L'ALCYON destroyer sunk.

→ (AURORA 0559Z/8 to C. in C. X.F.) See p. 291

Plan A initiated on schedule N.C.X.F. pass to C. in C. Atlantic Fleet Cominch and C. in C. U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

(F.O. W.N.T.F. 0605Z/8 to N.C.X.F.)

Aircraft passed over at 0605Z.

(ALYNBANK 0607Z/8 to S.O. C.N.T.F. (R) FURIOUS.)

East Channel F (O)? O 4 (anchor light?) established. (C.E.N.T.F. 0612Z/8 to WILTON.)

/Oran...

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Oran.

M.L. states no vessel has left Oran. A/S patrol established with 4 M.Ls 8 miles north of break-water. HARTLAND and WALNEY believed set on fire in harbour. *See p. 304*

→(BOADICEA 0628Z/8 to N.C.C.N.T.F.)

{?Am searching for ANGLAIS.)
(WILTON 0628Z/8 to C.E.N.T.F.)

1 enemy destroyer bearing 330° distance 6 miles course 040° my position 35.35 N 00.56 E.

→(BRILLIANT 0630Z/8 to Gib. W/T.)

3 M/V bearing 190 position 35° 58' N 0° 29' W.
(AURORA 0632/8 to S.O. Spare Force 8.)

Algiers Area.

All MT to be landed on White Beach.
(Stand by S.N.L.O. Algiers 0657/8 to NORVARG.)
RYSA and P.221 proceed to Sanctuary now.
(S.O. E.N.T.F. 0712Z/8 to F.O. A/C Carriers.
"Torch" Naval Force.)

LA SURPRISE sunk.

Have sunk French Escort Vessel LA SURPRISE in 035° 55' N 001° 05' W.

→(BRILLIANT 0715Z/8 to N.C.X.F. N.C.C.N.T.F. S.N.O.L.Y.)

*See next page**9 p. 304*

1 unknown bearing 207 distance 12 miles course 310 my position 36° 21' N 0° 24' W.
(BITER 0720/8 to S.O. Spare Force No.8.)

P.R.U. Dakar

P.R.U. Dakar 1700Z/7. One S/M departed since a.m. 7th.
(R.A.W.A. 0731Z/8 to Admty. F.O.C.N.A. N.C.X.F. W.N.T.F. A.F.H.Q. Gibraltar.)

Algiers Area.

Beer Red 2, 3 and 4 landings badly shot up
? GLORIOSA, WILTON under fire from Fort Yeilais.
Cape Matifou battery not yet taken.
(S.O. E.N.T.F. 0732Z/8 to S.O. A/C Carriers
"Torch" Naval F. (R) S.O. Force H. C.S.10.)

Western Force.

W.N.T.F. is being opposed in all my areas.
Pass to Cominch, Cinclant, Cincaf.
(N.C.W.N.T.F. 0736Z/8 to N.C.X.F.)

BOADICEA damaged.

One hit in shell room which is flooded, expect to get damage under control.
(BOADICEA 0740Z/8 to N.C.C.N.T.F.)

/LA SURPRISE...

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SURPRISE.My 0630 BRILLIANT reports enemy sunk.
(N.C.X.F. "Torch" N.F.? 0745/8 to S.O. C.N.T.F.)*See previous page.*What is situation with Albacores.
→(C.N.T.F. 0747Z/8 to FURIOUS.)Try and maintain one pair of fighters as patrol
over Z (corrupt group) as Tac/R (Corrupt group.)
?Aircraft to ?Orbit 31 F on arrival till
communication established on system C.
→(C. in C. N.C.X.F. 0805/8 to FURIOUS.)Am over enemy S/M in position XTJT 1050. Enemy
submarine previously reported was sighted on
surface and observed to submerge. When first
sighted was on course 090° estimated speed 6 knots.
(A/C WD3Q 0810/8.)1 merchant vessel bearing 230° 8 miles course
000°. My position LBXP 3032.
→(FURIOUS 0812/8 to S.O. C.N.T.F.)All (definitely?) ashore.
(WITCH 0812Z/8 to S.N.O.L. Sector Z.)French
sortie from
Casablanca.French ships Casablanca sortied and attacked our
force. Pass to C. in C. U.S. Fleet and C. in C.
Atlantic Fleet.
(S.O. W.N.T.F. 0815Z/8 to N.C.X.F.)One aeroplane bearing 000° 1 mile course 307°.
XTCP 3510.
(COREOPSIS 0831Z/8 to Gib. W/T.)Western
Force.C. in C. A.F. heavy fire from batteries Fedala
and Casablanca engaged after daylight our forces.
Playball Brushwood Gibraltar 0617Z. Playball
reported Goalpost 0720Z (THOMAS?) STONE reported
Battery up 0445Z. Brushwood reported landing
first wave 0551Z.
(N.C.W.N.T.F. 0837Z/8 to N.C.X.F.)Close me at ? ? sector with utmost despatch.
(S.O.E.N.T.F. 0841Z/8 to MALCOLM.)Your 0335Z/8 ^{p. 287.} not received until 0607. Following
tasks have been carried out. 1. 2. 3. 4 and 7.
Hangar at La Senia hit and burning, numerous
aircraft in air and ground destroyed.
→(FURIOUS 0845Z/8 to D.S? C.N.T.F.)

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P.C.S. of enemy 6 destroyers 1 light cruiser
020 12 37° N 12° E 5 022.
(? 0848/8 to Halfar D/F.)

Situation
at Algiers.

Situation report at 0830 11th Brigade have Fuka, Kolea and Castiglione advanced troops on Kolea - Blida Road. Maison Blanche aerodrome captured Matefor battery negotiating truce no further news of Beer Landing.
(S.O.E.N.T.F. 0852/8 to S.O. A/C Carriers "Torch" Naval Force. (R) S.O. Force H. C.S.10.)

Fedala.

Troop landing Fedala proceeding with little or no resistance. Batteries on Chirgui and point Fedala silenced. Pass to C. in C. Atlantic Fleet.
C. in C. U.S. Fleet. Cinclant.
(N.C.W.N.T.F. 0854Z/8 to N.C.X.F.)

Fighter A/Cs
for Maison
Blanche.

Most Immediate. 17 Hurricanes left Gibraltar for Algiers 0700 hours G.M.T.
(N.C.X.F. 0915Z/8 to S.O.E.N.T.F. S.O. A/C Carriers Home Fleet.)
My 0915Z one Hurricane returned and left Gibraltar again with 1 further Hurricane at 1007 G.M.T.
(9th A/S Striking Force 1008Z/8 to E.N.T.F. R.A.A. Home Fleet.)
18 Spitfires left Gibraltar for Algiers 0930 hours G.M.T.
(N.C.X.F. 0932/8 to S.O.E.N.T.F. S.O. A/C H.F.)
Obtain report from your aircraft of situation at aerodromes and number of U.S. aircraft landed.
(N.C.X.F. "Torch" N.F. 0931Z/8 to FURIOUS.) *See p. 296*
17 Spitfires left Gibraltar for Algiers 1030 hours G.M.T.
(C. in C. N.C.T.F. 1035Z/8 to E.N.T.F. R.A.A. H.F.)

P.C.S. of enemy CZXD 0324 005° 15 knots.
(A/C V9K 0930/8 to Halfar.)

Situation
Report
No.3.

326. (1) All forces arrived safe in position in time except THOMAS STONE.
(2) Initial landing effected successfully at Algiers and Oran with little resistance. Ships are close to shore to continue unloading.
Resistance stiffening at B beach.
(3) BROKE and MALCOLM attacked boom at Algiers. MALCOLM damaged with 2 boilers out of action. *See p. 287, 292, 294*
(4) Resistance reported by ship inshore off Oran Harbour. AURORA sank one Vichy destroyer LALCYON Class under weigh. *See p. 288*
(5) U.S. transport THOMAS STONE torpedoed in 37.34 N 00.01 W at 0650/7. Ship being towed to Algiers by ST.DAY to disembark vehicles. 700 troops from THOMAS STONE set forth at dusk in their landing craft for Algiers beach under escort of SPEY. *291, 292, 2302*
(6) PANTHER with Force H was near missed by bomb in position 37.46 N 02.52 E at 1830/7. Now returning Gibraltar at 14 knots flooded forward. *See p. 286*

/(7) Intensive...

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(7) Intensive and most satisfactory A/S air patrols made from attack on U-Boats. One very promising attack in position 38.03 N 02.12 E. One possibly in position 37.32 N 01.30 E.

(8) Landings effected at Fedala and Safi but no details.

(9) P.219 and Catalina carried out (?night) operation successfully.
(N.C.X.F. 0933Z/8 to Admty. (R) A.F.H.Q. F.O.C.N.A. R.A.D. V.A. Malta. C. in C. Med.)

*Blida airfield
surrender to
Kelt Air Arm.*

Most Immediate. (?Detachment) landed Blida to accept surrender, taken, appear friendly.
(R.A.A. H.F. 0934/8 to N.C.X.F. S.O.E.N.T.F. S.O. Force H.) *See next page*

R/C of
Italian
Bases.

88. My 1601/7 morning visual.

(1) Palermo 0800/8 one 5.3 cruiser and one destroyer sailed.

(2) Taranto nil Messina no change.

(3) One cruiser 6 destroyers 294 Marsala 3 course 020° 12 knots and 10 E-Boats off Marsala.
(V.A. Malta 0944A/8 to N.C.X.F. (R) C.E.N.T.F. C.C.N.T.F. S.O. Force H. C. in C. Med. Admty.)

What progress is being made with your attack.
(N.C.X.F. 1004Z/8 to F.O.W.N.T.F.)

Request spotting aircraft for bombardment of Mati by F.O.H. if required by him. FOO will be observed. R.A.A. please pass to F.O.H.
(S.O.E.N.T.F. 1021/8 to R.A.A. H.F. (R) S.O. Force H.)

Being towed and escorted to Algiers. Assault wave dispatched (corrupt group) evening escorted (corrupt group) A 9th November afternoon.
(? 1040/8 to E.N.T.F.)

THOMAS
STONE's
landing
craft.*See pp 285, 291*

My 1800/7. Breakdown necessitated sinking all boats except two. My 1100 position 037° 21' N 000° 31' E speed now 14 knots. Request precise destination.
(SPEY 1100Z/8 to N.C.X.F. S.O.E.N.T.F. (R) S.O. Force H. Force O.)

BROKE

See pp 291, 294

From CoTerminal BROKE following damage after part of ship badly flooded engine room (?rapidly) flooding with bad list to starboard have directed ZETLAND to tow me to west.
(ZETLAND 1125Z/8 to S.O.E.N.T.F.)

/Western...

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Western Force. At 1015Z Safi harbour secured. Landing proceeding Fedala and Mehedia against considerable air and coast defence opposition. Progress satisfactory. French naval vessels resisting to end. Naval action continues off Casablanca. No serious damage to our forces. Enemy destroyer sunk remainder retiring into Casablanca (?apparently) damaged. N.C.X.F. pass to C. in C. U.S. Fleet, C. in C. Atlantic Fleet. (W.N.T.F. 1130Z/8 to N.C.X.F. (R) C. in C. U.S. Fleet. C. in C. Atlantic Fleet.)

Algiers Area. Situation report. Blida surrendered. ^{/see 15202} Own troops advancing direction Birtoutarn from west. Right about to enter town from north. Pear (?unsuccessful). Mati still not taken. (S.O.E.N.T.F. 1132/8 to R.A.A. H.F. (R) S.O. Force H. C.S.10.)

Return to patrol position ordered in "Torch" S after 1200 today. (Capt. S.10. 1135A/8 to UTMOST. (R) N.C.X.F. Subs on patrol.)

Situation, Algiers Area. Situation. Cape Matifou bombarded by ZETLAND hits on both turrets and control tower claimed. Not yet surrendered. Jetee du Nord successfully bombed to support BROKE. French S/M diving 5 miles north course doubtful. A/S detailed to cover area. Speed of unloading ships improving. (S.O.E.N.T.F. 1142Z/8 to ?N.C.X.F.)

Situation, Western Landings. All assault waves succeeded in landing. Safi port and town captured by assault. From Patton to C. in C. Allied Forces heavy artillery fire from shore batteries ?against covering force and against landing force overcome. Batteries at Fedala silenced. Naval sortie 2 cruisers destroyers and S/Ms. Heavy naval engagement still in progress. Hostile A.A. fire has ceased at Fedala. All assault troops ashore ?Lyautey. Pass to C. in C. U.S. Fleet. C. in C. Atlantic Fleet. C. in C. Allied Forces. (T.F.34 1145Z/8 to C. in C. X.F.)

(?S.O. Force) H 11 (?22) Walrus X 9561 (?in vicinity) 1300. Will land (?at) (?Ma)iso(?n) Blanch on expiration (corrupt group) of terms at ?approx. 1500 unless otherwise ordered by you. Frequency 405 K/cs. (BERMUDA 1209Z/8 to S.O.E.N.T.F. (R) S.O. Force H. F.O. A/C Carriers Force H.)

Algiers Area. S.O. Force H 1102/8 (N.T. in W.D.) Close Mati and answer call for fire. (S.O.E.N.T.F. 1237Z/8 to BERMUDA. (R) S.O. Force H)

/Situation...

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Area.
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Situation report at 1300 resistance at Fort de L'Eau 8509 making advance from east slowly. Own troops 2 miles west of Algiers on high ground resistance stiffening (?this afternoon) (F.O.E.N.T.F. 1305/8 to A.O.(A) "Torch" (R) S.O. Force H. C.S.10.) French resistance has stiffened. (S.O.E.N.T.F. 1309Z/8 to S.O. Force H. S.O. A/C Carriers. "Torch" Naval F.)

Operation
against
Bon.

Most Immediate. Second Battalion 503 parachute infantry required for following operation with Eastern Task Force. "Warning order". On 9 Nov. Battalion will be prepared to fly to Bon and secure aerodrome. "Secret" Battalion will not drop more than paratroops in leading troop carrier unless local situation makes this necessary, remainder to land in aircraft. Transport aircraft will return immediately to Maison Blanche. Whole operation will be timed to allow return to Maison Blanche before dark. Battalion will come under command Eastern Task Force on verbal orders to you by Deputy C. in C. on 8 Nov. Executive order for operation will be issued to you by Commanding General Eastern Task Force. Arrival of Battalion at Bon will be reported to E.T.F. by returning transport aircraft. Not less than 48 hours rations to accompany. Further warning. Battalion likely to be required for second operation including "Drop" about 12 Nov. Abfor and E.T.F. informed. (Gib. W/T ?133/8 to S.O.C.N.T.F.)

Oran x Area.

- (1) Carry out tasks one 3. 4 and 7.
 - (2) (Corrupt group) night defence of task 2 as for task one but over Tafaro left wing. Albacores wait at call 268°.
 - (3) Fighters not to shoot up aircraft on 132° unless taking off.
 - (4) Aircraft on first patrol task 3 be ready to escort dividing southern entrance E.T.A. 0528Z approaching from seaward over X beach.
 - (5) "Torch" N C 8 para. 12 V watch aerodrome ground signs return to patrol V are (corrupt group) closed square or square with one side open.
- (C.C.N.T.F. 1336Z/8 to FURIOUS (R) DASHER. BITER.) *pp 287 290 296*

Algiers.

When we left port no attempt had been made to scuttle or sabotage port facilities in any way. BROKE burst through the boom easily and there is a nice gap in the boom now. Batteries fired accurately at close range. Free Frenchmen confirmed general antipathy (corrupt group) among (?whole) (2 corrupt groups) have 2 sympathisers on board now. (C.O. "Terminal" 1405Z/8 to C.E.N.T.F.) *pp 291 292*

Toulon
R/C.

63. Toulon visual R/C 1200.
(N.C.X.F. 1405Z/8 to S.O. Force H. N.C.F. E.N.T.F. N.C.C.N.T.F. (R) Admty.)

/Oran...

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Oran. Following received from F.7. G.B.R. from F.7. Request dive bombers 1400 hours to 1500 for Mati Fouat (?Desjes). Confirm. (BERMUDA 1420Z/8 to C.N.T.F.)

Patrol. R/V Cape St. Vincent with all three carriers 1600. JAMAICA organise destroyer patrol (corrupt groups) Z beach from surface attack and remain inshore of this patrol (corrupt groups). Destroyers are also to keep A/S watch should S/Ms be detected they are to be destroyed. (S.O.C.N.T.F. 1425/8 to *JAMAICA.*FARNDALE. VALOROUS. S.O. Force H. (R) RHYL. RODNEY. (AURORA?)) * *in p. 298.*

Centre Force. (Portion missed) defences were surprised at beginning of attack. No opposition at beaches reported initially. First contact with French by X beach column made with light at Lourmel no further resistance this column reported. No resistance Y beach (?comparatively) moderate resistance vicinity (?Arzew) lasted from 0525Z to about 0800Z. First Division has reached Line Le Grand (?Dshelwy) Stubborn resistance at Oran reported enemy disposition (portion missed) there islands of resistance. Naval units determined to fight to finish (portion missed) units making token resistance. (6 corrupt groups) unidentified. About 120 prisoners (2 corrupt groups) identified. About 120 prisoners (2 groups missing) French planes observed in air about 1130Z. 15 French destroyed on ground. Coast defence batteries offering stubborn resistance no chemical warfare reported. Mild wind. Slight sea and swell, temperature warm. (C.G.C.T.F. 1425Z/8 to C. in C. A.F.H.Q.)

/M.T.A.W.D.
My 0723/8 to KINGSTON CHRYSOLITE repeated F.O.C.N.A. If no information of help intend detaching LORD NUFFIELD with SAYONARA at 1600/8. 7572 1526.*
* Height of low cloud 7. Amount of low cloud 5. Visibility 7. Weather 2. Pressure 15. Direction of wind 2. Force of wind 6. (SCOTTISH 1425Z/8 to N.C.X.F. (R) LORD NUFFIELD, KINGSTON CHRYSOLITE, SAYONARA.)

Your 1206Z (?7) enemy fighters were still (group missed) lorries Lasenia aerodrome 1100Z/8 Tafaro understood to be in (3 groups missing) (FURIOUS ?1437/8 to Gib. W/T.)

For C.G. Eastern T.F. from A.F.H.Q. Have been trying to establish rear link with you without success. Request you will open communication as soon as possible whether on board or ashore on Serial Number 5 and 6 in signal operation instructions radio schedule number 2 A.F.H.Q. (N.C.X.F. "Torch" N F 1450Z/8 to F.O.W.N.T.F.)

/Oran...

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Oran aerodrome. One BN 16 CT (corrupt group) one BN 16 CT FLEURUS 18 CT BRECKONSHIRE BN 26 CT AINEL triple arm D CC B holding S Tafaroui aerodrome transfer move on La Senia Chiu Tafaroui and Chiu Lourmel the pincers are squeezing.

(S.O.C.N.T.F. 1500/8 to FURIOUS (R) AURORA. K.20 (corrupt group) Admt. BITER. RODNEY.)

Situation aerodrome 1400Z/8. Tafaroui U.S.A. troops with light tanks in control. Runway serviceable. La Senia no activity seen after close low observation. No U.S. troops seen in close vicinity.

(FURIOUS 1520Z/8 to N.C.X.F. (R) F.O.C. W.N.T.F.) *See pp 287
290 294*

"Torch" N C para 13 (b) shore based Spitfires should be operating over area from dawn Nov. 9th. (N.C.C.T.F. 1502Z/8 to C.T.F.)

Spitfires for Algiers.

For C.G.C.T.F. 24 Spitfires left 1440 G.M.T. for (?Tafaracul). (N.C.X.F. 1503Z/8 to N.C.C.N.T.F.)

Orders to Force R.

Be in position 037° 29' N 001° 59' E at 0600Z/9 steering 090°. Destroyers will join at that time. On completion fuelling retire the westward. (?Return to same) position following morning. (S.O. Force H 1509Z/8 to Force R. (R) Capt. D.3. R.A.A.C. N.C.X.F.)

FOO (?four) reports by V/S communication that "Pear" (?has) surrendered. (BERMUDA 1515/8 to S.O.E.N.T.F.)

S/Ms positions.

S/M report at 2000Z (one) P.45. P.48 and (H.M. S/M P.*) in area south of 37.07 N between longitude 03.30 E and 04.30 E proceeding dived by day course 080°. * *P.221 - see p.286 P.222 9 312*

(2) *URSULA 37.31 N 00.20 W *P.54 36.38 N 02.20 W. P.228 36.44 02.03 all proceeding dived by day to north east. * *see p.308*

(3) P.219 38.23 N 00.07 E proceeding Gibraltar coastwise dived by day.

(4) P.51 and P.222 off Toulon.

(5) P.217 approx. 42.01 N 06.01 E dived by day to Gibraltar. (N.C.X.F. 1529Z/8 to S & A. Area G.) * No. of S/M omitted. Ref. "Torch" (S) para 5. After dark tonight submarines move as follows P.212 to position H. P.247 to position J. (Capt. S.10. 1610A/8 to Subs on patrol (R) N.C.X.F.) (Capt. S.10 1622A/8 to N.C.X.F.)

A. REGOLO torpedoes.

P.46 has torpedoed cruiser and withdrawn, close her position with despatch enemy may be stopped in the vicinity. (Capt. S.10 1530A/8 to P.44 (R) N.C.X.F. Subs on patrol.)

/Proceed...

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^{T/1410}
A. REGOLO
torpedoed.
Contd.

See p. 299, 304
311, 314
Proceed with all despatch on surface at your discretion to vicinity Cape Gallo, but important you are not seen. Cruiser hit by 1 torpedo believed stopped vicinity Cape St. Vito at 1234 air R/C leaving now.

(Capt. S.10 1534A/8 to P.211 (R) N.C. Subs on patrol X F.)

Following is a repetition of my 1534/8 begins P.211 repeated N.C.X.F., S/Ms on patrol from Capt. S.10. Proceed with all despatch on surface at your discretion to vicinity of Cape Gallo, but important that you are not seen. Cruiser hit by one torpedo was stopped vicinity of Cape St. Vito at 1234 air R/C leaving now. (group omitted ?Ends).

(Capt. S.10 1552A/8 to N.C.X.F.)

A A A. Do not disembark ? ? If any have been disembarked they may remain on shore but no more of these be disembarked report this to C. in C. Acknowledge.

(S.O. Spare Force 10 (N.C.E.N.T.F.) 1605/8 to 81F.)

Rejoin.

(FURIOUS 1632A/8 to ACHATES.)

Fighter
cover,
Algiers
Area.

See p. 302

ARGUS is to arrange fighter cover over (corrupt group) carrier and "Charlie" beach from now until dark. R.A.F. Squadron is (?taking charge of) "Apples" and "Beer" (?and) shipping in vicinity. (C.C.E.N.T.F. 1635/8 to ARGUS. AVENGER.)

Situation report. Divisional H.Q. landed. Fort du Pere fallen. Mati UE heavily bombed but still believed to be (?holding) out. (S.O.E.N.T.F. 1636Z/8 to R.A.A. H.F. (R) S.O. Force H. C.S.10.)

ASHANTI and TARTAR are to join me in 037° 29' N 002° 41' E at 0600Z/9. (S.O. Force H 1643Z/8 to R.A.10 C.S.(R) Capt. D.3. Capt. D.6. SCYLLA. ASHANTI. TARTAR. BERMUDA.)

SHEFFIELD, BERMUDA are not required for further bombardment today.

(S.O.E.N.T.F. 1655/8 to S.O. Force H. C.S.10. (R) ABERDEEN?) *See p. 300*

Emergency. Following from Eisenhower. Distribute currency proclamation at earliest practicable date.

(N.C.X.F. 1701Z/8 to N.Cs. E.N.T.F. C.N.T.F. W.N.T.F.)

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Western landings. My 1700Z part 3. Final enemy naval force of 2 cruisers, destroyers and (?several) submarines sortied 1020. Battle still in progress. Casualties unknown. Weather favourable. (?Ground) forces weakening, naval force still fighting air force (?continuing) operation.. Enemy can resume battle with ground and air forces. Pass to C. in C. A.F. C.in C. U.S. Fleet. C. in C. Atlantic Fleet.
(C.T.F.34 1700Z/8 to N.C.X.F.)

Your 1331/8 route*BATORY through position 50. She is to proceed unescorted at her best speed. Why did WIVERN not comply with "Torch" N C 1 para 20.
(N.C.C.N.T.F. 1701Z/8 to S.N.O.L.X. (R) WIVERN.)

*See p 300

A A A. Urgent cancel bombing RICHMOND, SCOTLAND moving in to rear. Require acknowledgment from BULOLO.
(C.S.10. T.O.R. 1712/8 to BULOLO.)

One (?25) 35 09.00 with own position unchanged.
(AURORA 1718/8 to LARGS.)

R/C of
Dakar.

971. P.R.U. Dakar 0745/8. One French S/M REDOUBTABLE and one small submarine had departed and one was leaving harbour one escort vessel has left one Galissonniere (?mooring) may be friendly Galissonniere anchored in Roads has torpedo nets in position Fr. S/M Parent Ship JULES VERNE has steam up. Considerable A.A. fire but no fighter interception.
(R.A.W.A. 1725Z/8 to Admty. N.C.X.F. Air H.Q. Gibraltar. Com. W.N.T.F.)

My 1808A/7. Intend same A/S air patrols 9 Nov.
(N.C.X.F. 1744Z/8 to W.N.T.F.)

"Torch" N C 4 appendix B be in position and prepare to support the attack on Oran at 0630 tomorrow Monday in sector and attached to FOOS as follows
O - AURORA - F one PTL air patrol - RODNEY - F4Q - *JAMAICA by 0800 - F3S -*FARNDALE - F5. JAMAICA is to remain east of 000° east west or easting 48 for protection of shipping in distress.
(S.O.C.N.T.F. 1745/8 to AURORA. JAMAICA. RODNEY. FARNDALE.) * See p 295

T C A O 11. Intend A/S air escorts 9th Nov. all dawn to dusk, Force H K M S 2 K M F 2 K X 5 THOMAS STONE one (?C) each. Oran sector 2 H 1 Algiers Sector 2 C. A/S air search a.m. 4 H areas W K and W A, one (?C) area W R.
(N.C.X.F. 1746Z/8 to All British S & A concerned in Operation "Torch" V.A. Malta.(excluding ships refitting in U.K.) Negative W.N.T.F.)

/A. REGOLO...

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A. REGOLO.See pp 296, 297
304, 311, 9
314At 1545 damaged cruiser and destroyer P.C.S. 038°
14' 012° 49' 080° 3.
(P.44 1758A/8 to Capt. S.10. (R) C. in C. Med.)Capt. S.8's 13 (?29 42) A 7th. Your 1419A/8.
P.45. P.48. P.221 are intended to relieve 3 S/Ms
on Cape San Vito (Sicily) line which can be
withdrawn by you on relief. On completion of
patrol P.45. P.48 proceed Malta to join 10th S/M
F. P.221 to return to Gibraltar.
(N.C.X.F. 1802Z/8 to Capt. S.10. (R) S.O. Force H.
N.C.E.N.T.F. Capt. S.8. V.A. Malta. C. in C.
Med. Capt. S.1.)One Squadron of Spitfires has been requested to
arrive 0700 and another at 1300 tomorrow Monday.
(Corrupt groups) to Gibraltar at 0400Z and inform
all A/C.

→(N.C.C.T.F. 1803/8 to FURIOUS.)

F 2 reported target P one still in action at 1430.
(C.N.T.F. 1810/8 to RODNEY.)Your 1721Z/8. Carriers in company will pass
through approx. 036° 50' N 000° 50' W at 2030Z/8
to 110° Cape de Gata 20 miles thence to operate
west of Habibas Is. S of A 12 knots.

→(FURIOUS 1842Z/8 to RODNEY.)

Algiers
capitulates.After a conference with General Juian who was
acting for Admiral Darlan all resistance in
Algiers immediately ceased; we are occupying town
starting at 1900. Present agreement applies to
Algiers and immediate vicinity only. Murphy and I are having
a conference with Admiral Darlan at 1000 hrs. tomorrow to
definitely fix terms. May I have your decision as to terms to
be presented. Will expect Clark's party Maison BL N (17 groups
missing) D D Plus 1 (D Plus 1). Ryder.
(via Gib. W/T 1900/8 to General Eisenhower Gibraltar W/T -
attention A.F. H.Q. 8th.)Special
U-Boat
estimate
East of
26 West
and
weather
forecast.Admty. re-encipher* and pass to C.T.F. 34 via
British Broadcast Schedule (C.T.F.38 C.T.F.34. (R)
Cinclant C.T.F.30.)
One 04 N 02 W by poor D/F 1635Z/7.
Three patrolling 04 N 04 E 01 N 09 W 08 N 15 W.
Three northbound 16 N 21 W 24 N 20 W 28 N 20 W.
Three patrolling 18 N 22 W 25 N 25 W 27 N 25 W.
Possibly one refuelling Sub. 19 N 20 W.
One locality 34 N 23 W by D/F 1425Z/8.
One locality 36.30 N 24 W by D/F 0851Z/8.
One locality 36.30 N 21.30 W by D/F 1510Z/7.
Four estimated patrolling N.E. of Azores.
One 41 north 18.30 W by poor D/F 1724Z/7.

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Special U-Boat estimate east of 26 west and weather forecast. Contd.

One 42 north 17.30 W by poor D/F 1712Z/7.
 Two patrolling area 36 N 16 W.
 Twelve estimated Lisbon to Casablanca.
 One area 36 N 04 W from sighting 0110Z/7.
 One 36 N and Greenwich Meridian by poor D/F 0553Z/8.
 Two southbound area 40 N 10 W.
 Two southbound off Cape Finisterre.
 Five homebound 39 N 20 W 45 N 25 W 45 N 14 W 46 N 07 W 46 N 05 W.
 Three westbound 45 N 12 W 47 N 13 W 48 N 19 W by poor D/F 0243Z/8.
 One locality 50.30 N 21.30 W by D/F 0858Z/8.
 Three estimated area 56 N 19 W.
 Grand total Atlantic area 108.
 Does Comtask Force 34 desire this special submarine estimate be sent to him in future. Weather forecast Atlantic Coast Morocco Sunday and Monday. Partly cloudy visibility 12 miles becoming 4 miles with haze during night. Northeast winds 7 to 12 knots. Base low clouds 3,000 feet sea slight. Swell slightly from north with slow increase from southwest. Azores 0000Z Sunday swell long moderate south south east 3 to 4 feet period 8 seconds surf slight sea rough. Moderate disturbance 200 miles north of Azores moving northeast 20 knots intensifying.
 (C. in C. U.S. Fleet 1901/8 to Admty.)

TON 7*BATTERY from X beach ORAN 1900/8 routed 50 E.T.A. Gibraltar 1000/9.
 (N.C.C.T.F. 1902/8 to N.C.X.F. 16 (R) N.C.E. Force F.O.C. N.A. Capt. S.8. A.O.C. Gibraltar.)

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Spanish reaction. In connection with Allied operations in French North Africa and assurance to Spain general Spanish reaction good both official and unofficial. Naval reaction very good indeed.

Please see Embassy telegram to F.O. No. 1596 repeated Gibraltar No. 329 and Lisbon 183 giving reactions all 3 services.
 (B.N.A. Madrid 1909/8 to Admty. (R) F.O.C. North Atlantic. B.N.A. Lisbon.)

Disposition of Italian Fleet. 89. My 1601/7 and 0944/8 evening R/C no change.
 2. My 1601/7 para 3 cruiser now torpedoed and in tow off St. Vito.
 (V.A. Malta 1910A/8 to N.C.X.F. (R) C.E.N.T.F. C.C.N.T.F. S.O. Force H. F.O.C.N.A. 209. C. in C. Med. 64. Admty.)

Attacks on SHEFFIELD & BERMUDA. H.M.S. SHEFFIELD and H.M.S. BERMUDA were repeatedly attacked by a series of single torpedo bomber aircraft for $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour at dusk. Attacks were well pressed home and only avoided by use of helm at high speed. If these attacks had been made on Force O it is most probable that carriers would have been hit. BERMUDA parted company during attacks.
 (C.S.10 1915Z/8 to S.O. Force H. (R) R.A.A. BERMUDA.)

/Situation...

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Situation at Algiers. Your 1524 Military formation (?now) in position to attack Algiers Fort (?L'Soueur) and Cape Matifou still resisting but elsewhere (?resistance) is not serious. (?Dubare) (alternatively Duperre, Dukorre) surrendered (?at) 1600 after bombing. 215° (corrupt group) from the north (east) during the day and condition on (corrupt passage) wire and casualties among landing craft further delayed disembarkation of stores (?and) vehicles on all beaches. VICEROY OF INDIA (?sailed) to westward expect to sail (?AWATEA) SOBIESKI (?and) WINCHESTER CASTLE tomorrow Monday. (?Ready to proceed) (?at) dusk, (?no) casualties in A and (?B) sectors. Near misses on EXCELLER and LEEDSTOWN (?on) C Sector latter steering gear wrecked and unable to get under way fires and explosions observed in direction of Algiers. BROKE proceeding to join me making 8 knots (corrupt groups). Majority of Military parties were left in (?Algiers) (?harbour). SPEY due at 2030 with troops ex THOMAS STONE. 3 fighter squadrons established with satisfactory fighter control from BULOLO.
(S.O.E.N.T.F. 1924Z/8 to C.N.T.F.)

R/C of Toulon. ^{pp 2849} ₁₈₈ Sortie G 228 1035 hours. 8 Nov. shows Toulon Harbour entrance not covered. Except for internal movement and departure of two ELANs EVS and arrival of probable patrol vessel 240 Naval Shipping is unchanged since 7 Nov. Internal movement includes departure of SUFFREN Class CR from dry dock to jetty number five of Port Lagoubran. One CT from Missiessy Basin to Yards at La Seyne Bay and MOGADOR Class CT from dry dock to Missiessy Basin where it is being manoeuvred. Booms protecting Naval Units remain unchanged. Two GALISSONNIERE CRS remain in Hyeres Bay. Merchant shipping remains as on 7 Nov. Toulon Hyeres A/D. Twenty three small A/C visible.
(P.R.U. Gib. 1935/8 to Admty. Air Min. Whitehall. H.Q.C.C. P.R.U. Benson. C.I.U. Medmenham.)

4 landing craft tank expected to arrive Arzeu Bay during the night.
(S.O.C.N.T.F. 1935Z/8 to C.N.T.F.)

LCPs grounded by (corrupt groups) landing seriously delayed. Have requested LCMS from Karanja. Officer Commanding and about 2 companies have landed.
*(MARNIX O.C. Troops 2000Z/8 to Brigadier 36 1B Strathnaver.) *MARNIX VAN ST ALDEGONDE.

Situation, Western Area. For C. in C. Allied Force. It is reported Army and civilian population offer no resistance. Naval force afloat and ashore resist stubbornly fighter planes strafed our troops Fedala beach about 1530. V.A. Michelier at Casablanca refused to see representative of commanding General W.T.F. sent from Fedala under flag of truce at 1430 today. Pass to Cominch and C. in C. Atlantic Fleet.
(N.C.W.N.T.F. 2001Z/8 to N.C.X.F.)

/2 torpedo...

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2 torpedo tracks seen 110° Europa Point 6 miles.
(ISAAC SWEERS 2003Z/8 to Gib.)

BROKE Proceed to escort BROKE who is (?approaching)
Sector B from east.
(STORK 2027Z/8 to LAMERTON. (R) S.O.E. N.T.F.)

Hostilities cease at Algiers. Hostilities ceased at 1900 tonight Sunday
unconditionally.
(N.C.E.N.T.F. 2115/8 to 50 Force H. R.A.A. H.F.
C.S.10. E.N.T.F.)

Following received General Ryder begins:
French Authorities unconditionally ceased firing at conclusion of
conference. We occupy city starting 1900Z/8.
All firing must cease on our side.
We will occupy (?all) forts in harbour starting dawn tomorrow
ends signed Ryder.
(N.C.E.N.T.F. 2130Z/8 to N.C.X.F.)

Naval aircraft. V.A. A/C 1330/8. Request ARGUS will take control
of force O aircraft. R.A.F. are providing fighter
protection for Algiers town and C beach. ARGUS
and AVENGER are responsible for A and B from first
light. Visual direction over beaches will be done by POZARICA
and PALOMARES A and B beaches respectively. Fighter guard
frequency of 110 being used for fighter directing.
(N.C.E.N.T.F. 2125Z/8 to ARGUS, (R) AVENGER, V.A. A/C, PALOMARES,
POZARICA, TYNWALD.)

Keep south of latitude (037°) (?15') north until
0430Z.
(C.S.10 2126Z/8 to BERMUDA.)

Entry of ships into Algiers. Ships are to sail so as to enter Algiers Bay by
groups of 6 at half-hour intervals starting with
C. Sector who will enter at 0700/9, followed by
B Sector then A Sector. Anchor berths are given
in my 2234Z/8. Unloading will cease tonight except
for JEAN JADOT who will land 30 tons of supplies
and SOBO 30 tons of petrol on B white and whose sailing may be
delayed if necessary. Senior Officers of escort groups to detail
screen for each group.
(N.C.E.N.T.F. 2132Z/8 to S.N.O.L (A), S.N.O.L (B), S.N.O.L(C),
Cdre I.C. Algiers, STORK, ROBERTS, IBIS, TYNWALD, ENCHANTRESS,
POZARICA, PALOMARES,)

WESTCOTT attacks U/B S/M sighted on surface was attacked very shortly
after it dived. Result uncertain. My position
2100 036° 49' N 000° 53' W.
(WESTCOTT 2137Z/8 to F.O.C.N.A.)

/Algiers...

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area.

Owing to adverse weather conditions on landing beaches no communications control officer has been landed. Impossible therefore to ascertain amount of petrol and (?other) supplies at Maison Blanche and Blida. Am making personal investigation tomorrow and will report as soon as possible.

(Air Cdre Lawson 2140/8 to A.O.C.E.A.C.)

Request 2 Tac R sorties at first light tomorrow 9th. Sortie number one contact patrol inland from beach B red to A green and along road Kolea - Marengo Blida and the area Medea. Sortie number 2 contact patrol inland from C beach and road to Fort National.

R.E.C.C.E. to report own positions and all road movements towards Algiers. Request bomber force may be available for Monday. R.A.F. and ARGUS and AVENGER will provide necessary fighter support.

(N.C.E.N.T.F. 2201Z/8 to F.O.C. A/C Carriers. (R) S.O. Force H.)

Your 1728Z/8 landing at Blida not recommended owing to lack of refuelling and servicing facilities. Suggest landing at Maison Blanche where facilities exist. Confirm (?place) and time of arrival.

(C.G. E.A.F. A8 8th 2207/8 to N.C.X.F. (R) C. in C. E.X.)

TON 5 serial 31. Require either VANOC and WRESTLER or if more convenient WISHART and VELOX for your onward operations temporarily.

(N.C.X.F. 2222Z/8 to N.C.E.N.T.F. (R) F.O.C.N.A. N.C.C.N.T.F. W.F.)

Your 2103. Confirmed you are to suspend disembarkation at once. Those landed to (?form) beach head. Re-embark all troops (?as ordered) tomorrow morning and report when complete ACK.

((corrupt groups) STRATHNAVER 2240/8 to O.C. Troops * MARNIX.) * MARNIX VAN ST. ALDEGONDE.

Cancel Mission QX (?aircraft) for U.S. Task Force one and substitute 2 groups 6 fighters. Group one to visit aerodromes offensive patrol Blaoroe Neither and Ralizane 10 miles east of Bougirat group 2 to visit Mascara and Sidi Belabor.

(?Escort) as early as possible in order to catch aircraft on the ground.

(S.O.C.N.T.F. 2321/8 to FURIOUS.)

/Terms...

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Terms of surrender. For Ryder from Eisenhower. General Clark, Deputy Commander in Chief, Allied Force, and staff of approx. fourteen will arrive Maison Blanche or Blida as determined by you at about 1430Z/9 Nov. if weather conditions permit. Clark is fully empowered as my personal representative to act in my name in negotiating with Darlan. Have Murphy and your representative meet Clark. He will establish an advance headquarters in Algiers and will remain there himself. This meeting must not affect operation which will be executed with all vigor. Confirm these arrangements and advise best place to land. If weather delays arrival, representatives should remain at field until dark.

2. Should Darlan desire to halt all resistance you have the terms of the arrangements and the authority to put them into effect. It must be understood that the agreement, to be acceptable to the United Nations, must apply to all of French North Africa. In the event that you act under this authority your action will be confirmed by Clark upon his arrival. He will then, if necessary enter into further negotiations.

(N.C.X.F. 2337Z/8 to N.C.E.T.F.)

Spitfires for Oran. My Shot D2. Report Spitfires arrived safely approx. 1645Z except one plane about to land. (C.G.C.T.F. 2345/8 to C. in C. A.F.H.Q.)

Situation Reports. 66. Situation report No.4.

(1) All landings have been effected successfully. Operation appears to be proceeding according to plan.

(2) Algiers area. Unloading of stores proceeding satisfactorily though North Easterly wind delaying work some sectors. BROKE damaged and rejoined BULOLO after breaking boom and landing troops. Cape Mattou (?Matifou) Fort resisted throughout day.

(3) SPEY forced to sink all except two of landing craft ex THOMAS STONE due to breakdowns. Ship now due B beach at 2030/8 THOMAS STONE due Algiers a.m./10th in tow. *See pp 285, 291, 292*

(4) Oran area. Arzeu port being used for unloading. Fire from Fort Santon damaged two L.S.I. but RODNEY retaliated. AURORA sank one additional Vichy destroyer and damaged two. BRILLIANT sank escort vessel LA SURPRISE. Naval aircraft attacked aerodromes with good effect. WALNEY and HARTLAND believed sunk in attempt to force boom. *See pp 289, 290*

(5) Western Task Force. Part of Safi captured. All troops ashore at Port Lyautey. Batteries and A.A. fire silenced at Fedala. Cruisers and destroyers made sortie from Casablanca and were engaged. Result not known.

(6) PANTHER arrived Gibraltar. *See pp 286, 291*

(7) P.46 torpedoed Italian 6 inch* cruiser in position 38.14 N 12.41 E probably stopped. **ATTILIO REGOLO See pp 296, 297*

(8) R.A.F. and Naval aircraft provided successful A/S and fighter protection throughout day.

(9) Hostilities ceased at Algiers unconditionally at 1900.

(N.C.X.F. 2349Z/8 to Admty. (R) T.F.H.P. V.A. Malta. C. in C. Med. V.A.C.N.A. B.A.D. Washington.)

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- Situation
Reports.
Contd.
1. Assault forces arrived off beaches at time ordered in all three areas and initial landings were made with little resistance. Subsequently French Naval and Coast defence resistance stiffened. At Algiers two destroyers attempted to break the boom in course of which one destroyer damaged. Naval bombardments were necessary.
 2. Fort Sidi Ferruch was captured by 0300 hours and within twelve hours American troops had gained high ground two miles west of city and secured Maison Blanche and Blida aerodromes on which fighter squadrons began to arrive soon after.
 3. At Oran Vichy Naval Forces made sortie. Two Vichy destroyers were sunk and three badly damaged. Bombardment of forts by battleships was carried out. Two boom breaking corvettes were lost.
 4. Landings east and west of Oran were equally successful, although coast battery on Arzeu Heights fought until 6:00 a.m. Tanks were landed by 0800 and Tafaroui aerodrome was in our hands soon after midday, by which time the two western columns had made good progress. Situation regarding one group transport aircraft which with one battalion United States Parachute Infantry landed in vicinity of Tafaroui is not yet clear.
 5. French Naval Force from Casablanca consisting of one cruiser and two destroyers made sortie and was engaged by covering force result unknown.
 6. RGTS successfully reached initial objectives at Mehedia, west of Port Lyautey, and at Safi. Reports from Fedala are incomplete.
 7. Anti submarine and fighter protection has been successfully provided by escorts and carriers throughout the day.
(Commandeth Gibraltar No. T.O.O. /8 to A.F.H.Q.)

P.R.U. A.241 8/11 Secret P.R.U./Gib./W5/8/Nov. shows
Toulon. Toulon. Part 1.
Sortie G 229 8 Nov. 1440 hours. shipping Naval only changes since 1035 hours are departure of one Gomone class TB and internal movement of one Mogador CT. T/B was in old basin. Mogador class CT is the vessel which was moving in Missiessy Basin at 1035 hours. It is now moored at CT berth at Quai Noel. Booms remain unchanged. Hyeres Bay no change Hyeres A/D no significant change.
Part 2 follows Barcelona.
(P.R.U. Gib. 2350Z/8 to Admty. Air Min. Whitehall. H.Q.C.C.
P.R.U. Benson. C.I.U. Medmenham.)

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Sunday.War Diary.FOREIGN STATIONS.North Atlantic.COWSLIP,
(survivors).E.T.A. 0900Z/8th. A.F.O. 2900/41.
A. COWSLIP. B. Steamers PRESIDENT DOUMER,
SILVERWILLOW, CORINALDO, TASMANIA. (numbers).
(COWSLIP, 0500Z/8 to F.O.C.N.A. Capt. (D) 13,
40th Corvette Group).→ JAUNTY,
ALASKA.Rescue tug JAUNTY with SS. ALASKA in tow.
E.T.A. Lisbon p.m./9th.
(2) ALASKA has been damaged by torpedo.
Request you will take necessary action to have
her repaired.(3) JAUNTY has been instructed to return to Gibraltar when
ALASKA is secured in Libon.

(4) B.N.A. Lisbon pass to N.C.S.O. Lisbon.

(F.O.C.N.A., 0946Z/8 to B.N.A. Lisbon (R) N.C.S.O. Lisbon,
Admty).My P.C. and S. at 1340/8th 035° 20' N., 013° 03' W.
040° 2½ knots, request assistance if more progress is to be made
(JAUNTY, 1400/8 to F.O.C.N.A., (R) Admty).
Your 1401A/8. Regret no assistance available.
(F.O.C.N.A., 2209Z/8 to JAUNTY, (R) Admty).SCOTTISH,
A/C.One aeroplane type unknown bearing 190° 2 miles
course unknown my position 058° LBWZ 36 miles.
(SCOTTISH, 0956/8 to Gib. W/T).
My 0956 was He. 111.
(SCOTTISH, 1001/8 to F.O.C.N.A.)COREOPSIS,
A/C.One aeroplane bearing 090° one mile, my
position 0908 PDLX.
(COREOPSIS, 1010Z/8 to Gib. W/T).

U/B

Indefinite D/F bearings at 0551Z/8 on 5650 k/cs
indicated U/B within 90 miles of 34° N., 10° 30'
W.
(D.D.I.C., 1051A/8 to Task Force 34, (R)
Cominch, N.C.X.F., F.O.C.N.A.)Situation
1958A/8
Area X.(1) GUARDIAN, CYCLAMEN, ARMERIA 35.54, 05.53
to Gibraltar 11. ~~11.308~~(2) Spanish training ship JUAN SEBASTIAN DE
ELCANO cruising in area between Canary Islands
and Port Au Prince 36.01, 30.02.(3) K.X.5, GLAISDALE, BLEAN, 5 corvettes, 3 trawlers,
37.04, 11.16 through 36.22 10.01 to (?Gibraltar) 8.(4) K.M.S.2, LONDONDERRY, CLEVELAND, COLTSFOOT, ESKDALE,
ALBRIGHTON, 6 sloops, 2 cutters, 3 corvettes, 36.12, 11.52 through
36.10, 10.(?01) to Gibraltar 6.(5) NORFOLK, CUMBERLAND, ONSLOW, OFFA, ORIBI, cruising north
and east of position 35.01, 24.01.→ (6) JAUNTY, LEYLAND, one merchant ship in tow 37.10, 11.06, 043°
3 (See amendment 1521Z/8). ~~next page~~

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Situation 1958A/8 Area X. Contd. (7) K.M.F. 2, PELICAN, ESCAPADE, 3 sloops, 2 cutters, 37.55, 16.30 through 37.10 16.30 thence 106° 11½.
 (8) VENOMOUS 31.01, 18.29 through 29.03, 21.48 15 to R/V with C.F.7 and then escort*fleet unit and HECLA to Gibraltar. *VINDICTIVE
 (9) MARNE 32.07, 16.36 to overtake VENOMOUS 18. (10) SNOWDROP and one tanker 31.10, 17.11 252° 13. SNOWDROP parts company in 30.26 20.(?46) and proceeds 044° to R/V with one merchant ship off Madeira.
 (11) One trawler 37.12, 09.16 direct to Gibraltar. 10.
 (12) Hospital ship AMARAPOORA 38.01, 11.01 through 37.01 10.01 thence Gibraltar 12.
 (13) Hospital ship NEWFOUNDLAND 41.08 15.(?01) through 41.30 15.01 thence routine 13. (see amendment 1821Z/8). (F.O.C.N.A., 1135Z/8).
 My 1135/8th, amend para. 6 to read, (E) 035° 33' 012° 53' 040° 2½.
 (F.O.C.N.A., 1521Z/8).
 *My 1135/8th. Amend Para. 13 to read 041° 07' 014° 36' through 037° 01' 010° 01' thence Gib. 13. Add Para. 14: Hospital Ship OXFORDSHIRE 046° 18' 015° 01' through 041° 30' 015° 01' 15½.
 (F.O.C.N.A., 1821Z/8). *SAUNTY etc. - previous page

Situation, Area "Y" 2002A/8. (3) MARNE 32.07, 16.36 to overtake VENOMOUS 18.(?01) to C.F.7; Fleet Unit, SHROPSHIRE, ARROW, ACTIVE, BRIDGEWATER 24.(?48) 20.58 350° 11½.
 (4) U.G.F.2, Fleet Units, 9 destroyers, 34.34 28.33 through 33.40, 26.15 thence 088° 13½.
 (F.O.C.N.A., 1152Z/8). *VINDICTIVE.

Gibraltar, Enemy A/C. (1) 1217/7/11. Ju.88 R/C plane located over rock at 22,000 ft. No. A.A. or fighter interception.
 (2) 0523 8/11. 1 Plus Bomber aircraft located at 55 miles to N.N.E. approached from N., and engaged by A.A. 0542 hrs. At height 11000. One plane receded south, no identification and no bombs dropped.
 (Govr. Gib. 1145A/8 to W.O.)

U/B Force Q. D/F bearings on 7640 k/cs at 0849Z indicate U-boat within 90 miles of 36 N., 25. W. (D.D.I.C., 1310A/8 to Force Q).

C.F.7 From position E alter course new J. 38° N., 27° W. new K. 40° N., 25° W. L. 53.30 N., 17.30 W. M. 5510 N., 10.15 W. N. 55° 25 N., 08° 30 W.
 2. F.O.C.N.A., is requested to amend R/V for DUNCAN and ANTHONY as necessary.
 (D.O.D. (F) 1329A/8 to SHROPSHIRE, F.O.C.N.A.)
 (F.O.C.N.A., 1734Z/8 to Escort S.F.7).

/Orders...

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Orders to Assaults proceeding according to plan. (Op. "Torch")
 P.54 2. P.54 and URSULA are to proceed diving
 URSULA. by day to patrol within 8 miles of 038° 43'
Sum p. 296 000° 27' E., and 038° 43' 000° 56' East
 respectively.
 3. Routes P.54 within 10 miles of Spanish coast to Cape
 Palos thence direct to patrol area. URSULA direct to 037° 59'
 000° 20' W., to patrol area.
 4. Object for P.54 and URSULA only. Attack and then report
 important Vichy unit as in TON 4 24.
 5. Submarines are not to be attacked.
 (Capt. S.8., 1422Z/8 to 8th S.F.)

Movements Arrival GUARDIAN, ARMERIA, CYCLAMEN.
 (F.O.C.N.A., 1619Z/8 to Admty). *Sum p. 306 - (Situation)*
 Arrival TRIBUNE.
 (F.O.C.N.A., 1633Z/8 to Admty).

Lisbon Dock My 1932/7th (re Dock strikes - N.T. in W.D.)
 Strikes. Enthusiasm over result of North African
 offensive and American Landings temporarily
 distracted attention of public from local
 situation.
 (N.A. Lisbon, 1910/8 to Admty).

South Atlantic.

Dispositions. *Sum p. 310* BURDOCK 19.30 19.01 180° 12. HOLCOMBE
 about 15.01 18.20 to (?patrol) (?Northward).
 ARRAN, 2 M.Ls., escorting from Bathurst to
 Freetown 8 Submarine P.614, 13.01 18.45 to
 09.59 18.02 thence 108° 8. SOUTHERN PRIDE escorting 12.45,
 27.40 106° 11½ at 2049Z/8th.
 ROTHERHAM, QUEEN OF BERMUDA, ILEX, with W.S.24 11.35 28.45
 192° 12½.
 ST. ZENO, 3 Trawlers, with Convoy about 10.01 28.59 094° 12.
 TURCOMAN, 3 Motor Launches, escorting off Freetown 277° 7.
 (R.A.W.A., 1047Z/8 to Area P. etc).

Movements. Arrivals Pointe Noire 8th Nov. 0600Z, COMMANDANT
 D'ESTIENNE D'ORVES and 1000Z DRAGON. *Sum p. 310*
 (B.N.L.O. West Africa, 1105/8 to R.A.W.A.)

ASCANIUS. Proposed to bring ASCANIUS to Capetown to
 embark personnel for India to capacity and
 transfer them to Durban to await passage to us.
 Request report whether vessel is capable of undertaking this
 voyage and approx. date when she could reach Capetown.
 (2) On reaching Durban ship will have to await docking at

/first...

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ASCANIUS
Contd. first convenient opportunity.
(P.S.T.O. Capetown, 1122C/8 to N.L.O. Port Elizabeth (R) D.S.T.O. Durban, D. of S.T., D.T.O. Capetown).

C.M. 34,
C.M. 35 My 1735/30 October. For operational reasons connected with speed of ships of W.S.23, it has been found necessary to reduce C.M.34 to one ship DILWARA which will sail on Monday 9th November with Indian section W.S.23.

2. C.M.35 consisting of EMPIRE TROOPER, EMPIRE WOODLARK, SONTAY for Middle East and DUNERA for India will probably now leave Durban Tuesday 17th November, depending on readiness of escort.
(P.S.T.O. Capetown, 1143C/8 to D.S.T.) See also C. in C. E.F., 1607/8 under East Indies. *b. 310A*

Catalinas,
Freetown. Request remaining 6 Catalinas of 92 Squadron may be sent to Freetown direct forthwith landing on water at Jui C.O. of Squadron concurs. They are urgently required by N.C.X.F.
(R.A.W.A., 1205Z/8 to C. in C. Atlantic Fleet, (R) Comsolantfor).
Your 2023/6 (Hush N.T. in W.D.) Six are not (as cyphered suggest "now" intended) at Freetown ready, six more expected within 48 hours.
(R.A.W.A., 1251Z/8 to N.C.X.F.)

NIEUW
AMSTERDAM. Sailed 7th November for Diego Suarez E.T.A. a.m./12th November. Personnel on board.
(D.S.T.O. Durban, 1248C/8 to S.T.O. Diego Suarez)

OUED GROU Following received R.O. Port Harcourt (begins) Master four Officers 29 crew survivors OUED GROU reported landed near Brass.
Sending launch T.O.O. 1105Z/8th ends.
(N.O.I.C. Lagos, 1305Z/8 to Admty).

DESPATCH
W.S. 24 Sailed DESPATCH at 0800Z/8th November to R/V convoy W.S.24 in 001°30' S., 030° 00' W. at 1200Z/11th. DESPATCH has orders to join convoy escort to Bahia and from Bahia towards Cape returning at prudent limit of endurance to a South American port. Name of port to be signalled.
2. DESPATCH shift wireless watch from group F T to Washington broadcast and Rugby G M, G B series at 0400Z/10th.
(R.A.W.A., 1333Z/8 to Admty (R) C. in C. S.A.)

TRUANT,
K.14. Arrival 8th November.
(S.O.(I) Freetown, 1355Z/8 to Admty etc).

U/B U.S. A/C reports U-boat in 5° 25' S. 11° 51' W. at 1030/8.
(R.A.W.A., 1637Z/8 to Admty).

/DRUPA...

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DRUPA Your 1758A/7th. M.O.(W) (T) R Takoradi reports master of DRUPA ? (prepared to) proceed to Cape Agulhas and load 5,000 tons centre tank if essential. Should heavy weather be encountered provision store rooms would flood. Port davits broken, short of life boats. Voyage not (recommended) without further survey. (Ends) (Tanker message) Ref. para. 2. Tanker sailed E.T.A. Pernambuco p.m./17th November. (N.O.I.C. Takoradi, 1707Z/8 to Admty (R) R.A.W.A.) Reply D.T.D., 2004/9.

BURDOCK. From position B proceed to Bathurst at best speed for escort duty passing through position C 014° 30' N., 019° 00' W. Report E.T.A. (R.A.W.A., 1751Z/8 to BURDOCK (R) N.O.I.C. Bathurst).

*See p 308
(Dispositions)*

Shipping In view of indications of U-boat activity between
Diversions. St. Pauls Rock and Natal recommend all shipping other than coastal be diverted to North and East of St. Pauls Rock. (D.T.D., 1821/8 to Connav).

DRAGON. (Corrupt addressee) One leaving Duala a.m./13 proceed to Freetown through following position A. 002° 57' N., 008° 56' E. B. 001° 00' 011° 00' C. 008° 06' 014° 24' W. Report E.T.A. Freetown on sailing. (R.A.W.A., 1959Z/8 to DRAGON (R) C. in C. S.A., Admiralty).

*See p. 308
(Movements)*

Mediterranean.

Bizerta Visual Bizerta 1655A/7. 7 destroyers.
R/C. (V.A. Malta, 0001A/8 to N.C.X.F.)

Operation Negotiations have commenced and may be
"Sneeze". protracted. Critical point will be reached if Vichy declare war. (C. in C. Med., 0446B/8 to all concerned in Operation "Sneeze".)

/Movements...

MOST SECRET

5-10309

MOST SECRET

MESSAGE

No T.O.O.

IN

Date 8.11.42

Recd. 2045

From Impcon Durban

CIPHER

Addressed The War Office, repeated C.in C. Middle East, C.in C. India, Impcon Capetown.

IMMEDIATE

082192 8534 cipher 8 Nov.,

Although all personnel are embarked on DUNERA EMPIRE TROOPER, EMPIRE WOODLARK, and SONTAY we are this afternoon informed that these ships cannot sail a.m. tomorrow with WS 23 and DILWARA. Reasons given are operational. It is anticipated that they will be able to proceed on or about 16/11. Troopers please inform Air Ministry.

No T.O.O.

Received from War Office 16.11.42

- 1st S.L.(2)
- V.C.N.S.
- A.C.N.S.(F)(2)
- A.C.N.S.(T)
- N.A.1st S.L.
- D.O.D.(H)(2)
- D.C.D.(F)(2)
- Hd. of M.(13)
- D.D.I.C.(2)
- D. of P.(2)
- D. of S.T.
- D.T.D.(3)
- D.T.D.(M)
- I.P.(2)
- X.D.
- Duty Capt.(2)
- Admiral Blake

War Office Circulation:-

- M.O.2.5.12.
- S.D.2.
- D.Mov.
- Q(M)2.2c.
- Air Ministry (D.Mov.)
- Air Ministry (Mov 2)
- Admiralty (Cndr. Jenkins)
- Min.of War Transport (J.N.Wood Esq., for D. of S.T.)

AFP

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- Movements. 7th November Port Said arrivals:
DULVERTON (?PAKENHAM) KELVIN, HYACINTH, JAVELIN,
SEAHAM, BEAUFORT, PALADIN, WHITEHAVEN, ST. MONANCE
Greek Destroyer IERAX, Greek Destroyer SPETSAI,
KLO, PETARD, FALK.
Departures: PAKENHAM, HERO, PALADIN, KELVIN, CLEOPATRA,
ARETHUSA, EURYALUS, JAVELIN, ORION, PETARD.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said, 0643B/8 to Admty. C. in C. Med., (R)
F.O.C. Red Sea Force, N.O.I.C. Alexandria).
- Enemy Units. P.C. and S. of 6 destroyers, 1 light cruiser
course 020° speed 12 knots. Position 37.50 N.,
12.22 E.
(Aircraft Call Sign V9KH 0848/8 to Hal Far).
P.C. and S. of enemy 38.03 N., 12.24 E., C., 005°
15 knots.
(Aircraft Call sign V9KH, 0930/8 to Hal Far).
- Movements. Arrival 7th November SOUTHERN SEA, CUMBRAE,
(?MAGNET), L.C.Ts. 107, 154, 106, 120, departure
7th November GLOXINIA, *CASTLETON, SOUTHERN SEA,
IMHOFF, CROMER, BOSTON, VICTORIA II, REDWOOD,
TREERN, SEVASTI, CROMARTY, S/T. MINNER, L.C.Ts. 115, 138,
M.Ls. 1028, 1032. *in Home Defence.
(S.O.(I) Alexandria, 0927/8 to Admty. C. in C. Med).
Departures BURRA, SOUTHERN ISLES, ROMEO, B.D.V. BARFORD.
(N.O.I.C. Haifa, 1901B/8 to Admty. C. in C. Med).
- A. REGOLO
torpedoed. *Imp/B 296, 299,
304, 314*
One torpedo hit on 6 inch cruiser. At 1245A
probably stopped inside smoke screen position
038° 14' N., 012° 41' E. All torpedoes
expended intend returning through Q B B 255
daylight 9th.
(P.46 1023A/8 to Capt. (S) 10, C. in C. X.F.,
(R) C. in C. Mediterranean).
- Cositrep No. 9. Ref. Cositrep 586 Part 2. Para. 6.
587 Part 2, Photographs of Tobruk 7/11 show medium size
Air. merchant vessel burning following B.17 attack
6/11.
(C. in C. M.E. 1125 G.M.T./8).
- OSSAG My 1020C/1 para. C. (Re OSSAG entering Black
Sea and putting back to Bosphorus) Report B.4
OSSAG put back owing to refusal of 5 members of
German crew to proceed to Constanza.
(S.O.(I) Istanbul, 1156C/8 to S.O.(I) Med).
- CLYDE Following is a repetition of my 1145/8th (begins)
N.C.X.F. Capt. (S) 8th S.F. CLYDE (R)
C. in C. Med., F.O.C.N.A., Capt. (S) 1, Capt.
(S) 10, S.O. Force H., submarines on Patrol,
from N.O.I.C. Malta.

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- CLYDE. N.C.X.F's 1138A/6th. Intend to sail CLYDE for
Contd. Gibraltar p.m./9th November routed as follows.
p. 314 Passage through Q B B 255 as in Capt. (S) 10
Memoranda S A M dated 1st November 1942 (held
by F.O.C.N.A.) then through (1) 038° 00' 00"
44' (2) 038° 20', 010° 20' (3) 037° 53', 008° 00' at 2100A/11
thence as ordered by Capt. S.8. Daily advance 165. CLYDE
holds copy of TON 4 and "Torch" (S), carries salvoes two mark
(2) torpedoes, (ends).
(N.O.I.C. Malta, 1159A/8 to Capt. S.8).
- P.221, Ref. Capt. (S) 8th 1342A/7. Intend dispersing
P.45, P.221, P.45, P.48 as follows. Ref. Operation
P.48. BS appendix one para. 2, intend establishing
p. 286, 296, 299 patrol line by 0600A/11th. 3, 3845, 0822, 150, 8
240, 30. Consider this has advantage of covering
Toulon Bizerta line, intercepting U-boats bound
Cagliari and further opportunity of intercepting Italian units
westbound. Orders to this effect will be signalled to S/Ms at
1600/9th unless amended by you.
(Capt. S.10., 1425A/8 to N.C.X.F. (R) C. in C. Med., F.O.C.N.A.,
V.A. Malta, Capt. (S) 1st Capt. (S) 8th).
- Enemy Units. P.C. and S. of one medium vessel (under 10,000
tons) and 2 destroyers 36.40 N., 23.40 E., course
135° 8 knots.
(A/C C/S AGSV, 1710B/8 to 201 Group).
- C.S.15 My 0574/8th to C.S. 15 only. (N.T. in W.R.)
Keep steam at 2½ hours notice. You will not be
required unless Vichy declare war in which case
close area given in my 1452/6th without (?further
orders) routed through (?031°) 50' N., 032° 00' E. 031° 50' N.
030° 00' E. Report intended (?S. of A) and movement(s) after
passing latter position to enable air protection to be arranged
from here with 201 N.C. Group and 252 Wing.
(C. in C. Med., 1732B/8 to C.S.15 (R) R.A. Alexandria 201
N.C. Group R.A. (D) Med., Air H.Q., Egypt, 250 Wing, 252 Wing).
- M.A.Z. My 1745B/7 (N.T. in W.R.) M.A. (?Z) 8 will be
Operations. repeated by M.T.Bs. 260 and 268 today 8th Novem-
ber. Amend position to read 032° 41' 43" 026°
23' E. They will (?leave) the position for
Alexandria about 0800 November 9th arriving
about 1645. They have been informed of R.A.
Alexandria, 1136/7 and (?1127)B/8th (N.T. in W.R.)
(C.C.F., Med., 1740B/8 to A.I.G.72, C.S.15,
R.N. Gen H.Q., M.E.)

Black Sea

- (1) Naval.
(a) Russian and German E-boats active attacking
ships supplying Novorossisk front.
(b) November 2nd, 11 tugs towing Russian guns
sailed for Crimea from Bourgas.

/(c)...

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Black Sea. (c) Russians (corrupt group) 4 120 ton German
{?submarines) at Ruse.
(d) Reported that Bulgarian*torpedo boat
DERZSKI sunk by mine near Varna at end of
September. (2) Air. *P/V. (L.B. 1615)

(a) 300 (corrupt group) enemy aircraft observed on aerodromes
of N.W. Caucasus. Tuapse and road Eastward heavily bombed.
(b) Russian bombers and Stormoviks also active on Tuapse front.
Shipping in Crimea ports and Anapa also bombed.
(c) Italian Shear aircraft carrying out A/S (?operations)
from Zutphen (corrupt group) harbour.
(3) Novorissisk. Russian R/C groups have been operating
behind enemy lines.
(4) Tuapse. Fierce Russian counter attacks beaten off.
(5) Passes now covered by 12 ft. of snow and large scale
operations considered impossible (?temporarily).
(N.I.O. Black Sea, No T.O.O. Recd. 1825/8.)

NEREUS. My 0007/7th. You should not report your
position if able to comply with time at position
(1) and (2) and time of arrival at Beirut.
(Capt. S.l., 1902B/8 to G.S. NEREUS).

TAKU. By dawn tomorrow patrol northernmost approaches
to Candia.
(Capt. S.l., 1920B/8 to TAKU, (R) C. in C.
Med., Capt. (S) 10, G. S/M NEREUS).
My 1920/8th. Endeavour to be 3 miles south west of
Cristiani Island by noon. If unable to comply patrol line 000°
from Candia dive to northward during daylight.
(Capt. S.l., 2358B/8 to TAKU, (R) C. in C. Med., Capt. (S) 10).

Situation rep- Western Desert. Mersa Matruh cleared of enemy
ort No. 289. a.m./8th November. Sweepers due off Port first
light 9th November. 2 L.C.Ts have completed
unloading petrol on beaches close East of
Mersa Matruh and others on their way.
Turkish DUMLUPINAR reported sunk by warship
1240/6 in 041° 10' N., 030° 01' E.
(C. in C. Med., 1928B/8 to Admty).

Malta Air I.97 8/11. C.S.R. Night 7/8th November.
Report. 2250 hours. 1 Beaufighter airborne for raids
which turned back before reaching Malta. 2
Intruder Beaufighters patrolled S.W. Coast of

Sicily. (?One) missing and the other shot down 1 Ju.88 into
sea south of Granitola.
8th November. 0825 and 1230 hours. 20 Spitfires up for several
raids which turned back before reaching Malta. In addition 18
Spitfire Sorties were made in R/C patrols North of Island but no
enemy shipping was sighted.

Harbours. Naples no important change since 6th November.
Navarino no change since 6th November. Taranto Since 6th
November 4 T/Bs and 2 S/Ms have left. Messina. No important
change since 6th November. Palermo. Since 6th November 1 M/V
4/5000 tons 1 auxiliary 1 tanker 5/6000 tons 1 D/R arrived.

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Malta Air Report. Contd. Visuals 1555 hours. Bizerta. 7 D/Rs 3 M/Vs 7/8000 tons 3 M/Vs 3/4000 tons 20 small ships 400/2000 tons. Cagliari. 0545 hours 1 S/M five M/Vs 5000 tons 1 M/V 3,000 tons.

Shipping at sea. Baltimore photographed 0945 or 0925 hours 227° Marsala 19 miles 1 S/M course 185°.

Shipping at sea visuals 1530 hours Baltimore sighted 270° Cape Bon 3 miles 1 D/F course 045° speed 25 knots. 0647 hours 152° Cape Carbonara 33 miles 2 masted schooner 150 tons course 350° speed 6 knots.

Night 7/8th November.

5 Wellington eights carrying maximum flare despatched on reconnaissance for enemy shipping patrolled Gulf of Taranto Straits of Messina and Cavoli to Marettimo no enemy shipping sighted. 5 Wellingtons despatch to attack Elmas and Decimomannu aerodromes did not locate targets owing to thick ground haze. 12 Flares 8 500 lb. and 16 250 lb. bombs dropped in Cagliari area but no results were observed.

Day 8th November.

1 Spitfire, 1 Baltimore a.m. photo R/C Palermo, "Regolo" class cruiser left. Baltimore photographed 0738 hours 300° Marsala 5 miles "Regolo" class C/R 6 D/Rs course 020° speed 12 knots. 1145 hours 350° Cape San Vito 5 miles submarine claims 1 hit with torpedo on C/R. 1545 hours Spitfire found 090° Cape San Vito 4 miles C/R emitting white smoke in tow by 4 tugs with escort of 2 D/Rs and 2 T/Bs 7 Mas's course 050° speed 2 knots. (A.H.Q., Malta, 2029/8).

P.46 (Cruiser torpedoed.) *ATTILIO REGOLO.* *See pp 296, 299, 304 & 311.* Nice work. R/V with sweeper(s) at end of searched channel at 1025A/11th November. *CLYDE sails at 1400A/9th for Gibraltar routed through 036° 18' 013° 33' instead of position F thence as in V.A. Malta's 1215A/10th October. (Capt. S.10., 2040A/8 to P.46). **See p. 312.*

P.R.U. Italian Ports. G/939 8 November P.R.U. sortie C/563 dated 8th November time 1100 hrs. shows:- Genoa at 1200 hrs. additional damage seen throughout city and several small fires still burning. Small part of port obscured by cloud but since 1400 hrs. 7 November only change noted in shipping is internal movement of destroyer 320 ft. Positions of all other shipping over 200 ft. unchanged.

Toulon. At 1015 hrs. since 7 November only changes in shipping have been internal movements. "Suffron" class 8 inch cruiser left Dry dock and now alongside at Port Lagon-Bran jetties while one contre torpilleur left dry dock and now at yards of F and C Med. Dry Dock occupied by battleship PROVENCE being flooded at time of photography. No other changes of any note in shipping since 7th November.

Marseilles since 8th July merchant shipping shows usual turnover but there is an increase of twelve M/Vs. over 250 ft. Only departures of note are three tankers 270, 380 and 500 ft. approx. Laid up shipping shows no significant change and all large liners and cargo liners still present.

/Etang de Berre...

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Mediterranean--Lombardy.

P.R.U.
Italian
Ports.

Conts:-

Etang de Berre. Laid up shipping in Etang de Berre practically unchanged apart from increase of one large tanker and two medium M/Vs. Eight tankers 400/550 ft. and ten M/Vs 250/450 ft. now present.

Marignane S.P.B. one Potez Cams 141 flying boat present.

Berre. S.P.B. total of two Potez Cams 141 four Berguet Bizerte and twenty six medium A/C present.

Milan/Lenate Forlanini total of eleven large eighteen medium and seven small A/C present.

Milan/Bresso A/D thirty one large ten medium and twenty nine small A/C present.

Dieppe no change since 2 November and no shipping of any note present.

Orleans/Bricy A/D only part of A/D photographed. Six Ju.88 and five F.W. 190 visible along S.E. perimeter.

(P.R.U. Benson, 2240/8 to Admty. etc).

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DEVON CITY Sailed DEVON CITY through (L) 010° 10' S 045° 20' E.
(2) E.T.A. Kilindini 0500Z/11.
(3) Holds wireless call signs from S.P.02182 and 02253.
(4) Wireless watch 500 K/cs single operator period and auxiliary code A.M.S. routine.
(N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez 0551Z/8 to C. in C. E.F. F.O. E.A. & Z. Admty. S.O.(I.) Capetown. S.O.(I.) Colombo. S.O.(I.) Kilindini.)

Enemy Unit. By D/F on 12700 K/cs at 1419Z/7 position of unknown German unit was 008° S 104° E.
(C. in C. E.F. 0707Z/8 to S & A., E.I. Stn.)
W.D. Note: Attack on BENGAL, possibly by this enemy unit, see 11th Nov.

ENTERPRISE ENTERPRISE should arrive Durban a.m.17th. Request she be sailed to U.K. on completion of boiler cleaning.
(C. in C. E.F. 0742X/8 to C. in C. S.A. (R) Admty. etc.)

TEVIOT BANK. Concur your 1149Z/7. Local anti-submarine escort for TEVIOT BANK should be provided from Bombay and Wednesday Island.
(C. in C. E.F. 0907Z/8 to F.O.C. Red Sea. Cdre. R.I.N. (R) Cdre. I.C. Aden. Admty. N.O.I.C. Massawa, F.O.I.C. Ceylon.)

CAPETOWN. Lieut. Cdr. H.H. Robson is to take command of CAPETOWN with rank of Acting Cdr. to date 8th Nov. vice Capt. James sick. CAPETOWN is to sail for Durban in accordance with my*1535/7 and your *0805/8. *N.T. in W.D.
(C. in C. E.F. 1514/8 to CAPETOWN.)

W.S.23. Your 1252C/8 (N.T. in W.D.) It is confirmed that C.M.34 the 4 slow ships are to be withdrawn from Combined C.M.35 convoy W.S.23/C.M.34 which is to sail as arranged escorted by DAUNTLESS and CARTHAGE.
(2) DAUNTLESS will be relieved by HAWKINS and will return to Durban to escort (?slow) convoy C.M.35.
(3) Request early reply to para 4 of my 0914Z 7th Nov.
(C. in C. E.F. 1607A/8 to N.O.I.C. Durban. (R) C. in C. S.A.)

^{S.S.}
NIZAM British ship NIZAM reports enemy submarine in U/B *see p. 319* 010° 04' N 053° 11' E at 1705Z/8.
(C. in C. E.F. 1837Z/8 to S & A. E.I. Stn.)

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America and West Indies.

- S.C.108. Your 2258/7 and my 2333/7. (? POLYANTHUS, PRIMROSE) already detached to join S.C.108. Both have type 271. Visibility clear. (C.T.U. 24.1.12 0047Z/8 to F.O.N.F. (R) C.T.U. 24.18.3, Admty. etc.)
- U/B Positions. C.E.S.F. in his 2140/7 informs as follows: (Commaveu 0145/8 to Admty.)
- U/B. Coast watcher reports possible S/M in approx. 047° 53' N. 055° 00' W. at 2345/7th, Bay D'Espoir, charging batteries. (C.O.A.C. 0321Z/8 to G.B.7A, C.T.F. 24.)
My 0321/8th. Correct position 047° 53' N. 055° 50' W. (C.O.A.C. 1236Z/8.)
- U/B. Following from Eastern Air Command. Aircraft sighted possibly wake of periscope in 49° 25' N. 64° 47' W. at 1150Z/7th. (C.O.A.C. 0350Z/8 to G.B. 7 A.G. C.T.F.24.)
- T.A.G.19, 2 ships torpedoed. Trinidad reports U.S. Ship NATHANIEL HAWTHORN, British ship LINDENHALL ex T.A.G.19 torpedoed a.m. 7th in 011° 34' N. 063° 26' W. (S.O.(I) Kingston Jamaica 1131R/8 to Admty., S.B.N.O. W.A., B.A.D., N.S.H.Q.)
- WEST KEBAR (torpedoed 29/10) One lifeboat (35) survivors including Master and 8 passengers ex WEST KETAR (?KEBAR intended) U.S. arrived Barbados 8th. Vessel torpedoed 014° 57'N. 053° 37' W. 2215 G.M.T./29th Oct. Two lifeboats, four rafts, got away, one lifeboat and rafts missing, believed 20 survivors, three believed killed explosion. Two torpedoes hit intervals of 45 minutes, vessel seen sinking (group missing) shortly after second torpedo. Submarine reported to be small vessel 150 feet length painted gray, good condition, no number seen, 2 guns, 1 before 1 abaft. C/T smaller calibre than 4 inch. Crew German, C.O. believed rank of Senior Lieut. who informed Master that he had seen a tanker in vicinity. They consider this indicates tanker also attacked. All C.Bs thrown overboard weighted iron box, no possibility of compromise. Very faint blue light observed glowing and waning at extremity of an antenna whilst Master on board submarine, on being noticed by C.O. this was apparently extinguished. (Harbour Master, Barbados 1131/8, 1502/10 to Admty. (R) S.O.(I) Jamaica, B.S.N.O. Trinidad.)

/Trawlers ...

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America and West Indies - con 5.

Trawlers for Cape Area. Sailed H.M. Trawlers HERTFORDSHIRE, LE TIGER, CAPE WARWICK, LADY ELSA, LADY ROSEMARY, by direct coastal route to Pernambuco to coal, thence by direct route to Freetown. E.T.A. Pernambuco 2000Z/20th Nov., E.T.A. Freetown 2000Z/30th Nov. S. of A. 8 knots to Pernambuco, 9 knots thereafter. (N.O.I.C. Trinidad 1212Q/8 to S.B.N.O. W.A. (R) N.O.B. Trinidad, Admty., B.A.D. etc.)

DRUMHELLER, BURY. E.T.A. Halifax 0200Z/9th escorting BURY. Boiler hours. Weather report. (DRUMHELLER 1315Z/8 to C.O.A.C.)

B.Y.M.S. Arrival B.Y.M.S. 15, 16, from New York. (N.O.I.C. Halifax N.S. 1401Z/8 to Admty. etc.)

Tankers at Aruba and Curacao. B.S.N.O. Curacao 0925/26/9. Data sent by Curacao to Admiralty and yourself cannot be traced. Tracings and data sheets sent by Curacao to yourself only cannot be traced in Admiralty.

2. Request you will forward copies together with remarks asked for in my 1806/6/9 para 4 informing Admiralty by signal date of despatch. (D.T.D. 1422A/8 to S.B.N.O.W.A.)

U/B attacked. GANANOQUE reports*Q.075 obtained contact and attacked in 049° 30' N. 064° 42' W. at 1455/8th. Saw torpedo. (N.O.I.C. Gaspe 1523Z/8 to C.T.F. 24 (R) Connav, Admty., C. in C. W.A., N.S.H.Q., F.O.N.F., C.O.A.C. C.T.G. 24.7.) (C.O.A.C. 1552Z/8 to G.B.7. A.G.)

** see next page (Sub JTR etc)*

U/B Positions. S/M estimate 8th Nov. and U.S. notice. (Cominch 1615/8, 1616/8, 1650/8, 1651/8, 1652/8.)

B.Y.M.S.5. Your 2016Z/6 (re instructions to B.Y.M.S.5 to proceed direct to Londonderry) approved. Suitable lettered positions on the great circle are to be included on the route signal. Request confirmation that your first sentence refers to B.Y.M.S.5. Understood that B.Y.M.S.5 was allocated Eastern Fleet. (D.M.S. 1620A/8 to B.A.D., (R) F.O.N.F.) Reply: B.A.M.R. 1414/10.

Spanish shipping. S.B.N.O. Trinidad 0943/6. This will commence today. (D.E.W.D. 1621A/8 to S.B.N.O.W.A.) Your 0943/6. W.P.P.S. Signals addressed A.I.G. 39 are being passed to you by Bermuda W/T. (S.B.N.O.W.A. 1603Z/8 to S.B.N.O. Trinidad.)

/B.Y.M.S.2 ...

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B.Y.M.S.2. My noon position 052° 00' N. 040° 11' W. course 240° speed 4 knots.
(B.Y.M.S.2. 1700Z/8 to F.O.N.F.)

U/Bs. Following received from SCEBELI (BPBB) (? 2) vessels believed to be S/MS sighted 050° 46' N. 044° 54' W. 1520 (?G.M.T.) 8th Nov.
(N.O.I.C. St. Johns N.F. 1715/8 to Admty.)

→ CAPO OLMO torpedoes. SS CAPO OLMO (Br.) torpedoed 0940 G.M.T/8 in 10° 52' N. 61° 00' W. Reached Port of Spain under own steam. No casualties. Submarine not seen.
(S.B.N.O. Trinidad 1742Q/8 to S.O.I. Jamaica.)
N.O.I.C. Trinidad's 1742Q/8th passed to you.
(S.O.I.) Kingston, Jamaica 0025R/9 to Admty., S.B.N.O.W.A., B.A.D.)

SS NIZAM From NIZAM SSSS 10.04 N. 53.11 E. NIZAM
"S" Report. Submarine 1705/8, 1708/8.
See p. 316 (EMPIRE BARRIE (BDRD) Via Portishead Radio
No T.O.O/8 to Admty.)

Special C. in C. U.S. Fleet 1901/8 to Admty.
U/B Estimate. See Operation "Torch".

Y.M.S.33. Departure 8th Nov., U.S. Warship Y.M.S.33, for
Trinidad.
(Harbourmaster Barbados 1907/8 to Admty.)

→ Sub. attack → Para A. LA CORDILLERA torpedoed, sunk 12.52 N.
& sighting → 58 W. 1600Z/5. CAPO OLMO torpedoed 10.56 N.
summary. → 61.14 W. 1030Z/8. Sub. sighted on surface
05 N. 52 W. 1440Z/7 course E. Para. B.
Attack at 1150Z/2 October. My 2159/2 October,
survivor indicates Sub. on bottom 150 feet. Possibly Unit
(U)515. Two black oak leaves starboard side conning tower,
further details in Serial.
Para. C. RED DEER attacks sub. contact 47.51 N. 63.50 W. 2200Z/7.
VAN KINSBERGEN sub contact 12.32, 70.28 W. 1600/7. Sub. sighted
11.55, 63.18 W. 1225Z/8, 11 N. 59.15 W. 1405Z/8. * Q.O.75
attacks torpedo and sound contact 49.30 N. 64.42 W. 1455Z/8.
(Cominch 1932/8 to Admty., for O.I.C.) * *See previous page*

→ LA CORDILLERA. Twenty survivors of British SS LA CORDILLERA,
torpedoed 5th Nov. landed here 7th Nov.
(Governor Barbados (Sir G. Bushe) No T.O.O./8
to S. of S. for Colonies.)

/U/B ...

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- U/B. Intercept 2012 G.M.T. submarine sighted entrance Hudson Straights V VAW.
(Halifax W/T 2047Z/8 to All Ships Area 7A, C.T. Force 24 etc.)
- U/B Assessments. Request information whether attacks on U-Boats by aircraft of R.C.A.F. are being assessed in accordance with my 1916B/9th July.
(D.A/S.W. 2124A/8 to N.S.H.Q.)
- U/B. Following from Resolution Island (begins) 2000 G.M.T. following from an American Warship sub. reported sighted entrance Hudson Straits, (Ends).
(N.S.H.Q. Ottawa 2207Z/8 to Admty., (R) C.O.A.C., F.O.N.F., Opanav, C.T.F. 24.)
- HOLMPARK torpedoes. 49 Survivors HOLMPARK torpedoed 13° N. 047° W. One killed. Further details follow.
(B.R.O. Saint Lucia 2240Q/8 to C.C.S.F. (R) Admty. etc. as amended 1440Q/9, 1154Q/10.)
- U/B Positions. Following is C.G.S.F.'s 081958 giving 0800Q/09 submarine estimates.
(Commaveu 2335/8 to Admty.)

Australia and New Zealand.

- Situation. Digest Serial No.289 Nov. 6th.
1 large destroyer, 2 medium merchant vessels sighted 5 miles off Cape St. George (New Ireland) afternoon 6/11 course 110°.
2. 1 destroyer, 1 5000 ton merchant vessel reported Buka passage morning 5/11.
3. Enemy resisting strongly on high ground near Oivi from well prepared positions supported by mountain gun mortars and L.M.Gs.
4. Nil sightings Lae Salamaua area morning 5/11 but additional damage to Salamaua township evident.
(G.H.Q. S.W.P.A. 0517Z/8 to Admty. etc.)
- Movements. U.S. Transport TASMAN arrived Fall River 6th Nov. U.S. store ship GOLD STAR arrived Melbourne 7th.
(N.B. Melbourne 0839Z/8 to Admty. Connnav.)

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Movements
(contd.)

Departure Noumea 1900Z/7th U.S. ship ALHENA in
tow of U.S. ship SONOMA escorted by U.S. ship
P.C. 479, E.T.A. 20th Nov.
L. 027° 00' S. 166° 25' E.
M. 030° 10' S. 160° 00' E.
N. 032° 20' S. 155° 00' speed of advance 5 knots.
Arrivals Auckland 2117Z/7th U.S. ship SOLACE.
0058Z/8th U.S. Destroyer NICHOLAS.
(S.O.I.) Wellington 1253/8 to Admty.)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimates at 1300A/8, indefinite.
(D.D.I.C. 1455A/8, 1501A/8.)

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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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A report from Stockholm graded A.2 states that an Enemy Warship passed southbound through the Sound at 0915 today. It is thought that this may be SCHEER returning to the Baltic.

A recently laid enemy defensive minefield to the N.E. of Dunkirk was located today by M.A/S.Bs 23 and 31, and further mines near the Outer Ruytingen Shoal were sighted by A/C. Our Coastal Forces' activity will therefore be further restricted in this area; but efforts are being made to establish a gap between Q.Z.X. 788 and 797.

A large escorted enemy merchant vessel which left Boulogne at 1840 was shelled by our coast artillery, but without causing any damage so far as is known. The enemy batteries retaliated and caused some slight damage and casualties.

M.T.Bs from Mantis attacked part of an escorted enemy convoy of 8 merchant ships about 20 miles N.N.W. of Terschelling at 2215 and torpedoed one 5000 ton tanker and possibly hit 2 other ships. The escorts opened heavy but ineffective fire and continued to fire at one another for some time after our M.T.Bs withdrew. (p. 380)

Convoy F.N.61 was attacked by E-boats soon after 2130 today off Lowestoft. SS FIDELIO was torpedoed and sunk and SS WANDLE was damaged and towed to Yarmouth Roads. At this time Convoy F.N.61 had 3 more destroyers forming additional escort. All subsequent attacks were beaten off and several E-boats are known to have been damaged. (p. 384)

Operation
F. B.

An unidentified ship made S O S at 0945 today about 50 miles W.S.W. of Cape Kanin.

S.B.N.O. North Russia asks that a balloon depot may be established in Kola Inlet, as ships there are very exposed to dive bombing attacks.

Twelve Bostons with fighter cover attacked the 8700 ton NEUMARK raider at Le Havre this afternoon and report one direct hit.

55 aircraft out of 70 detailed laid mines successfully off Brest, St. Nazaire, Lorient, Gironde, and the German and Danish coasts last night.

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A concentration of R-Boats was reported at Dunkirk on 4th November, and, as suspected, further defensive minelaying by the enemy has been discovered northeast of Dunkirk.

Operation "Torch".

N.C.X.F. reported at 2216Z today that at least 11 French destroyers and cruisers have been sunk or damaged. The battleship JEAN BART has been gutted by fire. *See next page*

It is reported that the French are apparently blocking the entrance to Bizerta.

The Italian battleship VITTORIO VENETO is reported to have been sighted and attacked off Algiers a.m. today.

Force Q.
(NORFOLK &
CUMBERLAND)

Force Q was ordered to leave patrol and proceed to Gibraltar today, to arrive a.m./11. After fuelling, the force is to sail for the U.K.

C.S.10 in SHEFFIELD was to have left Force Q p.m. today to proceed on Operation "Perpetual" (assault on Bougie and Jidjelli.) The operation was, however, postponed 24 hours on account of bad weather.

VERITY (Gibraltar Escort Force) attacked a S/M at 2325Z in 36° 26' N. 2° 4' W. and considers it probably destroyed.

U.S. EXCELLER was slightly damaged by near miss in air attack today.

Malta
Air
Strike.

Until this afternoon the Malta air strike was kept in hand to cover "Torch" against surface threat. In view of the satisfactory progress of the operation A.O.C. Malta intends from tomorrow to employ the air strike at his discretion against important merchant shipping proceeding to Libya, Tripoli or Tunisia when this can be done without prejudice to the safety of convoys.

/Eastern ...

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Force.

A submarine fired a torpedo into one of the anchorages last night, but no damage was caused.

BROKE, which was damaged in the assault on Algiers yesterday was taken in tow by ZETLAND early this morning in 37° 13' N. 1° 32' W. but sank at 1915 today in 37° 0' N. 0° 40' E.
1554 4

N.C.E.N.T.F. reported at 1527 that Algiers was occupied and all ships were entering the bay and will be berthed inside the harbour as far as facilities permit. The French are co-operating. No mines have been found, there were several small air raids at dusk and dawn: the destroyer COWDRAY was disabled by an aerial torpedo and had to be abandoned, auxiliary A/A ship PALOMARES was damaged by bombing, and U.S. transport LEEDSTOWN, which was damaged yesterday was torpedoed by a U-Boat south west of Cape Matifou p.m. today, and beached or sunk: loss of life was light, but 90% of her cargo was lost. U.S.O. EXCELLER has minor bomb damage and has a high percentage of her landing craft wrecked.

The R.A.F. provided fighter protection over shipping in Algiers Bay from 2014Z today.

Centre
Force.

Resistance continued at Oran, and the port could not be used today, in spite of bombardment by RODNEY of Fort Santon, whose fire prevents the use of the port. All assault forces were ashore by the evening. AURORA and JAMAICA engaged two enemy destroyers off the port this morning, one of which was set on fire and beached and the other returned to Oran damaged.

Western
Force.

Resistance continued all day in the Casablanca area. The French battleship*JEAN BART has been gutted by fire and several French destroyers in the area are badly damaged. By the evening resistance was slackening. At Safi, a freighter disembarked tanks at the docks today. At Fedala the population is friendly and pleased at the landing.

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North Atlantic.

It is reported from Santander that a submarine left the port at 1600 yesterday and was met off the coast by 4 German warships and several aircraft. It is assumed that this is the Italian U-Boat which has been repairing damage at Santander for several weeks.

South Atlantic.

Eastern Fleet destroyers lent to South Atlantic and corvettes available have been organised into division of South Atlantic escort forces and are divided between Capetown and Durban. It has not been possible to organise group sailings as yet but it is hoped to do so on arrival of A/S trawlers. Meanwhile escort forces are given particular tasks and are not merely patrolling an area. The tasks have included escort of W.S.23 and other ships and searching for survivors.

In view of the shortage of cruisers in the South Atlantic and West Africa area C. in C. S.A. arranged (10th Nov) with Comsolant to employ DESPATCH and when available DIOMEDE (refitting at Rosyth) in the Freetown area as anti-raider and/or blockade runner patrols.

A.M.C. ASTURIAS and corvette AMARANTHUS left Freetown p.m. today, to patrol to the northward of Ascension.

SS ORION reported being torpedoed and gunned at 2204 G.M.T. in 35° 58' S. 26° 37' E. (240 miles west of Lourenco Marques). The ship, however, was definitely identified by aircraft at 0623C/10 in 36° 23' S. 26° 21' E. speed 10 knots and apparently unharmed.

U.S. MARCUS WHITMAN was torpedoed at 2315 today in 6° 5' S. 32° 41' W. (? 32° 45' W.) (about 150 miles E. of Natal, Brazil.)

SS ANDREAS is reported to have been sunk at 2215 G.M.T./4 in 2° S. 30° 30' W. by a U-Boat.

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Mediterranean.

A French source reports that 8 or 9 survivors from a German U-boat landed at Nemours about 1100Z/6 and were subsequently taken to Oran.

The minesweeper CROMER was blown up and sunk by a mine in 17° Mersa Matruh 5 miles at 1715 today.
(31.26 N, 27.16 E)

It is reported that 40 German aircraft have landed at an aerodrome near Tunis.

East Indies.

Six U.S. B.24s bombed Rangoon today and damaged the main docks and warehouses.

America and West Indies.

SS SOUTH AFRICA was torpedoed and set on fire by a submarine about 1412 today in 24° 30' N. 46° 28' W.

SS NIDARLAND was torpedoed and sunk in 11° 41' N. 60° 42' W. at 1200Z today.

Australia and New Zealand.

A direct hit with a 500 lb. bomb was obtained on a 5000 ton merchant ship near Cape St. George (New Zealand) this afternoon; the vessel was severely damaged and was beached.

SS EDGAR ALLEN POE is reported to have been torpedoed today and towed to Noumea.

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Monday.War Diary.HOME COMMANDS.Policy.Atlantic
Convoy
Rescue
Trawlers.

Your 1159A/8. Concur transfer to deal with immediate pressing situation. This will practically denude my command of seagoing A/S ships. Consider these trawlers should be returned as soon as situation permits.

KINGSTON AMBER and KINGSTON AGATE now refitted are not suitable owing to lack of endurance and are urgently required for escort duty to and from Faroes.
(A.C.O.S., 1058A/9 to Admty.)

C. in C. W.A. 1912/7. Under the present exceptional conditions I concur in this proposed movement.

2. In view of extreme shortage of cruisers it is most necessary that air R/C and striking forces should be available at short notice.

(C. in C. H.F., 1524A/9 to Admty.)

CASTLETON.

C. in C. Rosyth's 1550A/8. I concur. If approved propose to arrange direct with C. in C. Rosyth periods for which CASTLETON should be lent for East Coast convoy duties.

(A.C.O.S., 1230/9 to Admty., R.A.M.)

Your 1230/9. Approved.

(D.O.D.(H.), 2001A/9 to A.C.O.S.)

Search of
Eire Ships.A.M. 1255A/6th Nov. Request information whether concessions to Eire Cattle Boats and ships with perishable cargoes referred to in para. 2 of my 2876/441/35 of 3rd December 1941, A.L.M.018913 of 19th January 1942, and A.M. 1693B/30/4/42 are to be regarded as cancelled.
(F.O.I.C. Liverpool, 1533A/9 to Admty.)Movements.PRINCE
LEOPOLD.

Cancel my 2225A/8. Continue voyage to Portsmouth but do not proceed East of 3° 39' W. before 1045. Do not overtake eastbound sweepers before latter pass 3° 39' W. Paravanes to be run when east of 4° W.

(C. in C. Plymouth, 0105A/9 to PRINCE LEOPOLD.)

M.T.Bs for
Lerwick.

My 1225A/8 sailed.

(N.O.I.C. Invergordon, 0749/9.)

Your 0749/9. Arrived Scapa for shelter 1249/9.

(A.C.O.S., 1519/9 to N.O.I.C. Invergordon.)

CELIA.

Your 1625/8 as amended by your 0725/9. Final destination of CELIA is Scapa and not Iceland. Admty. 1821/3/10 refers.

(A.C.O.S., 1054A/9 to N.O.I.C. Newcastle-on-Tyne.)

/Your ...

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- CELIA. Your 1625/8.
(Contd.) CELIA is to proceed to Port Edgar and subsequently to WESTERN ISLES for working up before joining 17th Trawler Group at Scapa.
(D.M.S., 1215A/9 to F.O.I.C. Tyne.)
Intend to sail CELIA to Methil for onward routeing to Port Edgar in accordance with Admiralty's 1215/9 0700 tomorrow.
E.T.A. Methil 1800/10.
(F.O.I.C. Tyne, 1645/9.)
- A.F.D. 18. A.F.D.18 is expected off Milford Haven a.m. 13th. P.C.74 will be required to escort from Milford Haven to vicinity of Holyhead and 2 trawlers from Belfast from Milford Haven to destination. Request you arrange R/V and detail ships accordingly.
(C. in C. W.A., 1055A/9 to N.O.I.C. Belfast, Milford Haven.)
C. in C. Plymouth 1421/8 and my 1055/9. N.O.I.C. Milford Haven is to arrange to take over sweep and sweep through Irish Sea. N.O.I.C. Greenock is to arrange with N.O.I.C. Milford Haven to take over sweep at point mutually agreed to and sweep to Corpach.
(C. in C. W.A., 1057A/9.)
C. in C. Portsmouth's 1222A/9. Intend sailing NEIL SMITH and T.R. FERRENS at 1045/10 to R/V with A.F.D.18 at Western edge of Q.Z.X.766 at 1430/10 and then sweep ahead until relieved at junction of Q.Z.S. 293 and 382 by BILSDEAN and BRECON CASTLE from Portland. NEIL SMITH and T.R. FERRENS then return to Portland. Codeword for NEIL SMITH and T.R. FERRENS to R/V "Meadow", thence "Jovial".
(F.O.I.C. Portland, 1447A/9.)
- AJAX, Your 1024A/8. Arrived.
MONTROSE, (A.C.O.S., 1316/9 to C. in C. Nore.)
HOLDERNESS.
- H. 33. Intend to sail H.33 escorted by SARDONYX from Rothesay at 1700A/10 to arrive Lough Foyle Buoy at 0600A/11. Thence as ordered by N.O.I.C. Londonderry.
(Capt. S.7, 1426A/9.)
- FIDELITY. A.M. 1654A/30/9.
Intend to sail FIDELITY with convoy P.W.246 on 10th November to off Milford Haven and thence independently to Loch Broom.
(2) Route.* E.T.A. a.m. 15th November.
(C. in C. Portsmouth, 1533A/9.)* Speed after leaving convoy 8½ knots.
- TORBAY. Your 1612/7. Holy Loch on completion of R.D.F. trials.
(F.O.S., 1904A/9 to C. in C. Plymouth.)

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Patrols. My 1100A/8. "Device" returned 0724/9.
(F.O.I.C. Portland, 0747/9.)
M.G.B.612 returned at 0338.
(F.O.I.C. Gt. Yarmouth, 0755A/9.)

Patrols tonight. A. CATTISTOCK. B. CAMPBELL. 1. HAMBLEDON.
2. WALPOLE. 3. COTTESMORE. 4. MENDIP. 5. KITTIWAKE.
6. SHELDRAKE.

(C. in C. Nore, 0942A/9.)

Weather permitting carry out following operations tonight.

(1) 51st M.L. Flotilla operation Q.L.(5), supporting force 8th
M.G.B. Flotilla proceeding to vicinity 52° 10' N. 3° 00' E.
ahead of M.Ls and rejoining if no E-Boat contact has been made.
(2) One unit M.T.Bs between Kwinte Bank Buoy and Wielingen
Channel. Possibility of M.V. moving eastward during night.

(C. in C. Nore, 1124A/9 to BEEHIVE.)

→ Tonight M.T.Bs 55 (S.O.), 54, 56. M.G.Bs 611, 615 proceed
to patrol 50° 05' N. 01° 40' W. and thence carry out sweeps of
coast between Cap Barfleur and Cap de la Hague.
Pass Needles outward at 1815 and inward at 0745.

Return to St. Helens if unsuitable weather. Codeword "Cadger".
→ M.Ls 123, 246 from Portland patrolling latitude 50° 20' N.
between 02° 10' W. and 01° 35' W.

→ CHASSEURS 15 and 10 patrolling off E.A.5 buoy.

Attention is called to C. in C. Portsmouth 1400/30th September
to HORNET.

(C. in C. Portsmouth, 1147A/9 to HORNET.)

→ Intend M.Ls 123 (S.O.) and 246 to patrol on lat. 50° 20'
N. between 1° 35' W. and 2° 10' W. tonight.
Leaving Weymouth at 1930 and patrol line at dawn. Codeword
"Advent".

(F.O.I.C. Portland, 1208A/9.)

M.L. patrol tonight.

2. Forces employed M.Ls 153 (S.O.), and 195.

3. Patrol, 7 miles either side of 130° Start 20 miles.

4. Object, to intercept E-Boats.

5. Information. Own. *P.556 escorted *MANGROVE sails Plymouth
1600/9 and proceeds on convoy route to Portsmouth, estimated
speed 10 knots. M.G.B.318 sailing Dartmouth at 1700/9 to
southward. * 2-11 p.330C

Enemy. E-Boats may work from Guernsey or Cherbourg.

6. Execution. Proceed at 1730 today and, passing through
180° Start 4 and 180° Start 13' proceed to patrol. Leave
patrol at daylight 10th and return to Dartmouth passing
through same positions.

7. Codeword "Obstacle".

(C. in C. Plymouth, 1529A/9 and 1535/9.)

→ M.T.Bs 55, 54, 56 M.G.Bs 611, 615 patrolling to southward,
passing Needles at 1815/9 and 0745/10.

→ M.Ls 123, 246 patrolling 15 miles south of Anvil Point, E.T.D.
Weymouth 1930/9, E.T.R. 0830/10.

→ CHASSEURS 15 and 10 patrolling near E.A.5 Buoy.

(C. in C. Portsmouth, 1616A/9.)

Departures M.Ls 110, 106, 100, 105, M.G.Bs 65, 60, 80,
79, 81, M.T.Bs 32, 34, 69.

(F.O.I.C. Harwich, 1731A/9.)

M.Ls 450 and 207 from Ramsgate patrolling between Dumpton
and North East Spit Buoys, E.T.D. 1810, E.T.R. 0750/10.

M.Ls 139 and 143 at C.1 Buoy.

M.L.102, M.G.Bs 329 and 324 and R.201 leave D Buoy southwards,
E.T.D. 1845, E.T.R. D Buoy 0200/20, E.T.R. Dover 0430/10.

(V.A. Dover, 1735A/9.)

/Operation ...

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Operation "Torch". A.M. 1539/8.
I am very grateful to Their Lordships for their appreciation of the efforts made by all concerned in my command, to carry out successfully the preliminary stages of this important operation. I have conveyed the sense of Their Lordships message to the personnel concerned, which will I know, serve as an added incentive to them to spare no effort in prosecuting the succeeding phases to a successful conclusion.
(C. in C. W.A., 1205A/9 to Admty.)
Pass to N.C.S.Os.
Special Charts in Envelope TON 1 for issue to Merchant Ships may now be opened.
(D.T.D., 1245A/9 to F.O.I.C. Greenock, Liverpool, Cardiff, Milford Haven.)

Allied Air Activity.

THUNDERBOLT, F.O.S. 1446A/7 and TITANIA's 0750A/8. Request UNBEATEN. fighter co-operation for passage described. Speed 11 knots. Also for return passage from 180° Bishop Rock 10 miles to Clyde escorting UNBEATEN. E.T.D. 1700A/12. E.T.A. 1700A/14. (Capt. S.3, 1005A/9 to N.O.I.C. Glasgow.)

Height of A/S Air Patrols. Owing to lack of sightings by aircraft of A/S Patrols height at which patrols are to be flown by day and in suitable conditions of cloud is to be increased to 8000 feet. It is appreciated that aircraft may have difficulty in getting down to attacking height in time to deliver an attack but this should be possible if use is made of sun and cloud cover. This patrol height will be reviewed in the light of experience.
(H.Q.C.C., 1101A/9 to 15, 18, 19 Groups, Iceland, Gibraltar.)

Bomber Command operations. On day 8th November 55 A/C laid mines.
(H.Q.B.C., 1230A/9.)

Bombing restrictions. Institute surface vessel bombing restrictions from 1400/9 until 1400/13th Nov. in an area bounded on the North by a line joining VV 7348 - VX 0740, on the East VX 1336 - AH 3450 thence to French coast at AO 7636, on the South AO 7636 - AM 7445, on the West VV 7348 - AM 7445.
(H.Q.F.C., 1600A/9 to H.Q. 10 Group.)

Enemy Air Activity.

Iceland. One F.W. sighted over entrance to Seidisfjord at 1050/9, course South.
(A.C.I.C., 1333A/9.)

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Monday.War Diary.HOME COMMANDS.Mining.Lyme Bay
sweeps.

Cancel my 1711/8. Intend to sail BEN URIE and LOCH PARK at 0730/9 sweeping from Dart Buoy to 180° Start Point 4 miles and returning to Dart Buoy, thence steaming to Portland. Codeword "Ounce".

(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth, 0024/9.)

My 1157A/8. "Ounce VI" sailed 0728/9.

(F.O.I.C. Portland, 0751/9.)

Operation
S.N. 17A.Intend to carry out as follows.
(R.A.M., 1200A/9.)
See Lion Copy.Enemy
mines off
Dunkirk.

Since 4th November when a concentration of R-Boats was reported at Dunkirk it has been suspected that enemy would lay further defensive minefields, and night patrols by Albacore of 841 Squadron have been flown N.E. of Dunkirk in area not covered by shore R.D.F. when weather permitted. Today opportunity of calm water has been taken to explore probable area at slack water, and M.A/S.B. 23 and 31 have located two lines of mines on the surface between 115° North Foreland 15 and 095° North Foreland 21. They report 'V' buoy is missing. Further search will be made tomorrow if weather permits to determine southwest limit of these mines and delineate gap which may exist between it and Q.Z.X.788. Jim Crow aircraft also sighted mines thought to be near outer Ruytingen Shoal and this area will be further investigated by aircraft. Coastal Forces activity is therefore further restricted but efforts are being made to establish gap between Q.Z.X.788 and 797 by M.L.206 and 204 and M.A/S.Bs. Low visibility as well as calm water is however necessary to cover operations and progress is slow. This area unlike that at 'V' buoy is within R.D.F. range so that any necessary operation to close this gap will be observed.
(V.A. Dover, 1840A/9 to Admty.)

Enemy Intelligence.Enemy
Warship
in The
Sound.

Enemy warship believed NURNBERG or LEIPZIG having one funnel and one three-gun turret forward and possibly two aft passed Helsingborg southbound at 0915 today November 9th. Vessel was escorted by 3 large destroyers GALSTER or BEITZEN-class, and 4 auxiliaries. Graded A.2.

(N.A. Stockholm, 1306/9 to Admty.)

O.I.C. Comment: LEIPZIG and NURNBERG are not thought to have been out of the Baltic recently.

If this ship had only one triple turret aft, the description would fit ADMIRAL SCHEER (last seen in Trondheim area on 5th November 1942), which may be returning to the Baltic.

/La Pallice ...

MOST SECRET

MESSAGE

1200A/9th November

IN

From R.A. M.

MOST SECRET

Date 7.11.42.

(1)

~~Recd. 1820~~

R.A.F. Cypher (1) by W/T.

Addressed Admiralty, C. in C. Rosyth, C. in C. Western Approaches, Repeated A.C.O.S. F.C. Subs., C. in C. Home Fleet, H.M.S. ADVENTURE, Air Ministry, Whitehall, C.C.H.Q., F.C.H.Q., H.Q. No. 38 Group, H.Q. No. 14 Group.

IMPORTANT

Admiralty 1617A 7th November not to all addressees. Intend to carry out operation S N 17 A as follows :

- (A) Surface mine field laid from south west to north east.
- (D) H.M.S. ADVENTURE.
- (E) Fighter protection is requested on return passage from 0730A 12th November until westward of Pentland Firth. Initial rendezvous in position 056 degs 34 min north 001 degs 50 min west.
- (F) From position 056 degs 22 min 12" north 001 degs 44 min 18" west to position 056 degs 28 min north 001 degs 37 min west.
- (G) 1230A Wednesday November 11th.
- (J) Direct to Pentland Firth thence by searched channel to number 23 buoy. Thence direct to start of lay.
- (K) Outward passage
 - (i) 18 knots when to west of Dunnet Head.
 - (ii) 22 knots when to eastward of Dunnet Head.
 Homeward passage.
 - (1) 22 knots when to eastward of Dunnet Head.
 - (2) Westward of Dunnet Head.
 Not less than 15 knots while outside Minch. As requisite when in Minches.
- (L) 0630A (4) 12th November.
- (N) (i) From end of lay direct to fix close northward of 25 buoy.
 - (ii) Thence by search channel to Pentland Firth.
 - (iii) Westward of Dunnet Head courses as requisite to arrive at Port Z A as stated in (O).
- (O) Port Z A 0730A Friday 13th November.
- (W) 7 miles 15 knots.
- (X) Mark XVII A/XVII 1 star set to 10 feet below chart datum.
- (Y) 280 at density of 40 to the mile.
- (Z) B N and H D routine throughout.

1200A/9

	Advance copy Duty Capt. D.O.D.(H)	
V.C.N.S.	D.T.D. (M)	D.D.O.D. (M)
A.C.N.S.(H)	D.T.D. (C)	D. of P. (2)
A.C.N.S.(W)	Hd. of M.	O.C.S.C.
N.A. 1st S.L.	D.D.I.C. (2)	D.M.S.
D.O.D. (F)(2)	Hydrog.	D.A/S.W.
D.O.D.(H) (2)	D. of N.	D.D.T.M.
D.T.D. (2)	D.D.O.D. (M)	C.C.O. (2)
	D.C. (2)	I.P. (2)
		W.D.

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Monday.War Diary.HOME COMMANDS.Enemy Intelligence - L.A. 1/5.

La Pallice and Bordeaux on 7th Nov. Ref. Form White Ste/WPR 1/7 Nov. 42, Sortie S/632. Further examination shows at La Pallice in addition to Naval Unit 330 ft., a T.B. 280 ft. not reported, present alongside in Wet Dock. Former vessel may probably be Elbing class destroyer, but examination continuing.

Bordeaux. Vessel reported as 280 ft. T.B. now seen to be flush-decked escort vessel.
(R.A.F. Medmenham, 1846A/9.)

E-Boats. Suspected enemy E-Boat activity 210 FRB 5.
(MENDIP, 2128/9 to C. in C. Nore.)

SPAT,
ELSA
ESSBERGER. Photos taken during attack on shipping in mouth of Gironde on 7th Nov. 1942, 1610 hours by Mosquito aircraft 105 Squadron show Sperrbrecher 430 ft. SPAT and M/V 475 ft. ELSA ESSBERGER M 25 both proceeding north. SPAT appears to have received direct hit aft of funnel.
(R.A.F. Medmenham, 2215A/9.)

U-Boats.

U-Boats reported. By D/F at 1033Z, 1042Z, and 1137Z U-Boat may have reported T.A.28.
(D.D.I.C., 1336A/9 to T.A.28.)
R.A.F. Ludlow. Intercepted 2205 G.M.T. de CERION. S S S S. No further particulars.
(Burnham Radio, No T.O.O. to Admty., recd. 2345/9.)
209° Class 3 SSSS.
(Gallon Head, 2322 G.M.T./9.)

Convoy Preliminary report of S.L.125.
S.L. 125. Convoy, consisting of 41 ships in 11 columns sailed S.L. on October 16th.
Escort comprised 5 corvettes and 2 trawlers, soon reduced to 4 corvettes.
Commencing October 27th convoy was attacked four nights in succession. On the last 3 nights weather was bad. In all 10 ships were torpedoed, 2 of which probably reached port. "Raspberry" was carried out several times without result. On the 30th October PETUNIA sighted U-Boat in the light from a burning ship and chased it between columns of convoy. U-Boat escaped by superior speed. Later PETUNIA did two promising attacks on a target giving H.E. RAMSEY was sent to reinforce the escort and, while joining on 31st October, sighted 3 U-Boats at long range ahead of convoy. These were chased away. No more attacks took place.
(Capt. D. Liverpool, 1559A/9.)

330c ~~325~~9.11.1942.
Monday.War Diary.HOME COMMANDS.Casualties and Defects.

- OMEGA. Closed ship. Has boiler trouble. Will make fast by daylight.
(SCHELDE, 0131A/9 to N.O.I.C. Greenock.)
- P.556. P.556 escorted by MANGROVE is to sail at 1600 today and proceed to Portsmouth to arrive Needles 0900/10.
See p.329
Route via Q.Z.S. 278 to 180° Start 4 and route 'P', Q.Z.S.293 and 284. Codeword "Plumb".
(C. in C. Plymouth, 0311A/9.)
(F.O.S., 0746A/9 to Admty.)
P.556 and MANGROVE arrived 0100/9.
(C. in C. Plymouth, 0829/9.)
- MISTRAL. My 1104A/7. MISTRAL further delayed.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 0936A/9.)
- BRIGHTON. (A) Cancel my 1524A/4. *N.T. in N.S.*
(B) Intend to sail BRIGHTON to Newport for refit, passing Sleet Boom at 0900/11.
(C) F.O.I.C. Greenock is requested to arrange fighter protection.
(R.A.M., 1520/9.)
- LEAMINGTON. Commodore Londonderry's 1317A/9th. *N.T. in N.S.* Amend my *N.T. in N.S.* 1031/9. Destination now Scapa. Sailing delayed approximately 24 hours by defects developed on trials. E.T.A. Scapa a.m./11th or a.m./12th.
(N.O.I.C. Tees, 2138/9.)
- Shipping and Convoys.
- H.X.B. East section of convoy E.T.A. position F 213.
0315A/9th.
(C. in C. W.A., 0202A/9 to LEARING, KIRKELLA, KINGSTON BERYL.)
- F.N.Convoy. F.N. convoy sailing delayed by fog.
(C. in C. Nore, 0839A/9 to LEWES, QUORN.)
- Operation Your 1529/8. EMPIRE SKY and EMPIRE SCOTT have F.B. been detained West of Bear Island.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia, 0947A/9 to M/S. 6.)
SAINT KENAN arriving. CAPE ARGONA apparently proceeding to Archangel.
(M/S. 6, 1107C/9 to S.B.N.O. Archangel.)
Arrived Iokanka. (Corrupt group) 41 72.
(ST. KENAN, 1145C/9 to S.B.N.O. Archangel.)

/Operation ...

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Monday.War Diary.HOME COMMANDS.Shipping and Convoys - ~~cont.~~

Operation F.B. (Contd.) Operation F.B. JOHN WALKER (? grounded) Dvina Bar and RICHARD ALVEY not yet refloated. Channel to Dvina at present impassable except for small craft. Salvage operations in progress. EMPIRE GALLIARD berthed Molotovsk, where subsequent ships will be sent.
(S.B.N.O. Archangel, 1421A/9 to Admty.)
S O S received at 0945A/9th from ship in position 068° 25' N. 041° 24' E., apparently made by merchant ship steering south with no escort. Have you any further news and can you say who should have been escorting her.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia, 1526A/9 to M/S. 6.)
My 1526A/9. Merchant ship was in 068° 15' N. 041° 25' E. at 1508C/9, course 220°. Russian trawler number 59 left position K at 1520C and Russian rescue vessel left R at 1620C, both proceeding to meet her. Position K is 064° Cape Gorodetski 8.8 miles.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia, 1600A/9 to M/S. 6.)
Position of submarines at 0800A/10 and movements for the following 24 hours.
O.15 vicinity 75° N. 08° E.
TUNA vicinity 70° 32' N. 20° 01' E.
P.312 and P.216 in zone K.6.
(F.O.S., 1816A/9 to Admty.)

K.M.S. 3. My 2020/8th Nov. E 12 returned 0840/9th Nov. (P.S.T.O. Greenock, 1039/9.)
STONECROP sailed to overtake.
(N.O.I.C. Londonderry, 2216A/9.)

Kola Inlet. My 1616/5th October and 1635/22nd.
Proposed As (corrupt group) ships in Kola Inlet are very
Balloon exposed to dive-bombing attacks, request
Depot. establishment of balloon depot may receive
very early consideration. Experience indicates
that unless shipment of stores is put in train
now they will arrive too late.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia, 1044A/9 to Admty.)

East Coast Cancel my 1430/15th October, my 2210/16th October
Convoys. and my 1050/17th October.
Escorts and (2) Commencing with F.S. 57 on 12th November 2
Patrols. destroyers from 16th or 21st Flotilla will
form additional escort for each convoy proceeding
by Q.Z.S.311. They will station in accordance
with the Nore operations memorandum No. 44.
(3) They are joining convoy at sunset and part company at
daylight or 51 buoy ? whichever is the earlier, proceeding to
Harwich or Sheerness as ordered by Captains.
(4) On nights suitable for E-Boat operation the following
patrols will be carried out.
(A) By destroyer number 1, 59A to 57D Buoy. 2. 57D to 57F
Buoy. 3. 57F to 56 Buoy. 4. 56 to 57 Buoy. 5. 57 to 55A
Buoy. 6. 55A to 3C Buoy.

/(B) ...

330 E ~~330~~9.11.1942.
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East Coast Convoy. Escorts and Patrols. (Contd.) (B) By corvette number 7. 3C to 3A Buoy. 8. 3A to 54B Buoy. If sufficient destroyers are available these patrols may be modified by C. in C. Nore. (5) Capt. D. 16th D.F. and Capt. D. 33rd D.F. should endeavour to adhere to following cycle when detailing duties. Night 1, 3 and 4 or 5 and 6 patrol. Night 2, at Harwich. Night 3, 1 and 2 patrol. Night 4, number (?). Night 5 escort for F.S. Convoy. (6) N.O.I.C. Harwich is to detail corvette patrol as in para. 4 (B) and is to arrange for at least 1 Rescue Tug or anti-sub trawler with each convoy. When numbers admit both are to be provided. (7) Attention is called to Nore operations memorandum 45. (C. in C. Nore, 1208/9.)

O.N. and O.N.S. Convoys. Your 2030/2. The availability of air cover is regarded being of the greatest importance and steps are being taken to line up in Iceland (C) as many long-range aircraft as can be made available. We therefore concur with your para. (1), but consider that the routeing of these and alternate O.N. and O.N.S. Convoys should continue on the basis of A.M. 1945/14th Sept. which provides for the minimum period outside air cover from Newfoundland and Iceland (C). 2. Fuel limitations of escorts and desirability of shortening convoy sea time are fully appreciated, but average length of route in A.M. 1945/14th Sept. is only about 100 miles longer than route proposed in your para. (2) and leg from Cape Race to north-eastward is roughly parallel to your proposed great circle track. 3. It is realized that air cover will not always be available in winter months, but it is considered that convoys should as far as possible be kept within range so that it can be provided when circumstances permit. 4. Your para. (3). It is considered that this is too far west, and apart from lengthening voyage might force some ships to bunker at intermediate ports which it is desired to avoid. It is proposed that southbound ships should be detached in 35° W. or as soon after as circumstances permit. 5. Concur with your paras. (4) and (5). (A.C.N.S.(T), 1412A/9 to Connav.)

K.M.F. 3. My 1114A/7th Nov. For 13th and 12th November read 14th and 13th respectively. (F.O.I.C. Greenock, 1649A/9.)

Convoy F.N.861. (E-boat attack) One ship torpedoed and sunk. CHAMPION standing by. Balloon still attached. One ship damaged. Tugs required. Position (? 050° or 099° or 132° or 314°) square C, two and quarter miles at 2210 approx. (QUORN, 2310A/9.)

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FOREIGN STATIONS.

Operation "Torch".

Algiers area. Your 2152/8. This is a repeat of our (?0000) hrs. 9th 182 groups. Message begins. Situation at Maison Blanche not satisfactory as supplies ex beaches held up owing to difficulty disembarkation. Position Balda Alfa not good. One Hurricane and two Spitfire squadrons ex Gibraltar arrived Maison Blanche. Am visiting Maison Blanche and landing beaches personally tomorrow 9/11 and will report position after visits. Am concentrating getting supplies and W/T communications fully available where required preparatory to rapid move East. Apart from some dislocation of supplies and W/T Organisation as arranged. All is well and am confident. Full report by signal later 9th November Servicing and refuelling transport A/C if schedule advanced may result in short supplies temporarily for fighters. Lawson.
(I.A.F. C.O. BULOLO, 0006/9 to A.O.C.E.A.C.)

My 1047Z/(?8th) Although information from French prisoners has since been received that both (?ships) were sunk possibly (?complete) compromise exists (?vessels) books held were in accordance with (?T) N.C.O. Appendix 5 unless these were (?landed) by (corrupt groups) when (?these) ships called at Gibraltar.
(N.C.C.N.T.F., 0030Z/9 to N.C.X.F.)
No trace - presumably HARTLAND and WALNEY are the ships referred to.

Your 1803/8 to FURIOUS. No request has been received by 12th U.S. Air Corps for Spitfires at 0700 and 1300 today. Weather forecast unfavourable for 0700.
(N.C.X.F., 0225Z/9 to N.C.C.N.T.F. (R) FURIOUS).

Proceed so as to commence sweep BZ at first light.
(C.E.N.T.F., 0438/9 to *ALERT).
On completion of sweep D carry out sweep E as far as possible without interfering with ships anchored. Then carry out sweep F.
(N.C.E.N.T.F., 0442/9 to *ALERT).

1/N.T. & W.D.
My 0325 *VANSITTART and BOADICEA are to fuel. Also any other ships in anti S/M patrol which are short of fuel.
(N.C.C.T.F., 0538Z/9 to RHYL). * *see p. 335*

Your 0325 ?check address VANSITTART already withdrawn.
(VANSITTART, 0550/9 to C.C.N.T.F.)

/BROKE...

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BROKE Following received begins - C.E.N.T.F. ZETLAND Have taken BROKE in tow. P.C.S. 37° 13' N., 1° 32' E. 245° 7 knots. Flooding BROKE becoming unseaworthy request tug 0352/9.

(C.E.N.T.F., 0625/9 to "Torch" Naval Forces (R) ZETLAND).

Following from BROKE. Flooding now under control hope to use one engine shortly. BROKE in tow of ZETLAND in approx. position 037° 10' N., 001° 08' E., at 0800Z making good 6 knots. If weather conditions do not worsen intend to proceed Oran to transfer wounded and surplus personnel and make good defects.

Sup 343 (ZETLAND, 0930Z/9 to F.O.C.N.A., C.C.N.T.F., F.O.I.C.Oran) Detach HENGIST to tow BROKE now in tow ZETLAND. Estimate noon position 36° 50' N., 00° 29' W., steering 245° 7 knots.

(N.C.X.F., 1155Z/9 to SCOTTISH (R) HENGIST, ZETLAND, BROKE, N.C.E.N.T.F.)

My position 0800 36.39 N., 00.03 W. Cannot find BROKE. Now dark. Unchanged.

(HENGIST, 1800A/9 to F.O.C.N.A.) *See p.344.*

U 0930Z/9 concur proceed Arzeu. If HENGIST (?departed for Oran) is not required on arrival send her to assist THOMAS STONE who was in position 37.05 N., 00.55 E., at 0840Z/9 making little progress towards Algiers. Inform WISHART if tug is sent.

(N.C.X.F., 1648Z/9 to BROKE, (R) N.C.C.N.T.F., F.O. Oran, ZETLAND, WISHART, F.O.C.N.A.) Note. Also sent with code time 1848Z/9.

Regret BROKE sunk in 037° 00' N., 000° 44' E., at 1559. Have embarked ship's company and portion of Tenes force. No loss of life. My P.C.S. 037° 00' N., 000° 44' E. 12 knots. Percentage oil remaining 45. Request instructions where to proceed for fuel and to land wounded.

(ZETLAND, 2000Z/9 to Centre N.T.F. (R) WISHART, HENGIST).

Oran Request RODNEY may deal P One. Yesterday I was close straddled at 2,000 yards by first 4 salvos from this battery.
(AURORA, 0702/9 to C.C.N.T.F., (R) RODNEY).

Landings Intend to carry out operation "Perpetual" sailing p.m. today.
at Bougie
and Jijelli. (C.E.N.T.F., 0714Z/9 to C.S.10).

SCYLLA will be S.O. Force O from p.m. today when I proceed in operation "Perpetual".
(C.S.10, 0958Z/9 to S.O. Force H (R) R.A. (A) SCYLLA, ARGUS).

Dakar P.R.U. 1550/8 no change.
(R.A.W.A.F., 0725Z/9 to Admty, N.C.W.N.T.F., Air H.Q., Gibraltar).

Circling dinghy 32.35 N., 26.70 (?E).
(A/C U 852, 0745B/9).

/Can...

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Can you give me any idea when R.A.F. will relieve ARGUS and *AVENGER.
(R.A.A. H.F., 0810A/9 to N.C.E.T.F., (R)
S.O. Force H., F.O. 10th Cruiser Squadron).

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5 Spitfires Gib. for Maison Blanche at 0923 hrs.
G.M.T.
(R.A.F. Gib., 0840Z/9 to N.C.E.N.T.F. (R)
S.O.(A) H.F.)

THOMAS
STONE.

THOMAS STONE in position estimated 037° 05' N.,
000° 55' E. Making little progress but much
leeway. Request more powerful tug. Weather
report 6772, 1227.
(WISHART, 0841/9 to N.C.X.F. (R) N.C.E.N.T.F.,
S.O. Force H., S.O. A/C Carriers).

Am unable to reach BULOLO in time for escort
(?FERRAT) E.T.A. will be made.
(S.N.O.L. Sector A., 0846/9 to C.C.N.T.F.)

4 Spitfires left Gibraltar for Maison Blanche
at 0943 G.M.T.
(Gibraltar 0853Z/9 to N.C.E.N.T.F., (R)
R.A.A. H.F.)

E.T.A. Funchal 0802Z/10.
(SNOWDROP, 0901Z/9 to F.O.C.N.A., (R) Capt. D.
Gibraltar).

My 0901Z/9. Parted company 0930Z at 020° W.
Request medical assistance for rating with
crushed hand on arrival.
(SNOWDROP, 0902Z/9 to F.O.C.N.A.)

Show 13 be under N. Atlantic - See 8/11. p. 307.

Rush. (For Ryder from Eisenhower). General
Clark and party arrived Maison Blanche at
1330Z/9 November.
(C. in C. Assault Force, 0909/9 to Command
General Eastern Assault Force).

Following is percentage of fuel in tons
remaining on board destroyers of Force 0 at
0800Z/9. VANOC 38, WRESTLER 44, CLARE 64.
(C.S.10, 0912Z/9 to S.O. Force H).

/U/B...

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survivors
at Nemours.

French source reports 8 or 9 survivors from German U-boat landed Nemours about 1100Z/6. Survivors were subsequently taken to Oran. (N.C.C.N.T.F., 0915Z/9 to Naval Cdr. X.F. (R) N.C.E.N.T.F.)

Request you will comply with TNCO 105 C. (C.E.N.T.F., 0927Z/9 to C.S.10 S.O. Force H).

Keep RODNEY informed on your bombardment. (N.C.C.T.F., 0932/9 to BRILLIANT (R) RODNEY).

I would like S.O. 7th S.F. to be clear to the N. Westward before dusk in case of further torpedo A/C attack such as were made on SHEFFIELD and BERMUDA last night. (F.O.C. 10th C.S., 0935Z/9 to S.O. Force "H" (R) F.O.C. A.C. C.E.N.T.F., ARGUS, SCYLLA).

Well done - congratulations to you all. Keep going. (N.C.X.F., 0937Z/9 to N.C.E.N.T.F.)

Cmdre. Dick is accompanying [?] Gunard Clark to Algiers as my representative for discussions with French authorities, party is due Algiers about 1430Z/9. (N.C.X.F., 0939Z/9 to E.N.T.F.R. Comdre. Algiers)
*? GeneralAlgiers
aerodromes.

Maison Blanche and Blida are serviceable but stocks of petrol are extremely low at the present. Inshore carriers will be required to take the brunt of any large scale attack. You will be informed as soon (?R.A.F.) are operating effectively. (E.N.T.F., 0946Z/9 to S.O. A/C H.F. ARGUS, (R) HOTSPUR, S.O.F.H.)

Enemy
destroyers
from Oran.

2 destroyers bearing 110° distance 10 miles course 040° in position NHXP ? 594. (AURORA, 1000/9 to Gibraltar).

2 destroyers bearing 150 distance 9 miles course 040° position LBCP 0827.

(FURIOUS, 1018/9 to C.C.N.T.F.)

2 destroyers bearing 100° distant 11 miles course 180° position is LBXP 0121.

(AURORA 1021/9 to Gibraltar).

Am engaging destroyers retreating to Oran. My position now is RICXP 0139.

(JAMAICA, 1024Z/9 to C.N.T.F., AURORA).

/Enemy...

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Destroyers
from Oran.
Contd.

Enemy course is 240°.
(AURORA, 1030/9 to Gibraltar W/T).
My 10 (00) destroyers returning to harbour.
(AURORA, 1031/9 to Gibraltar W/T).
CASSARD badly damaged in Bay (?during) night
attack by DELAG(?UI)LLE (?possibly destroyer)
damaged (remainder corrupt).
(AURORA, 1050Z/9 to S.O. Cent. NT.F.)

2 destroyers Bearing 110° distance 10 miles, course 040°
position NHXP 594.

(AURORA, 1100/9 to Gibraltar).
G One still not contacted F 4.
(AURORA, 1101Z/9 to LARGS).
Enemy firing torpedoes.
(AURORA, No T.O.O./9 to Gibraltar).

My 1853Z for 4 Spitfires read 3.
(R.A.F. Gibraltar, 1005Z/9 to N.C.E.N.T.F.,
(R) R.A.A.)

Melilla.

Vice Consul Melilla report as follows begins:
All troops confined to barracks.
(Con. Gen. Tangier, 1009/9 to Admty. for D.N.I.
(R) S.O.(I) Gibraltar).

Hospital
Ships.

Hospital ships delayed 2 days. Can sail only
one ship not before p.m./10th. Task (Force ?)
will report to command post by 1200Z/10
whether ship is required stating numbers for
evacuation in accordance with agreed policy.
(Gibraltar, W/T 1026Z/9 to F.G.R., E.T.F.,
C.T.F. (R) A.F.H.Q. London).

Terms of
surrender at
Algiers.

For Ryder from Eisenhower.
General Clark Deputy C. in C. Allied Forces and
staff of approx. 14 will arrive Maison Blanche
or Blida as determined by you at about 1430Z/9
if weather conditions permit. Clark is fully
empowered as my personal representative to act

in my name in negotiating with Darlan (?). Have Murphy and
your representative meet Clark. He will establish an advance
H.Q. in Algiers and will remain there himself.

This is repetition of my 2325/8 and 0455/9.

This meeting must not effect operation which will be prosecuted
with all vigour. Confirm these arrangements and advise best
place to land. If weather delays arrival representatives
should remain at field until dark. Should Darlan desire to
halt all resistance you have terms of the arrangements and
authority to put them into effect. It must be understood that
agreement to be acceptable to united nations must apply to all
of French North Africa. In event that you act under this
authority your action will be confirmed by Clark upon his
arrival. He will then if necessary enter into further
negotiations.

(C. in C. 1030Z/9 to Command Gen. E.A. Force).

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K.M.S.2 K.M.S.2. *CLEVELAND,*ALBRIGHTON,*ESKDALE are to be detached with merchant ship for Gibraltar on passing bay. My 0917Z/9 not to all addressees when local escorts join about 0800Z/15

40th Escort Group BRADFORD, WOODSTOCK and PRESTCOTT are to return Gibraltar.

2. On arrival position 56 about 0700Z/11, Algiers section escorted by 43rd Escort Group (less BRADFORD) SPIREA, GERANIUM, and COLTSFOOT. Oran section escorted by ARMERIA, CYCLAMEN and 10th Trawler Group.

3. N.C.C.N.F.T. should arrange 2 additional escorts from Oran if possible to rendezvous in position 56 at 0700Z/11.

4. ARMERIA and CYCLAMEN are to be used in earliest possible convoy to Gibraltar.
(N.C.X.F., 1031Z/9 to Escort K.M.S.2., N.C.C.N.T.F., (R) N.C.E.N.T.F., F.O.C.N.A., Capt. (S) 8). * See p. 336

Fast.

(WILTON, 1040/9 to N.C. Central F).

Force Q
(NORFOLK +
CUMBERLAND.)

Force Q proceed to Gibraltar routed through 36.20, 10.03 to arrive a.m./11th.
(N.C.X.F., 1052Z/9 to S.O. Force Q (R) Admty. N.C.W.N.T.F., F.O.C.N.A., Capt. (S) 8).
My 1052Z/9. Add "or earlier".
(N.C.X.F., 1635Z/9 to S.O. Force "Q" (R) F.O.C.N.A., Admty. Capt. (S) 8, N.C.W.N.T.F.)

68. Am withdrawing Force Q to fuel at Gibraltar. Intend sailing them for U.K. on completion probably sending two or three fast personnel ships in convoy with them.

(2) Owing to low endurance of Hunts it is difficult to fit them into MK Convoy Escorts. Would it be preferred that two fleet destroyers which were added with NELSON be returned to U.K. and two of additional five Hunts now arriving be retained here in lieu.

(3) I hope to release DUKE OF YORK and VICTORIOUS soon, but am anxious not to drop below destroyer strength shown in TON 5 para.1 so Ocean escort of these ships will be awkward.

(4) Reference para. two. Does it matter which particular Fleet Destroyers are sent?

(N.C.X.F., 1054A/9 to Admty (R) C. in C. H.F.)

TON 3 para. 38 request early information. Discharge M.T. ships carrying surplus fuel to shore tanks if possible.
(N.C.X.F., 1059Z/9 to N.C.E.N.T.F. (R) Cdr. Algiers).

P.217 proceed diving by day to Algiers passing through 040° 01' 004° 40' E. at 0300Z/10 thence course 180° keeping E. of 004° 30' E. Further instructions follow. *See p. 334*

(2) P.228 proceed to area C off Toulon. *See p. 338*
(Capt. (S) 8 1102Z/9 to 8th S/M Flot).

/Convoy...

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C.F.7Your 1706/6. Position D in my 1819/4 to
F.O.C.N.A. was 029° 29' N., 021° 54' W.
(R.A.W.A.F., 1111Z/9 to NC.X.F.)N.C.E.N.T.F. 2126/8. Request you will arrange
up to 6 Walrus to be disembarked at Algiers
for local anti S/M patrol as soon as convenient
N.C.E.N.T.F. can receive them.
(N.C.X.F., 1120Z/9 to S.O. Force H., (R)
N.C.E.N.T.F., Com. Algiers C/O Gibraltar).1 plane damaged beyond repair forced landing
en route Southern England. No injuries to
personnel. 11 effective. Replacement being
obtained. Admty. pass to Naval Cdr. X.F. for
delivery to Admiral Bieri and passing to Cdr.
W.N.T.F. who will pass to Cdr. Sea Frontier
forces Western N.T.F.
(Cdr. Patrol Sqdn. 73, 1122/9 to Cdr. Sea Frontier Forces
W.N.T.F. (R) Admiral Bieri, Commander W.N.T.F. C. in C.
A.F. Commander Patrol Wings A.F.)My 1746Z/8. Escorting A/C cancelled.
(N.C.X.F., 1125Z/9 to Force H Escorts of
Convoy K.M.S.2).Report if when and what communications are set
up ashore.
(N.C.X.F., 1150Z/9 to N.C.E.N.T.F., N.C.C.N.T.F.)Morning
R/C.My 1910/8. Morning visual R/C
(1) Damaged ^{REGOLO} returned Palermo.
(2) Navarino not yet covered.
(3) Otherwise no change.
(V.A. Malta, 1203A/9 to N.C.X.F., (R)
N.C.E.N.T.F., N.C.C.N.T.F., C. in C. Med.,
F.O.C.N.A., Admty).Request you will signal a precis of the
situation at 1600Z as known to you both ashore
and afloat for information of the allied C. in
C.
(N.C.X.F., 1208Z/9 to N.C.E.N.T.F., NC.C.N.T.F.,
N.C.W.N.T.F.)

/Sitrep...

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Sitrep
2, Situation
to 2400Z/8.

Ref. No. 186 (Gib) "Edited Literal Text".

1. Discharge of assault convoys over beaches continued throughout day and night.
2. French resistance in Algiers ceased and occupation of city commenced 1900Z. Naval forces and shipping will enter harbour dawn 9th. Two combat leaders damaged by Hakmre batteries and air attack.
3. Resistance continued in Oran area. By dark columns from Arzeu reached Line St. Cloud 9669 and Fleurus 9669, and captured La Macta 9869. Les Andalouses column captured Amn El Turk 9369. Port of Arzeu working. Two combat loaders damaged by shore battery. One enemy S/M destroyed.
4. Safi force captured port and aerodrome. Fedala batteries were silenced but Vichy bombing continued on beaches. Army and Civil this area offered limited resistance but naval opposition stubborn and Admiral Micheler from Casablanca refused to see United States Representative at noon. Vichy Naval Forces which made Sortie were engaged by Western Naval Task Force. One Vichy destroyer sunk and one cruiser damaged, but report not available. Surviving ships returned to Casablanca.
5. Air 8th. 59 Anti S/M Sorties flown by R.A.F. during day. 1 S/M sighting made compared with 8 on previous day and 9 on 6th. 4 Hudsons failed to return from patrols in vicinity Casablanca. 2 Hudsons giving anti S/M protection off Oran attacked and damaged by a Ju.88 19 R.A.F. Hurricanes and 35 R.A.F. Spitfires dispatched from Gibraltar to Maison Blanche between 0700 and 1100 G.M.T. All arrived safely. 24 U.S.A. Spitfires dispatched to Tarafoui 1440 G.M.T. 1 of which was shot down by a French fighter just before landing. (Commander Gibraltar 1219/9 to A.F.H.Q.)

U/B attacked
by
WESTCOTT.

My 2137Z/8 to F.O.C.N.A. Attack by shallow pattern of 10 charges producing large mass of bubbles with distinctive smell since identified as chlorine by 4 individual witnesses. Remained in vicinity for 4 hours but nothing seen or heard after this attack. Consider destruction most probable.
(WESTCOTT, 1220Z/9 to N.C.X.F., N.C.C.N.T.F., F.O.C.N.A. (R) FURIOUS).

Open envelope 318.
(C. in C. Med., 1220B/9 to 5th D/F except ERIDGE)

AVENGER's
defects..
See p. 330^H
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AVENGER has 2 engine defects which should be attended to. Speed is reduced to 14 knots and would have to be reduced to 10 knots for one hour tonight. Propose he proceed into harbour before dark to carry out repairs.
(C.S.10, 1243Z/9 to E.N.T.F., (R) ARGUS, R.A.A. H.F., S.O. Force H. SCYLLA).

Your 1243 AVENGER should enter harbour at 1600. Only 1 Tug available. Berth will be double banked.
((Cdre. E.N.T.F.?) 1420/9 to S.O. 10th C.S. (R) AVENGER, V.A.A.) *See p. 343*

/Your...

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defects.
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Your 1420/9 received at 1630. AVENGER should arrive at 0700Z/10. Request Catamarans for berthing.

(SCYLLA, 1841Z/9 to N.C.E.N.T.F., (R) C.S.10, AVENGER, CHARYBDIS, CLARE).

Anchorage off Algiers heavy bombs at dusk tonight finishing with torpedo A/C that attacked when practically dark. As they would select you as target you should be well clear of bay before sunset or else remain in harbour for night. Report your intention (group missed) 1200.

(C.S.10 2126Z/9 to AVENGER, (R) SCYLLA, CHARYBDIS).

SCYLLA's 1841/9. AVENGER will berth stern to Mole Al Djefna with anchor down. Tug will not be available until later in the forenoon. Anchor or remain underway in the anchorage until ordered to enter AVENGER should not come within 30 miles of the anchorage until daylight.

(N.C.E.N.T.C.F., 2300Z/9 to AVENGER. (R) Cmdr. Algiers, Berthing Officer, F.O.C. 10th C.S. Admty).

QUEEN EMMA,
PRINSES
BEATRIX.

TON 5 Para. 11 Serial 18. It is important QUEEN EMMA and PRINSES BEATRIX should reach Algiers by p.m./12th at latest as they are required for immediate (?subsidiary) operation. Report their intended programme. British Army transportation personnel for transfer to Algiers are required to (?take passage in) them.

(N.C.X.F., 1251Z/9 to N.C.C.N.T.F. (R) N.C.E.N.T.F. Cdr. Algiers).

Your 1251Z/9. QUEEN EMMA, PRINSES BEATRIX will be sailing immediately British army transportation personnel are released from Oran area. In (these?) cases absolute (three groups missing) arrive by p.m./12th with all available transportation personnel.

(N.C.C.T.F., 2047/9 to N.C.X.F. (R) N.C.E.N.T.F., Commodore Algiers).

2 Fortresses 3 Hurricanes 10 Spitfires left Gibraltar for sea at 1245 G.M.T.
(?O-8N 1300/9 to C.E.N.T.F., (R) R.A.(A)).

*VANSITTART is to relieve AMAZON as arranged by FURIOUS, AMAZON? is to *scout from DERWENTDALE and join A/S patrol at Z beach.?

(C.N.T.F., 1320/9 to FURIOUS S.O.5th Corvette Groups, (R) RHYL).

* see p. 330 F

* ? fuel

/H.M...

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H.M. Ships pass W. of P.254° 8.5 cables from southward Mole Light and marked buoy showing unreliable Flashing white light. Enter northern entrance passing N.E. of number 2 buoy and berth all 3 at 26 berth. ISAAC SWEERS is at 27 berth. Merchant ships close examination station Rosia for orders and pilot. (F.O.C.N.A., 1322Z/9 to CLEVELAND, ESKDALE, ALBRIGHTON). *See p. 332*

Centre Task Force advises that French Troops in Oran Area unaware Algiers capitulation. Suggest you request Juin order surrender French Forces throughout North Africa. In any case have French sources advise Oran Forces of Algiers situation. Clark departed 1245Z. (Eisenhower, 1326Z/9 to Ryder).

Your 0928. 37° 05' N., 02° 54' E., at 1400. (C.S.10, 1331/9 to S.O. Force H).

One S/M submerged course 020° 180° 36° N., 0° 3 miles.
*(DASHER, 1350/9 to Gibraltar).

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R/C Toulon. P.R.U. Toulon a.m./9th visual report 2 cruisers left.
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(N.C.X.F., 1410/9 to R.A.(A) Cent. N.T.F., E.N.T.F., S.O. Force H).
Cancel my 1410/9. Photographic R/C a.m./9th November shows French DUNKERQUE, STRASBOURG, PROVENCE in dry dock. Otherwise no change.
(N.C.X.F., 1745Z/9 to S.O. Force H., (R) N., Commander East Naval T. Force, Naval Cmdre. Central Naval T.F, F.O.C A/C Carriers).

One submerged S/M bearing 010° position 080° Venus 12 miles.
(Plymouth, 1420/9 to Gibraltar).

Malta air strike. To date Malta air strike has been kept in hand to cover "Torch" against (corrupt group) surface threat. In view of your satisfactory progress A.O.C. Malta intends from 10th to employ air strike at his discretion against important merchant shipping proceeding to Libya Tripoli or Tunisia when this can be done without prejudice to safety of convoys.
(V.A. Malta, 1447A/9 to N.C.X.F., (R) C. in C. Med., Admty. F.O.C.N.A.)
Your 1447/9. Fully concur.
(N.C.X.F., 2206Z/9 to V.A.M. (R) V.A. Gibraltar, Admty. C. in C. Med.)

/After...

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After operations today FURIOUS (corrupt groups)
 *DASHER and BITER in company to Gibraltar.
 Present escorts are to be retained. PUCKERIDGE
 and CALPE are to fuel and return Z beach with
 despatch. DELHI proceed all despatch.
 (C.N.T.F., 1455Z/9 to FURIOUS, DASHER, BITER,
 (R) (Grp. Missing) (grp. Missing) N.C.X.F.,
 A.O.C., Gibraltar, N.C.E.N.T.F., DELHI).

** see previous page - 4 p. 347.*

Orders for
 Force R.

Be in position 037° 31' N., 002° 31' E. at
 0600Z/10 steering 070°. Acknowledge.
 (S.O. Force H., 1518/9 to Force R (R) R.A.A.)

Your 1518Z/9 acknowledged.
 Cannot reach R/V until 0800Z/10. Steering
 090°
 (S.O. Force R., 2055/9 to S.O. Force H., (R)
 R.A.A.)

Occupation
 of Algiers.

Algiers occupied. All ships entering bay. Will
 be berthed inside harbour as far as facilities
 permit. Large number of ships will be anchored
 in bay for next 48 hours. All going well and
 French co-operating. Further signal will be
 made when time of sailing of convoy for Hatton
 is fixed.
 (N.C.E.N.T.F., 1527/9 to V.A.A.)

Bizerta.

Bizerta 9th. 3 Torpedo Boats 1 escort vessel.
 2. French apparently blocking entrance to "39
 foot dredged channel". Since 8th Nov. 1 ship
 has been sunk close south of fixed green 15 foot
 light and a 2nd larger ship listing considerably
 is being towed round in the centre of the
 channel.
 (V.A. Malta, 1530A/9 to N.C.X.F. (R) N.C.E.N.T.F.
 F.O.C.N.A., S.O. Force H., C. in C. Med., Admty)

Your 0810Z. Force O including ARGUS and *AVENGER
 may be required for some days yet.
 (Cmdr. .E.N.T.F., 1549Z/9 to R.A.A. (R) C.S.10).

** see pp 334 1335*

Operation
 "Perpetual".

My 0714 not to S.O. Force "H". Operation
 "Perpetual" postponed 24 hours owing to bad
 weather.
 (C.E.N.T.F., 1552Z/9 to C.S.10 (R) S.O. Force
 H).

"Perpetual" postponed. Report your 0600Z
 position and approach course.
 (C.S. 10, 1843Z/9 to SCYLLA).

/S/M...

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S/M Situation. S/M situation at 2000Z.
 (1) P.51 and P.222 exercising.
 (2) URSULA, P.54, and P.228, all 3 west of Ibi;
 P.228 proceeding to Toulon diving by day.
 (3) P.219 30.39 N., 02.26 W., on surface to
 Gibraltar E.T.A. 1000/10.
 (4) P.217 40.34 N., 03.18 E. diving by day through 40.01 N.,
 04.40 E., thence 180°. *See p.332*
 (5) P.48, P.45, and P.221, all about 30 miles off N.E. Coast E.
 of 06.42 E., diving by day to eastwards. *See p.356*
 (N.C.X.F., 1601Z/9 to Ships & Authorities in Area G).
 My 1601Z/9. Add to para. 2. * URSULA and P.54 leaving
 0001/10 diving by day to 135° Cape Palos 10.
 (N.C.X.F. 2210Z/9 to Ships and Authorities in Area G).
 * *See p.350*

Please bear in mind that I am anxious to get
 Task Force A/C carriers back out of harm's
 was as soon as possible.

Also Force R should be unnecessary as soon as
 Algiers fuel is available. They should then be
 sent to complete discharge there and thence
 Gibraltar.

(N.C.X.F., 1643Z/9 to S.O. Force H., N.C. E.N.T.F.
 N.C. C.N.T.F., (R) Commodore Algiers, F.O.C.N.A.,
 R.A.A.)

R/C of
Dakar.

P.R.U. Dakar 0735/9 incomplete cover.
 RICHELIEU and 2 cruisers seen to be present.
 3rd cruiser returned harbour from roads
 yesterday but presence not confirmed today.
 Considerable A/A fire and 3 fighters up.
 (Rear Admiral West Africa, 1701Z/9 to N.C.X.F.
 Com. W.N.T.F., Air H.Q. Gibraltar).

One probable S/M in P. 035° 50' N., 000° 58' W.
 (ANTELOPE, 1704/9 to S.O. C.N.T.F.)

Situation
at Algiers.

Your 1744/4th para. 5. Situation report.
 One (a) 15 deep water berths available present
 discharging commenced.

(b) Several small raids dusk dawn. *COWDRAY
 disabled by aerial torpedo. U.S. *See next page*

*LEEDSTOWN sunk. (c) No mines discovered.

(d) A/A ship berthed in harbour.

(e) Small hospital established offices open.

(f) M.K.F. 10th M.K.S. 11th depending on weather.

(g) Port authorities shipping agents and local labour most
 co-operative. French merchant shipping being estimated ??
 (incomplete).

(Cdre. Algiers, 1705Z/9 to N.C.X.F. (R) N.C.E.N.T.F.)

/Situation...

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at Algiers.
Contd.

Situation 1600/9th.

- (1) BULOLO in Algiers harbour.
(2) Unloading seriously impeded by strong north east wind but all shipping moved into Algiers bay and harbour during daylight. Many landing craft disabled. Petrol and priority stores unloaded alongside.
(3) In bombing and torpedo raid "Charlie" sector dusk 8th enemy lost one certain one probable one damaged. Shipping bombed at intervals from dawn today. Fighter protection good 11 enemy aircraft destroyed today, probably more.
(4) SPEY arrived p.m./8th with U.S. troops ex LYTTELTONS.
My 1745 part 2 follows. (? THOMAS STONE)
(N.C.E.N.T.F., 1741Z/9 to N.C.X.F.)
My 1745 Part 2.
(5) U.S. transport LEEDSTOWN torpedoed by U-boat South West of Matifou p.m./9 and beached. Survivors landed. *See previous page*
(6) COWDRAY disabled by aerial torpedo and bombs today and shell fire yesterday, no later attempt move her inside harbour impeded so far by weather. *See previous page*
(7) PALOMARES damaged by bombs p.m. today no details yet.
(8) Submarine fired torpedo into "Charlie" sector anchorage during the night 8th/9th. No damage.
(9) Italian battleship VITTORIO VENETO sighted and (?attacked) (?to) North West of "Beer" Sector a.m. today.
(10) SPEEDWELL made 11 attacks on submarine 11 miles north east of Algiers harbour a.m./8th submarine was twice blown to surface. (2 groups missed) evidence (5 groups missed) arrived by air at Maison Blanche p.m. today and stated 40 German aircraft have landed at aerodrome near Tunis.
(N.C.E.N.T.F., 1745Z/9 to not known).

Lost touch with F. one at 1558. I think his batteries have run out.
(BRILLIANT, 1724Z/9 to LARGS (R) RODNEY).

My 1626. Position friendly troops. Mobile infantry advancing east across La Macta bridge. Tanks advancing N.W. from south Mangin. Troops and motor transport in S.T. Delivere area.
(FURIOUS, 1728Z/9 to LARGS).

Destroyers stationed 1 mile apart are to patrol between 036° 05' N., 000° 30' W., 031° 50' 000° 05' at 15 knots starting from Western end of patrol line at 2000.

See next page JAMAICA will patrol 5 miles to the S. of this line at 20 knots. Object to provide protection for Z beach against S/M and surface craft.
(JAMAICA, 1742Z/9 to *VANSITTART, *CALPE, BOADICEA, (R) S.O. Centre Naval T.F., RHYL, AURORA, RODNEY, S.O. Force H). * *See p. 335* & *See p. 327*

/Your...

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Your 1628/9. Request following for tomorrow Tuesday. One Walrus to do dawn patrol in Algiers Bay then land Maison Blanche. Remaining 3 to land a.m. Maison Blanche with full tanks. (N.C.E.N.T.F., 1801/9 to S.O. Force H., (R) N.C.X.F., F.O.C.A/C Carriers H.F.)

Following for A.O.C. E.A.C. from Air Commodore Lawson.

Visited Maison Blanche today. Petrol oil and ammunition in adequate quantities now arriving there to maintain fighter squadron in operation. Further supplies will be accumulated as quickly as possible. W/T communication established between H.Q. ship and Maison Blanche. No R/T yet from aerodrome. Plan Y arrangements affecting Jijelli have been co-ordinated with 78 division. Serviceable Spit aircraft. 43 Squadron 17. 81 Squadron 18. 242 Squadron 18. 154 Squadron 8. Have contacted Macgregor. All ranks in good fettle. R.A.F. did exceptional work on beaches. Fighters shot down approx. 11 enemy bombers today accurate figures follow. Detailed situation report sent by N.C.E.N.T.F. to (group omitted). (N.C.E.N.T.F., 1822Z/9 to N.C.X.F.)

Attachment of ships to F.O.O.S. (?and) watch (two groups missing) tomorrow Tuesday as follows
O - RODNEY - F two P. and Q - JAMAICA F three
S. - FARNDALE - F five For situation report -
BRILLIANT - F one - AURORA - F (?four)

*JAMAICA is to remain east of (?000°) 35' W., and may be required to engage target P eight. ?ORION will be attacked as necessary.

(? N.C.C.T.F., 1825/9 to RODNEY, AURORA, JAMAICA, FARNDALE, (R) CALPE, BRILLIANT). * *see previous page. p 346*

Intend A/S air patrol Casablanca area by one Catalina 40 miles off shore dawn to dusk 10th (N.C.X.F., 1830Z/9 to N.C.W.T.F. (R) W.N.T.F)

?(Your 1416Z/9)

1. L C P (R) 850, 906, 672, 720, 723, 846, 671, 769, 905, 816.

2. L C P (R) 721 (corrupt) L C P (R) 829 and 843 are (?corrupt) "Beer" white beach crew recovered.

(N.C.X.F? 1836/9 to ENTERPRISE).

/Fort...

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Santon. Oran.

Fort Santon (corrupt groups) seemingly giving much trouble at Oran. S.O. Force H should be brought within air striking (?range) 3 days tomorrow 10th and Albacores held ready to dive bomb at call of N.C.C.N.T.F. unless N.C.C.N.T.F. informs you he will not require this.
(N.C.X.F., 1838Z/9 to Force H (?repeated)
N.C.E.N.T.F., R.A.A.)

My 1550/8. Request these R/Cs be carried out at dawn tomorrow and again early p.m. First Catalina approaching from East (second?) from South third from West. R.A.F. cannot undertake this.

(Commander E.N.T.F., 1839Z/9 to V.A.A. (R) S.O. Force H).

*AVENGER, CHARYBDIS and CLARE will be detached at 0600Z/10 in 036° 56' N., 003° 05' E.
(SCYLLA, 1843Z/9 to C.S.10 (R) AVENGER, CLARE, CHARYBDIS). * *pp 334 & 335.*

If you sighted Vichy convoy of about (?number omitted) ships a.m. today 9th report particulars.
(R.A.W.A., 1907Z/9 to HOLCOMBE, BURDOCK).

Gibraltar
Air
Programme.

WX.5570. AC 405 Nov.9. Programme for Nov. 10.
Mosquito R/C. Toulon 1000 and 1500 Hudsons A/S escort to C/V KMF2 dawn to dusk Swordfish A/S escort to C/V KX5 dawn to arrival at Gibraltar Hudsons A/S escort to C/V TE2 Catalina A/S escort to Force H dawn to dusk Catalina crossover between 04° and 07 E., 42° N., 40.50 N., 1500-0400/11 Catalina A/S shipping protection Casablanca beaches A B C Hudsons A/S shipping protection (?Oran) beaches A B C Catalina A/S shipping protection Algiers beaches A B C 4 Hudsons A/S patrol to 0240 E. 0800-1400-1200-1800 Catalina CLA A/S patrol between 03° and 06° E., 38.40 N., 37.10 N., Beaufighter R/C to Casablanca (?0900-1300 or 0100-1400) Sunderland A/S escort to KMS 2 dawn to dusk.
(H.Q., R.A.F., Gibraltar 1925Z/9 to H.Q.C.C. (R) A.L.O. Admty).

Leave convoy at daylight and proceed to Gibraltar (N.C.X.F., 1931Z/9 to ESCAPADE (R) Escorts of K.M.2 Admty. ? F.O.C.N.A., Capt. S.8.)

/From...

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From 037° 53' 008° 01' at 2000/11*CLYDE's onward route through 038° 59' 005° 01' 038° 59' 003° 05' 038° 32' 001° 35' 135° Cape Palos 10 miles thence (?5 miles) N. of route SS given TON 4 appendix 3 to arrive Gibraltar 1300/15 diving by day except on 15th.

(2) Bombing restrictions arranged to Cape Palos 10 miles either side route thence in S.S. section from 35 miles ahead to 35 miles astern estimated position.

(3) All positions N and E. All times G.M.T.

(Capt. (S) 8., 1940A/9 to 8th S/M F. (R) Capt. (S) 10, N.C.X.F., V.A. Malta, S.O. Force H., F.O.C.N.A.) * ~~in~~ p. 358.

Have obtained R.D.F. contact S/M bearing 110 range (?).

(DASHER, 1940/9 to Gibraltar W/T). ~~in~~ p. 336

Afternoon
R/C.

My 1203A/9. Afternoon R/C no change.

(V.A. Malta, 1950A/9 to N.C.X.F. (R) N.C., E.N. T.F., N.C., C.N.T.F., S.O. Force H., C. in C. Med., F.O.C.N.A., Admty).

Pass W. of position P. 254° 8.5 cables from South Mole Light. Enter by Northern-most entrance and berth as follows: A. Destroyer. Two on west side of tanker SAN ADOLFO 35 berth.

B. Corvettes two at 47 berth South, two at 47 berth North at South Mole South of GUARDIAN.

C. Trawlers at 28 berth number 5 Jetty North Mole.

D. VIENNA berth one East on S.E. extremity of Northern most arm North Mole.

E. Merchant ships to close examination station Rosia for pilots (V.A.C.N.A., 1952Z/9 to GLAISDALE, VIENNA, and Escorts of K.X5).

Pass west of position P. 254° 8.5 cables from south Mole light. Enter by northern entrance and berth as follows:

(a) BRADFORD east side of tanker SAN ADOLFO in 35 berth bows south.

(b) ?Sloops, 2 (two) each side of tanker DENBYDALE at 35 berth bows north.

(c) Corvette, 2 (?alongside) NELSON at 49

berth bows north.

(?Vessels) close examination station at Ros (group missed) for pilots.

(F.O.C.N.A., 1957Z/9 to (corrupt group) and Escort Group).

T S G O 112 and 132 approached channel established and anchorage swept. Request Q B A Minelaying suspected in Algiers Bay. (N.C.E.N.T.F., 1958Z/9 to N.C.X.F.)

/R.A.F...

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over at
Algiers.R.A.F. will now provide fighter protection
over shipping in Algiers Bay. Request you will
provide dawn patrol over B and B beaches
tomorrow Tuesday.
(N.C.E.N.T.F., 2014Z/9 to ARGUS (R) V.A.A.
C.S.10).AVENGER
del. etc.Your 1420/9 ^{p.334} not to SCYLLA not received until
2000. Request berth may be made available
tomorrow Tuesday. 8 hours required in harbour
for repairs.
(C.S.10, 2016Z/9 to C.E.N.T.F., (R) AVENGER,
SCYLLA, R.A.C., A/C Carriers).74. Your 1720/7/11. First UGS convoy does
not sail until 16th December. Propose that
NORLYS and CLIONA sail with a MKS convoy and be
detached when clear to westward to proceed
independently to destination. M.W.T.R. agrees.
(N.C.X.F., 2020Z/9 to Admty. (R) D. of S.T.)T.C.A.O. 11. Intend anti-S/M air escort (?10th)
(?November) dawn to dusk. Force H one C,
K.M.F.2 - 1 H, K.M.S. 2 - 1 S, K.X.5 - 1 Sword-
fish, T E 2 - 1 H, THOMAS STONE 1 C. Oran
sector 2 (?H) Algiers sector 1 C. A/S air
searches a.m. and p.m. 4 H areas W K and W A,
1 C area W R.
(N.C.X.F., 2022Z/9 to All British ships and
authorities concerned in Operation "Torch",
V.A. Malta, except Western Naval Task Force).Your 0930/9 ^{/p.330c} do not enter Oran which in still is
enemy hands. Arzeu is held by us.
(S.O. C.N.T.F., 2048/9 to ZETLAND). *See next page*Meefha Fedala Safi under U.S. control. Port
area Casablanca held by French Naval units who
continue to resist. Attack all French naval
units encountered. Report any movement North
from Dakar. Admiral Cunningham N.C.X.F. will
issue routing instructions when you are
released or upon your request when limit of endurance reached.
His delivery group is that of C. in C. Spare Force No. 1 in
current S.P. 02396. Make Capt. (S) 8 at Gibraltar information
addressee in your request for routing instruction. SHAD
relays to BLACKFISH. All acknowledge. Gibraltar W/T pass to
N.C.X.F. Ends.
(Cmdr. 50th U.S. Sub. Squadron, 2105Z/9 to 50th U.S. S/M Sqdn.
(R) Capt. (S) 8).

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C.S.10 (20?01)Z/9th. Important that you should maintain fighter patrol and same degree of air escort (?readiness) from dawn to dusk tomorrow Tuesday as for today. Sufficient fighters should be flown off to Maison Blanche to enable this to be done whilst AVENGER is in harbour.

Arrange direct with PALOMARES or ship detailed by Cdr. EN.T.F. for fighter (group missed) (2 corrupt groups). (ARGUS, 2205Z/9 to AVENGER, (R) E.N.T.F., C.S.10, SCYLLA, R.A.(A) H.F.)

Situation in Casablanca area. For Clark from Eisenhower. Resistance continues in Casablanca area. French Battleship JEAN BART gutted by fire. Several French destroyers that area badly damaged. Fort Santon at Oran still holding out. Harbour cannot be used until Fort neutralized.

Expect to bomb it with naval bomber on 10th. At least 11 French destroyers and cruisers sunk or damaged. (N.C.X.F., 2216Z/9 to N.C.E.N.T.F.)

To Allied Force H.Q. Today's proceedings. American armoured units in N. and S. sectors of Morocco operation are making headway against slackening resistance. Centre of force is consolidating position at Fedala amidst smiling friendly people. A freighter disembarked tanks today at docks at Safi while other units of force which armoured vehicles belong to seized a nearby air port which can accommodate. American planes 400 prisoners many of them from famed Foreign Legion taken at Safi.

At Port (groups missed) American and French (? armour) resulted in hasty French retreat. Infantry captured 3 French tanks near the beach Fidala yesterday. Navy bombers pounded coast defence guns at Casablanca. Moroccans in Fedala are reported (?to have) received American troops as friends. (Commanding General W.T.F., 2305Z/9 to Com. Gen. Allied Forces, H.Q., R., N.C.X.F.)

Situation Algiers area. From Eisenhower for Patton. Resistance ceased Algiers area. Oran all assault forces ashore. Resistance continues particularly at Fort Santon which prevents use of port. (C. in C. X.F., 2217Z/9 to C.G. W.T.F.)

HENGIST's 1800A/9 ^{/p. 3306} HENGIST remain 30 miles clear of coast by night *ZETLAND report P.C.S. for dawn R/V. (N.C.X.F. 2221Z/9 to HENGIST, ZETLAND, (R) N.C., C.N.T.F.) * see previous page

Will you contact me as soon as possible? Urgent
(?N.C.X.F., 2223/9 to S.N.O.L. Sector A).

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Reference TON 5 Appendix one pages 3 and 5 it would be appreciated if BULLDOG and BEAGLE could exchange duties with BRILLIANT and ANTELOPE, the two former being Western Approaches destroyers and the two latter normally South Atlantic flotilla.

(Admty. 2235A/9 to N.C.X.F., (R) C. in C. W.App. F.O.C.N.A., R.A.W.A.)

(?Escort for) LARGS anchored Arzeu by 0600/10 (S.O.C.N.T.F., 2244/9 to FARNDAL, CALPE, (R) RHYL, JAMAICA).

Your 2120Z. Are you patrolling Oran or Arzeu? (AURORA, 2246Z/9 to CALPE).

My course is 276.^o
(FURIOUS, 2250/9 to Ships in company).

R/C Genoa
Savona
Toulon.

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G954 9 Nov.

P.R.U. Sortie C 590 dated 9th time 1400 hrs. shows Genoa:- At 1330 hrs. the "Navigatori" Class destroyer departed port since 8th November. Other Naval Units remain in same positions. Only changes in Merchant Shipping is arrival of one M/V

230 ft. seen departing Port.

Savona:- Since 2nd November one M/V 270 ft. arrived and is only ship of any note in Port.

Genoa/Port A/D:- Three small A/C present.

Turin/Aereitalia A/D:- Eight large and seventy one small A/C

visible at 1250 hrs. Toulon:- Since 8th Nov. battle cruiser STRASBOURG entered South Eastern Dry Dock off Darse Vieille

Two GALISSONNIERE Class six inch cruisers are new arrivals in the Baie De La Seyne since yesterday and were last seen in

Hyeres Bay. Both these vessels carry A/C. Battle ~~cruiser~~ cruiser DUNKERQUE and Battleship PROVENCE remain dry docked and latters dock still partially flooded. Apart from internal movement of one Contre Torpilleur and one Sloop only other change in shipping since 8th Nov. is departure of one "Pomone" class T/B and arrival of one escort vessel. Ex Battle cruiser L'OCEAN remains at Mandrier.

Mandrier SPB - Two A/C seen afloat.

St. Andre de L'Eure A/D - no A/C visible.

(P.R.U. Benson, 2305A/9 to Admty. Air Min. Bomber, Coastal Fighter (Int). Army Co-operation Commands, Medmenham, 8th U.S.B.C.)

COWDRAY

Your 1757. Take off Ship's company and abandon COWDRAY. Ship's Company to be accommodated in KEREN. STORK (3 corrupt groups) to guard COWDRAY.

(N.C.E.N.T.F., 2315Z/9 to ALGERINE, (R) STORK, KEREN).

/R/C...

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area.*See p.336 &
previous page*

WX. 5635 ADAM 243 9th.

P.R.U./GIB/W1/9 Nov. GIB /G15/7811.

Sortie G231 dated 9th. time 1135 hours shows:-
Toulon. The harbour is covered with the excep-
tion of La Seyne Bay. Only significant changes
in Naval shipping since 1440/8 are the dry docking of (?BS)→ STRASBOURG and arrival of the 2 GALISSONNIERE Crs. moored in
E Ullette Road. Dry dock in which PROVENCE is flooded as at
1440/8.Hyeres Bay. Not photographed but pilot reported that 2
GALISSONNIERE Crs. had left. Toulon/St. Mandrier SPB 2 LEO
258A visible. Hyeres A/D 26 small A/C visible.
(P.R.U. Gibraltar, 2320Z/9 to Air Min. (R) Benson, H.Q.C.C.)Delayed due to difficulty towing. Bulkhead
(watertight?). Now about 123 miles 272° from
Release point. Estimated T. of A. dawn 11th.
(Ship (name unknown) 2325/9 to C.N.T.F.)Gibraltar
air report.

MS.4287. AI. 148 Nov. 9.

Operational summary for 24 hours ended 1800 hrs.
November 9.

1. A/S escorts 1 Catalina to K.M.F.2. 1

Catalina to K.X.5. 1 Catalina to THOMAS STONE

total time 26 hrs. 10 mins. A/S patrols 5 Hudsons off Oran.

4 Hudsons to East total time 58 hrs. 55 mins. 1 Catalina

off Casablanca 10 hrs. 1 Catalina CLA 3° to 6° E. 10 hrs.

30 mins. 1 Catalina shipping crossover Nov. 8 18 hrs. 30 mins.

1 Hudson Met. flight to West 6 hrs. 45 mins. 6 operational

sorties cancelled owing weather no U/B or sightings or attacks

8 Spitfires and 2 Hudsons to Maison Blanche 1 Hudson to Blida

20 U.S.A.O.C. Spitfires to Oran 2 Fortresses to Algiers. 1

operational sortie by fighter aircraft.

2. No enemy activity over Rock.

3. 1 Mosquito photo R/C Toulon 6 hrs. 30 mins. 1 Spitfire

photo R/C Casablanca (missing) photo R/C Toulon Nov. 11 -

2 Crs which were in Hyeres Bay have entered Toulon and

→ STRASBOURG is now in dry dock.

4. Transit A/C in 55 or 15 Hudsons 1 Albermarle 1 Liberator

1 Whitley from U.K. out nil.

(A.H.Q. Gibraltar, 2330Z/9 to H.Q.C.C., Air Min. (R) A.H.Q.,

Malta, H.Q., R.A.F., M.E., A.H.Q. Africa, A.L.O. Admty).

U/B attacked
by VERITY.One S/M on surface in approx. 036° 20' N.,
001° 58' W., at 2315Z/9 attacked by VERITY and
dived.

(FURIOUS, 2340Z/9 to F.O.C.N.A., N.C.X.F.)

Oran

Be prepared to bombard target P.8 from 0800,
using A/C spotting with Pendant 44 Walrus.

Time of commencement will be signalled to

addressee ARGUS. Pendant 44 signal A/C sent for.

(C.O. C.N.T.F., 2345/9 to RODNEY, *JAMAICA, (R)

AURORA, FARNDALE).

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FURIOUS

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E.T.A. 0745Z/10 AVON VALE, PUCKERIDGE, ACHATES
in company. Request gate 0900Z/10. Acknowledge.
(FURIOUS, 2351Z/9 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) N.C.X.F.)

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Intelligence. My 1401/4. 1 D/F fix of a German raider or supply ship off Sunda Straits at 1419Z/7. Possible that unit concerned is Raider "E". Latter not thought to have carried out any attacks since at least 20th July and may therefore now be returning to Indian Ocean after a period in a Far East port.

2. Further reports by survivors of attack referred to in my 1401/4 para. 1 show that in a gallant action with her 4 inch gun lasting until her magazine exploded STEPHEN HOPKINS seriously damaged and may have sunk the raider.

3. HOLMPARK overdue at Trinidad since 27/10/1942 from Capetown. German broadcast on 26th Nov. claimed having sunk this ship. Possibly a U/Boat casualty.

4. DRESDEN, TANNENFELS and KULMERLAND from the Far East have been photographed in Biscay or Biscay ports during the past week. Other blockade-runners may also have recently arrived. KOTA NOPAN and ANNELIESE ESSBERGER sighted on 7th November leaving Biscay, probably for the Far East. ERMLAND, PIETRO ORSEOLO, CATARACTE and BELGRANO could by now be in Pacific or Indian Oceans. BURGENLAND and SILVAPLANNA could by now have reached longitude of Cape Horn or Cape Agulhas. (D.D.I.C. 2230A/9 to A.I.G.13 etc).

North Atlantic.

GIL EANES. GIL EANES met and armed guard taken off. One rating wounded (cot case). Am proceeding to rejoin convoy. (AUBRETIA 0006A/9 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) GLAISDALE).

Operation "Neptune." Operation "Neptune" successful. Expect me position Q at 0700A/9th Nov. S. of A. 160 miles per day. Weather report. (S/M P.217. 0212A/9 to Capt. (S) 8 (R) Admty. Capt. (S) 10).

ALASKA Report situation ALASKA and SILVERWILLOW.
SILVERWILLOW. (F.O.C.N.A. 1012Z/9 to LEYLAND (R) JAUNTY, Admty).

U/B. S/M left harbour 1600 hours yesterday
Santander. Sunday. Was met off the coast by 4 German warships and several aeroplanes.
(CENTURIONE REGINALDO GIULIANI.) (Santander 1020/9 to Admty (R) Straits Gib. and Madrid). *See next page.*

/ANTHONY...

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DUNCAN.ANTHONY arrived Ponta Delgada 1215 G.M.T. /9th.
DUNCAN 1400.
(N.C.S.O. Ponta Delgada 1211/9 to S.O.(I) G1b, (R)
Admiralty).Situation
1958A/9th
Area Y.1. Spanish training ship JUAN SEBASTIAN DE ELCANO
cruising in area between Canary Islands and
Point 36.01 30.02.2. C. F.7. SHROPSHIRE, ARROW, ACTIVE,
BRIDGEWATER, 29.25, 21.52 through 29.29, 21.54thence 245° 11 $\frac{3}{4}$.

3. U.G.F. 2, 33.45, 22.15.

4. VINDICTIVE, HECLA, VENOMOUS, MARNE, 29.02, 20.20 55° 12 $\frac{1}{2}$.
(F.O.C.N.A. 1356Z/9).

Bombing

A/C 554. 9th Nov.

Restrictions.

Submerged bombing restrictions are instituted as
follows:-

Serial No.G.361. From 1200/10, to 1300/12

20 miles either side of a line joining 47°N.12° 10' W. and 45°
N 12° 20' W. Serial No.G.362. From 2000/10 to 2300/11. 20 miles
either side of a line joining 46° 32' N. 06° 02' W. 48° 06'
N. 08° 20' W.

(H.Q.C.C. 1715A/9 to R.A.F.Gibraltar, F.O.C.N.A. S.8).

COWSLIP.

Following is a repetition of my 1648/8th (received
corrupt) (begins) Arrival COWSLIP. (Ends).
(F.O.C.N.A. 1842Z/9).

U/B

Santander
departure,
(Report).(CENTURIONE
REGINALDO GIULIANI.)
See previous page.

still useless.

My 1640/9th and R.O. Santander 1523/7th.

No communication of any kind with Santander.

Minister Marine has just informed me Italian
submarine sailed yesterday evening on the surface
and was escorted from outside by 3 A/C. He said
she could not submerge as batteries and motorsI reminded him of time limit which expressly insisted on repairs
enabling sub to submerge (My 2027/9th Sept) to which he replied
he did not remember saying anything of kind. S/M has had
serious damage to pressure hull motor and batteries. She had
asked time to complete full repair but could leave at any time
when fit to navigate on the surface. As this was directly
contradictory to what he said previously I was obliged to
challenge his statement and without actually accusing him of bad
faith became involved in argument approaching quarrel. This was
clearly useless so I left. As I was going he stopped me and
said passionately that we had no idea of his difficulty that he
had many times stopped Axis attempts to obtain advantages many
more than we had idea and he had often to oppose his colleagues
but that Spain had to give way sometimes on small points to be
in a position to resist greater demands. S/M question was
greatest of them all. All we did was to make wildest accusations

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U/B here he mentioned specially amenity allegations about oil - and to writing notices couched in undiplomatic language. He refers specifically to our last Note on S/M at base which apparently rankled. I said I knew his difficulties but was sorry my recollection of his previous statement differed from his.

(CENTURIONE REGINALDO GIULIANI.)

All this coupled with facts I have been trying in vain to see him for past 6 days convinces me the departure of S/M was matter agreed as politically expedient. I am fully aware I have been tricked. I have been relying on his statement, (of which we have no written confirmation) and on measures taken to ensure S/M could not submerge which were effective. Reliable report of sailing of S/M was not possible without W/T on the spot. (Madrid, 1943/9 to Admty)

- *P.54. P.54 and URSULA are to leave patrol forthwith diving by day to pass position 135°. Cape Palos 10 miles at 2200/10th and 0001/11th respectively. Further orders follow. (Capt.S.8. 2158Z/9 to 8th S/M F.).
- *URSULA, STURGEON.
- * *See p.338*
- My 2158. From position 135° Cape Palos 10 miles P.54 and URSULA are to proceed Gibraltar dived by day on 11th, on surface at C.O's discretion on 12th. Keep 5 miles N. of route SS as given TON 4 appendix 3 to arrive Gibraltar 1430/12th and 1630/12th respectively.
2. STURGEON leave Gibraltar 1700/10th dived by day 130 miles a day keeping 10 miles N. of route SS. through 135° Cape Palos 5 and 042.28 N. 004. 59 E. to enter area A by S.W. corner at 2100/15th. (Capt.S.8. 2206Z/9 to 8th S.F.).

South Atlantic.

T.21. Inconclusive D/F bearings at 2349Z/8 and 0412Z/9 suggest the possibility that you are being shadowed by a U-Boat. (D.D.I.C. 0641A/9 to Escorts of T.21).

Italian Repatriations. Your 2125/21st Oct. para.No.3. Request onward route from Port Elizabeth. (C. in C.S.A. 1123C/9 to Admty). W.R.Note. A.M. 2125/21 Oct. is recyphered version of N.A. Madrid's 1808/20 Oct. concerning movements of Italian repatriation vessels VULCANIA, SATURNIA, DUILIO and GIULIO CESARE. Para.3. states route Indian Ocean and Red Sea will be communicated later. This message has not been sent to N.A. Madrid. Reply M.Brnc.2005A/9 to C. in C.S.A.

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- W.S.24. Position convoy W.S.24 at 1400Z/9 008° 30' N. 029° 30' W. course 192° S. of A. 12.5 knots. Estimated position at 0800Z/11th Nov. 000.30 S. 028. 07 W. course 192° S. of A. 12.5 knots. TAMAROA detached with SOUTHERN PRIDE. ILEX not met.
(Capt.D.11 1140Z/9, to R.A.W.A. (R) Admty, Comsolantfront. C. in C.U.S.Fleet, DESPATCH, ILEX, SOUTHERN PRIDE).
1. Estimated position of convoy W.S.24 at 0800Z/9th.
Nov. 09.09 N. 29.16 W. Convoy proceeding thence by following route:-
(J) 07.01 N. 29.42 W. (H) 01.02 N. 27.45 W. (U) 04.00 S. 29.00 W. (V) 12.00 S. 35.00 W. thence Bahia. S. of A. 12½ knots
2. Task Group 23.3 consisting of U.S.cruisers OMAHA, MARBLEHEAD and JOUETT is estimated to be on Equator in St.Paul's Rocks area on 10th - 11th Nov. on easterly course. S. of A. 12 knots.
(R.A.W.A. 1301Z/9 to DESPATCH, ILEX, ROTHERHAM, (R) B.A.D Admty.etc).
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- W. S.23. Sailed CARTHAGE and DAUNTLESS escorting convoy W.S.23 routed as in C. in C.E.F. 0945/19th Oct. (N.T. in W.R.). not to Admty. S. of A. 13 knots.
2. Shifting to group NU at 1415Z/11th and group V at 0245Z/15th.
3. Local escort consisting of NORMAN, BLACKMOOR, KANARIS until 1100Z/11th and JASMINE, INCONSTANT, GENISTA, until 0700Z/10th. (N.O.I.C. Durban 1149Z/9 to Admty, C. in C.E.F., C. in C.S.A.).
- DRAGON. Departure Pointe Noire 1100Z/9th Nov. DRAGON. E.T.A. Duala 0600Z/11th. Route in accordance with C. in C.S.A.S's 1953C/3rd.
(B.N.L.O. W.A. 1205/9 to R.A.W. A.(R)Admty.etc).
- Need for Corvettes. Owing to scarcity of escort vessels and troop escort commitments it has frequently been necessary for local convoys to be escorted by groups consisting of trawlers and M.Ls only. Until recently this has been satisfactory, but it is now apparent that stronger groups containing at least one corvette are essential. Importance of other commitments are fully appreciated, but it is hoped that. T.L may find it possible to release corvettes of Freetown Escort Force as soon as circumstances permit. Also important that R.D.F. should be fitted in trawlers as soon as practicable. My 1314/31 July refers. (R.A.W.A. 1237Z/9. to Admty (R) C. in C.S. A.).
- Convoys. W.S.23 A to Aden. W.S.23 B and C.M.34 to Bombay. Sailing telegram.
(N.O.I.C. Durban 1336Z/9 to Admty, C. in C.S.A. C. in C.E.F. etc).

/Capt.D.18....

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Capt. D.18.
to Command
Trawlers and
M.Ls.

Intend to transfer all A/S and M/S Trawlers, Motor Launches and M/L Base now under command of Capt. A.P. Freetown to the Command of Capt. (D) 18.
2. Present divided administration does not make for maximum efficiency. (Reasons for this change).
3. It is intended that Capt. (D) 18 should remain in command of PHILOCTETES and that Capt. Maxwell's relief should be appointed in command of EDINBURGH CASTLE only and it is requested he may be Junior to Capt. (D) 18.
(R. A.W.A. 14112/9 to Admty).

SOUTH AFRICA
torpedoed.

Received 1426 G.M.T. SSSS 24.30 N. 46.28 W. SOUTH AFRICA torpedoed by S/M, ship burning in forehold.
(Burnham Radio, 1412/9) (Plymouth T.P. 1412/9)
(Portishead Radio 1432/9).

* DESPATCH,
DIOMEDE.

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Ref. A.M. 1645/24th July. In view of shortage of cruisers in S.A. and West Africa area propose to employ DESPATCH and when available DIOMEDE in Freetown area as anti-raider and/or blockade runner patrols. Do you concur?
(C. in C.S.A. 1433C/9 to B.A.D. (R) R.A.W.A. Admty, C.T.F. 23). Replies:- (C.T. F. 23, 0035/10) (B.A.D. 0201/10)

Situation
Report.

CORINTHIAN, F.S. COMMANDANT DROGOU escorting 07.20 14.26 to 06.30, 14.25 thence 118° 10¹/₂.
DESPATCH about 03.51 21.06 230° 15 at 1959Z/9th. ROTHERHAM, QUEEN OF BERMUDA, ILEX, with W.S. 24,

06.42, 29.47, 162° 12¹/₂.

BENGALI, ST. WISTAN. 3 M.Ls. escorting about 05.00, 00.32 to Lagos 7¹/₂.

MILFORD escorting about 04.25, 00.32 E. to Takoradi 11.

TAMARISK about 02.40 S. 02.20 E. to Equator 04.30 E. thence to Lagos, 8.

(R.A.W.A. 15012/9 to Area P. etc).

PHOEBE.

Following is situation: repairs will be completed by 21st Nov. and ship ready for sea by 28th Nov. Necessary to hoist out "A" Gun house, complete to provide buoyancy. Ship will be capable to steam 2100 miles at 12 knots and 1800 miles at 14 knots at moderate weather. Request name of refit port be communicated. If in U. S.A. ship can proceed without patching hole and arrangements be started now to transfer turret and other stores by freight.
(PHOEBE, 1531/9 to R.A.W.A. (R) C. in C.S.A. C. in C. Simonstown, Admiralty.).

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→ ASTURIAS,
AMARANTHUS.

Sail ASTURIAS, AMARANTHUS to patrol through following position.

G. 007.10 N. 020. 00 W. H. 001.00 S. 008.40 W.

K.006. 00 S. 011. 35 W. L. 003.00 N. 015.30 W.

M.006. 30 N. 023. 30. W. Patrol starts at position

G. at 2200Z 10th Nov. S. of A. 12.5 knots. ASTURIAS has discretion to vary patrol if desired.

(R.A.W.A. 1533Z/9 to Admty (R) C. in C.S.A, T.G. 23.2 etc).

Departures 9th Nov. AMARANTHUS, ASTURIAS on patrol.

(S.O.(I) Freetown 1917Z/9).

Dispositions. BURDOCK about 14.30 19.00 to Bathurst.

HOLCOMBE 12.22, 18.48 240° 18.

(?group omitted) escorting 11.35 23.46 106° 11½.

→ ASTURIAS, AMARANTHUS about 08.30 15.24 to westward 11½.

P.614 09.40, 17.08 to Freetown, 8½.

TURCOMAN 3 M.Ls. escorting convoy F.T.T.2, 08.55 16.19, 277° 7½. at 2001Z/9th.

ST ZENO, NORTHERN DAWN, NORTHERN DUKE, COVENTRY CITY, with convoy T.21 about 09.30 23.00 to Freetown 9.

(R.A. W.A. 1543Z/9 to Area P.).

ANDREAS.

Ref. N.C.S.I.89.

(Sunk

(A) ANDREAS. Greek.

4th Nov.)

(B) 4th Nov. 2215 G.M.T. 002° S. 030.30 W.

(C) Not known.

(D) ditto.

(E) ditto.

(F) After ship was abandoned by informants ship was bombarded by 2 S/MS until heavy explosion occurred. Ship believed to have sunk without enemy boarding her.

(G) British Seaman Gunner, Army Gunner and Dutch Quartermaster.

(H) Not known.

(I) Not known. Note, no officers to date saved, consequently report incomplete.

(N.C.S.O. Pernambuco 1620/9, to Admty).

WEST

HUMHAW,
BENALDER,
torpedoed
8th Nov.

ST.40. SS HUMHAW and SS. BENALDER torpedoed in 004.19 N. 002.44 W. at 1715Z/8th. WEST HUMHAW sunk, BENALDER in tow to Takoradi no casualties reported all survivors being landed Takoradi.

(N.C.S.O. Takoradi, 1620Z/9 to Admty Casualty Section) Further details, see 1845/10.

T.G.23.2.

Task Group 23.2 consisting of Commander U.S. Cruisers, 2nd Division, Rear Admiral Read, in

U.S. Cruiser *MILWAUKEE with U.S. Cruiser *CINCINNATI, U.S. Dest.

* SOMERS sailed Recife 2100Z/8th to patrol through following positions:- A. 008.00 S. 018.00 W. at 0400Z/12th. B. 011.00 S. 018.00 W. at 1900Z/12th. C. 011.00 S. 012.00 W. at 2200Z/13th. D. 012.00 S. 012.00 W at 0200Z/14th, thence Recife E.T.A. 1200Z/18th Nov.

(R.A.W.A. 1629Z/9 to C. in C.S.A.(R) Admty, N.O.I.C. Ascension,

→ ASTURIAS, AMARANTHUS.) * *p. 355*

/A/S Escorts...

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Escorts.

A.M. 2355/7th Nov. (re employment D/S Trawlers on East Coast of Africa and in Cape Area (See East Indies 7th Nov)) Eastern Fleet destroyers lent to South Atlantic and (?corvettes)

available have been organised into divisions of South Atlantic escort forces and are divided Capetown and Durban.

2. It has not been possible to organize groups sailings as yet but hope to do so on arrival of A/S trawlers.

3. Meanwhile escort forces are given particular tasks and every assistance (corrupt group) merely patrolling an area. The tasks have (included) escort of W.S.23 and other ships and searching for survivors.

(C. in C.S.A. 1651C/9 to Admty (R) C. in C.E. F.).

?MONTE
NARANCO.Spanish Merchant ship MONTE NARANSTRAIN
(W.D. Note: - No trace in Lloyds - ?MONTE NARANCO)
reported by aircraft as follows:-

1149/4th 018.46 N. 020° 028° W. 024° 8.

1206/4th 019.15 N. 020.29 W. 026° 8.

By second aircraft. 0840/7th 018.55 N. 019.36 W. 020° 8.

Vessel due Las Palmas 6th November, from South America,

Consider movement 4th to 7th suspicious and that she may be acting as supply ship. A.M.C. on patrol has reported Spanish ships approaching Canary Islands are frequently several days (?stating) expected positions and exchanging positions by W/T.

(R. A.W.A. 1703Z/9 to Admty, N.C.X.F.S.O. Force Q. Br. Com. W.N. "T" F, Air H.Q. Gibraltar, (R) 297 Wing Freetown).

Reply: Admty, 1730/10.

Dakar
Mines.

It is reported that mines have been laid up to 5 K/MS outside Dakar.

(R.A. W.A. 1733Z/9 to U.S. Ship BLACKFISH, (R), N.C.X.F., Admty, Com. W.N.T.F.).

Convoy.

Departure BENGALI, ST WISTAN, M.Ls. 244, 272, 285 to Lagos escorting Convoy T.L.D.M.1.

(N.O.I.C. Takoradi 1806Z/9 to F.O.I.C.W.A. (R) Admty, N.O.I.C. Lagos). *See p. 352 (21st. 9/42)*W.S.24.
U/B.

By D/F at 1533Z/9 and 1728Z/9 U-Boats may have reported W.S.24.

(D.D.I.C. 1840Z/9 to Escorts W.S.24).

S.T.41.

Departure 9th November CORINTHIAN, COMMANDANT DROGOU with S.T.41.

(S.O.(I) Freetown 1911Z/9 to N.O.I.C. Takoradi, (R) B.N.L.O. West Africa). *See p. 352 (21st. 9/42)*

CAMBRIA.

Recife. Cable ship CAMBRIA now at position C. (Pernambuco 1940/9 to Admty).

/Movements....

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- Movements. Departure 8th Nov. U.S. Cruiser *CINCINNATI, U.S. Cruiser *MILWAUKEE U.S. Destroyer *SOMERS. Arrivals 8th Brazilian Minelayers CABEDELLO, CARAVELAS, Brazilian Survey vessel VITAL DE OLIVEIRA. Arrival 9th Brazilian Tug ANIBAL MENDONCA.
(R.O. Pernambuco 2001Z/9 to Admty). * *See p. 353*
- DRUPA. Your 1707/8. DRUPA must proceed Freetown (Tanke message) as requested in my 1921/17/10 not to Takoradi.
(D.T.D. 2004A/9 to N.O.I.C. Takoradi. (R) R.A.W.A.)
- MARCUS, WHITMAN. torpedoes. Georgetown W/T reports MARCUS WHITMAN torpedoed abandoned 2315Z/9th in 006.05 S. 032.41 W.
(S.O(I) Kingston, Jam. 2041R/9 to Admty).
- ANDREAS (sunk 4th Nov). *See p. 353*
1. Brazilian SS. BAGE landed here 8th November 13 survivors ex Greek SS. ANDREAS lost by enemy action whilst on passage from St. John, N.E. to Alexandria, via Trinidad. Following particulars of attack are best available in view of fact that no officers included amongst survivors. Information given by Dutch A/B and British Naval and Army Gunner.
2. About 2200 S A T on 3rd Nov. ANDREAS on S.E. course sighted aeroplane stated by Gunner to be Fockewulf which approached on starboard quarter and made 3 runs over ship at 200 feet altitude, twice with searchlight on. Enemy identity of aircraft seems problematical.
3. At 2155 G.M.T. 4th Nov a torpedo passed across bow of ship and at 2215 without being previously sighted 2 S/MS attacked from about 600 yards range, 1 on port side with gunfire another ahead with machine-gun fire. Approximate position 002° S. 030° 30' W. Ship abandoned about 20 minutes later and life-boat machine-gunned - Captain dying in boat. Ship then caught fire and was not actually seen to sink but big explosion and flash occurred about 2 hours later. (Cargo included ammunition). No description available of S/MS which did not approach life-boat. The 1 other life-boat launched had officers on board and was lost sight of during the night 5th.
4. U.S. Naval Authorities here informed.
(R.O. Pernambuco 2105Z/9 to Admty).
- CERION torpedoes. The following has been read by Scapa W/T from GJJC (CERION) SSSS 35.58 S. 26.37 E. CERION torpedoed and gunned.
(T.O.R. 2204 G.M.T./9) (N. Foreland Radio 2336/9)
(Cominch 2324/9).
- Unknown Ship Torpedoed. Following has been read on 500 K/Cs. SSSS DE CRZR 6.05 S. 33.41 W. Torpedoed 2315/9. T.O.R. 2345Z/9.
(Freetown W/T No. T.O.O. Recd. 0101/10). W.R. Note:-
CRZR - undecipherable.

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Movements. 8th Nov. Port Said arrival RORQUAL, GLOKINIA, SOUTHERN SEA, CUMBRAE, ANTWERP, TETCOTT, ORION, CLEOPATRA, EURYALUS, ARETHUSA, PAKENHAM, PALADIN, PETARD, KELVIN, JAVELIN, HERO, CROOME, ALDENHAM, Departures SEAHAM, *HYACINTH, WHITEHAVEN, *FALK. *See p. 358 (N.O.I.C. Port Said, 0030B/9 to Admty etc).

Position one unit 33.58 N. 23.56 E.
(A/C Call Sign 8UH Duty P. 0350B/9 to 201 Group).

P.221. Capt.(S) 8's 1342A/7 and N.C.X.F's 1802Z/8th.
P.45, Onward route for P.221, P.45, P.48 through
P.48. position (i) 038.16 007.56. (ii) 038.30, 010.00.
See p. 338 Further orders follow. Attention is drawn to
CLYDE's route given in V. A. Malta's 1145A/8th.

TURBULENT and PARTHIAN patrolling 5 and 10 miles respectively
135° from Cavoli Island light.
(Capt.S.10. 0821A/9, to S/Ms on patrol (R) N.C.X.F., Capt.(S) 8)

P.44. P.44 return to F. P.211 patrol in G.
P.211. At 1400 today line F J is to move at economical
speed 225° 8 miles. When in new position F,
P.44 is not to cross the 100 fathom line
except in pursuit of enemy.
(Capt.S.10.0914A/9 to P.44, P.211, P.212, P.247
(R) N.C.X.F. S/Ms on patrol).

Enemy Units. Following has been read P.C. and S. of 1 enemy
tanker 2 E/V? 2 airplanes 36.30 N, 24.06 E.
course 190° speed 8 knots.
(Alexandria W/T 0915B/9).

MAURETANIA. Your 0649/7th Nov. (?0749/7 intended re sailing of
escort for MAURETANIA) P.S.T.O. India 0539/8th Nov
MAURETANIA will be sailed to Colombo unless
instructions received to contrary. P.S.T.O.
India pass to Arminia.
(P.S.T.O. Egypt.0920B/9 to C. in C. E.F.(R) Admty
etc).

Operation. Object to establish M.T.boat advance base at Mersa
"M.A.Z.9." Umm El Rakham. Tank landing craft 3 and 4 M.T.B
(i.e. 20th division number 307, 309, 311 and 313)
(Cancelled, see p. 359) leave Alexandria 1130 Nov.10th at 6 knots or
better close inshore through "Wamm" at 1900 then "Rum" at 1000
Nov.11th to arrive Mersa Umm El Rakham 1200/11th. Our force
will not be west of (026° or 009° ?) east during dark hours.
Continuous W/T watch will be kept by two M. T.boats on 425 K/Cs.
Force Z is requested to keep transmitting? on 425 K/Cs.
Should M.T.Bs fail to communicate with the shore on 425 K/Cs
attempt will be made on 4205 K/Cs. Codeword is "Nugget". Request
fighter protection. They have been informed of convoy "Pulley",
motor and M.S.14s probably return to Alexandria. R.N.G.H.Q. pass
to H.Q.R.A.F. M.E. and Air G.H.Q. Egypt.
(C.C.F. 1045B/9, to A.I.G.72.C.S.15, Air H.Q. Egypt, R.N.G.H.Q.
M. East, H.Q.R.A.F.M.E.). M.A.Z.9 cancelled, see 1745B/9.
/Cositrep....

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No.588.

All timings G.M.T.

1. Day 8th Nov. Matruh was occupied at 0900 hrs. without serious opposition. Landing stage intact and road clear of mines.
2. By 0900 hrs. ground had dried sufficiently to enable 10 Corps to move forward. 7 Armd.Div. directed on frontier with head approximately at 620328 at 1700 hours 8th Nov. 2 N.Z.Div. had directed 4 light Armd.Bde and one Inf. Bde. along coast road which was reported clear of enemy up to 635366. 10 Armd Div. now under command 10 Corps, and located area Charing Cross.
3. 30 Corps. Continued clearing battle area up to and including Fuka.
4. 13 Corps. Continued to clear up battlefield working west to line Matruh-Siwa. 50 Div. reports 69 Bde. in contact with enemy column fleeing in area 780280. Approx.1100 P.O.W.captured day 8th Nov. including Commander Pavia Div. Firm count total P.O.Ws not yet available.
- Air. 6. 8th Nov. fighters continued bombing and low-flying machine-gun attacks on enemy M.T. in Buq Buq and Sollum areas inflicting heavy damage. No enemy air opposition.
7. Fighter patrols maintained between Matruh and Sollum.
8. American B.24s despatched to bomb shipping in Benghazi Harbour forced to return by bad weather.
(C. in C.M. E. 1045Z/9).

BRITISH
CHEMIST,
safe
conduct.

Your 1945/2/11 and C. in C.E.F's 1549/3 neither to Aden.
Route for BRITISH CHEMIST through following positions. On arrival at M.ship to proceed by North Channel to Massawa.
(F.O.R.S.C.A. 1117B/9, to Admty (R) C. in C.E.F. etc).

Bosphorus
S/M patrol
enemy
shipping.

Permanent S/M patrol off Bosphorus has had to be withdrawn in order to keep maximum numbers further north. Consequently earliest possible information is requested of enemy ships entering Dardanelles and bound for Black Sea.
Intention is to send surface forces to attack, in which case we shall embark with necessary books and arrange direct wireless communication with Istanbul while at sea.
S.O.(I) Istanbul please pass to C. in C.Med.
(N.L.O Black Sea 1120C/9 to Admty, C. in C.Med, etc).

French &
Spanish
Shipping.

Departure 7th COETLOGON Sete (French).
Departure 8th SANTIAGO LOPEZ Palma (Majorca)
(Spanish). Arrival 8th p.m. CASTILLO TORDESILLAS
(Spanish). Arrival 9th a.m. ESCALANO (Spanish).
(Barcelona 1249/9 to M.W.T.).

Movements.

Port Said 9th, arrival SNAPDRAGON, BURRA, SAKTOURIS
departure SNAPDRAGON, GLOXINA, BURRA, Greek dest.
IERAX, SAKTOURIS, SOUTHERN SEA.
(N.O.I.C.Port Said. 1317/9 to Admty, C. in C.Med).

/Arrivals...

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Contd.Arrivals. HYACINTH, FALK.
(N.O.I.C. Palestinian Ports (Haifa) 1858B/9 to
Admty, C. in C.Med). *See p.356 (Movements)*MANXMAN,
*(not sailing
for Malta)*Take 4 "Hunts" as detailed by R.A.(D) Med -
under your orders and proceed to Alexandria by
inshore route to arrive boom 1700/10th. Air
protection by 201 Group and 252 Wing will be
arranged by C. in C.Med. Report intentions.
(C. in C.Med. 1401B/9 to MANXMAN (R) R.A
Alexandria, 201 Gr. C.S. 15 R.A.(D) Med. Capt.
C. Forces, 250 Wing 252 Wing, R.N.G.H.Q. M.E.
DULVERTON, Capt.(D) 12).My 1401/9th. Request you will detail 4 "Hunts" 2 addition-
al "Hunts" from Port Said may be required to R/V with MANXMAN
off Alexandria at (20600/11th)(C. in C.Med 1405B/9 to R.A.D.Med, MANXMAN, C.S.15,
DULVERTON).

Your 1040/7th, not to MANXMAN(N.T. in W. D.)

List of stores, and personnel numbers.

(C. in C.Med. 1501B/9 to V.A.Malta (R) MANXMAN).

CLYDE.

See p.342

Sailed.

(V.A.Malta 1443A/9 to F.O.C.N.A. etc).

TASSOS.
German.

Arrived 7th from Salonika.

(S.O.(I) Istanbul 1448C/9 to S.O.(I) Med.(R)
S.I. D. of N.I.).

TAKU.

From dusk today you have freedom of action
in Aegean. Time of sailing patrol as necessary
to pass through.1.035.19, 026.36. at noon/10th. 2.033.56, 030.30
at 1400/11th.3.031.49, 032.35 thence direct to arrive Port Said searched
channel 0600B Nov.12th. You may run on surface daylight 11th.
(Capt.S.1.1452B/9 to TAKU (R) C. in C.Med etc).

Enemy Units.

P.C. and S. of 3 small vessels (approx.2000 tons
and one S/M 35.04 N. 23.40 E. - 270° 8 knots.
(A/C C/S A9SV. 1530B/9 to 201 Group).
(Alexandria 1532/9).

TRITON.

Gr. S/M TRITON leave 031° 53' , 032° 33'
at 2000B tonight routed dived by day through
035. 19, 026.36 , thence operating in Aegean
east of line 323° from position 035.20, 026.54. Daily advance
115 miles.(Capt.S.1.1547B/9 to S/Ms on patrol (R) C. in C.Med. Capt.(S)
10. C.C.F.).

My 1547/9th. All times delayed. 24 hours.

(Capt.S.1. 2203B/9 to 1st S.F.)

/Enemy....

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Enemy P.C. and S. of 2 medium vessels are 37.12 N.
Units. 23.35 E. 180° 8 knots.
(A/C C/S A9SV 1650B/9 to 201 Group).
P.C. and S. of one medium vessel (not
exceeding 10,000 tons) and 2 destroyers 36.40 N. 23.40 E. 135°
8 knots.
(A/C C/S AGSV 1710B/9 to 201 Group).

3rd M.L.F. Your 1112/29 to R. A.C.F. The Board have noted
with interest the good work carried out by
3rd M.L. Flotilla and request you will
congratulate officers and men on their services
and on obtaining their hundredth mine.
(D.M.S. Approved 1st S.L.1722A/9 to V.A.Malta).

Operation M.A.Z 9 is cancelled. *See p. 356*
M.B.Z.1. M.B.Z. 1. 20th M.T.B. Division, M.T.Bs 307, 309,
(Rescue of R.A.F. (Y.W.)) 311 and 313, are to sail at 1830 Nov 9th direct
for position A 032. 17 N. 027.19 E. to arrive
about 0200 Nov.10th.
2nd Sub-Division M.T.Bs. 311, 313 will then proceed so as to
arrive position B. 032. 25 N. 026. 24 E about 0600 Nov 10th.
for sea rescue purposes. They will remain in position B until
1200 Nov 10th or until survivors are rescued when they will
proceed to Mersa Matruh arriving before dark. First Sub-
Division M. T.B. 307, 309, will remain in position A until
0530 Nov.10th when they are to proceed to Mersa Matruh arriving
about 0730 Nov 10th. Own forces will not be west of 026° E.
during the dark hours. Continuous wireless watch will be kept
on 425 K/Cs by one boat in each Sub-Division. R. A. Alexandria
is requested to keep guard on 425 K/Cs. Should M.T.boat fail
to communicate with shore on 425 K/Cs attempt will be made on
4205 K/Cs. Codewords First Sub-Division "Susie." Second Sub-
Division "Nugget."
They have been informed of convoys "Motor", "Pulley", "Tango,"
and M/S 14s probable return to Alexandria.
(C.C.C. F. 1740B/9 to (?ZETLAND), C. S.15, H.Q.R. A.F.M.E.).

Malta. Situation report week ending 7th Nov.1942.
1. Enemy Air activity reduced. 3 raidless days
7 alerts, total 160 fighters and fighter bombers.
Few bombs aerodromes.
2. Total 13 A/C of which five only crossed the coast.
3. Offensive activity by R.A.F. against convoys continues.
One M/V one tanker hit. One Beaufighter patrol Sicily
destroyed one JU.88.
4. Some E-Boat activity off Grand Harbour on four nights,
probably minelaying.
5. R.A.F. heavily reinforced for operation "Torch" and Army
providing approx 1700 personnel maintenance aerodromes and
servicing A/C.
6. Morale very high on account successes in Western Desert.
(Govr. Malta. 1745Z/9 to C. in C.M.E.).

/Enemy Units..

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Enemy Units. P. and C. of 3 small merchant vessels and 1 S/M
35.04 N, 23.38 E. 270°.
(A/C C/S A9SV. 1750B/9 to 201 Group).

→P.46.

Your 2040A/8th. Propose amended time of arrival
1400A/10th, proceeding diving by day.
(P.46. 1805A/9 to Capt.(S) 10.(R) V. A. Malta).

My 2040/8th is to be complied with. Do not approach
within 40 miles Malta before 1800A/10th.

(Capt.S.10.2152A/9, to P.46 (R) V.A. Malta).

Situation Report (P.46 reports one torpedo hit on a 6" *cruiser at
1123 8th Nov. in 038. 14 N. 012. 41 E. Cruiser
(?Supplement). subsequently observed stopped with tugs and
CROMER sunk. M.A.S.Bs. attendance. *ATTILIO REGOLO

2. Western Desert. First convoy of 2 M/Vs and 4 L.C. Ts has
left Alexandria for Mersa Matruh. Sweeping operation carried out
Nov. 9th. CROMER sunk by mine in 17°. Mersa Matruh 5 miles.
CROMARTY picking up survivors. No further details known yet.
No enemy demolition or blocking at Mersa Matruh. British
demolition reported still fouling berths. 4 120/150 m.m.
guns left behind intact but little ammunition.
(C. in C. Med. 2001B/9 to Admty).

STEPHENSON.—In proud and grateful remembrance
of COMMANDER R. H. (ROBIN) STEPHENSON, D.S.O.,
Royal Navy, who gave his life whilst in command of
H.M.S. Cromer, Nov. 9, 1942.

Malta Air Report. I.99 9th Nov. Part 1.
Night 8th/9th Nov. 1945 and 0220 hours. 2.
Beaufighters up for raids which turned back
before reaching Malta.

Day 9th Nov. 1220 and 1350 hours, 25 Spitfires airbourne for
several raids which approached but turned back before reaching
Malta. 16 Spitfire sorties were made in R/C patrols North of
Island but no enemy A/C or shipping was seen.
(A.H.Q. Malta 2010/9).

→ Part 2 my I.99 9th November. Photos. "Regolo" Class
cruiser attacked by S/M 1145 hrs. 8th Nov has returned to
Palermo with bows blown up to forward gun turret.
(A.H. Q. Malta 2055/9, 2116/9).

Enemy Units. P.C. and S. of one Cruiser 3 destroyers 135°
Cape Parmi 5 miles 135° 20 knots.
(A/C SIK Duty P. 2014/9 to Air H.Q. Malta).

P.C. and S. of enemy 1 cruiser, 3 destroyers, 065°. Bianco
12 miles course 070° 20 knots.

(A/C Call sign SIKP. 2226/9 to Air H.Q. Malta).

P.C. and S. of enemy bearing 215° Point Stilo 6 knots,
course 035° speed 20 knots at 2315.

(A/C SIK Duty P. 2319/9th to Air H.Q. Malta).

P.C. and S. of enemy, 5 36.54 N. 18.19 E. 300° 25 knots.

(Med A/C Call Sign SIKB. 2350A/9 to Air H.Q. Malta).

/UNA.....

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UNA
UTMOST.

R/C at 1750A/9th shows 3 cruisers and 6 destroyers
in 036.56 021.11 course 273° speed 23 knots.
Move with all despatch as follows:-
UNA to 080° Cape Santa Croce 5 miles.
UTMOST 100° Cape Santa Croce $\frac{1}{4}$ mile.
(Capt.S.10. 2307 A/9 to UNA, UTMOST, (R) N.C.X.F.
C. in C.Med. S/Ms on patrol).
Positions amended by 0025A/10 q.v.

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TEVIOT: My 1149/7th. For 10th November read 12th.
CBANK. (N.O.I.C. Bombay, 0338Z/9 to C. in C. E.F.)

Movements. HAWKINS, arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Mauritius, 0430Z/9 to Admty etc).
HAWKINS sailed.
(N.O.I.C. Mauritius, 0926D/9 to Admty. etc).
Arrival 0207Z, JUMNA, 0256Z MARGUERITE escorting DUMANA.
(S.O.(I) Bombay, 0434Z/9 to Admty etc).
Colombo departure 9th November 1130Z D.S. WILLEM VAN DER
ZAAN.
(S.O.(I) Colombo, 1300Z/9 to Admty etc).
Departure a.m./9th November CAPETOWN.
(F.O.I.C. East Africa, 1323Z/9 to Admty).

BENGAL, Cdre. W. Australia's 0710/5th and your 1234/6th
OSWALD, (N.T. of either in W.R.) Please report date
ONDINA. that BENGAL and OSWALD were in company with
ONDINA.
(F.O.I.C. Ceylon, 0651Z/9 to A.C.N.B.)

ILE BOURBON Your 1921C/22 October not to Admiralty, C. in C.
E.F. or D. of S.T. ILE BOURBON has not been
asked for as refrigerating ship for military.
Ship is not required by Navy locally neither is
there any necessity to instal refrigerating machinery ashore.
Ship was requisitioned on 25th June. Machinery and boiler
have been repaired and a satisfactory steam trial has been
carried out. Extensive repairs to hull and upper works still
required preferably at a Union port. Request a decision on
future of this ship may now be taken.
(N.O.I.C. Diego Suarez, 0918Z/9 to D. C. in C. E.F., (R)
Admty etc).

WESTPOINT. 1. Request you will observe following route
instructions in Indian Ocean on passage to
Bombay.
(A) Pass through approx. 031° S., 049° E.
011° 055° thence East Seychelles to Equator 059° 016° N., 067°
Merchant ships proceeding to or from Persian Gulf and India
may be met on this route.
(?A) approach Bombay from 018° 52' 12" N. 072° 13' 24" E.
which is end of Searched Channel. Thence steer 095° for
29 miles 076° for 5.3 miles 028° to position 140° one mile
from sunk Rock Lighthouse. 5 buoy marks the centre channel
of which two vertically striped buoys mark positions to alter
course for final leg of Channel.
(C) All lights on coast of India are extinguished. Bombay
Port is closed at night unless special application is made to
Commodore R.I.N.
(D) D/F bearings may be obtained to request to Bombay Radio
Ship making Q T G. Bearings will be signalled by Commodore
R.I.N.

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2. If necessary call at Diego Suarez leaving above route in latitude 17° S., and pass through $012^{\circ} 30' S.$, $050^{\circ} 50' E.$ Approach Diego Suarez from $012^{\circ} 12' 20'' S.$, $049^{\circ} 28' 35'' E.$ which is outer end of Searched Channel, thence track 225° for 4.5 miles thence 273° to Gate in position 095° Nosilangor Light 11.5 cables.

3. Lights on African and Madagascar Coast are extinguished 12 hours notice required by N.O.I.C. to exhibit lights at Diego Suarez.

(C. in C. E.F., 0921Z/9 to U.S.S. WESTPOINT (R) C. in C. S.A.)

Shipping
 Diversions.

Reference positions. New procedure on E.I. St.

(C. in C. E.F., 1232Z/9 to A.I.G. 97 (R) Admty. etc) See Lion Copy.

Amended, see 1709Z/22/11.

MOST SECRET

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MESSAGE

1232z/9th November
IN

Date 11.11.42

Recd. 0920

From C.in C. Eastern Fleet

Naval Cypher (C) by T/P & W/T

Addressed A.I.G.97, repeated Admiralty, C.in C. South Atlantic, F.O.C. Red Sea Force C.A. Australian Commonwealth Naval Board, Cominch.

For amendments, see 1709Z/22/11.

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Pass to N.C.S.O.'s only not repetition not to Routeing Officers. The desirability of having adequate reference positions for diversion purposes is usually negated by the length of signals thereby involved.

To overcome this difficulty the following procedure is to be adopted for routeing shipping on or from East Indies Station.

- A. To allocate to certain chosen ports and ocean positions double letter reference positions which are changed each week.
 - B. The Indian Ocean is to be divided into four areas on either side of parallel 010 degs South and meridian 080 degs East and named respectively South West North West (?North East) and South East Areas.
 - C. All ships routed through an area are to be given double lettered reference positions relative to week in which they sail for that area and by specifying first double letter references position of series in.. routeing signal together with position or place to which it refers remainder of reference positions in use are automatically promulgated.
- Procedure to be repeated when a ship is routed into second or third naming area.
- D. So far as each ship is concerned the reference positions should be regarded as entirely individual to that ship.
 - E. Weekly positions will change 0001z every Sunday.
 - F. Weekly positions will be promulgated by area and reference number, at least 14 days before coming into force to cover any delays in transmission.

2. The following positions are to be used with corresponding double lettered reference positions for the weeks indicated.

Reference numbers

One to 10 inclusive are South West Area,
 11 to 22 are North West Area,
 23 to (?26) are North East Area,
 27 to 32 are South East Area.

Reference Number.	Position.	29th Nov. to 5th Dec.	6th to 12th Dec.	13th to 19th Dec.	20th to 26th Dec.	27th Dec. to 2nd Jan.
One.	Saldanha Bay	EM	AW	XM	UK	RS.
2	Capetown	DO	BV	YK	VJ	TU
3	039 degs South					
	023 degs East	CN	FU	ZJ	WH	XY
4	Port Elizabeth					
		BP	GT	AL	XG	VW
5	East London	AQ	HS	BN	YR	ZA
6	Durban	FW	SR	EO	ZL	BC
7	Lourenco Marques	GR	KQ	CP	AQ	KL
8	028 degs South					
	041 degs East	JT	LP	FQ	BP	DG
9	026 degs South					
	055 degs East	HS	EO	DS	CO	HJ
10	Diego Suarez	KU	DN	GR	DN	FG
11	Kilindini					
		LV	CM	HT	FZ	MN
12	005 degs South					
	048 degs East	ZB	JA	LA	EM	AB
13	Aden	VA	MF	WC	GA	QS
14	013 (?025) degs North					
	057 degs East	OF	PB	O(?G)	JF	CQ
15	018 degs North					
	064 degs East	NC	NH	JB	TV	WD

MOST SECRET

From War Registry

Date 10.12.42.

Corraction received 0903/10

In message 1232/9th November from C.in C. Eastern Fleet (Most Secret) read:-

Position 14 013 degs North 057 degs East

Position 22 004 degs South 076 degs East

Position 29 Fremantle DF QQ XZ BY BJ

Position 31 Melbourne LC NS TL pp FQ

for H.W.R.

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MOST SECRET

Ref. Number	Position	29th Nov. to 5th Dec.	6th to 12th Dec.	13th to 19th Dec.	20th to 26th Dec.	27th Dec to 2nd Jan.
16	Abadan	SJ	OL	PM	HB	EM
17	Bahrein	TG	RC	RD	SY	ZT
18	Karachi	MD	VG	KO	KS	GE
19	Bombay	RK	QJ	TR	RC	UX
20	Cochin	XH	XD	QE	NU	SR
21	Colombo	QE	TN	MV	LW	JF
22	004 degs South 076 degs East					
		PL	YP	UN	AT	YO
23	012 degs North 085 degs East					
		UW	ZK	SF	PD	OP
24	Madras	WX	WE	NW	MX	LH
25	Vizagapatam	YZ	UM	VY	QE	NK
26	Calcutta	OS	RV	LU	OZ	PV
27	021 degs South 090 degs East					
		GB	MO	NY	CA	TZ
28	040 degs South 080 degs East					
		JC	PR	CK	EV	VL
29	Fremantle	DF	CQ	X Z BY	BY	BJ
30	Adelaide	HK	EU	OJ	FC	DB
31	Melbourne	LC	NS	TL	ED U	FQ
32	Hobart	ND	RZ	BN	IN	AM

3. Weekly changes and different arrival dates obviate chance of compromise so reference positions can be used in any recoding table.

4. Experience still shows that a large proportion of ships do not obey diversion signals. Special care should be taken, therefore, to see that every Allied Master is familiar with BAMS procedure, routine time of transmission, single operator periods and frequency use. Masters are to be warned that in face of U-boat activity the safety of their ships may depend entirely upon their obeying a diversion signal.

1232z/9

Advance copy to D.D.I.C. D.S.D.9.

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| V.C.N.S. | D.T.D.(3) | N.I.D.10. |
| A.C.N.S.(H) | D.T.D.(C) | H.W.R. |
| A.C.N.S.(F)(2) | Hd. of M. | |
| A.C.H.S.(T) | D.T.D.(M) | |
| N.A.1st S.L. | D. of P.(2) | |
| D.O.D.(H)(2) | D.S.D. | |
| D.O.D.(F)(2) | D.A/S.W. | |
| D.D.I.C.(3) | Admiral Blake | |
| Duty Capt.(2) | I.P.(2) | |
| D.N.I.(4) | W.D. | |

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- U/B. Intercept from Guantanamo Radio reports submarine attack at 0408 G.M.T./9th in 13° 17' N. 70° 05' W.
(S.O.(I.) Jamaica 0235R/9 to Admty.)
- ? U/Bs. Nor. SCEBELI reports hostile vessels believed to be S/Ms sighted 050° 46' N. 044° 54' W. 1520 G.M.T.
(C.O.A.C. 0452Z/9 to G.B.7A, C.T.F. 24 etc.)
- U/B. Following received from Lands End Radio. Intercept 0604 G.M.T de NAU C Q (unread) C K Govt. Navy. Urgent, 9th 0526 G.M.T. Submarine at unread 13.17 N. 79.05 W. Rest unread.
(C. in C. Plymouth 0706/9 to Admty.)
- HOLMPARK (torpedoed 24/10) My 2240Q/8th. Ship torpedoed 24th Oct., survivors landed St. Lucia 8th. (Names)
(B.R.O. St. Lucia 0941Q/9 as amended 1154Q/10 to C.C.S.F. (R) Admty. etc.)
- OCEAN JUSTICE (torpedoed 6/11.) Trinidad report OCEAN JUSTICE torpedoed and presumed sunk 2320Z/6th in 010° 06' N. 060° 00' W. No casualties.
(S.O.(I.) Kingston 0941R/9 to Admty. etc.)
- U/B Campaign. Connav Serial 10. MARCUS WHITMAN torpedoed 9th Nov. 06.05 S. 32.41 W. ANDREAS torpedoed sunk 4th Nov. 02.00 S. 30.30 W. ZAANDAM MACH torpedoed sunk 2nd Nov. 01.23 S. 36.22 W. OCEAN JUSTICE torpedoed sunk 6th Nov. 10.06 N. 60.00 W.
(Connav 1021/9 to Commaveu.)
- GURNARD. U.S. S/M notice. GURNARD departs 43.05 N. 39.03 W. at 1200Z/9th arrives 45 N. 32.59 W. at 0900Z/10th.
(C. in C. U.S. Fleet 1116/9 to A.I.G. 314.)
- B.Y.M.S. disabled. (Corrupt group) B.Y.M.S. disabled speed 4 knots 051° 10' N. 042° 31' W., FRISKY standing by. My R.D.F. broken down.
(VEGREVILLE 1200Z/9 to F.O.N.F., (R) Capt. D.)
Both B.Y.M.S.2 and 4 disabled in position 51.10 N. 32.31 W. FRISKY standing by. VEGREVILLE screening. TENACITY sailed St. Johns 1530/9 to assist.
(F.O.N.F. 1531Z/9 to Admty. etc.)

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- B.U.S.R.A. amendment. *see next page* Your 2049Z/3 para 2 and A.M. 1519A/6. When is it expected that proposed amendment to B.U.S. R.A., para. E. regarding alteration of Chop line in North Atlantic will be promulgated? (D.T.D. 1240A/9 to B.A.D.) See 1826/9.
- Movements. Arrival U.S. Destroyers, *BELKNAP, BIDDLE. (N.O.I.C. Trinidad (Port of Spain) 1302Q/9 to S.B.N.O.W.A. (R) Admty. etc.)
Departure 8th U.S. Patrol Vessel Y.A.G.19 Miami 9th. (R.N.O. Nassau 1403/9 to Admty. etc.) *Scaphane Trinidad
- L.S.T.301. Your 2021Z/7th approved. Comply my 1436/6th when ready for sailing. Com. 1 pass to Comdant U.S. Navy Yard, Boston. (C. in C. U.S. Fleet 1428/9 to Comdr. Naval District Boston, (R) C.E.S.F., N.S.H.Q., C.O.A.C., S.B.N.O.W.A. Admty. C.T.24, C. in C. Atlantic Fleet (U.S.) Comdant, U.S. Navy Yard, Boston.)
- Convoy C.Z.3. Arrived. (B.R.O. Cristobal 1506R/9 to Admty. etc.)
- U/B Positions. S/M estimate 9th Nov. and U.S. S/M Notice. (C. in C. U.S. Fleet 1551/9, 1617/9 to Admty.)
- BUTTERMERE, WASTWATER. My 2157/30 Oct. BUTTERMERE and WASTWATER probably ready to sail p.m. 11th from Norfolk. Endurance now estimated at 3000 miles at 12½ knots.
(2) U.S. Authorities have two 8 knot merchant ships waiting to be escorted to Bermuda. Intend to sail BUTTERMERE and WASTWATER as escort for these.
(3) Sailing direct from Bermuda they should arrive Trinidad about 22nd Nov.
(B.A.D. 1649Z/9 to S.B.N.O. Trinidad, S.B.N.O. W.A. (R) Admty.)
- Proposed Conference. Your 1309/6th is agreeable to N.S.H.Q. Ottawa. Would appreciate information as to which U.S.N. Authorities will send representatives and their names and rank.
(2) Capt. (?R) Brand, Capt. Lay, Capt. Dewolf from N.S.H.Q. Ottawa. Capt. Creery Chief of Staff to C.O.A.C., and Capt. Bidwell, Chief of Staff to C.C.N.F. will be R.C.N. representatives
(3) Request Admty. will indicate what representatives will be sent from U.K. and/(?or) B.A.D. Washington.
(N.S.H.Q. 1650Z/9 to C. in C. U.S. Fleet (R) Admty., B.A.D. N.M.C.J.S. Washington.)

/Your 1440Z/16th ...

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Proposed Conference (contd.) Your 1440Z/16th Oct. My 1309/6th. Am proceeding on Premise Conference will be held in Ottawa on 19th Nov. Adm. Metcalf, Capt. Wickham and Capt. Fischler will represent C. in C. U.S. Fleet. C. in C. Atlantic Fleet (U.S.) and Com. East Sea Frontier are being directed to nominate representatives. Advise. B.A.D. Washington and N.M.C.S. informed.
(C. in C. U.S. Fleet 2042/9 to N.S.H.Q. (R) C. in C. Atlantic Fleet (U.S.) C.T.F. 24, C.O.A.C. Admty., C.C.N.F., B.A.D. C.E.S.F., N.M.C.S.)

U/B. By D/F at 1354Z U-Boat within 100 miles of 48° N. 34° W.
(D.D.I.C. 1808A/9 to Escorts of O.N.142.)

B.U.S.R.A. B.U.R.S.A. (? B.U.S.R.A. intended) para E. sub-amendment. para. (A) modified to read as follows:
See previous page "(A) U.S. authorities will route from port of departure to first port of arrival all independently sailed shipping of the United Nations sailing from ports in Western Atlantic area, Pacific area and Anzac area. "Chop" line for control of shipping in Atlantic is as follows:
(1) For H.X., S.C., O.N. and O.N.S. convoys and independents from position 66.15 N. 35.00 W. thence South on meridian 35° W. to latitude 50° N. thence by Rhumb line to position 43° N. 40° W. thence along meridian 40° W. to 20° N. thence by Rhumb line to position 00.35 N. 26.00 W. thence along the meridian 26.00 W. to the South Pole.
(2) Troop convoys: from North Pole South along meridian 10° W. to latitude 65° N. thence by Rhumb line to position 57° N. 26° W. thence South along meridian 26° W. to 43° North thence along parallel of 43° N. to longitude 40° W. thence South along meridian 40° W. to latitude 20° N. thence by Rhumb line to position 00.35 N. 26° W. thence along meridian 26° W. to the South Pole.
(3) Control of shipping to and from Iceland will be as follows.
(A) To and from U.S. area by U.S. Authorities.
(B) To and from British area by British Authorities."
Propose above modification be effective 15th Nov.
(Cominch C. & R. 1826/9 to Admty.)
Concur. (D.T.D. 0835Z/11.)

U/B. Curacao Radio reports submarine sighted 11.40 N. 63.02 W. at 2000 G.M.T./9th.
(S.O.I. Jamaica 1845R/9 to Admty.)

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B.R.O's
duties.

S.B.N.O. W.A.'s 1241/4 and B.A.D.'s 2211/5.
B.R.L.O's duties are:-

(A) to act as liaison between U.S.R.Os and British interests, furnishing Admiralty as required with information as to local movements of British-controlled ships and to have direct contact with British Masters.
(B) to maintain their records as hitherto and to keep the U.S.R.Os supplied with up to date information not received from U.S. sources.

(C) In the event of a B.R.L.O. being dissatisfied with the instructions issued to any British-managed ship, first to confer with the U.S.R.O. and if still dissatisfied to accept the U.S. ruling but to signal a brief report prefixed "Important" to Admiralty (R) N.S.H.Q. Ottawa, S.B.N.O. Western Atlantic and B.A.D. Washington.

(D) To assist as they are able Consular Officers and S.Os (I) in connection with Naval Intelligence duties.

2. A.M. 2041/23 Oct. is cancelled.

(D.T.D. Approved A.C.N.S.(T) 1854A/9 to S.B.N.O.W.A., N.S.H.Q.
(R) B.A.D.)

O.N.143.

When relieved by Western local escort proceed with your unit less H.M.C.S. ST. LAURENT to St. Johns Newfoundland routed by F.O.N.F.
(C.T.F. 24 1925Z/9 to C.T.U. 24.1.11 (R) C.T.U. 24.18.3, C. in C. U.S. Fleet, C. and R, N.S.H.Q., C.O.A.C., F.O.N.F.)

U/B
Campaign.

Connav serial 8 and 9. FRONTENAC also torpedoed H.X.212 27th Oct. but reached U.K. CAPOULMO torpedoed 8th Nov. 010.52 N. 061.00 W. reached Trinidad. LACORDILLERA torpedoed sunk 5th Nov. 012.02 N. 058.04 W. WEST KEBAR torpedoed sunk 29th Oct. 014.57 N. 053.37 W.
(Connav 2044/9 to Comnav.)

Sub.attack
& sighting
summary.

Para. B. Unidentified ships attacked. One 24.30 N. 46.28 W. about 1430Z/09, one 13.17 N. 70.05 W. 0403Z/09.
JACK CARNES 10 shells 6 torpedo hits U-88 type.
MAHIRA 1 torpedo hit 2 misses.

SS SCANIA stopped by U-88 type Black Cat with letters "3X" Conning Tower 24.52 N. 59.27 W. 1510Z/05 August.

Para. C. PBM attacks Sub. 14.47 N. 60.53 W. 1516Z/08.

SS SCEBELLI sights possible Sub. 50.46 N. 44.54 W. 1520Z/08.

Sub. sighted 61 N. 65 W. about 2010Z/08.

(C. in C. U.S. Fleet 2115/9 to Admty.)

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U.515 (sunk, ? date) Serial No.24. Preliminary interrogation sole P/W, U.515? Wolfgang Schultze believed Commanding. All dates approximate. Arrived Kiel middle December 1941 for acceptance trials. Left Kiel Dec. 27 arrived Stettin Jan. 1942. Frozen in until March 10 then to Hela for acceptance trials. Rammed on March 26 by 250 school boat. Remained Stettin for repairs till middle May. Damaged starboard propeller at Ronne on June 15. Departed Kristiansand Aug. 15. A/C attack early Sept. Believe sank PATRICK J. HURLEY by gunfire Sept. 12. Stopped Spanish freighters about Sept. 16 and Sept. 21 respectively. Attacked 06.50 N. 52.25 W. by U.S. Army B.18 A of 9th Bomber Sqdn. 2 direct hits forward deck gun. Settled on bottom about 150 feet. Sole survivor escaped forward hatch.
(Cominch 2122Z/9 to Admty.)

U.515 not sunk till 6/19/44. (See Log: Roubothanic list - 4 Comd: 6843)

Action with unknown craft.

Following from Resolution Island (Begins) At 1930 G.M.T. Freighter and two small vessels in what appears to be gun action with some unknown craft about 6 miles S.W. of Station. 2121 G.M.T. 8th Nov. (Ends) This message received 2115/9th. (N.S.H.Q. 2126Z/9 to Admty. (R) C.C.N.F., C. in C. U.S. Fleet, C.T.F. No.24, S.O. P.A. Greenland.)

U/B Positions.

Following is C.E.S.F. 1923/9. S/M Estimate 0800Z/10 Nov. (Comaveu 2251/9 to Admty.)

CERION.

Reported torpedoed and gunned. (Cominch 2324/9 to Admty., R.A.W.A. see South Atlantic.)

T.F.39.

Bermuda arrivals. U.S.S. MAUMEE, MEMPHIS, BRANT, REDWING, YEW, 8 P.Cs, 8 Y.Cs, 10 Y.Ts designated as Task Force 39. (S.B.N.O.W.A. 2332Z/9 to Admty.)

Australia and New Zealand.

Movements.

Arrivals Suva 7th Nov. U.S. Ships SUMNER and TAGANAK. (R). Departures Auckland U.S. Destroyer Tender RIGEL 1934Z/8th for Noumea, E.T.A. 0600Z/14th
(F) 030° 42' S. 173° 07' E.
(G) 025° 11' S. 168° 51' E.
(H) 023° 18' S. 166° 13' E.

Speed 8 knots. U.S. ship*CYTHENUS 0223Z/9th for Espiritu Santo, E.T.A. 1900Z/13th.

(S.O.(I) Wellington 0517Z/9 to Admty.)

*Not identified/Arrivals ...

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(contd.)

Arrivals Melbourne 8th Nov. PIRIE, Sydney (N.S.W)
7th U.S. Cruiser CHESTER, U.S. Destroyer FARRAGUT.
8th*(?WAARNAM POOL) WHYALLA. Departures Brisbane
7th ECHUCA for Sydney (N.S.W) on escort duties.
Melbourne - (U.S. Destroyers CONWAY, HELM?)
for Brisbane.

(A.C.N.B. 0744Z/9 to Admty. etc.)

**WARRNAMBOOL*

Situation.

Digest Serial No.290 Nov. 7th. Reports indicate
enemy strength Buin Shortlands area morning 7 Nov.
included 4 heavy Cruisers (Described 2 Nachi 1
Mogami 1 Aoba) 2 possibly, 3 Light Cruisers,
13 Destroyers.

2 Sloops, 2 tankers, 10 other merchant vessels. Some indications
vessels preparing to move night 7 August.

2. 1 Heavy Cruiser or seaplane tender, 1 light Cruiser, 3
Destroyers sighted Kavieng morning 7 Nov. also 3 flying boats, 1
medium bomber.

3. 1 large enemy submarine indicated 7° 46' S. 151° 43' E. at
1445Z/6 course 180°.

4. Our forward troops continue pressute vicinity Otvi.

5. At least 12 large vessels reported in convoy off East End
Buka passage course South afternoon 7 Nov.

6. 3 Bostons attacked enemy positions Kakandette-Soputa area
morning same day.

7. Large merchant vessel reported arriving Dilli evening 5th
and departing afternoon 6th Northwards. 1 Tanker also re-
ported arriving night 6th.

8. 1 merchant vessel sighted afternoon 7th Koepang.
(G.H.Q. S.W.P.A. 1033Z/9 to Admty. etc.)

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.Submarines Reported.

Positions indefinite at 1200Z/9.
(D.D.I.C. 1440A/9, 1500A/9.)

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Tuesday.SITUATION REPORT.Home Commands.

At 1220 aircraft reported one merchant vessel escorted by 4 destroyers in 44° 18' N 5° 39' W steering west at 8 knots. F.O.S. ordered TIGRIS to proceed to intercept.

An aircraft on transit attacked a submarine this morning in 46° 27' N 8° 43' W and reports probable hits. After a second attack the bow of the U-Boat surfaced for 6 minutes then sank.

18 Bostons with fighter cover were despatched today to attack the NEUMARK raider reported to be at Le Havre. On reaching the port they found that the raider had left and they therefore attacked the port.

The new U-Boat minelayers have shown in northern waters their serious potentialities, and our commitments there and in Operation "Torch" are such that essential minesweepers have had to be withdrawn from the Home Fleet.

Operation "Torch".

Convoy
T.E.1.
attacked,
*U/B
sunk.
*EMO. (Italian)
(Conv. T.E.1. 601 Convoy
Cmd. 6843.)

The first follow-up convoys entered the Mediterranean today. Convoy T.E.1. was attacked by U-Boat between Oran and Algiers, and SS. GARLINGE was torpedoed and sunk at 0051 in approx. 211° 37' N 2° E 30 miles. LORD HOTHAM was missed by a torpedo in 174° 37' N 2° E 22 miles about 0530. An Italian U-Boat surrendered to LORD NUFFIELD of the Gibraltar Trawler Force about noon in approx. 36° 52' N 2° 50' E. The U-Boat sank and LORD NUFFIELD picked up 48 survivors.

IBIS
sunk.
ARGUS
damaged.
MARTIN
sunk.
(By U. 431.
C.D. 443.)

Force O was attacked 10 miles north of ^{Algiers, en route to} Bougie at dusk today with bombs and aerial torpedoes. ARGUS was hit by 2 bombs but is still serviceable though some of her fighters were destroyed. The sloop IBIS was hit by aircraft torpedoes and capsized almost immediately. Destroyers shot down one enemy aircraft. The destroyer MARTIN, with Force H was blown up and sunk at 0258Z today in 37° 53' N 3° 57' E it is assumed by a torpedo from S/M though no contact was reported or H.E. heard.

/An aircraft...

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39.54.7
An aircraft from Malta reports having attacked two enemy cruisers and 3 destroyers (another report says 3 cruisers and 2 destroyers, presumably the same force) with torpedoes at 0230A today in 54° N 17° 10' E. (40 miles East of Cape Spartivento) and obtained one hit. However, all the vessels were seen in Augusta by air R/C this afternoon.

Algiers.

All ships were in Algiers harbour by 0507Z today. The port is being opened up with co-operation of French harbour officials and labour. Two French S/MS which escaped from Algiers have been recalled to harbour.

N.C.E.N.T.F. intends to assume the title of S.O. Inshore Squadron at 0800 tomorrow.

Oran
area.

The Naval forces continued to give full support to the Centre Task Force, which is meeting with stiff resistance.

RODNEY bombarded Fort Santos and cruisers and destroyers answered Army calls for fire support as required, FARNDALE supporting the east flank of the army with gunfire.

Force H was ordered to be within 100 miles of Oran by daylight today with instructions that naval aircraft were to bombard Fort Santos when called upon by N.C.C.T.F.

FURIOUS, BITER and DASHER were ordered to Gibraltar before 0507Z today, as shore based fighters are now established.

Oran capitulated at 1200Z. At 1434Z N.C.C.N.T.F. reported that both Navy and shore batteries were apparently surrendering. (The Navy apparently continued, however, to resist.)

Oran harbour has been blocked by sinking 3 ships and salvage vessels have been sailed to Oran.

Western
Area.

The Western Naval Task Force continued to support the Army, but the day was uneventful at sea. Unloading continued at Mehedia, Fedala and Safi. French Naval units in Casablanca are still resisting. Forty three U.S. land based fighters landed at Port Lyautey from an aircraft carrier.

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Atlantic
Agreement.

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The following partition of strategic areas came into force at 0000Z today. The eastern boundary of the Western Atlantic Area so far only as the control and routing of shipping is concerned, is a line running along the meridian of 35° W from the coast of Greenland to lat. 50° N, thence to position 43° N 40° W, thence along the meridian of 40° W to lat. 20° N, thence by Rhumb line to position 00° 35' N 26° 00' W, thence along the meridian of 26° W to lat. 40° S and thence along the parallel of 40° S to the east coast of South America.

SS. K.G. MELDAHL reported that she was torpedoed at 1123Z today in 34° 59' S 29° 45' E.

It is reported that SS. EMPIRE ZEAL was sunk by torpedoes and gunfire from a U-Boat at 0700 G.M.T./2 in 0° 30' S 30° 45' W. SS. ZAANDAM torpedoed and sunk at 1818Z/2 in 1° 25' N 36° 22' W. SS. ANDREAS after being missed by torpedo was shelled and is presumed sunk at 2215Z/4 in 2° S 30° 30' W and SS. OUED GROU was torpedoed at 0800Z/4 in 4° 33' N 4° 44' W and sunk.

Mediterranean.

M.A.Z.9.

The object of this operation is to establish an M.T.B. advanced base at Mersa Umm el Rakham (31° 24' 40" N 27° 4' 0" E, 9.5 miles west of Mersa Matruh) T.L.Cs and M.T.Bs were to leave Alexandria at 1080 today for this purpose.

Operation
"Cropper"

There is no news of the two ships ARDEOLA and TADORNA which are proceeding independently to Malta with food. (They were considered lost.)

They were later reported to have arrived at Bizerta (DTR 1190)

Six Wellingtons made a successful attack last night on the southern Sardinian aerodromes.

Twin engines fighters attacked an aerodrome near Tunis today and set on fire at least 19 Axis aircraft and damaged as many again.

UNA and UTMOST each attacked a force of 3 cruisers and 1 destroyer about 0630 today in approx. 37° 15' N 15° 35' E. Capt. S.10 considers that each submarine sank a destroyer.

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Mediterranean - Contd.

Torpedo aircraft from Malta last night attacked a force of 3 cruisers and 5 destroyers east of Sicily. Two hits were obtained, possibly on the same cruiser. Photographs today show 3 cruisers and 4 destroyers arrived in a Sicilian harbour.

American B.24s and B.17s bombed shipping in Benghazi and Heraklion harbours. At Benghazi cloud and smoke from a burning vessel in the harbour prevented observation of results. At Heraklion a merchant ship was near missed and hits were made on the main jetty.

Thirteen mines were detonated in the approaches to Malta today.

East Indies.

Ships in Akyab harbour were attacked this morning and again this afternoon by Blenheims with escort of Mohawks. Two small merchantmen are believed to have been damaged.

The Admiralty appreciation of threat to Bay of Bengal shipping is that in spite of American losses in the Solomons, the Japanese fleet which has also suffered considerable casualties will be fully contained in the Pacific for some time to come. It is not believed that any carriers or modern cruisers can be diverted to the Indian Ocean at present.

It is also understood that our aerial reconnaissance in the Bay of Bengal is improving and will continue to improve.

In these circumstances the Admiralty consider that some further relaxation of the present shipping restrictions in the Bay of Bengal is justified and they suggest that the number of ships allowed at sea between Colombo and Calcutta be increased to 30.

Blenheims attacked small craft at Akyab p.m. today and sank a small merchant ship.

America and West Indies.

Men were landed at Gaspe Peninsula today from a U-Boat: one of them was captured.

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HOME COMMANDS.

Policy.

Eire
Ships.

Your 1533A/9. Special concessions to Eire Cattle Boats and ships with perishable cargoes are not affected by A.M. 1255A/6 and A.M. 1639B/30/4 is still in force.
(D.L.D. 1109A/10 to F.O.I.C. Liverpool.)

Fleet
Minesweepers
allocation.

Lorsa 5596. Our requirements for Fleet Minesweepers are governed by the necessity of providing forces to counter minelaying:-
(a) In U.K. and Icelandic waters.
(b) On the P.Q. convoy routes.
(c) In the Mediterranean against its reopening to shipping and against our future offensive in enemy waters.
(d) In the Indian Ocean against our limited operations on the Burmese Coast, and
(e) On all our Overseas trade routes wherever they pass through mineable waters, e.g. the Agulhas Bank and Persian Gulf.

The new U-Boat minelayer has already shown in Northern waters its serious potentialities and such now are our commitments there and in "Torch" that essential minesweepers have had to be withdrawn from the Home Fleet.

2. For these reasons Admiralty must insist that the comparatively small number of dual purpose ocean going minesweepers should be allocated in accordance with strategic needs of minesweepers.

3. Ocean going minesweepers can be regarded as reinforcement to the strength of long range escort vessels. The Admiralty believe that approximately half of the full numbers of ocean going minesweepers will be so available. It is therefore agreed that when escort vessels are assigned due regard must be given to how the ocean going minesweepers in the same period have been assigned.

4. Assignment of ocean going minesweepers and escort vessels should therefore be made for the same period, the further ahead the better.

(Head of M.A.S. 2058A/10 to B.A.D. Washington.)

Movements.

Ships at
Scapa.

Scapa at 0600. Principal ships present November 10th. KING GEORGE V., ANSON, TYNE, GLASGOW, LONDON, KENT, AJAX.
(A.C.O.S. 0551/10.)

THUNDERBOLT.

F.O.(S)'s 1446A/7 para 4. Codeword "Faith".
(Capt. S.3 0843A/10 to TITANIA.)
My 0750A/8. Sailed (THUNDERBOLT). VENTY SARK.
(TITANIA 1100A/10.)

Now estimate you can make good 140 miles per 24 hours when diving by day. My 1446/7 Nov. para 2. Proceed diving by day to pass through position (d) at 2000A/16.
(F.O.S. 1719A/10 to THUNDERBOLT.)

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M.T.Bs for Lerwick. Scapa departure 0852 M.T.Bs 618, 619, 620, 623, 625 and 631.
(A.C.O.S. 1020/10 to N.O.I.C. Lerwick.)
Your 1020/10 arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Lerwick 1500A/10 to A.C.O.S.)

MINERVE. *N.T. n n. D.*
My 1816/9 Nov. add new para.
(K) MINERVE escorted leaves Dundee 1530/10th November, E.T.A. Blyth 0830/11 Nov.
(F.O.S. 1029A/10 to Admty.)

JUNON. *see p. 379*
Intend to sail JUNON escorted by M.L.449 for Lunna Voe 1100A/11 routed by
(A) 092° Bard Head 2 miles.
(B) 008° Grifskerry 3 miles.
thence West of Out Skerries to Lunna Voe,
E.T.A. 1500A/11.
(S.O. S/M Lerwick 1047A/10.)
Your 1047. Codeword "Pulley".
(A.C.O.S. 1905/10 to S.O. S/M Lerwick.)

TIGRIS. Onward route: Adjust speed (1) proceeding on surface at discretion to pass position
A. 036° 50', 009° 29' at 1700/14, thence through
B. 036° 38', 007° 32' at 0130/15
C. 035° 53', 005° 55' at 1000/15 to arrive Gibraltar 1300/15.
(2) Total bombing restrictions arranged 10 miles either side of your route from 35 miles ahead to 35 miles astern of estimated position assuming speed of advance $7\frac{3}{4}$ knots from 043° N. to A and 11 knots from A to Gibraltar.
(3) Report if unable to comply within 2 hours of these times.
(4) All times G.M.T.
(Capt. S.8 1204Z/10 to TIGRIS.)

A.F.D.18. C. in C. W.A. 1057A/9. Three Oropesa Trawlers from Ardrossan will take over sweep in latitude of Chicken Rock. If this line is passed and in darkness, Milford Haven Sweepers continue with dock until daylight, when Ardrossan Sweepers take over.
2. Request E.T.A. in this position be signalled as soon as known.
3. Arrangements will be made for LL and S.A. Sweep to be carried out in Approaches to Corpach.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock 1216A/10 to F.O.I.C. Milford Haven.)
My 1835A/7. Sailed.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 1255A/10.)

Intend sailing BILSDEAN and BRECON CASTLE at 1530 today to R/V with A.F.D.18 at junction of Q.Z.S. 382 and 293 and sweep ahead to Lizard, unless otherwise ordered by C. in C. Plymouth. Routed route 'P' and then standard route. If not met at R/V trawlers will proceed East along 293 so as to make contact before dark.

(F.O.I.C. Portland 1451A/10.)
N.T. n n. D. My 1351A/10. Sailed at 1515.
(F.O.I.C. Portland 1548A/10.)

/PRINCE CHARLES ...

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PRINCE CHARLES. C.C.O's 1315A/6. Request PRINCE CHARLES may be sailed to comply with my 1108/6. (S.O. Force "J" 1232/10 to C. in C. Portsmouth.)

UNBEATEN. R/V with UNBEATEN in 180° Bishop Rock 10 miles at 1700A/12 and escort her to Clyde. My 1005A/9 and 0843A/10 refer. 2. Report if not met by 1900A/12 to C. in C. Plymouth and Capt.(S) 3. (Capt. S.3 1247A/10 to CUTTY SARK.) *see p. 374*

CASTLETON. Rosyth departure CASTLETON in accordance with my 1317/9. *N.T.M. H.D.* (C. in C. Rosyth 1301/10 to A.C.O.S.) *see p. 388*

W.A. Command. Situation at 1955A/10. Details. (C. in C. W.A. 1356A/10) See Lion Copy.

ALECTO. Intend sail ALECTO for Port Z.D. at 0900A/15, returning Port H.H.Z on completion of trials. TITANIA's 1519A/3 refers. (ALECTO 1436A/10 to F.O.S.)

H.33 SARDONYX. My 1426/9. Sailed. (Capt. S.7 1740A/10.)

P.311. TROOPER. (1) Sailing P.311 and TROOPER escorted by LA CAPRICIEUSE on 12th November so as to part company in the vicinity Bishop Rock at 1800/14. (2) Route for H.M. S/M P.311 as in my 1446/7th November but diving by day until 043° N, crossing this latitude at 2000/18th. (3) Route for TROOPER diving by day from A to X 050° 01' 007° 30'. Y 049° 30' 012° 45'. Z 043° 01' 012° 46' at 0300/19th. (F.O.S. 1828A/10 to TITANIA.)

INTREPID, ICARUS. Request you will sail INTREPID and ICARUS at 2130A/10 for Seidisfjord. Destroyers to proceed at best speed and fuel on arrival. 2. Route as in my 1127/2. (C. in C. H.F. 1908A/10 to R.A.D.) *see p. 386*
INTREPID, ICARUS proceed at best speed at 2130 today to Seidisfjord routed through following positions:-
(a) 62.25 N. 04.55 W. (b) 66.15 N. 12.20 W. (x) 65.36 N. 13.30 W. (y) 65.21.5 N. 13.27.5 W. (z) 65.18.2 N. 13.43.5 W.
(2) Attention is called to Q.Z.L.51 and 52 and route to be followed closely.
(3) On arrival act under orders of Capt. D.8. (R.A.D. H.F. 1910A/10.)
Sailed INTREPID, ICARUS for Seidisfjord. E.T.A. 0830Z/12. (R.A.D. 2142A/10 to A.C.I.C.)

/TUNA ...

MOST SECRET

MOST SECRET

From C. in O. Western Approaches.

		<u>SITUATION at 1955A/10/11</u>	<u>SECRET CODE</u>
<u>Section N.E.</u>			
UR 49	GAVOTTE HUGH WALPOLE QUADRILLE	58 55 06 48 To 59 00 07 02 thence 61 57 15 30	7
WN 59	MINUET WOLVES VALSE	58 17 05 36 To Methil	7½

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Section S.E.

THUNDERBOLT	CUTPY SARK	57 06 07 09	To Bishop Rock	11
MISTRAL			Vicinity Skerry To Methil Vore	18
H.33	GARDONYX	55 26 05 03	To Londonderry	8
ACHT/ITTY		55 22 05 05	For trials in 54 00 05 00	12
CONVOY	UNESCORTED GROUP	52 01 05 28	Northbound	9
HM 62	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	52 49 05 04	Southbound	8
ON 145 C.T.U. 24.1.3	U.S.S. CAMPBELL U.S.S. BADGER ROSTERN TRILLIUM	55 46 09 02	To 55 58 15 01	8
BB.33	ROSEMARY LADY MADELEINE VIZALMA	53 01 05 03	Southbound	8
LOYAL		Off Mull of Kintyre	To Scapa	20

Section N.W/

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1 M/V	C. LANDINE ARVIDA	60 10 15 37	268 degs Barra Head 9'	11
ONSJ. 144	U.S.S. BIBB	61 02 22 25	To 57 28 22 09	5
C.T.U.	U.S.S. DUANE			
24.6.4.	U.S.S. INGHAM			

Situation at 1955A/10/11.Section S.W.

HURRICANE WATCHMAN ANCHUSA LAHLLA		54 53 24 58	To Argentina	12
2 Minesweepers		55 29 18 10	To 55 30 18 00 thence 55 40 12 00	10
KX.6.	LANCASTER WELLS 3 Corvettes 4 Trawlers	50 24 13 38	To 50 12 14 38 thence 45 21 15 55	6
KMS.3.	BLACK SWAN 1 Sloop 8 Corvettes	55 31 11 58	To 55 28 13 01 thence 53 30 19 59	5
ONS. 144 C.T.U. 24.1.4.	POTENTILLA EGLANTINE MONBRETIA ROSE VERVAIN ST. ALBANS	55 54 13 40	To 55 59 15 22 thence 57 28 21 39	5
CNS. 142 (3) C.T.U. 24.1.5.	FIREDRAKE SUNFLOWER LOOSESTRIPE ALISMA PINK	43 40 39 35	To 43 20 40 01 thence 43 20 43 51.	6½

1356A/10

V.C.N.S.
A.C.N.S. (H)
A.C.N.S. (F) (2)
A.C.N.S. (T)
C.N.A.S.
N.A. 1st S.L.
Capt. Pim.
D.C.D. (H) (2)
D.C.D. (F) (2)
D.C. (2)
U.S.N.
D.M./S.W.
Hd. of M.
D.D.I.C. (2)

I.P. (2)
W.D.
D.T.D. (M)
D.T.D. (C)
D.T.D. (3)
D. of P. (2)
D. of P. (Q)
D.D.O.D. (M)
A.C.N.A.S.
D.N.A.D.
D.M.S.
U.S.N. (3)
Adml. Blake.
Adml. Ramsey. (2)

HMB

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TUNA. F.O.S. 1656A/10. No escort is available from
See p. 385 3rd or 7th S/M Flot. to bring TUNA from Lerwick
to Clyde leaving Lerwick p.m. 13th. Request
escort may be provided.
(Capt. S.3 1955A/10 to A.C.O.S.)

SEVERN. Your 1159A/3rd H.M.S. SEVERN arrived 1340/9.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 2030A/10.)

Operations.

Patrols. Your 1529/9. "Obstacle" arrived.
(N.O.I.C. Dartmouth 0834A/10 to C. in C.
Plymouth.)

CHASSEURS 41 (S.O) and 10 are to patrol tonight between
E.A.5 buoy and 50° 25' N. 00° 00'.

2. Codeword "Advent".

→ 3. M.G.Bs 50 and 57 patrolling 50° 20' N. between 01° 35' W.
and 02° 10' W.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 1101A/10.)
M.L. patrol tonight.

2. Forces employed. M.Ls 186 (S.O) 180 and 259.

3. Patrol 7 miles east and west of 130° Start 20 miles.

4. Object. To intercept E-boats.

5. Information. Enemy. E-boats may work from Guernsey or
Cherbourg.

6. Execution. Proceed at 1330/10 and pass through 240° Eddy-
stone 2½ miles and 180° Start 13 miles to patrol. Leave patrol
at daylight 11th and proceed to Dartmouth passing 180° Start 13
miles and 180° Start 4 miles.

7. Suspected area. Area enclosed by following positions is to
be avoided unless chasing or in touch with enemy :-
(A) 50° 13' N. 03° 31' W. (B) 50° 13' N. 03° 14' W.
(C) 50° 05' N. 03° 14' W. (D) 50° 05' N. 03° 33' W.

8. Codeword "Obstacle".
(C. in C. Plymouth 1115A/10 and 1315A/10.)

Weather permitting one unit of M.T.Bs is to operate in
vicinity of 51° 23' N. 3° 00' E. tonight. Possibility of
M/V moving eastward from Dunkirk tonight.
(C. in C. Nore 1206A/10 to BEEHIVE.)

→ Your 1206/10. M.T.Bs 34 (S.O)*32 (type 252), 69,*30.
E.T.D 53 buoy 1800. *x See p. 383.* ** See below*
(BEEHIVE 1237A/10 to C. in C. Nore.)

→ 1. Intend M.G.Bs 50 (S.O) and 57 to patrol on latitude
50° 20' N. between 1° 35' W. and 2° 10' W. tonight, leaving
Weymouth at 1800 and leaving patrol line at dawn. Codeword
"Object".
(F.O.I.C. Portland 1255A/10.)
Departure CAMPBELL for patrols. *See p. 381*
(F.O.I.C. Gt. Yarmouth 1523A/10.)

→ My 1237. Delete M.T.B. 30.
(BEEHIVE 1629A/10.)

→ Departures M.Ls*152 and*149. M.T.Bs 34, 69, 32.
(F.O.I.C. Harwich 1641A/10.)

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Patrols. Coastal forces dispositions tonight.
(contd.) (1) 3 M.G.Bs (L) vicinity 53° 10' N. 3° 05' E.
(2) 3 M.G.Bs (S) vicinity 52° 20' N. 3° 00' E.
(3) 3 M.T.Bs operating vicinity 51° 23' N.
3° 00' E.
(4) M.L.152, 149 patrol H U with trawler.
(C. in C. Nore 1751A/10.) *see previous page*
My 1255/10. "Object" sailed 1808A/10.
(F.O.I.C. Portland 2112A/10.)
N.T.M.D. My 1353/10. M.T.B. No.236 broke down. Returning to
Dartmouth.
(C. in C. Plymouth 2215A/10 to BROCKLESBY.)

Unknown Your 1149/20th October. Lt. Berncastle in
operation. R.201 with M.G.Bs 329 and 324 in support carried
out the operation last night 9th/10th and pre-
liminary reports show that satisfactory results
were obtained. There were some enemy reactions with search
lights and star shells but movements of R.201 were not apparently
detected.
(F.O.C. Dover 1109A/10 to C.C.O.)

Enemy Last Monday night at 1840 one large merchant
M/V shelled. vessel presumably 330 feet ship seen by P.R.U.
Dover, left Boulogne eastwards with about 7 escorts at
Folkestone, 7 knots. Coast artillery engaged with 139
& South rounds of 9.2 inch and 24 of 15 inch. R.D.F.
Foreland area reporting straddles. Spitfire aircraft for
shelled. spotting fall of shot took off but was unable to
operate owing to weather and crashed on returning
to English coast. Albacore aircraft of 841

Squadron were prevented by weather conditions from carrying out
intended attack off Gravelines.
2. Enemy batteries replied with about 24 rounds at South Foreland
Dover and Folkestone areas. About 9 rounds in Dover area of
which six fell in the harbour. No casualties and damage
slight. Six rounds at Folkestone, two civilians killed, 14
injured and some civil damage. In South Foreland area it is
reported that 11 A/A personnel were killed by direct hit on a
slit trench. No naval casualties.
(V.A. Dover 1111A/10.)

Interception 4 Destroyers, one transport (position undecy-
of Enemy pherable).
M/V. TIGRIS. (A/C 5TBU 1220/10 to 19 Group.)
Position of enemy 45° 00' N. 6° 30' W.
(A/C 5 TBP 1305/10 to 19 Group.)
4 destroyers, one tanker YAP 270 44° 25' N. 6° 10' W.
(A/C 1330/10 to 19 Group.)
Number of destroyers screening enemy 5.
(A/C 5 TBP 1330/10 to 19 Group.)
Reported one M/V, 4 destroyers 044° 18', 005° 39', course
270°, 8 knots. Proceed with despatch toward position 044°
01', 012° 30'. Total bombing restrictions arranged.
(F.O.S. 1359A/10 to TIGRIS.)

/My 1816 ...

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Interception of Enemy M/V. TIGRIS. (contd.) My 1816/9th November para (G). TIGRIS proceeds on the surface from 1500/10th November by same route to patrol vicinity 44° 01' N. 12° 30' W. (F.O.S. 1419A/10 to Admty.) Latest report at 1655 of one merchant ship, 4 escort vessels, was 044° 17', 006° 10' (?270) 8. Aircraft reported. (F.O.S. 1741A/10 to TIGRIS.)

Operation V.P. As result of visit of your staff officer operation of coastal force propose following arrangements to avoid clash of operations and for exchange of information.

- (A) F.O.(S) to keep submarines clear of area of operation of coastal force.
 (B) Owing to superior speed of coastal force to be routed clear of submarines on passage.
 (C) Reference A.F.O. "S" 2/42 article 29 note (3) Lerwick S.O. Subs to be responsible for passing of information of movements of coastal forces to and from Lerwick. Reference para (B) (2) A.C.O.S. is requested to be responsible for passing information of movements of own coastal forces.
 (D) Lerwick S.O. Subs and S.O. operations coastal forces to keep each other informed of movements of their respective forces.
 (E) Lerwick S.O. Subs to provide facilities for Staff Officers of operation coastal forces to interview C.O. of submarines recently returned from inshore patrol on Norwegian coast. (F.O.S. 1424A/10 to A.C.O.S.)

UREDD Patrol. Request you sail UREDD at 0900A/11th through
 (A) 089° Out Skerries 5 miles.
 (B) 061° 01' N. 000° 05' E.
 (C) 061° 15' N. 003° 30' E. Thence patrol in zones K.5 and K.6 between latitudes 060° 45' N. and 063° N. 2. UREDD should proceed on the surface at C.O.'s discretion while west of 002° E thence diving by day. (Capt. S.9 1435A/10 to S.O. S/M Lerwick.)

Operation "Upsilon". (1) F.O.S. 1121/7 and your 1047/10th not to C. in C. H.F. On completion of trials at Lunna Voe request you will sail *JUNON routed as follows:
 (A) 020° Out Skerries 7 miles. * *see p. 375.*
 (B) 069° 25' N. 012° 01' E. thence carrying out operation in vicinity of (C) 069° 31' N. 017° 26' E. and thereafter to patrol in zone K.9.
 (2) F.S. JUNON is to proceed on the surface at C.O.'s discretion when more than 60 miles from Norwegian coast and thereafter diving by day.
 (3) Request you will arrange with H.Q.C.C. for bombing restrictions (Capt. (S) 9 1545A/10 to S.O. Subs Lerwick (R) F.O.S., C. in C. H.F., A.C.O.S., C. in C. Rosyth, H.Q.C.C.)... *Sales, sup. 437*

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Operations - contd.

Enemy Tanker torpedoed. Following is preliminary report of C/F activity on enemy coast night 9th - 10th November. (1) P.R.U. aircraft reported a northbound convoy off Scheveningen at 1120/9 and Jim Crow aircraft of 12 group reported another off Noordwijk at 1400/9, and available M.T.Bs from MANTIS were sailed at 1600 to intercept off Vlieland. M.T.Bs 233 and 83 in 53° 36' N. 04° 58' E. at 2215 sighted an enemy convoy of 8 M/Vs escorted by 3 or 4 'M' class sweepers and possibly 1 'T' class T/B. Escorts were ahead and astern of M/Vs leaving flanks exposed. M.T.Bs made a silent and unobserved approach and attacked group of 3 M/Vs from 800 yards, hitting one 5,000 ton tanker and possibly hitting the other two ships. Four torpedoes were fired, but only hit on tanker definitely observed, a large column of water rising followed three seconds later by another explosion in same ship which may have been another hit. Escorts opened heavy but ineffective fire, M.T.Bs replying with 400 rounds of .5" whilst disengaging on main engines. They report that enemy continued firing intermittently, obviously at each other, for a considerable time after M.T.Bs had left. No damage or casualties. M.T.Bs off Ostend sighted nothing. (C. in C. Nore 1634A/10 to Admty.)

Coastal Patrol shelled. My 1147A/9. M.T.Bs 55, 54, 56 and M.G.Bs 611, 615 did not encounter any enemy. At 2353/9 a 6-inch battery sited at Cap Levi opened fire at a range of about 5,000 yards. Three salvos of four shells were fired of which first two salvos were correct for line but 200 yards over and third salvo was a straddle. M.G.B. 615 left the force at about this time with 3 defective engines. On repassing Cap Levi at 0044/10 M.T.Bs were held by search-lights but shore batteries did not fire again. Force proceeded on silent engines and was almost certainly picked up by R.D.F. (C. in C. Portsmouth 1715A/10.)

Biscay S/M Patrol. SEALION is to be sailed for patrol in Bay of Biscay on 12th November. GRAPH and DOLFIN will be required for the same patrol when ready. (F.O.S. 1829A/10 to Capt. S.3.)

Exercises.

Exercise "Blanket". Operation "Blanket" commenced night of 10/11th. (C. in C. Nore 2151A/10.)

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Tuesday.War Diary.HOME COMMANDS.Allied Air Activity.Bomber
Command
Operations.

On day 9th November 12 Bostons with fighter cover attacked the NEUMARK Raider of 8700 tons at Le Havre at 1534 hrs. from 10500 ft. One direct hit is claimed, but no definite statement can be made.
On night 9/10 November about 100 A/C bombed Hamburg.
(H.Q.B.C. 1445A/10.)

Bombing
restrictions.

Request surface bombing restrictions from 1800A/10 to 0800A/11 in area enclosed by Start Point, Roche Douvres, and Isle de Bas.
(C. in C. Plymouth 1559A/10 to H.Q.C.C.)

Enemy Air Activity.Convoys
K.M.S.3
and
K.X.6.

Convoys K.M.S.3 and K.X.6 were reported by enemy aircraft A.M. today.
(D.D.I.C. 1830A/10 to Escorts.)

Mining.Thames
Estuary.

Two ground mines detonated by Sweeper at 1351/9 in 198° Whitaker Beacon 2.1 miles. Details.
(Capt. M/S Sheerness 0955/10.)

Off 3.C
Buoy.

A mine has self exploded completely 340° three C Buoy one. 3 miles.
*(CAMPBELL 1610A/10.)

* see p. 377

Operation
Q.L.5.

Operation carried out as ordered.
(C. in C. Nore 1634A/10)

Lyme Bay
clearance.

Width swept area extended to 8.3 miles. 4 mines detonated in 050° 30' 06", 002° 57' 30" W. 050° 30' 09", 002° 57' 09" W. 050° 29' 36", 002° 57' 21" W, 050° 29' 12", 002° 57' 42" W. Intend sailing at 0715 tomorrow, returning to Portland on completion of area. E.T.A. Portland 1630. Codeword "Scent".
(M/S 4 1732A/10.)

My 1732/10. Expect to finish clearance of present area tomorrow and do not intend to carry out check search unless this is specially required. On 12th Nov. propose clearing area bounded by following positions:-

(A) 050° 26' 15" 002° 46' 21" W.
(B) 050° 25' 18" 002° 46' 21" W.
(C) 050° 26' 15" 002° 41' 54" W.
(D) 050° 25' 18" 002° 41' 54" W. in order to complete clearance to depth 2 miles southward of Eastern end of route M.
(M/S 4 1858A/10.)

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDS.Enemy Intelligence.ADMIRAL
SCHEER.

Report graded A.2 states that German Naval Main Unit with single funnel and one triple turret forward and possibly 2 aft passed Helsingborg at 0915/9th November, course South, escorted by 3 Destroyers. Comment: This may refer to ADMIRAL SCHEER.
(D.D.I.C. 0332A/10.)

Enemy
Convoy.

1 Enemy M/V, 4 E.Vs in 44° 17' N. 6° 10' W. course 270°, speed 7 knots.
(A/C 224 Sqdn. 1655/10.)

Outward bound tanker escorted by 4 T/Bs reported by aircraft in position 44° 25' N. 06° 10' W. at 1310A/10 course 270°. Possibly another merchant ship in same vicinity. These ships may be SPICHERN (ex KROSSFONN) and ELSA ESSBERGER.
(D.D.I.C. 2140A/10.)

3 destroyers, 1 unknown ship bearing 240° 4 miles, course 270°, position 44° 10' N. 06° 52' W. Am shadowing.
(A/C YHIK 2202/10 to Plympton.)

1 Tanker 44° 14' N. 8° 51' W. co. 270° speed 13 knots.
(A/C 2310/10 to 19 Group.)

My 2310. 300 tons. No escort. Am still in touch with enemy. No change in the situation since the report quoted at the beginning of this message.

(A/C C/S B9XS 2330/10 to 19 Group.)

U-Boats.U-Boat
attacked.

Result of attack, hit(s) probable. U-boat submerged on second attack, bow surfaced for six mins. and sank.
(A/C 0906/10 to 19 Group.)

U-Boats
reported.

Am over an enemy submarine in 46° 27' N. 8° 43' W. Enemy was on course 080° and speed 8 when first sighted.

(A/C 0909/10 to 19 Group.)

Aircraft sighted U-Boat in 046° 27' N. 008° 43' W. at 0900/10th Nov. course 080°, speed 8 knots.

(F.O.S. 1012A/10 to S/Ms.)

Am over enemy submarine in position 43° 42' N. 8° 23' W. Enemy was sighted on surface. When first sighted was on course 090°, speed 6 knots.

(A/C G5VG 1445/16 to 19 Group.)

Am over enemy submarine in 46° 13' N. 7° 40' W. S/M was first sighted on surface, course 040°, 15 knots.

(A/C YHID 2120/10 to 19 Group.)

My 2120. Enemy S/M is still on the surface. Enemy course and speed is 90°, 8, at 2207.

(A/C YHID 2215/10 to 19 Group.)

My 2215. Am still in touch with enemy. No change in the situation since report at 2305.

(A/C YHID 2305X/10 to 19 Group.)

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDS.Casualties and Defects.

- P.556. Arrived P.556 and MANGROVE.
(C. in C. Portsmouth 0850A/10.)
- M.L.1150. Cancel my 0731/10. ^{N.T. - Y.D.} My 1501/9. ^{N.T. - Y.D.} Sailing postponed. M/L 1150 returned with defects.
(F.O.I.C. Milford Haven 0859A/10.)
- MALAYA. My 1530/18th October. Information is requested whether requirement that MALAYA is to be at 7 days notice from 21st November may now be relaxed. If 30th November can be accepted as firm date of completion of dockyard refit, a later undocking than that at present envisaged can be arranged with considerable consequent benefit to refit.
(ii) If alternatively date of completion of dockyard work can be extended to 7th December in lieu of 30th November the following additional work can be done. Details.
(A.S. Rosyth 1150A/10 to Admty.)
- LEAMINGTON. My 2138/9. It has now been ascertained that M/F calibration only is required and Greenock can accommodate A.M. Friday 13th. Intend to sail LEAMINGTON 0930/11th to calibration berth B. E.T.A. 1700/12th.
(N.O.I.C. Tees 1154/10.)
- KALAN. My 1610/9. ^{N.T. - Y.D.} On leaving harbour developed engine defects and returned.
(N.O.I.C. Poole 1230/10.)
- M.T.B.227. M.T.B.227 arrived. Engine defects.
(N.O.I.C. Stranraer 1305A/10.)
- WOODRUFF,
PETUNIA,
CROCUS. Following is a repetition of C. in C. W.A. 1056/9 to F.O.I.C. Liverpool. Begins. WOODRUFF, PETUNIA, and CROCUS should be taken in hand for docking if necessary and making good defects. Ships will be required to leave Liverpool on 22nd November. Ends.
(C. in C. W.A. 1601A/10 to Admty.)
- M.T.B.32. Arrival M.T.B.32 due to engine defects.
(F.O.I.C. Harwich 1809A/10.)
See p. 377

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDS.Shipping and Convoys.

Convoy F.N.61. (F.N.861) Departure Tug DIVERSION escorted by M.G.Bs 313, 334 to Casualty in position 2 miles South 3 C Buoy at 0045.
FIDELIO sunk. (F.O.I.C. Gt. Yarmouth 0125A/10.)
WANDLE damaged. QUORN's 2310A/9. Wreck is in 058° 3 C Buoy 1 6 miles. Balloon attached.
(MENDIP 0259A/10.)

My 2310/9. Ship sunk was SS FIDELIO and ship damaged SS WANDLE. No other casualties in F.N.61.
(QUORN 0930A/10 to C. in C. Nore.)

→ My 0125. Returned with SS WANDLE in tow.

(F.O.I.C. Gt. Yarmouth 1320A/10.)

Departure Tug SUPERMAN.

(F.O.I.C. Harwich 1329A/10.)

Preliminary report of E-Boat activity last night. At least 12 E-Boats possibly in 3 groups operated between 3 C and 55 A Buoys first heard at 2130. At this time F.N.861 had 3 more destroyers forming additional escort. First attack near 3 C Buoy soon after 2130 sunk Norwegian Merchant Vessel FIDELIO and blew bows off merchant vessel WANDLE. All subsequent attacks beaten off. Several E-Boats known to have been damaged. Destroyers seem to have lost touch about 2245 after which E-Boats remained eastward of 4 Buoy and possibly further north until about midnight or later when they moved away. It is thought they may have been searching for damaged E-Boats. No further attacks took place. Minelaying is not suspected. Gorleston continued to obtain D/F bearings until 0130 carrier finally fading at 0225. Coastal forces on Z Line and further east did not succeed in making contact. WANDLE now in Yarmouth Roads. Survivors of FIDELIO landed at Yarmouth.
(C. in C. Nore 1748A/10 to Admty.)

W.S.25 P.

My 0443/6 para (c). Arrangements have been made with U.S. Authorities for BORINQUEN to arrive Liverpool a.m. 10th.
2. She will embark 11/11 and 12/11 at P.L.S.
3. ESPERANCE BAY will not now be included in Convoy W.S.25 P.
(D.S.T. 0221A/10.)

Convoy
T.A.28.

Sailed from U.K. 8 Nov. for New York.
2. For details of personnel on board see W.O. signal 78381 of 8 Nov. to Milstaf, Washington.
(D. of S.T. 0222A/10 to B.A.D. Washington, B.M.W.T. New York.)

Ships from
North
Russia.

Ice condition deteriorating propose sailing Baltic ships who are either short of oil fuel or are too slow for convoy with corvette for Kola as soon as possible. Ships short of fuel IRONCLAD 250, WHITE CLOVER (?250), CAMPFIRE 350, MEANTICUT 150, LAFAYETTE 150. Slow ships. HOLLYWOOD, BACON R MACCORMICK.
(S.B.N.O. Archangel 0858A/10 to S.B.N.O. North Russia (R)S.O.6th M/S F. Admiral Miles.)

/C.E.130 ...

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDS.Shipping and Convoys - contd.

- C.E.130. Part company from C.E.130 at East Spile and proceed to Harwich, reporting your E.T.A. direct as soon as known.
(C. in C. Nore 0911A/10 to ATHERSTONE.)
- SS CARRIER. Screening SS CARRIER from Loch Ewe section of S.C.107 who is stopped till approx 1300Z/10th with engine defects 083° 9 miles from Barra Head.
(ALGOMA 0954Z/10 to C.T.U. 24.1.14.)
- Q.P.15. Your 1445/5th. Can you fuel 5 destroyers instead of 3.
(C. in C. H.F. 1106A/10 to S.B.N.O. North Russia)
Your 1106/10th. Probable but confirmation from Moscow may not be obtained until 12th Nov. In view of my 0850/10th request you will consider sending only 3 ships to avoid delay in sailing of Q.P.15.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia 1546A/10 to C. in C. H.F.)
Leave patrol forthwith for Lerwick as routed by Capt. S.9.
(F.O.(S) 1656A/10 to TUNA.)
Position of submarines at 0800/11 and movements for the following 24 hours.
O.15 vicinity 75° N. 08° E. → TUNA vicinity 70° 32' N. 20° 01' E.
P.312 and P.216 in Zone K.6.
(F.O.(S) 1701A/10.)
Intend following S/M dispositions for Q.P.15.
1. *P.321 and P.216 to operate in Russian area 2 if Russians intend to occupy area 2 A. *? 312 intended - see para above.
 2. → Owing to operation V.P. intend Norwegian S/M UREDD also to proceed to northern waters direct Lerwick. * see p 379.
 3. F.S. JUNON to continue with operation "Upsilon" then in accordance with my 1121/7th November not to S.B.N.O. North Russia. see p.379
 4. S/M in para (1) and (2) to reach patrol area not later than 17th Nov.
(F.O.(S) 1754A/10 to C. in C. H.F. (R) Admty., A.C.O.S., S.O. Subs. Lerwick, Capt. (S) 9, S.B.N.O. North Russia, H.Q.C.C., C. in C. Rosyth.)
→ F.O.S. 1656/10. *TUNA proceeding forthwith to Lerwick through following positions :- * see p.377
- (A) 070° 01', 011° 59' E.
(B) 069° 03', 007° 58' E.
(C) 091° Out Skerries 5 miles.
(2) Proceeding diving by day to position (A) thence on surface at C.O. discretion. Total bombing restrictions will be arranged to cover whole passage.
(Capt. (S) 9 1809A/10.)
→ My 1121/7. Cancel movement of UREDD. Retain her at Lerwick. Further orders follow.
2. UREDD is to land intelligence for operation in zone K.5 and K.6 and is to embark portion of F.S.K. REVELANT (?relevant) to new patrol.
(F.O.S. 1812A/10 to Capt.(S) 9th, S.O. (Subs) Lerwick (R) Admty., C. in C. H.F., A.C.O.S., C. in C. Rosyth, Hqrs. C.C.)

/Cancel ...

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Q.P.15. (contd.) Cancel my 1435/10th. *N.T. & H.D.*
(Capt. (S) 9 1945A/10 to S.O. S/Ms Lerwick.)
My 1456/10th (?1546A intended) 1744 tons will be available.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia 2229A/10 to C. in C.H.F.)
S.B.N.O. North Russia 0859/10th not to all addressees.
INTREPID and ICARUS have sailed tonight to join Captain (D) 8 at Seidisfjord. *p. 376*
(2) On completion fuelling Captain (D) 8 is to proceed in FAULKNOR with IMPULSIVE, ECHO, ICARUS, INTREPID in company to Kola Inlet in accordance with my 2nd (Ascertained by phone that this should read 1127/2. Message is being corrected by C. in C. H.F.)
(3) Captain (D) 8 reports E.T.A. Kola Inlet before sailing.
(4) Consider this reinforcement most desirable. It should not delay sailing Q.P.15 beyond 16th Nov.
(5) Failing confirmation by 1800A/14th that fuel is available for 5 destroyers at Kola Inlet INTREPID and ICARUS are to be sent back to Seidisfjord.
(6) Request every effort may be made to provide fuel.
(7) A.C.I.C. pass S.B.N.O. North Russia's 0859/10th to Captain (D) 8.
(C. in C. H.F. 2358A/10 to S.B.N.O. North Russia, Capt. (D) 8, (R) Admty., S.B.N.O. Archangel, A.C.I.C. Admiral Miles.)

Operation F.B. Next time you break W/T silence request reply to my 1526/9th.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia 1200A/10 to S.O. M/S F.6
(R) S.B.N.O. Archangel.)
Cancel my 2326/7 Nov. but keep 1 salvo for cruiser and above.
(F.O.S. 1827A/10 to Subs. operating North of latitude 51° N.
(R) Admty., C. in C. H.F., A.C.O.S., H.Q.C.C., S.B.N.O. North Russia.)

K.M.F.3. (1) WAVENEY detailed for Cardiff portion to R/V Barry Roads 1600A/11th.
(2) TOTLAND detailed for Liverpool portion to R/V as ordered by N.O.I.C. Liverpool not yet received. Your 1222A/7 not to ships concerned refers.
(N.O.I.C. Londonderry 1229A/10 to C. in C. W.A.,
(R) N.O.I.C. Liverpool, N.O.I.C. Cardiff,
N.C.S.O. Mersey, N.C.S.O. Clyde, N.C.S.O. Avonmouth, Admty., WESTON, TOTLAND.)
(1) Intend sail TOTLAND escorting VILLE D'ANVERS, COAMO, SCYTHIA, STAFFORDSHIRE and ORION 1430A/12th for Clyde in accordance with A.M. 1950/8th E.T.A. Cumbræes 0730A/13th. S. of A. Q.Z.S. 215 9 knots thereafter 12 knots codeword "Master" help call on 385 k/cs.
(2) Comdre. Londonderry is requested to sail TOTLAND to R/V at Bar L/V 1430A/12th.
(3) On completion TOTLAND is to return to Liverpool Bar L/V as convenient to arrive at 1430A/14th.
(N.O.I.C. Liverpool 1412/10 to N.O.I.C. Greenock (R) N.O.I.C. Londonderry, H.Q.F.C. Admty. C. in C. W.A., N.O.I.C. Belfast Capt.(D) Liverpool, C. in C. H.F., TOTLAND, C.T.G.24.7.)

/Convoy ...

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Tuesday.HOME COMMANDS.Shipping and Convoys.

- K.M.F.3
(contd.) Convoy K.M.F.3 A.M. 1950/8. Para. 3.
R/V in position (c) at 0900Z/15.
(D.O.D.(H) 1712A/10 to C. in C. W.A., F.O.I.C.
Greenock, N.C.S.O. Clyde, F.O.I.C. Liverpool,
N.C.S.O. Mersey (R) F.O.C.N.A., C. in C. H.F.
N.C.X.F., F.O.I.C. Cardiff, H.Q.C.C., H.Q.F.C.)
- W.P.
Convoy. My 1115A/10 para 5. Cancel W.P. Convoy.
(C. in C. Plymouth 1315A/10 to M.Ls 186, 180,
259.)
- EMPIRE
SCOT,
EMPIRE SKY. Request EMPIRE SCOT and EMPIRE SKY be routed
Kola Inlet when released.
(S.B.N.O. North Russia 1409A/10 to Admty. (R)
C. in C. H.F., (?S.B.N.O. Archangel), A.C.I.C.,
N.O.I.C. Murmansk.)
- P.W.F.245. My 1131/10. Cancelled.
(F.O.I.C. Falmouth 1447A/10 to C. in C. Plymouth)
- O.N., O.N.S.
Convoys. In O.N. and O.N.S. Convoys containing ships for
South Atlantic Ports the time and position in
which they are detached is to be reported to
Admiralty and C. in C. U.S. Fleet repeated C. in
C. W.A.
(C. in C. W.A. 1618A/10 to S. & A., W.A.)
- P.Q. and Q.P.
Convoy
Armaments. Your 1258A/29.
(A) There is no doubt newer types of rocket
weapons were effective in keeping (?planes)
(?high) and in prevention of dive bombing.
They also create good morale effect on (3 corrupt
groups.)
(B) Use of balloon is recommended in P.Q. convoys as deterrent
to dive bombing. In Q.P. convoys to which enemy has not so
far given much attention from air their use is questionable.
With long nights and danger of their being D/F's escort
probably unnecessary.
(C) Reports indicate that planes rarely came close enough for
.30 or .303 weapons to be effective. Bofors and guns find
great favour particularly the former and it is agreed that all
ships sailing in P.Q. convoy should be fitted with 2 B one
(? aft) and one forward. Low angle guns were used when torpedo
A/C attacked from aft and when other ships were clear of range
but they were not effective as so few rounds can be fired in
the short time occupied by such an attack.
(D) Yes, for present armament.
(E) (?Recommend) besides the 2 Bofors referred to in (C) as
many Oerlikon up to 4 in each ship as possible.
(2) Waste (?of) ammunition by opening fire outside effective
range needs to be continually stressed.
(3) In a torpedo bombing attack the two nearest columns to
turn towards the attack, remainder away.
(S.B.N.O. Archangel 1627A/10 to Admty.)

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- P.W.247. C. in C. Portsmouth is requested to sail P.W.247 direct from Portsmouth on 12th Nov. to Bristol Channel Ports without calling at Portland or Dartmouth, to arrive D.1 buoy at 0930/13.
2. F.O.I.C. Portland is requested to sail KRAKOWIAK, CORNELIAN, JASPER and RUBY to relieve Portsmouth local escort before dark 12th November.
3. F.Os I.C. Cardiff and Milford Haven are requested to sail KRAKOWIAK and Group B Trawlers as additional escort to W.P.249 on 15th Nov. to Plymouth.
4. Pass to N.C.S.Os.
5. P.W.D. 247 will not sail.
(C. in C. Plymouth 1707A/10.)
- SS HINDUSTAN, F.O.I.C. Greenock is requested to sail SS ITHURIEL. HINDUSTAN ex K.M.S.3 for Milford Haven to await escort. C. in C. Portsmouth is requested to sail ITHURIEL when ready about 12th Nov. for Milford Haven instead of as in A.M. 2047/29th Oct. not to all addressees. F.O.I.C. Milford Haven is requested to sail both ships when ready for Gibraltar. C. in C. W.A. is requested to provide route south of Ireland (R).
(D.O.D.(H) 1710A/10.)
- TJALDUR. My 1130/8. Sailed escorted by*CASTLETON.
(F.O.I.C. Aberdeen 1715/10.) *See p.376.
- Firth of Lorne. Ships routed to Oban should burn navigation lights at full brilliance on entering Firth of Lorne.
(D.T.D. 1845A/10.)
- K.M.S.3. All present except HINDUSTAN No.44 not sighted yesterday or today. My P.C. and S. are 055° 15' N. 012° 43' W. 247° 7. R/V noon Z 11th 064° Q 155, noon Z 12th 233° Q 20. 7280 2363.
(BLACK SWAN 2001A/10 to C. in C. W.A.)

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Tuesday.

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Operation "Torch."

ROBERTS. Am anchored just North of M/Vs inside (?seaport) and intend to weigh 0500. Do you wish me then to remain in vicinity to afford A/A and R.D.F. support or shall I proceed to sea returning about 1500. If latter request escort may be detailed to close me 0515. (ROBERTS. 0001Z/10 to Cdr.E.N. T.F.(R) C.S.10. STORK).
Your 0001Z/10. Remain under way inside A/S patrol. (E.N. T.F. 0300/10 to ROBERTS (R) F.O. A/C H.F. STORK).

F.O.C.10th C.S. reports destroyers of Force O are getting short of fuel. Presume you will arrange for their refuelling (as?) I cannot spare destroyers from Force H to relieve them whilst doing so. Force R will be in 037. 35 N. 002.48 E. steering 250 at 0800/10 if required for refuelling. (S.O. Force H. 0005/10 to N.C.E.N.T.Force.(R) F.O. C.10th C.S. SCYLLA.)

In view of "TIGER" not received and urgency of various R/Cs request provision of 2 craft to (?land) key personnel Serial 33792 30947 1695 32071 33768 5050 3461. (N.L.O.C. 0010/10 to P.M.(?) O. BULOLO.)

^{/N.T. W.D}
Your 1523/9. Submit that this operation can be carried out but that beaching is impracticable under present condition of swell. Berthing in Arzeu harbour would be (incomplete group). (MISOA 0030/10 to S.N.O.L.Sector 2 (R) TASAJERA.)

N.C.C. T.F's 1825 and "Torch" N. C. four appendix A essential that report should be made immediately of permanent silencing of probable and possible coastal batteries from P. one to P. eight inclusive. RODNEY, AURORA and JAMAICA are to repeat on F.C wave remainder on fleet wave. (C.G.C.T.F. 0036/10 to Divl.H.Q. 16 C.T. 18 C.T. 26 C.T. pass to F.O.O's one two, three and four (R) RODNEY, AURORA, JAMAICA, FARNDALE, BRILLIANT, CALPE.)

Pass to Operational Command E. T. F. 0600Z/10th. Failing orders by 1000 hours despatch maximum effective strength and all serviceable C.47 Maison Blanche. To C.T. F. for action E.T.A. informed. Acknowledge urgent. (C. in C.2nd Battn. 0045Z/10 to C.G.C.T.F., C.G.E T.F.).

O.4 10th ref A. F.H.Q. 0045Z/10. Despatch all available C.47

/A/C.....

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A/C to Maison Blanche earliest possible moment. Report time of arrival. Arrangements will be made to bring TP S of 503 para. Inf.Fwd at later date.
(E.T.F. 1532Z/10 to C.T. F.(R) E. A.C,A. F.H.Q., C.P.

GARLINGE
Sunk.

Unknown ship sunk at (?051°) Unknown circumstances request M.M.S. be detailed for rescue.

(LORD HOTHAM 0110/10 to SCOTTISH (R) V.A.C.N.A).

1. LORD HOTHAM's 0110/10. GARLINGE

torpedoed approx. 211 XTJT 30 at 0051/10, MINNA has been detached to search till dark.

2. My 0530/10 LORD HOTHAM missed by torpedo 174 XTJT 22. Unable to attack.

3. My P.C. and S. 152 XTJT 37 060° 6.5 knots. Weather report * (SCOTTISH 0625/10 to N.C.X.F. (R) MINNA, LORD HOTHAM). * *see p. 394*

Have picked up 14 survivors position N. 036.27 E. 000.15 at 1100 including (?Captain). Ship sank in 60 seconds 26 persons missing Am continuing search.

(MINNA 1105Z/10 to F.O. C.N.A.(R) (? N.C.) X. F. SCOTTISH)

My 1105/10 recovered 2 bodies at 1300 in 036.31 N. 000.21 E. Rescued C.O. alive at 1535 examined quantity of wreckage. No boat or other raft got away have abandoned search 23 persons missing presumed drowned. LORD HOTHAM steamed through survivors, did she pick up any?

(MINNA 1900Z/10 to F.O.C.N.A.(R) C. in C.X.F. SCOTTISH).

My P.C. and S. 036. 36 N. 001. 23 E. 077. 10 knots E.T.A 5 miles North of Caxine 0600/11.

(MINNA 2200Z/10 to F.O.C.N.A.(R) C. in C.X.F. SCOTTISH).

U/B
attacked
by
VERITY.

At 2325 S/M sighted on surface course 180°. Attacked immediately on diving position 036.26 N 002.04 W. Result uncertain.

(VERITY 0118Z/10 to Gibraltar W/T).

My 0118/10th to V.A.C.N.A. and C.A.F.O.

834/41 (a) VERITY, (b) 2325Z/9 by R.D.F. (c)

036.26 N. 002.04 W. (?12) 00.(d) 17. (e) 0200Z/10.

* Consider U/Boats probably destroyed. Appearing to be 250 tons German.

(VERITY 1200Z/10 to Admty, N.C.X.F. N.C.C.N.T.F. V.A. C.N.A (R) Capt.(D) 13.). * *Not comprised by Lt. R. Hotham in cmd. 1843*

Cancel my 0559 /9. TON 7 MONARCH OF BERMUDA from Y Beach 2300 routed 50 E.T. A. Gibraltar 1500 /10th.

LLANGIBBY CASTLE from Y Beach 2300 routed 72 E.T.A. Gibraltar 1700/10.

(C.N.T.F. 0110Z/10 to N.C. X. F.(R) Capt.(S).8, V. A.Gibraltar A.O.C.Gibraltar).

/R/C of....

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R/C of P.R.U. Dakar 1730/9 failure owing to low cloud.
Dakar. French Battleship RICHELIEU, 2 cruisers and one
see p. 404 S/M. 2 destroyers seen in harbour, one cruiser
in roads.

Cancel departure of S/M given in my 0721/8 and my 1725/8 not
to S.O. Force Q. 10 S/Ms were present p.m./8th. Naval units
have been dispersed inside harbour and awnings have been furled.
Vichy convoy of 20 M/Vs with 2 (? or) more escort vessels
sighted by A/C at 0915Z/9 in 013.42 N. 017. 55 W. 035° 8/10
knots apparently approaching Dakar. Smoke screen made. P.R.U
gives no indication whether this unusually large convoy
entered Dakar but there are no reports of later sighting by
A/C patrol.

(R.A.W.Af. 0125Z/10 to Admty, N.C.X. F., C.W.N.T.F., Air H.Q.
Gibraltar, S.O. Force Q.).

Score to date. Our fighters claim 12 destroyed,
2 probables, 8 damaged. Ships claim 4 destroyed
by A.A. fire.

(S.O.R.A.F. Bulolo, 0125/10 to A.O.O.E. A.C.).

Fort
Santon, &
Canastel
Bty.

N.C.X. F's 1858/9. Bombing attack can be
carried out any time after 1300Z. Give your
requirements as early as possible.

(S.O. Force H. 0127Z/10 to N.C.C.N.T. F.(R)
N.C.X.F. N.C.E.N.T.F., R.A. A.).

Your 0127/10. Request all available

Albacores dive bomb 9.4 inch battery Cape Canastel 035.46 N.
000.34 W. as quickly as possible.

(C.N.T.F. 0543Z/10 to S.O. Force H (R) N.C. X.F. R.A.A.).

My 05 (? 25 or 43)/10 please prepare second dive-bombing
sortie on Dusanton Map ref. 359, 927, 287° Canastel Map ref
491, 953 at (corrupt group).

(C.N.T.F. 0623Z/10 to S.O. Force H. R.A.A.).

Your 1145/10. Can bomb Fort Santon after 1500. 2 hours
warning required.

(R.A.A.H.F. 1227/10 to N.C.C.N.T.F.(R) S.O. Force H).

THOMAS
STONE.

see pp 399, 402,

Have resumed tow of THOMAS STONE from ~~ST. Day~~
making good 3 knots course 090° expected in
037. 05 N. 001. 00 E at 0800/10. WISHART, fuel
stocks remaining 140, VELOX, fuel stocks
remaining 100, request early relief for VELOX and instructions
for fuelling. Weather report.

(WISHART 0130Z/10 to N.C.X. F.(R) N.C.E.T.F., S.O. Force H).

My P.C S at 0630/10 36.23 N. 01.36 W. 270° 6 knots.

No position received (? from) ZETLAND.

(HENGIST 0630/10 to F.O.C.N.A.).

/HENGIST...

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THOMAS HENGIST join WISHART and THOMAS STONE in approx.
STONE. (?036°) 52' N. 001° 30' E. at 0700/10th
Contd. WISHART report P.C. and S.
(N.C.X.F. 0645Z/10 to HENGIST, WISHART (R)
N.C.E.N.T.F., N.C.C.N.T.F., ZETLAND).
My 0645Z/10 position of WISHART 037.05 W.
(?037°) alternative (?031°) 00'E. at 0800 Z course 090° 3 knots.
(N.C.X.F. 0811Z/10 to HENGIST, WISHART).
Proceed Gibraltar with all despatch.
(N.C.C.N.T.F. 0925/10 to *ZETLAND, (R) WISHART, HENGIST,
N.C.X.F.)
My P.C. and S. at (?10)00/10 037.05 N. 000.55 E. 090° 4
Weather report.
(WISHART 1015Z/10 to HENGIST, (R) N.C.X.F., N.C.E.N.T.F.
N.C.C.N.F. Force G).
HENGIST should be (?with) you soon. You must spin out
fuel until arrival Algiers or until N.C.E.N.T.F. can relieve
you.
(?N.C.X.F.1052Z/10 to WISHART (R) N.C.E.N.T.F.)
Unable to decode your 0811 (corrupt group) 10th. My
position at 1115/10th 36.23 N. 01.24 W. course 090° speed 9
knots. Proceeding to position 36.52 N. 0130 E.
(HENGIST 1115/10 to F.O.C.N.A.).
Your 1115/10 WISHART's P.C. S 1000/10. 037.05 N.
000.55 E. 090° 4 knots. Join her.
(N.C.X.F.1536Z/10 to HENGIST).
Expect to be in 037.01 N. 002.33 E. at 0600/11, course
and speed 108, 3½ knots with THOMAS STONE in tow. Request
additional A/S Screen.
(WISHART 1954Z/10 to N.C.E.N.T.F.(R) N.C.X.F, S.O. Force
H. N.O.I.C.Algiers, HENGIST).

My 2345/9 and C.G.T. F. 0038/10 it is intended
FARNDALE and CALPE should be in Oran Bay from
0800 tomorrow Tuesday ready to enter Oran harbour
at the 1st favourable opportunity in order to
prevent blocking of entrance. FARNDALE S.O. will
be in direct communication with N.C.C.T.F.

Ships addressed are to cover destroyers shifting fire should it
appear necessary to support their approach.
(N.C.C.T.F.0205/10 to RODNEY, JAMAICA, (R) AURORA, BOADICEA.)

Situation. Should be glad to have your account of naval
position at Oran and Casablanca. Has Oran been
bombarded and if so with what result?
(1st Lord 0207A/10 to N.C.X.F.117).

Your 0207/10. See my 2248/9.

1. Oran. Naval Forces still giving full support to C.T.F. but
latter meeting stiff resistance. RODNEY has bombarded Fort
Santon whilst cruisers and destroyers have answered Army calls
for fire support as required. Force H has been ordered to be
within 100 miles of Oran daylight 10th with instructions that
naval aircraft are to bomb Santon when called on by N.C.C.T.F.

/FURIOUS...

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Situation → FURIOUS, BITER and DASHER have been ordered to
Contd. Gibraltar by N.C. C. T. F. as shore based
fighters are now established.
2. Casablanca. No situation report yet received
but it is clear that Western Naval T.F. has dealt effectively
with Vichy Naval Forces who put to sea.
3. Algiers. XLEEDSTOWN torpedoed by S/M and beached. XX COWDRAY
torpedoed by A/C and being towed. CALAMARES*(?PALOMARES)
damaged by bomb. Eleven attacks on S/M which was twice blown
to surface. 11 A/C shot down for certain by fighters. All
ships now in Algiers Harbour.
(N.C.X.F.0507Z/10 to Admty) * See pp 396, 399, 403. XX See p. 403 & 407

→ FURIOUS. Pass Boom at 0630Z/10 and berth at 52 bow
North tug will meet you at Northern entrance to
?roads destroyers enter harbour and ?(small)
(?tanker) San Adolfo (corrupt group) established two each side
of bow North.
(F.O.C.N.A. 0216Z/10 to FURIOUS).
Pass through 036.00 N. 004.20 W.
(N.C.X.F.0412Z/10 to FURIOUS).

Algiers. Your 1952/9. Unless mines actually found
with your authority remaining present anchorage
and continue unloading. Risk of bombs and
torpedo which would be imposed by prolonged stay in port
much greater than from mines. If it is your intention to put
Men-of-War alongside would prefer to move.
(S.N.O.L.Sector C. 0230 Z/10 to A.O.E.N.T.F.).
Your 0230 not to A.B.O. SAMUEL CHASE is to remain in
berth for the present. Report rate of unloading.
(S.O.E.N.T. F. 0627/10 to S.N.O.L.Sector C.(R) KEREN
A.B.O).

C.O.13th A.R. was held up at Misserghen (Anaragad)
this afternoon by 75s counter bombardment
produced no results. He by-passed Misserghen
this evening and joined flying column at
Lasenia. His infantry urgently required is now
on its way to join him C.O.13th A.R.urgently
requests tactical R/C of Aintemoucent and road to S.W.(?also)
Siddibelabbes to Tafaroui. He wishes any troops approaching
from Aintemoucent to be strafed from the air. Request
written report from tactical R/C A/C be dropped at Lasenia
aerodrome.
(S.N.O.L(X) 0241Z/10 to S.O. Capital Ships Spare Force 3,
N.C.C.T.F.).

EX(3 groups incompletely received)ER is
chartered merchantman and does not regularly
belong to me. Request she be routed to U.S. by
fast convoy when unloaded.
(S.N.O.L.(C) 0325/10 to S.O.E.N.T.F.).

/MARTIN...

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Sunk.*(By U. 431.
See G.D. 443)
See p. 403.*MARTIN blown up and sunk at 0258Z in 037.53 N
003.57 E. Assumed to be by torpedo from S/M
but no contact reported or high explosive
heard. QUENTIN picking up survivors.
(S.O. Force H. 0342Z/10 to N. C. X.F. (R) N.C.E.N.T.
F. C.S.10 SCYLLA, Admty).My 0342/10. Survivors 4 officers, 59 ratings
C.O. lost. Survivors consider 3 torpedo hits by S/M. (?Note)
your 1150/9 to S.O. Force H only, reception not possible.
(S.O. Force H. 1102Z/10 to N.C.X.F. (R) (?S.O. (I) Gibraltar,
E.N.T.F. Admty).BROKE
Sunk.*See p. 403*Regret BROKE sunk in (37°)? 00' N, (00)°? 44' E.
at 1559. Have embarked ships' company and
portion of (corrupt group) force. No loss of
life. My P.C. and S. 37.00 N. 00.44 E. 12
knots. Percentage oil remaining 45.
(ZETLAND T.O.R. 0344/10 to C.N.T.F. (R)
WISHART, HENGIST, F.O. Oran N.C.X.F.).

K.M.S.2.

Local defence plotting suggests U-Boat 8 miles
ahead of you.

(Gibraltar W/T 0356Z/10 to Escorts K.M.S.2).

My 0356. Position target 088° EUROPA 16
suspected.(Gibraltar C.C.O. 0405Z/10 to Escorts of
K.M.S.2).

My 0356. Target 097° EUROPA 17.

(Gibraltar C.C.O. 0431Z/10 to Escorts of K.M. S.2).

Unconfirmed reports of enemy armoured vehicles
massing at Aintemoucent.

(S.N.O.L.(X) 0519 Z/10 to S.O.C.N.T.F.

One S/M on surface bearing 360° distance 3
miles unknown course and speed my position
224° XTPB 23 miles.(SCOTTISH 0530/10 to Gibraltar W/T). *See p. 390*N.C.E.N.T.F. 2014Z/9. Cancel my 2205Z/9
except dawn R/C of beach. *ARGUS will refuel
any fighters which cannot be embarked before
*AVENGER enters harbours.(ARGUS 0606/10 to AVENGER (R) N.C.E.N.T.F.
C.S.10, R.A.(A) H.F.). * *See next p. 398*** See p. 398*Your 0055 now confirms U.S. relations with
Vichy broken off.

(Eisenhower 0616Z/10 to Murphy).

/IBIS...

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IBIS is to be sent at 1000 today to Force O. to relieve escorts while fuelling. Force O is operating in an area 20 North of Cape Caxine.
(N.C.E.N.T.F.0642/10 to STORK (R) IBIS, C.S.10).

Convoy not met. My E.T.A. Gibraltar 115A/10th.
(AUBRETIA 0700A/10 to F.O.C.N.A. (R) GLAISDALE, Capt.(D) 13). *see p.411.*

Escort will join you in position 000° Arzeu Island light 10 at 1200. Present screen is to fuel Arzeu.
(N.C.C.T.F.0800A/10 to RODNEY).

My 1525/8. VICEROY OF INDIA still at Algiers.
(Cdr. E.N.T.F. 0817Z/10 to N.C.X.F.).

Most important to sink all shipping above 500 tons bound for Cagliari.
(Capt.(S) 10. 0820A/10 to TURBULENT, PARTHIAN, (R) N.C.X.F.).

S/Ms.

My 0914A/9. At 1400A today patrol line F to J. is to return to original position at economical speed.
(Capt.(S) 10. 0832A/10 to S/Ms on Patrol(R) N.C.X.F.).

Report immediately full state of vessels on your patrol including fuel and remaining and anything affecting future readiness for action.
(S.N.O.L.X. 0907Z/10 to VETCH (R) S.O.M/S 18th M/S.F).

Operation "Perpetual." Carry out "Torch" N E/24 tonight.
*ARGUS is required to give fighter protection over Hatton beaches until noon Wednesday.
(N.C.E.N.T.F. 0915Z/10 to C. S.10).

** see previous page p. 398*
K.153. TON 2 para.10. Carry out plan S for suitable.
(N.C.X.F. 0941A/(?5) to S.O. Force H.(R) F.O.C.N.A. Capt.(S) 8, A.S.Gib. All British S. and As. concerned in operation "Torch" (excluding ships refitting in U.K.) V.A.Malta.)

/Following....

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Following is repetition of C.N.T.F's 0645 (Begins), only one company 2nd Battn. 503rd Parachute Infantry can be employed on 15/11 not earlier. Ref. your 0045Z/10 entire battalion ready by 15th but only sufficient troop carriers for simultaneous employment of 2 companies. Fredendall (Ends).
(N.C.C.N.T.F. 0953Z/10 to N.C.E.N.T.F., N.C.X.F)

U/B.

Following has been read. Have attacked enemy with depth charges.
(A/C WD3G. 1012/10).

From Gib.W/T. Following has been read:-
Gib.M/F D/F (Malta Command) Am over enemy S/M in LBBJ 3550 S/M sighted on surface and observed to submerge course 090° speed 8 knots.
(A/C WD3G. 1030/10 to Admt),

Please husband your destroyer resources. Casualties can ill be afforded except when important issues are at stake.
(N.C.X.F.1013Z/10 to N.C.E.N.T.F., N.C.C.N.T.F.)

Situation
to 2400/9.

Sitrep.3.

1. Increased enemy air and S/M activity in Med. Many attacks on S/MS. Two Vichy destroyers made sortie from Oran, engaged by cruisers. One destroyer beached on fire one returned Oran damaged.

2. Algiers. General Anderson arrived 1800 hours assuming command ETF. General Clark with small advanced echelon arrived 2000 hours. Our troops still occupy all objectives, no operations during Armistice. All ships berthed in harbour or bay unloading proceeding. *LEEDSTOWN torpedoed by S/M and beached. Two naval vessels damaged by air attack. Four A/C shot down by naval gunfire. * 2 - 393, 397, 403, 7407

3. Oran. First infantry division 7 miles east and 3 miles west of Oran closing in for final assault. Armoured combat command holds Tafaraoui and La Senia airfields and is protecting south flank. During day attacks against east flank at Lamact and south flank at St.Lucien driven off. Considerable indication hostile counter attack from south and southwest. Final assault Oran planned for 10 Nov. Naval co-operation, air and gunfire support has been most effective.

4. WTF situation obscure. Our tanks observed pursuing French tanks southwest from Port Lyautey. No detailed report of naval action but clear that no further interference from Vichy naval forces during day.

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to 2400 /9.
Contd.

5. Air. A/S and PRU activity continued from Gibraltar but on reduced scale during afternoon owing to weather. No S/M sightings were made by A/C. A Spitfire despatched to Casablanca on photo. R/C failed to return. Algiers Area.

Petrol and oil became available during day and 53 R.A.F. fighters were operational. 11 Axis A/C destroyed. also claim 2 probable, 8 damaged. Own losses Nil. Oran area. 12th Air Force operating from Tafaraoui destroyed 3 French A/C in air, lost one, pilot 3 A/C. 43 U.S. fighters serviceable at end of day.

(Commander Gibraltar, 1024/10 to Abfor).

It is intended to base MAIDSTONE and 8th Sub F. on Algiers as soon as situation allows. Report whether berths will be available without prejudice to unloading facilities of port. (N.C.X.F. 1028Z/10 to Comdre Algiers (R) Capt. (S) 8, Admty, F.O.C. Subs).

P, C and S. of enemy NHSX 45 51 230 10 One V
One destroyer.
(A/C Call Sign A9SZ. 1058A/10 to 9 N.G.).

On completion of fuelling at Gib. proceed to Oran with all convenient despatch by route H and thro' (a) 180° De Gata 15. (b) 36.15 N. 00.05 W. then as ordered by N.C.C.N.T.F. (N.C.X.F. 1124/10 to AVONVALE, PUCKERIDGE, VERITY, WIVERN, WESTCOTT. (R) N.C.C.N.T.F. N.O.I.C. Gib. Capt. (S) 8).

My 1124/10. *AVONVALE, *PUCKERIDGE reached (B) 0330/11.
(N.C.X.F. 1115Z/10 to N.C.C.N.T.F. (R) AVONVALE, PUCKERIDGE). *See p. 401"CRUPPER" not met.
(V.A. Malta 1125A/10 to N.C. X.F. (R) C.E.N.T.F. C. in C. Med. Admty).Sitrep. 1001 hrs. 10th Nov. One JU 88 R/C plane located at distance 5 miles to Northeast. Circles and approached from west to south of Fortress and engaged by A.A. 1020 hrs at height 13000 feet. Ammunition expenditure 34 rounds H.A. A.
(Govr. and C. in C. Gib. 1125A/10 to W.O).

/My...

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My 2307A/9. 3 Cruisers are now in Augusta. Return to patrol positions given in "Torch" (S) at economical speed.
(Capt.(S) 10, 1154A/10 to UNA, UTMOST (R) N.C.X.F. S/Ms on patrol).

* AVENGER
* ARGUS.

* *See pp 394, 395, 406*
* *See p. 394, 406*
* *4410*

TON 5 serial 34. Unless you have some strong reasons of which I am not aware AVENGER and ARGUS should be returned to Gibraltar. You can land their A/C for further operations if absolutely necessary.
(N.C.X.F. 1157Z/10 to N.C.E.N.T.F. (R) R.A. (A) H.F.).

* U/B sunk
by LORD
NUFFIELD.

* EMO. (Italian)

See pp 403, 406 4412

Have sunk enemy S/M and picked up (corrupt group) survivors will require medical assistance on arrival.
(LORD NUFFIELD 1200/10 to BULOLO (R) F.O.C.N.A.)

UTMOST
attacks
3 Crs.
3 Drs.

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At 0637A, P.C. and S. 3 cruisers, 3 destroyers 037. 16, 015. 26, 315° 23 estimate 2 hits.
(UTMOST 1201A/10 to Capt.(S) 10. (R) N.C.X.F. S/Ms on patrol).
My 1201A/10 all torpedoes expended returning to harbour by reverse of outward route. E.T.A. end of searched channel 1016A/12.
(UTMOST 1236A/10 to Capt.S.10.(R) N.C.X.F. C. in C.Med. S/M on patrol).

37 C 47 with parachute troops leave Gib. night 10th Nov. arriving Algiers dawn 11th Nov. Provide fighter escort on approach to Algiers.
(Eastern Air Command 1206Z/10 to A.O.C. Algiers, BULOLO, (R) N.C.E.T.F.).

You should relieve carriers as early as possible if these A/C are still wanted at Algiers it is better to operate from shore.
(E.A. C. Gib. 1215/10 to A.O.C. Algiers N.C.E.T.F.)

Morning R/C.

Morning (?departures) {another version gives ?visuals). Taranto add 4 destroyers. Messina, Naples, Palermo no change. Augusta add 3 cruisers. Empedocle 10 E-Boats. Trapani 8 E-Boats.
(V.A. Malta 1215A/10 to N.C.X.F. (R) C. in C.Med. C.E.N.T.F. Admty C.C.N.T.F. S.O. Force H. F.O.C.N.A.)

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18 Squadron leaving U.K. night 10th Nov for Algiers. Am not sure if they proceed via Gib or not.
(E.A.C.1216Z/10 to A.O.C.Algiers).

R/C of Toulon.

P.R.U. Toulon a.m. 10th unsuccessful owing to weather.
(N.C.X.F. 1229Z/10 to S.O. Force (F) (R)
N.C.C.N.T.F. N.C.E.N.T.F. R.A.A.)

Convoy G U.F.1.

1. Request you will sail convoy G.U.F.1 (one) when ready routed through (G) 34.00 N. 10.00 W.
(H) 34.02 N. 11.00 W. (J) 31.13 N. 15.20 W.
(K) 31.40 N. 20.01 W. (L) 34.50 N. 33.40 W.
(M) 36.40 N. 40.00 W. then as ordered by

Cominch.

2. Escort as detailed by you.

3 No ships for inclusion in convoy from Med.

(N.C.X.F. 1245Z/10 to N.C.W.N.T.F.(R) F.O.C.N. A. Admty, C. in C L.A.N.T. R.A.W.A. Cominch).

Ships damaged and sunk at Algiers.

2 messages 1655Z/9 (begins) crew has abandoned XLEEDSTOWN which is in sinking condition near Algiers about one mile from beach, Bombed at 13 hours and torpedoed by S/M at 1320. Message 1148Z/9 (Begins) THOMAS STONE main and steering engine out of commission due aerial torpedo hit. Similar damage from same cause to XLEEDSTOWN.

Both at Algiers and require major dry dock repairs. U.S. Merchant ship EXCELLOR slightly leaking and minor damage due to near bomb miss. Personnel casualties nil or very light. High percentage of landing craft wrecked.
(Comtransdiv II 1259Z/10 to C.T.F.34, C.T. G.34.4). **See pp 393, 394 403 407*

*** See pp. 391, 392, 3402*

Am over enemy S/M in NHXP 5810 enemy S/M previously reported was sighted on surface and observed to submerge when first sighted was on course 090 speed 5.
(A/C using Call sign TK7U 1303/10 to Gib.M/F D/F (Malta Command).

Am over enemy S/M in position NHXP 5810 090 5.
(A/C using call sign TK7U. 1323/10 to Gib M/F D/F (Malta Command).

Following has been read, Am over enemy S/M in position NHXP 5810. Enemy S/M previously reported was on course 090° speed 5 knots.
(A/C using call sign LTK7U. 1325/10).

/N.C.X.F's...

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N.C.X.F's 1054/9 and A.M. 2047/29. not to N.C.X.F. I am entirely prepared to meet N.C.X.F's requirements in full.

2. I would like *MARNE and *ESCAPADE to form part of the escort of DUKE OF YORK and VICTORIOUS as they are required for refit.

(3) Ref para. 4 of N.C. X.F's 1054/9 OPPORTUNE next and then as convenient to N.C.X. F.

(C. in C.H.F. 1311A/10 to Admty (R) N.C.X.F.)

* see p. 411 (Situation Tira)

Ref. TON 5 Appendix I, request confirmation that 15th M.S.F. can be retained by C. in C.H.F. whose requirement is urgent.

(D.M.S. 1315A/10 to N.C.X.F.(R) C. in C.H.F.).

Vichy
Convoys.

1 at 0928/8 Vichy convoy 3 Merchant ships one escort possibly "Fantasque" class in position 017.50 N. 016° (726') W. 013° 6, warned by A/C in accordance with A.M. 1927A/31 para.C.

2 At 1800/8 Vichy convoy ARGONNE, ARCTURUS,

MAXIME with one "Elan" escort in 016.48 N. 016. 46 W. 170° 8.

3. At 1149/9 Vichy Convoy 3 merchant ships one escort possibly "Fantasque" Class in 015. 15 N. 017.08 W. 220° 5.

4. Comment. Convoy in (3) possibly that in (1) returning to Dakar.

(R.A. W. Af. 1321Z/10 to Admty, C. in C.X.F., W.N.T.F. Air H.Qs. Gibraltar, S.O. Force Q.).

U.G.F.
convoys.

Ref. Annexe 2 outline plan para. 31 Expect W.N.T.F. ships ready to depart for U.S. about as follows. 12th Nov 6 ships. 15th Nov. 10 ships. 18th Nov 20 ships, Propose Casablanca and Oran sections be

not co-ordinated. Request information dates of sailings, number of ships and U.S. escort R/V Oran sections. Unless otherwise directed will give initial routeing Casablanca sections subject to diversion by Admty in Eastern Atlantic and by C. in C.U.S.Fleet C. and R. in Western.

(N.C.W.N.T.F. 1347C/10 to N.C.X.F.(R) C. in C.U.S.Fleet, C.N.Forces in Europe. C. in C.Atlantic Fleet., Admty).

Oran.

Army in Oran appears to be capitulating. Sign that French Navy also give up but no news of Batteries yet. Air R/C show ship sunk in Oran Harbour. Salvage steamer probably required. (N.C.C.N.T.F. 1351Z/10 to N.C.X.F. S.O. Force H R.A. A.).

My 1351/10. Reliable army and air information reports Oran harbour blocked.

(N.C.C.N.T.F. 1417Z/10 to N.C.X.F., S.O. Force H).

/Personal..

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Contd.Personal from Eisenhower to Anderson for
General Clark.Oran Defences collapsing with Navy and shore
batteries both apparently surrendering.

I will direct Fredenhall to reorganise rapidly and to be ready to assist to eastward with anything he can make available on your CILF. He reports that parachutists at Oran cannot move immediately but we are counting on sending the two British companies now here on through to you tonight. Ack P.M had D (as received).

(AF.C.P.Gib. 1420/10 to C.G.E.T.F.)

Situation Abbreviated situation report Med Area West of
2002Z/10. 003° E.

1. P.54 037. 45 N. 000.22 W. on surface by night 8 knots approx course 230°.
 2. URSULA 037. 53 N. 000. 08 W. on surface by night 8 knots through 135° Cape Palas 10 thence approx. course 230°
 3. Force H to northwards Algiers.
 4. Force R probably in vicinity 37.30 N. 02.45 E.
 5. Convoy K M.S. 2 36.20 03.20 through 36.18 01.02 7.
 6. Convoy T.E.2. 35.52 01.28 through 35.56 00.50 thence 064° 7 knots.
 7. AVONVALE, PUCKERIDGE, 036. 30 003.00 through 36.30 02.11 thence 097° 20. *see p. 397*
 8. THOMAS STONE in tow WISHART, VELOX 37.05, 01.47 E. to Algiers 4 knots. *see pp 391, 392, 399*
- (N.C.X.F. 1421Z/10 to All British S. and As. concerned in Operation "Torch" V.A.Malta (excluding ships refitting in U.K.)
Add to my 1421Z/10 new para (9) Convoy K.M.F.2. passes Loheiya 2230Z/10 to 036.15 N. 004. 33 W. thence 094° 13.
(N.C.X.F.1656Z/10 to All British S. and As.concerned in Operation "Torch" V.A.Malta (excluding ships refitting in U.K.))

Return
Convoys.

TON 7. The early sailing of empty shipping and escorts to westward is most important.
(N.C.X.F. 1433Z/10 to N.C.E.N.T.F., N.C.C.N.T.F. C.C.Algiers).

TON.7 VICEROY OF INDIA, OTRANTO, SOBIESKI, WINCHESTER CASTLE from Algiers 1800/10, 2200 /10 and 0200(?11) (4 groups missing) routed 39, 56, 78, 20, 76, 12, 82, 89, 52 respectively. Unescorted. E.T.A. of all 0600/12.
WINCHESTER CASTLE requires 600 tons of oil fuel 500 tons of water.

(N.C.E.N.T.F.?1537Z/10 to N.C.C.N.T.F., F.O.C.N. A. A.O.C.E.A.F., N.C.X.F., (R) Cmdre.Algiers Capt.(S) 8. A.O.C.Gibraltar).

/RODNEY..

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RODNEY. Enemy is capitulating in Oran. Hope to be able to fuel RODNEY in Mers El Kebir tomorrow Wednesday but she is no longer needed if you wish her to join you or go to Gib. at once. Her Services have been of inestimable value.
(N.C.C.N.T.F.1434Z/10 to S.O.Force H.(R) RODNEY).
N.C.C.N.T.F.reports RODNEY's services no longer required. Propose she returns to Gibraltar to refuel and wait until relief for DUKE OF YORK or RENOWN is serviceable (S.O.Force H. 1755Z/10 to N. C. X. F.(R) N.C.C.N.T. F. RODNEY).
Proceed to Gib.forthwith to fuel? and ?ammunition.
(N.C.C.N.T.F. 1921Z/10 to RODNEY(R) N.C.X.F., N.C.E.N.T.F S.O. Force H. R.A.(A) H.F.)(W.D.Note cancelled 0628/11)
RODNEY must join Force H to avoid congestion in Gib. harbour.
(N.C.X.F.2330Z/10 to S.O. Force H.(R) N.C.C.N.T.F. RODNEY).

S/Ms. My 1802/8. If you agree consider relieving S/Ms would be well disposed off Tunis and Bizerta to intercept possible Axis reinforcements to French particularly air stores.
(N.C.X.F.1442Z/10 to C. in C.Med (R) V.A. Malta, Capt.(S) 10th Capt.(S) 8th S.O. Force H, N.C.E.N.T. F.).

French S/Ms at Algiers. 2 French Subs, which escaped from Algiers have been recalled to harbour by ? French.
(N.C.E.N.T.F. 1448Z/10 to N.C.X. F.).
2 French S/Ms which are at sea have been recalled to Algiers. They have been instructed to arrive at seaward end of searched channel at 0700Z, 1100Z, or 1500Z, on the surface. Date of arrival is not known. They will indentify themselves to surface vessels by flashing C for Charlie,U for Uncle and to A/C by firing a red rocket.
(N.C.E.N.T.F.1458Z/10 to E.N.T.F. R. A.F.Maison-Blanche).

Sail A.B.F.Convoy in accordance with "Torch" N.E.24 at 1700 today.
(N.C.E.N.T.F.1540Z/10 to KARANJA?(R) TYNWALD, SHEFFIELD, STORK, Cdre.Algiers).

Request coasters with 30 days rations for 70,000 men 30 days supplies for 6,000 natives and 40 days for 2,000 prisoners arriving Arzew as soon as possible. Advise E.T.A. Message is repetition my 1459/9.
(C.G.C.T.G.1546Z/10 to C. in C.Allied Forces Gibraltar).

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- Situation Report No.6
1. Algiers port being opened up with co-operation of French harbour officials and labour. 15 deep water berths available. French shipping being prepared to sail to Gibraltar with agreement of owners. No mines discovered.
 2. *LEEDSTOWN torpedoed off Algiers beached and abandoned. COWDRAY disabled by A/C torpedo being towed into Algiers harbour. *PALOMARES damaged by bomb. **SPEEDWELL made 11 attacks on U-Boat, which was forced to surface twice but destruction not confirmed. * *See pp 393, 396, 399, 407 X See pp 393, 406 & 407 XX 8/11*. WILTON also attacked another submarine.
 3. U-Boat attacked convoy T.E.1 between Oran and Algiers sinking Collier GARLINGE. LORD NUFFIELD of escort subsequently reports 42 U-Boats survivors on board. *(from 16: EMO - See p. 398) 406 & 412*
 4. BROKE foundered in tow in 37.00 N. 00.40 E. 1915/9. *See p. 394* MARTIN blew up and sank in 37.53 N. 03.57 E. at 0300/10 presumed due to submarine torpedo. *(by U. 431 - See p. 394)*
 5. WESTCOTT claims to have sunk S/M first sighted on surface in 36.40 N. 00.55 W. at 2137/8. *(Not confirmed) by Lt. Fawcett on 21.11.42 - 6243*
 6. RODNEY bombarded Fort Santon Oran on 9th and 10th whilst FARNDALE supported east flank of army with gunfire. Stiff enemy resistance continued till midday 10th.
 7. W.N.T.F. continuing to support army but events at sea uneventful.
 8. Carriers from Oran returned to Gibraltar on relief by shore based fighters. Carriers from Algiers expected to return p.m. 10th on relief by shore based fighters. Fighters claim 12 certain and Naval A.A. 4 certain shot down during attacks on Algiers Bay on 9th.
 9. Merchant ships independently routed to Malta not met but no news.
(N.C.X.F. 1601Z/10 to Admty (R) B.A.D. V.A.M. C. in C.Med. A.F.H.Q. London, V.A.Gibraltar).

F.A. A. Essential with present developments in "Torch" that I should have adequate reserves of F.A. A. A/C stores and personnel in Western Med.

2. Fighter requirements will be signalled on return to R.A.A. Following refers is S.R.A/C only.

3. (Corrupt group) have A.S.V. fitted Albacore or 120 A/C on North Africa coast and at Gibraltar for local A/S patrol for which it is uneconomical to use Catalinas or Hudsons. In Eastern Sector these A/C are also required as in Western Desert for torpedo striking force, flares Droppers and with Roberts.

4. My present minimum requirements for A.S. V. Albacores or Swordfish are 2 Squadrons 12 in Algiers and to Eastward. One Flight 6 at Oran. One Squadron 12 at Gib. All with appropriate reserves of A/C 6 and stores.

5. Following action is being taken to meet part of these urgent requirements: 1. 812 Squadron being moved to Oran and Algiers. 2. 833 Squadron being completed as crews can be obtained for use at Gib. to stop passage of S/MS. 3. 5 Walrus from Fleet being disembarked temporarily at Algiers.

6. Request very early arrangement for the despatch (?minimum) requirements in para.4 with full scale reserves. Propose DASHER be used as ferry on her return U.K.

(N.C.X.F. 1605Z/10 to Admty (R) R.A.A., F.O.C.N.A.). *Reply: p. 502*

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Situation Report as of 1200/10. N.C. X.F. pass to C. in C.A.F. C. in C.U.S.Fleet and C. in C. Atlantic Fleet. Heavy fighting continues in northern sector. Airfield at ? (L)autey taken and army (?planes) (corrupt group) launched. Transfer of planes to field held up for reasons not yet known. At central sector troops advancing on Casablanca held by artillery fire. 2 destroyers sortied Casablanca late morning and were engaged. After sharp engagement both retired under cover of fire from Fr. Battleship JEAN BART. One appears damaged. No damage to our forces. No report of operation in southern sector on 10th Nov. Unloading supplies and equipment slowed by large numbers of boat casualties on beaches. (N.C.W.N.T.F.1615Z/10 to N.C.X.F.).

My 1145 (N.T. in W.R.) bombers no longer required. (S.O.C.N.T.F.1658Z/10 to S.O. Force H.(R) S.O. 1st A/C Carrier Sq., N.C.X.F.)

R/C of Dakar. *Summary 391* Your 0905Z/10. (Not received) Daily R/Cs of Dakar have shown little change. French Bat. RICHELIEU 3 6 inch cruisers, 2 large destroyers 10 S/Ms present 8th Nov. and are still in harbour. Believed that 25 S/Ms operative on West Africa coast bases partly Casablanca and partly Dakar. No indication that any have passed the Straits eastbound since 8th Nov. (N.C.X.F.1709Z/10 to N.C.W.N.T.F.).

3. P.R.U. Dakar 0935/10. Incompletely covered. RICHELIEU, 3 cruisers, 1 destroyer, S/M Parent Ship JULES VERNE seen. No increase in merchant shipping in part covered. (R.A.W.Af. 1717Z/10 to Admty, N.C.X.F. W.N.T.F., Air Hqrs. Gibraltar, S.O. Force Q).

Your 1832Z/11th*convoy will now R/V in position 037.00 N. 000.40 W. at 0700Z Friday 13th. (F.O. Inshore Sqdn. 1729Z/11 to F.O.C.10 (R) N.C.X.F. S.O. Force H.) *(?1833/11 intended, requesting R/V further west)

Intend to assume the title of S.O. Inshore Sqdn. at 0800/11. (N.C.E.N.T.F.1739Z/10 to N.C.X.F, Admty, S.O Force H,C.S.10, E.N.T.F., N.C.C.N.T.F.).

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Small quantity of M.T. and stores remain in vessel sailing today Tuesday.
Request these may be unloaded at Gib. if possible and sent on in T. E. convoy.
(Cdre. Algiers. 1740Z/10 to N.C.X.F.).

From N.C. X. F. to Patton; Fredenall:
Anderson, pass to Clark.
Essential to obtain immediate control of all important radio stations to prevent hostile element using them and to make use of them ourselves.
(N.C.X.F. 1751Z/10 to W.N.T.F. E.N.T.F. C.N.T.F.).

Algiers
Area.

Situation Report No.2.

- (a) Congestion to-day owing to Hatton convoy (2 corrupt groups). Port (?was) discharging satisfactorily
- (b) Medium raids dusk and single A/C dawn
- (c) No change sweep negative.
- (d) C. D sea transport and balance of naval staff (?landed).
- (f) 11 ships M.K.S.2 a.m. 12th.
- (g) Preparation for ?French (?warships) slow.
(Cdre Algiers 1800Z/10 to N.C.X.F.).

U.G.F.2.

Request you will sail JONQUIL and LOUISBURG as necessary to R/V U.G.F.2 in 036.05 N. 010.15 W. at 1500Z/12. Convoy steer 072° 13 knots. They should then escort tankers BULKOIL and SEAKAY to Gib. routed as required by you.
(N.C.X.F. 1801Z/10 to V.A.C.N.A.(R) N.C.W.N.T.F. Escorts U.G.F.2).

N.C.C.N.T.F.'s 1420. JAMAICA is anchored in 191° Arzeu Island Light 18 cables. Would suggest AURORA anchors in 145° 859 A Island Light 21 cables. Destroyers are to patrol to the northward of A/S patrol between following positions 036.00 N. 000.30 W and 036.00N 000.00. W. intend to remain at defence station during night with steam at immediate notice.
(JAMAICA 1816Z/10 to AURORA, FARNDALE, VANSITTART, CALPE (R) C.N.T.F. RODNEY.)

Convoys KMS.3 and KX.6 were reported by enemy A/C A.M. today.
(D.D.I.C. 1830A/10 to Escorts to KMS.3, Escorts to KX.6. (R) C. in C.W.A. F.O.C.N.A.).

/? Bongie....

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? Bougie. My 1830B part 2 final. One Bn. and one By. to secure and hold Setif aerodrome until arrival of (?rescue) force to prevent airborne Germans seizing aerodrome the Bn group must move as soon as possible. Report approx. T. of A. of help party at (?Bone) and Bn group at Setif. Rely on you to carry out these moves with utmost despatch. All French Garrisons have orders not to (corrupt group) you but none the less take normal precautions. (F.O. Inshore Squadron 1830/11 to S.N.O.L. Sector D. from C/S). Note. Part one not received and apparently not addressed Admiralty.

Afternoon R/C. No change expect (A) Taranto a.m. add 4 destroyers p.m. P.R.U. failed to return (B) 3 Cruisers, 4 destroyers arrived Augusta ex NAVARIN. 2 hits by F.A.A. and 2 by UTMOST claimed on them. (C) Bizerta both block ships sunk but passage remains. (D) Bone 2 liners, 6,000 and 4,000. (E) Tunis. no major shipping. (V.A. Malta. 1836A/10 to N.C.X.F. (R) N.C.E.N.T.F. N.C.C.N.T.F.S.O. Force H. F.O.C.N.A. Admty. C. in C.Med.).

Situation
1630/10.
November.

1. Wind and sea light all day. Unloading operations have been accelerated using 15 berths and unloading ships at anchor with landing craft.
2. Anticipate sailing M.K.S.1 p.m. 11th
3. 4 empty L.S.I. sail tonight, more tomorrow.
4. "Hatton" and "Hayfield" operation has sailed this evening. Empty shipping will be returned direct to Fuxford from these ports.
5. T.E. One no action this evening.
6. *Italian U-Boat surrendered to LORD NUFFIELD at 1130 in 255° Cape Caxine 12 (2 corrupt groups) is sunk. 55 Italian prisoners landed here. This may be S/M (?attacked by trawler) yesterday. *EMO. (Italian) *See pp 398, 403, 404, 412.*
7. *ZETLAND and DELHI arrived am./today. * *See p. 392*
8. *AVENGER in harbour for 24 hours with engine defect. *ARGUS provided fighter protection at "Hatton" until noon/11th. Anticipate both can be (?) released 12th. * *See pp 394, 395, 398*
9. Raided (?3 corrupt groups) night report *PALOMARES had direct hit on number 3 gun. 25 killed, 23 wounded, 11 missing. U.S. transport, CHASE missed 2 aerial torpedoes. DEMPO (?slight) damage (?to lifeboats) (corrupt group) by near misses. Suspect aerial torpedoes in this raid. * *See pp 393, 403, 407*

xx *See pp 394 + 410*

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1630/10.
Contd.

At (Group missed) 30 negative result of sweep today (11)*PALOMARES under repair by local labour possibly seaworthy in 4 or 5 days. Remaining armament serviceable but ship under manned.MALCOLM alongside for repairs.

Probably fit for (?) return to convoy escort in 36 hours.

**LEEDSTOWN salvage possibilities not yet investigated. *COWDRAY beached at Port Antonio 1757 (?) 9th abandoned salvage later (12). Everything going very well with every co-operation from the French.

(N.C.E.N.T.F. 1852Z/10 to N.C.X.F.)* *See pp 393, 403, 406. X 2 pp 393 403*** *See pp 393, 396, 399 & 403.*

Pass to Commanders Eastern and Centre Task Forces. (?Re) (corrupt group) plan Y. Available landing craft tank for Oran can be sailed with T.E.3 to arrive Algiers 13th Nov. Request immediate report whether these are required by Cdr.General E.N.T.F. (N.C.X.F.1856A/10 to N.C.E.N.T.F.(R) N.C.C.N.T.F)

Air Activity.

T. C.A.O. 11. Full A/S air escort 11th. All dawn to dusk. Force "H" 1 CKMF 2 1 CKM.S.2. Algiers Section 1 C. Oran Section 1 H.T.E 2 1 C.T. E 3.1 H. A/S air patrol Algiers Sector 1 C Oran Sector 1 Swordfish. A/S air searches 8 H A.M and and P.M. areas W.K and W. A. (N.C.X.F.1924Z/10 to All British S. and As. concerned in Operation "Torch" V.A.Malta (excluding ships refitting in U.K. and E.N.T.F.)).

My 1830Z/9th. Intend same patrol 11th 1(one) Beaufighter will carry out R/C in your vicinity about 0900Z.

(N.C.X.F 1928Z/10 to C.W.N.T.F.(R) W.N.T. F.)

AC.407 10/11 Programme for 11th Nov.

Catalina as S Escort from dawn to dusk of C/Vs K.M.F.Z-'9 M.F.A. Z - Force HHH-UGFZ-TE 2 Hudson A/S Escort to T E 3 dawn to dusk Catalina as S protection Beaches AAA BBB CCC Casablanca dawn to dusk Catalina as S protection Beaches AAA BBB CC Algiers Hudsons A/S escort K M S O Z Dawn to Dusk Mosquito Photo Recco Toulon 5 Hudsons A/S patrols HF 2 4 6 8 10 1200-1830 AAA Spitfire Photo Recco Phillippeville and Bone.

SSS(Gibraltar 1950Z/10 to H.Q.C.C. RRR A.L.O.Admtly).
Opsum for 24 hours ended 1800/10.

1. A/S escorts 1 Catalina to Force H, 1 Catalina to THOMAS STONE 25 hours 3 Hudsons to KMF 2 3 Hudsons to TF2 33 hours 1 Swordfish to KX5 1 hour 30 mins. 1 Sunderland to KMS2 10 hours A/S patrols 1 Catalina A/S crossover 1 Catalina off Casablanca. 1 Catalina off Algiers 31 hours 30 mins 9 Hudsons off Oran 1 Hudson crashed off Oran some of crew seen to be picked up by boat 45 hrs 05 mins. 12 Hudsons to east 76 hours 1 Beaufighter recce to Casablanca 5 hours 30 mins 1 Hudsons Met.Flight to west 9 hours 2 operational sorties cancelled owing weather U-Boat sightings and attacks - Hudson U/608 at 1303 hours NSBG P 5810 course 090/5 knots no attack

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Air
Activity
Contd.

Catalina G/210 at 1012 hours LBJB 3550 course 090/8. Attacked 1 Hudson to Algiers 25 American Spitfires to Oran 7 Hurricanes to Algiers 6 Swordfish to Algiers 6 Operational sorties by fighter aircraft.

2. At 0956 4 Spitfires airborne to intercept 1 JU.88 from NE no interception engaged by AA at 13,000 feet no bombs,
3. 1 Spitfire photo R/C Phillippeville landed North Africa 1 Mosquito photo R/C Toulon 4 hrs 30 mins. Unsuccessful due weather.

4. Transit A/C in from U.K. 37 C.47, 2 Catalinas, 1 Bisley, 4 Fortresses to U.K. 3 Hudsons 1 Whitley.
(H.Q.R.A.F.Gib. 2300Z/10 to Air Min. H.Q.C.C.(R) A.H.Q.Malta, H.Q.R.A.F.M.E. A.H.Q. W.A. A.L.O. Admty).

A.247 10th Nov. Secret.
P.R.U.Gib. WI 10th Nov. Gib G15 7th Nov. Sortie G.234 1045 hrs 10th Nov shows Formentera and Ibiza. One medium M/V and small craft present at Ibiza.
(P.R.U. SSS 2030A/10 to Admty AAA H.Q.C.C.Benson, Pass Medmenham.).

Oiling completed?
WRESTLER in company My P.C. and S. (?31°) 03 N. 001.18 E. 105° 15.
Intend patrolling between positions:-
V. 036.50 N. 002.24 E and W. 037. 00 N. 003.00 E until receipt R/V.
*(?VANOC 2045Z/10 to C.S.10 (R) S.O. Force H.N.C. E.N.T.F. N.C.X.F.).

NIEUW
ZEELAND.

TON 7 NIEUW ZEELAND from Z Beach 2000 routed 46.50 E.T.A Gibraltar 1500Z/11.
(N.C.C.N.T.F.2107Z/10 to N.C.X.F.(R) N.C.E.N.T.F. Capt.(S) 8. V.A.Gibraltar. A.O.C.Gibraltar.)

U/B
attacked by
VANOC.

Have attacked R. D. F. contact followed by A/S contact in 036.59 N. 001.37 E. contact not regained after attack searching vicinity with WRESTLER.

See next page (VANOC 2212Z/10 to C. S.10 (R) S.O. Force H.N.C. E.N.T.F. N.C. X.F. F.O.C.N.A.).

My 2212 not to SCYLLA. Have abandoned fruitless search. Am proceeding to join Force O Ref. SCYLLA's 2027 expect to be in position C. 0400 Z course 75° 15 knots.

(VANOC 2335Z/10 to C.S. 10.(R) S.O. Force H. N.C.E.N.T.F. N.C.X.F., F.O.C.N.A. SCYLLA.).

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K.166. TCAO 14. British and American twin and multi engine A/C of type stated and in addition C.47 are now operating in Western Med. Particular attention is required to recognition. Cases reported of firing on (?types) on A/S patrol.
(N.C.X.F.2118Z/10 to All British Ships and authorities concerned in Operation "Torch" V.A. Malta.)

One unknown vessel in KTPB 1716 (indecypherable) (SCYLLA 2220Z/10 to N.C.E.N.T.F.(R) S.O. Force H N.C.X.F., C.S.10)

(2 groups missing). Remain in vicinity until you are satisfied you can do no more then rejoin me. Force O will pass through position A. 037. 20 N. 003. 25 E. B. 037. 20 N. 004.40 E. C. 020° Cape Carbon 10 miles at 0500 Wed. CLARE join me before 0500.*WRESTLER and*VANOC join as soon as possible a.m./tomorrow Wednesday. (SCYLLA ? T.O.O./10 to (Group missed) (R) S.O. E.N.T.F. C. S.10. WRESTLER, VANOC).

Orders to
S/Ms.

Following orders apply to S/Ms operating east of 008° E. ** see previous page*

1 No S/M is to be attacked unless its hostile identity is established beyond reasonable doubt.

2. S/Ms are not mutually to establish identity by flashing recognition signals. If in pursuit of enemy and another S/M is sighted which is not definitely identified as enemy it is to be watched and course adjusted to draw clear. If not in pursuit of enemy the S/M making the sighting is to dive and use super sonic telegraphy to endeavour to establish identity.

3. Italy bound merchant ships are not to be attacked. Salvoes are limited to 4 torpedoes except attack on battleships.

4.S/Ms on patrol lines should communicate and exchange positions by super sonic telegraphy one daily.

(Capt.S.10. 2233A/10 to P.45, P.48 P.221 (R) N.C.X. F. S/Ms on patrol).

Situation report period 1200-2030Z/10.
CHENRAYGO launched 43 planes all for Lyautey. While landing ground is in French hands general situation that Sector vague and uncertain. Naval A/C sustained relatively light losses. Still effective. Has control of air at present.

Leading element centre force outskirts Casablanca. Have not taken city.

South force including air defeated hostile reinforced battalion from Marrakesh and is (?moving) tonight to secure bridge head

/over..

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Tuesday.FOREIGN STATIONS.Operation "Torch" - Contd.

over Rebia river. Bridges over Rebia are defended apparently lightly. Preparations now being made for co-ordinated attack on Casablanca 11th Nov. N.C.X.F. pass to C. in C. A.F., Cominch, C. in C.Lant. (N.C.W.N.T.F.2245Z/10 to N.C.X.F.).

K.M.S.2.

K.M.S.2. Request personnel ships may be sent into Mers El Kebir together with portion of escort to patrol entrance, and M.T. Ships with remainder of escorts into Arzeu. (N.C.C.N.T.F.2256Z/10 to Escorts of Convoy K.M.S. 2.(R) N.C.X.F.).

Force Q.
(NoR Folk &
CUMBERLAND)
*See next page
(Situation)
7p.413A*

Force Q expects to arrive at 0730Z/11. Fuel required, cruisers 3800 tons, destroyers 750 tons. Request removal of prisoners from ORIBI. ORIBI's 2352 of 1st Nov. refers. Acknowledge. (S.O. Force Q. 2303A/10 to F.O.C.N.A.(R) N.C.X.F.)

R/C of
Dakar.

P.R.U. Dakar p.m.10th. Complete cover. No change Naval Units. 2 or 3 additional merchant ships present. (R.A.W.Af. 2305Z/10 to Admty, N.C.X.F. W.N.T.F. Air H.Q. Gibraltar).

AVENGER.

Main engine (?defective) proceeding to destination (corrupt group). (AVENGER 2326Z/10 to N.C.E.N.T.F.(R) F.O.10th C.S.).

U.S.S/M
BLACKFISH.

Request information as to BLACKFISH patrol. T.B.R. is in force for 20 mile radius from Dakar but I have no knowledge of time or route for leaving patrol. (.R.A.W.Af. 2337Z/10 to N.C.X.F.(R) W.N.T.F.).

IBIS
Sunk.

IBIS was hit by A/C torpedoes at ?1910 in 10 miles North of Algiers and capsized almost immediately. After dark I picked up 6 officers and 96 ratings including Captain who has since died. Request survivors be landed at 1st opportunity. IBIS was keel awash when I left on arrival of CLARE. (?SCYLLA 2359Z/10 to N.C.E.N.T.F(R) 10 C.S.).

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Tuesday.FOREIGN STATIONS.North Atlantic.

C.F. 7. My 1734Z/8th. Pass through 037° 12' N, 026° 52' W. at 0600Z/11th so as to R/V C.F.7 in 036° (? 31') (alternative 35') N, 026° 40' W. at 0900Z/11th.
(F.O.C.N.A., 0114Z/10 to DUNCAN, ANTHONY.)

^I
AUBRETIA.
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Convoy not met. My E.T.A. Gibraltar 1115A/10th. (AUBRETIA, 0700A/10 to F.O.C.N.A., (R) GLAISDALE, Capt. D.13.) *See p. 395 + next page - (T.E. 2)*

* LEYLAND,
ALASKA,
** SILVERWILLOW. Your 1012Z/9th. Present position 036° 040' N, 011° 34' W. course 040° speed 2½ knots. Wind N.N.E. 3 sea and swell 3 barometer 30 30.
* *See next page*
** *See p. 913*
ALASKA reports no trouble. Consider SILVERWILLOW list increasing and settling slowly by head. No crew on board.
(LEYLAND, 0830A/10 to F.O.C.N.A., (R) JAUNTY, Admty.)

SCOTTISH,
A/C.

Following has been read. 1 aircraft bearing 360° distant 2 miles course unknown. My position 240° 37° N. 3° E. 24.
(SCOTTISH, 0836/10 to Gib. W/T.)

U/B.

Following has been read. Am over enemy S/M in 36.35 N. 01.10 W. sighted on surface and observed to submerge.
(A/C using call sign WD3G, 1003/10.)

NAGPORE
(torpedoed
28th October)

19 survivors from NAGPORE which was apparently torpedoed about 500 miles West of Gibraltar on Oct. 28th arrived Nov. 10th at Puerto Orotava Tenerife. Further report follows.
(Consul, Tenerife, 1115/10 to Admty., (R) F.O. Gibraltar.)

Situation
2002A/10th.

(1) U.S. S/Ms SHAD, GUNNEL, HERRING, BARB on patrol line 283° Cape Simieatre 420, 60, 100 Gaspé 140 miles.

(2) NORFOLK, CUMBERLAND, ONSLOW, OFFA, ORIBI 36.13 08.30 to Gibraltar 15. *(then Q. - see previous page p. 413)*
(3) Spanish Training Ship JUAN SEBASTIAN DE ELCANO cruising in area between Canary Islands and point 36.01 30.02.
(4) K.M.(F?).2 PELICAN, *ESCAPADE, 3 sloops, 2 cutters 35.50 06.20 through Straits of Gibraltar 11½.
(5) Hospital ship OXFORDSHIRE 36.22 08.15 to Gibraltar 15½.
(6) VINDICTIVE, HECLA, VENOMOUS, *MARNE 31.45 15.47 through 32.28 14.34 thence 43, 12½. * *See p. 400*

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Situation (7) JAUNTY, *LEYLAND, 1 merchant ship 07.37
2002A/10th. 03.11 15.43, 2½. *See previous page.*
(Contd.) (8) U.G.F. 2 approx. 33.45 22.15 through 33.50
18.30 at 1100A/11th thence 79°, 14.
(9) SNOWDROP, 1 merchant ship 33.30 18.20 312,
8½.
(10) T.F.1 leaves Gibraltar 1000A/11th through 315° Cape
Spartel 5 miles thence 259°, 7.
(N.O.I.C. Gibraltar, 1117Z/10 to A.I.G. 63.)

T.E. 3. V.A. Gibraltar is requested to sail convoy
T.E.3 at 0800Z on Nov. 11th routed through
position (?24).2 34.39, 100°.
(2) Oran section consists of (?) GUARDIAN, LOCHEE, ALPERO,
META, REERDY, JOHNSON, to part company in position 2 to
destination escort Oran Section. N.C.C.N.T.F. is requested
to arrange for escort to meet at 2.
(3) Algiers section consists of AKABAHRA, MEROPE, AURORA,
BJORKHAUG, BERTO, ORPHEUS, OCEANCOAST, EVIVVA, JADE, RONAN,
Motor Minesweepers 133, 13, 21, 33. Escort Algiers section
* AUBRETIA, STARWORT, POPPY, DIANELLA, LOTUS.
(4) Convoy is to adjust speed as necessary to arrive Oran
and Algiers before dark.
(5) A.O.C. Gibraltar is requested to arrange A/S air patrols.
(6) N.C.C.N.T.F. and N.C.E.N.T.F. pass to F.O. in C. Oran,
and Cdre. Algiers.
(N.C.X.F., 1203Z/10 to F.O.C.N.A., (R) N.C.C.N.T.F., E.N.T.F.,
S.O. Force H, Capt. (S) 8, A.O.C. Gib., C.O.M.F.)

* *See pp 275 & 411*

U/B sunk. My position 036° 52' N. 002° 50' E. course 080°
EMO. (Italian) 8 knots. 1 Have 48 U-Boat survivors on board,
See pp 398, 7 seriously injured. Request immediate
403, 2406 assistance.
(Op: "Tranche") (LORD NUFFIELD, 1245/10 to F.O.C.N.A.)

Tug for Malta. Following received from V.A. Malta (begins) -
Request consideration be given to sending an
ocean going tug to Malta at first convenient
opportunity. T.O.O. 2216/5. (Ends).
2. When situation permits request you will
provide one of Assurance class from Gibraltar.
(D.T.D. Approved A.C.N.S.(F), 1615A/10 to
N.C.X.F.)

S/MS, Submarine situation in Western Mediterranean at
dispositions. 2000Z/10th.
(1) P.54, 37.45 N. 00.22 W. URSULA 37.53 N.
00.08 W. both diving by day to Gibraltar keeping
five miles north of route SS Gibraltar TON 4, appendix 3, S. of
A. 115 miles a day.
(2) STURGEON leaves Gibraltar 1700/10th on the surface 10 knots
keeping 10 miles north of route SS dives by day on 11th.
(3) P.228 north of Majorca proceeding Toulon.

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dispositions.
(Contd.)(4) P.51 and P.222 off Toulon.
(5) P.217, 38.37 N. 04.40 E. on the surface
11 knots through 38.01 N. 04.40 E. 37.01 N.
03.25 E. to arrive Algiers 0900/11th.
(N.C.X.F., 1636Z/10 to S. & A. in Area G.)

"Q" Messages.

Summary affecting Gibraltar.
(F.O.C.N.A., 1904Z/10.)
See Lion Copy.*SILVERWILLOW
neglect of
C.Bs.

* See p. 411

SS. SILVERWILLOW found abandoned by COWSLIP on
31st Oct. in 34.22 N. 17.16 W. All Confidential
Books negligently left on board.
(2) Believe survivors in *SS. KELANTAN.
(3) Report by air mail.
(V.A.C.N.A., 1943Z/10 to Admty.)* see: Greenock 8/11 with enclosure
- some of BRITANNIA 7/10/42

KHYBER.

Onward route from Ponta Delgada to position (A)
038° N. 026° W. (B) 030° N. 024° W. (C) 020°
N. 020° W. thence as routed by R.A.W.A.F.
(F.O.C.N.A., 2359Z/10 to R.A.W.A.F., KHYBER,
(R) Admty.) Amended by 1203/11, q.v.South Atlantic.MARCUS
WHITMAN
(torpedoed
9th Nov.)From Lands End Radio intercept 2326 G.M.T. 500
k/cs. MARCUS WHITMAN torpedoed 6.05 S. 32.41 W.
2315/9. Broadcast by Valentia Radio.
0027/10. T.O.R. 0034/10.
(C. in C. Plymouth, No T.O.O./10 to Admty.,
Recd. 0042/10.)Following received from Port Patrick Radio intercept at 2357
G.M.T. de Sierra Leona Radio, SSSS de CRZR (undecypherable)
6.05 S. 33.45 W. torpedoed 2315/9.
(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 0107A/10 to Admty.)
Note:- Different longitude.DESPATCH,
DIOMEDE.Your 1433/9, affirmative (Employment of DESPATCH
and DIOMEDE in Freetown area.)
(C.T.F.23, 0035/10 to C. in C. S.A.)
See also B.A.D. 0201/10 - America and West Indies.

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/Dakar ...

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Dakar, W/T with Casablanca, Agadir. N.O.I.C. Bathurst Gam. reports that Dakar has been endeavouring to establish W/T communication with Casablanca and Agadir on 500 k/cs without success. Dakar now listened for again on 46 metres.
(R.A.W.A., 0105Z/10 to Admty., (R) N.C.X.F.)

U/B, K.G. MELDAHL. Following passed to Admty. by C. in C. Nore. Addressed Admiral Chatham, F.O.I.C. Dover:- Intercept 0224 G.M.T. 500 k/cs de ZSC (Slangkop W/T) S S S S G D I submarine sighted 34.28 S. 29.11 E. G.M.T. 0222.

(N. Foreland Radio, 0324A/10.)

Following received from Port Patrick Radio. Intercept at 0224 G.M.T. de Slangkop Radio. SSSS de BNJZ (K.G. MELDAHL) submarine sighted 34.38 S. 29.11 E. at 0150 G.M.T./10th Nov. T.O.R. 0212. Port Patrick Radio 0324/10.

(F.O.I.C. Greenock, 0333A/10 to Admty.)

Following has been read. BNJZ (K.G. MELDAHL) 34.59 S. 29.45 E. torpedoed.
(Simonstown W/T, 1123Z/10.)

P. 552. (1) To sail P.552 at 1600Z/10th Nov. for Simonstown. Route. *2000 15 4 17*
A. 007° 30' N. 014° 30' W. B. 000° 00' N. 008° 48' W. C. 002° 00' S. 002° 00' W. D. 028° 20' S. 012° 00' E. S. of A. 9 knots. Request you will pass onward route.

(2) S.Ps held.

(3) P.552 reads Rugby broadcast, shift from group F.T. to broadcast (?S) L at 0800Z/18th Nov.

(R.A.W.A., 0800Z/10 to C. in C. S.A.)

Your 0800/10th Nov. Onward route through E. 031° 00' S. 015° 00' E. F. 033° 12' 30" S. 017° 37' E. thence by searched channel to Simonstown.

2. P.552 will be met by surface escort in position E.

3. R.A.W.A. pass to P.552.

(C. in C. S.A., 2319C/10 to R.A.W.A.)

Movements. Arrival 10th, EF.S. COMMANDANT DE(?T)ROYAT, FANDANGO, KELT.

(R.N.O. Lagos, 0831Z/10 to Admty.)

Arrival 9th departure 10th U.S. Destroyer WINSLOW. *see next page*
(R.O. Para, 1127/10 to Admty.)

Arrival 10th November MILFORD, (? MORRIS DANCE), M.Ls.

251, 281.

(N.O.I.C. Takoradi, 1716Z/10 to Admty.)

U.S.*Sloop HUMBOLDT arrived and left the same day 8th

Nov. Arrival 10th British Cable Ship CAMBRIA.

(R.O. Pernambuco, 2011Z/10 to Admty.)

**Sloop Trawler*

W.S. 23B, Convoy W.S.23B and C.M.34 sailed 9th Nov. for
C.M. 24, Bombay. E.T.A. 23rd Nov. Personnel on board.
W.S. 23A. CAPETOWN CASTLE, EMPRESS OF RUSSIA, DILWARA,
(2) M.T. Ship SILVERSANDAL for Karachi E.T.A.
24th Nov. No personnel.
(D.S.T.O. Durban, 1047C/10 to S.S.T.O. Bombay.)
/Convoy ...

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W.S. 23B, Convoy W.S.23A sailed 9th Nov. for Aden, E.T.A.
C.M. 24, 21st Nov. Personnel on board HIGHLAND MONARCH,
W.S. 23A. KINA II.
(Contd.) (D.S.T.O. Durban, 1049Z/10 to D.S.T.O. Aden.)

W.S. 24 Incomplete D/F bearings on 10827 k/cs at 0929Z
U/B. suggest W.S.24 may have been reported.
(D.D.I.C., 1137A/10 to Escorts W.S.24.)

EMPIRE ZEAL U.S. Destroyer WINSLOW put in yesterday 9th
(sunk 2nd Nov. with 49 survivors from British ship EMPIRE
November.) ZEAL. Ship on passage from Durban to Trinidad,
was attacked at 0700 G.M.T. 2nd Nov. in 000°
30' S. 030° 45' W. and sunk by gunfire and 3
torpedoes from S/M. Master, Chief Radio Officer and one fireman
(Greek) are missing.
All C.Bs and papers thrown overboard by first officer and 2nd
radio officer. WINSLOW picked up survivors in 2 boats about
1000 G.M.T./4th Nov. and C.O. considers, from (? answers) given
by 1st Officer and others, that S/M was undoubtedly Italian.
WINSLOW proceeding today 10th with survivors on board for Port
of Spain. *See previous page (Nov. 2nd)*
(B.R.L.O. and R.O. Para, 1154/10 to Admty.)

Dispositions. BURDOCK, ARRAN, M.L. escorting off Bathurst to
Freetown 8. *see p. 417*

HOLCOMBE, SOUTHERN PRIDE escorting 10.(?15)

19.06, 106°, 11½.

TURCOMAN, 3 M.Ls escorting 09.20 19.01 286°, 7 at (?03)57Z/10th.
ST. ZENO, 3 trawlers with convoy about 09.15 21.10 through
08.30 19.30 to Freetown 9.

P.614 about 08.38 13.57 to Freetown, 8½.

(R.A.W.A., 1155Z/10 to A.I.G. 149.)

P.552 about 08.10 13.50 to 07.30 14.30 thence 143°, 9. *see p. 417*

CORINTHIAN, F.S. COMMANDANT DROGOU escorting 04.45 11.14 to
03.01 7.59 thence 077°, 10½. *see p. 417*

QUEEN OF BERMUDA, ROTHERHAM, *ILEX, with W.S.24 01.55 28.05 to

01.02 27.45 thence 192° 12½ at 2001Z/10th. * *see next page*

DESPATCH 01.(?10) 25.35 to join W.S.24. *see pp 413 & 425*

FANDANGO, KELT escorting from Forcados to Lagos. *see previous page*

BENGALI, ST. WISTAN, 3 M.Ls escorting 05.20 01.50 E. to Lagos
7½.

TAMARISK escorting (corrupt) 4.30 E. to Lagos 8½.

DRAGON from Pointe Noire to Duala, *KELLY, AMARANTHUS 7.25

19.20 to 7.10 20.01 thence 126° 12½.

(R.A.W.A., 1217Z/10 to A.I.G. 150.) * *not identified? ASTURIAS*

see 9/11 - p. 353

→HOLCOMBE,
TAMAROA.

Admty. 2247A/8 (2247/8/10 intended?). Intend
HOLCOMBE to escort TAMAROA to Takoradi and Lagos
proceeding thence to Cape.
(R.A.W.A., 1241Z/10 to Admty.)

/Vichy ...

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Vichy Convoy. (1) At 0928/8th Vichy's 3 merchant ships one escort possibly Fantasque class in 017° 50' N. 016° (26') W. 013° 6' warned by A/C in accordance with A.M. 1927A/31st para. C.

(2) At 1800/8th Vichy convoy ARGONNE, ARCTURAS, SAINT (?MIANIME) with one ELAN escort in 016° 48' N. 016° 46' W. 170°, 8.

(3) At 1149/9th Vichy convoy 3 merchant ships one escort possibly Fantasque class in 015° 15' N. 017° 08' W. 220° 5.

(4) Comment. Convoy in (3) possibly that in (1) returning to Dakar.

(R.A.W.A., 1321Z/10 to Admty., W.N.T.F., Air H.Q. Gibraltar, N.C.X.F., S.O. Force Q.)

OUED GROU (torpedoed 4th Nov.) OUED GROU, Agent Elder Dempster, torpedoed 0800Z/4th 004° 33' N. 004° 49' E. 1 torpedo struck ship abreast starboard 2 hold. Nothing seen beforehand, ship sank in less than 10 minutes. S/M approached boat, spoke to survivors, appeared quite new, about 100 feet long, 500 tons displacement, painted light grey, no flag, likeness of Virgin Mary painted on ship's side. Comdr. appeared German, crew apparently Italian, armament one gun resembling 6 pounder and one resembled 12 pounder high angle. 5 of crew lost, all African, names follow. C.Books reported sank with ship. Wireless message not sent.

(R.O. Port Harcourt, 1335Z/10 to Admty.)

PHOEBE *p. 426* Ref. PHOEBE 1531/9th addressed R.A. W.Africa. As there may be considerable difficulty in providing freightage for turret from Pointe Noire and suitable escort for PHOEBE to U.S.A. suggest it would be preferable for hull's repair to be progressed at the Cape and for ship then to return Pointe Noire to re-embark turret before proceeding to refitting port.

(R.A.W.A., 1425Z/10 to C. in C. S.A., CARP, PHOEBE, Admty., EGLANTINE.)

Reply: C. in C. S.A. 1717/11. *p. 426*
See also Admty. 1622/10, America and West Indies.

W.S. 24, U/Bs. U-Boats are believed to have reported convoy W.S.24 on 10510 k/cs at 1420Z/7th, at 1533Z/9th at 1546Z/9th, and at 1728Z/9th and on 10827 k/cs at 0829Z/10th Nov. The only A/S escorts are ILEX and ROTHERHAM. *See previous page - (dispositions)*

(R.A.W.A., 1608Z/10 to Comsolantfor, (R) Escort W.S.24, Admty.)

ILEX, W.S. 24. Admty. have informed me that ILEX is required to provide cover to convoy W.S.24 at Bahia and to join escort from Bahia toward the Cape, returning to refuel at Brazilian port at prudent limit of endurance. Request information to which port ILEX should proceed. After refuelling, Admty. wish ILEX to (?return to) Freetown with moderate despatch. Suggest she be used as escort if required.

(R.A.W.A., 1627Z/10 to Comsolantfor, (R) Admty., C. in C. S.A., ILEX, B.A.D., Escort W.S.24.)

/Suspicious ...

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Tuesday.FOREIGN STATIONS.South Atlantic - Contd.Suspicious
Spanish
Ship.

Your 1703Z/9. MONTE NARANCO arrived Las Palmas on 9th Nov. and could not have been ship sighted on 7th Nov. which might have been MONTE NAVAJO which sailed from Monte Video on 14th Oct. (D.D.I.C., 1730A/10 to R.A.W.A.)

NELEUS,
EMPIRE KEATS.

Expected sailing NELEUS, EMPIRE KEATS escorted by *BURDOCK, *ARRAN and M.L.287 0800Z/11th routed through (A) 013° 10' N. 017° 30' W. (B) 011° 30' N. (017°(?)) 30' W. (C) 010° 30' N. 016° 40' W. S. of A. 10 knots. E.T.A. Freetown a.m. 13th Nov.

(N.O.I.C. Bathurst, 1758Z/10 to R.A.W.A., (R) Admty.) * *see p.415 - (Dispositions)*WEST HUMHAW,
BENALDER
(torpedoed
8th Nov.)

My 1629Z/9th (1620/9 intended). Survivors SS. WEST HUMHAW landed Takoradi. Confirmed no casualties this vessel. SS. BENALDER arrived Takoradi. 7 killed and buried at sea. 5 minor casualties. Names of killed. BENALDER torpedoed in stern, machinery immobilised. (N.C.S.O. Takoradi, 1845Z/10 to Admty.)

PLAUDIT
(sunk 8th
November)

PLAUDIT (Panama) torpedoed and (? sunk) 2000 G.M.T. 8th Nov. in 036° 00' S. 026° 32' E. Total crew 49 and 1 passenger. Survivors 47 landed Port Elizabeth. Master reports he threw all books overboard in weighted bag. (N.O.I.C. Port Elizabeth, 2044Z/10 to Admty., C. in C. S.A.)

P. 552.

see pp.414 & 415 (Dispositions) Departure 10th Nov. S/M P.552, Q.G.A.112. (S.O.(I) Freetown, 2055Z/10 to Admty., C. in C. S.A.)Shipping,
Keta.

Colonial Office wishes to obtain permission for one vessel per month to embark produce at Keta, loading time four or five days. It is understood that local production cannot be lifted by any other means. Request your remarks. (D.T.D. 2134A/10 to R.A.W.A.) No objection. (R.A.W.A., 1649Z/12.)

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Tuesday.FOREIGN STATIONS.Mediterranean.

Enemy Units. P.C. and S. of 3 unknown vessels 34.40 N. 20.31 E. 190° 10 knots.
(A/C C/S W5 AC 0005/10 to 201 Group.)
P.C. and S., 7 ships 37.10 N. 17.42 E. course 300° 25 knots.
(A/C Call Sign S I K Duty B. 0030A/10 to Air H.Q. Malta.)
P.C. and S. of 5 enemy 37.21 N. 17.30 E. 290° 2 Maryland fighters in vicinity.
(A/C Call Sign S I K duty B. SYKO by W/T 0115/10 to Air H.Q. Malta.)
90° 20. P.C. and S. of 5 enemy vessels 37.03 N. 17.18 E. (2?)
(A/C Call Sign S1 KB 0215/10 to Air H.Q. Malta.)
280° 30 knots. P.C. and S. of 2 cruisers and 3 destroyers 37.20 N. 17.30 E.
(A/C call sign S I K Duty Z 0350/10 to Air H.Q. Malta.)

UNA, My 2307A/9th. Amend submarine positions to
UTMOST. read as follows. UNA 112° Cape Santa Croce
7 miles, UTMOST 117° Cape Santa Croce 13 miles.
p. 372 + 378 (Capt. S.10 0025A/10 to UNA, UTMOST.)

COETLOGON Departure 7th Seti.
(French) (Barcelona 0055/10 to Admty.)

A/C attack, Have attacked 6 enemy units with torpedoes.
1 hit. Result of attack, 1 hit observed. Position
37.54 N. 17.10 E. Course 290°, speed 20 knots.
(A/C C/S V6N Duty P. 0230A/10 to Call sign CQ (?))

Movements. 9th Nov. T.L.C. 138, T.L.C.115, SOUTHERN MAID.
Departure 9th Nov. M.L. 350, 355, 357.
SOUTHERN MAID T.L.C.3, 104, 108, 139, 149.
M.T.B. 307, 309, 311, 313.
(S.O.(I.) Alexandria 0929/10 to Admty., C. in C. Med.)

Mersa Situation at Mersa Matruh up to 2041/8th Nov.
Matruh. No coal. All fresh water supplies contaminated.
No enemy demolition or blocking. British
demolition still fouling berths. Can berth
2 ships at anchor maximum 17½ feet. 4 enemy 120/50 m.m. coast
defence guns apparently intact with little ammunition; anti-
aircraft guns not yet arrived. Unloading of storeship expected
to commence 0600/11th Nov.
(S.O.(I.) Med. 0952/10 to Admty. for D.N.I.)

/NEREUS ...

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NEREUS.

If you do not intend running on surface during daylight on 12th and are unable to arrive Beirut dawn Nov. 13th you should adjust your speed to arrive dawn 14th reporting accordingly.
(Capt. S.1 1045B/10 to NEREUS (R) C. in C. Med.)

S/M Patrol
Line.

Patrol line is established 315 from Capt. St. Vito. Lettered positions 10 miles apart are now filled as follows :-

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F. P.44, G. P.211, H. P.212, J. P.247. K is vacant. F is 3 miles from Cape St. Vito.

Intend to relieve submarines and fill positions (? as follows)
K. P.221, G. P.45, H. P.48. Further signal will be made.

(Capt. S.10 1145A/10 to S/Ms on Patrol (R) N.C.X.F.
Capt. (S) 8.)

My 1145A/10. Proceed through 038° 35' 010° 26' and 038° 04' 011° 58' to make landfall off Marettimo thence to position K, 038° 41' N. 012° 05' E. by dawn 12th Nov.

(Capt. S. 10, 1147A/10 to P.221 (R) N.C.X.F., S/Ms on patrol.)

My 1802/8th (re P.45, P.48, P.221 to relieve 3 Subs. on Cape San Vito.) If you agree consider Swung submarines would be well disposed off Tunis and Bizerta to intercept possible Axis reinforcements to French particularly air stores.

(N.C.X.F. 1442Z/10 to C. in C. Med. (R) V.A. Malta,
Capt. (S) 10, Capt. (S) 8, S.O. Force H, N.C.E.N.T.F.)

(1) P.211 is to leave patrol at 2300A/12th direct for position A on normal route to R/V with sweeper at end of Malta searched channel at 1027A/14th.

(2) My 0831A/9th and my 1145A/10th. P.45's onward route through (A) 039° 11' 012° 38'. (B) 038° 48' 013° 10' for landfall off Ustica thence arriving at position. (G) 038° 20' 012° 32' not before 0400A/13th.

(Capt. S.10 2159A/10 to S/Ms on patrol (R) N.C.X.F.)

(1) P.212 is to leave patrol at 2300A/13th direct for position A on normal route to R/V with sweeper at end of Malta searched Channel at 1039A/15th.

(2) My 0821A/9th and my 1145A/10th. P.48's onward route through (A) waiting position 039° 24' 012° 26' until 0530A/13th (B) 038° 48' 013° 10' for (corrupt group) off Ustica. (C) 038° 52' 012° 55'. Thence to arrive at position H, 038° 27' 012° 23' not before 0400A/14th.

(Capt. S.10 2225A/10 to S/Ms on Patrol (R) N.C.X.F.)

Operation
M.B.Z.2.

Maintain patrol of 1 M.T.B. Sub. division off Ras Al (M)?Reisa between 2000 and 0400 every night to intercept shipping and small craft proceeding between Bardia and Tobruk. Until

Mersa Matruh is open operate? from most suitable anchorage in vicinity. Own force will not be West of 026° E. Continuous W/T watch to be kept on 425 k/cs. R.A. Alex. is requested to keep guard on 425 k/cs. Should M.T.Bs fail to communicate with Shore on 425 k/cs attempts are to be made on 4205 k/cs. Codeword "Susie".

(C.C.F 1200B/10 to V.10 (R) A.I.G. 72, F.O. 15 C.S., S.H.Q., R.A.F. Middle East.)

/Black Sea ...

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Black Sea. (1) (Naval)
(2) Nov. 4th submarine sank enemy Merchant ship off Cape Burnas.
(b) Whadosia. Enemy salvaging Russian Merchant ships sunk in harbour.
(c) Nov. 5th enemy E-boat attacked Tuapse. Torpedoes exploded on shore south of harbour.
(d) Russian merchant ship and minesweeper (unsuccessfully) attacked by torpedo bombers off Caucasus coast.
(2) Tuapse. Renewed enemy attacks (have had) success at several points.
(3) Novorossisk. Enemy attempt to penetrate into mountains West Novorossisk have resulted in capture of a village in foothills.
(N.L.O. Black Sea 1250C/10 to Admty. etc.)

MAURO CROCE Extract from a Fairmiss Telegram. Departure
(Italian) 9th 2200 MAURO CROCE, Genoa.
(Barcelona 1321/10 to M.W.T.)

Escort of My 1405/9th. Additional "Hunts" not required.
MANXMAN. (C. in C. Med. 1328B/10 to R.A.(D) Med. (R)
See p. 422 MANXMAN, C.S.10, DULVERTON.)

ERICA One submarine in position 33.20 N. 34.38 E.
U/B. (ERICA 1850/10 to Beirut W/T.)
My 1858 (?1850/10 intended) No contact so far, believe submarine has escaped to southward, am searching south from position 033° 20' 034° 38'.
(ERICA 2116B/10 to S.N.O. Levant area (R) F.O. 15 C.S., C.C.O. Beirut, N.O.I.C. Port Said.)
ERICA 2116. ERICA ordered to proceed in execution of previous orders if not in contact by midnight.
(S.N.O.L.A. 2201B/10 to C.S.15, C. & C.O. Beirut, N.O.I.C. Port Said, (R) ERICA.)

Situation Western Desert. My 2001/9 Nov. 46 mines were
Report No.291. cut by sweepers 9th Nov. CROMER blew up at 1715, survivors 4 officers and 32 ratings (9 seriously wounded). C.O. among those missing.
2. Combined efforts of sea rescue aircraft and M.T.Bs after one week's efforts have succeeded in rescuing some R.A.F. Personnel from Area North of Bardia. Supplies were dropped by aircraft unable to land due to weather.
3. My 2001/9 Nov. first Para. P.R.U. Palermo shows ^{ATTILIO} REGOLO Class Cruiser with bows blown off up to forward gun turret.
4. UTMOST reports at 0737/10 Nov. 3 Cruisers and 3 Destroyers in 37° 16' N. 15° 25' E. steering N.W. and estimated two hits.
(C. in C. Med. 1912B/10 to Admty.) *p. 378*

/Minesweeping ...

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Minesweeping, My 2250A/4th (Re E-Boats minelaying in Malta
Malta. Approaches) 13 mines have been swept during
searching sweep of Q.B.B. 298 in the vicinity of
100 fathom line. Further sweeping necessary.
(V.A. Malta 2142A/10 to C. in C. Med. (R)
Admty., etc.)

Malta Air I.101 C.S.R. Malta 10 Nov. Part 1.
Report. Night 9th/10th Nov. 1920 hours, 1 Beaufighter
up for raids which turned back before reaching
Malta.

Day 10th Nov. 0640 hours, 4 Spitfires airborne to protect
friendly shipping. 31 Spitfires sorties were made in R/C
patrols in Malta area but no enemy aircraft were seen.

(A.H.Q. Malta 2220/10.)

Part 2 my I. 101 10/11. Night 9th/10th. 3 torpedo
Wellingtons, 1 special Wellington despatched on shipping R/C in
Navarino area. Torpedo Wellingtons found no enemy shipping but
special Wellington with longer endurance sighted 2250 hours 120°
Spartivento 128 miles 3 C/Rs, 2 D/Rs course 300° speed 25 knots.
1 special Swordfish, 1 torpedo Swordfish, 2 torpedo Albacores
despatched to attack this convoy found 0130 hours 144° Cape
Spartivento 75 miles 3 C/Rs, 5 D/Rs course 300° speed 20/25
knots. (?) torpedoes duplex contact depth setting 18 feet
dropped from 50 ft. at 500 yards range scoring two hits possibly
on same C/R. Further results not observed owing to smoke
screen, subsequent photos show 3 C/Rs and 4 D/Rs arrived
Augusta. 3 special Wellingtons on shipping reconnaissance
patrolled Gulf of Taranto. Straits of Messina and from
Sicily to Southern Sardinia one Wellington sighted 1834 hours
135° Cape Armi 5 miles 1 suspected C/R, 3 D/Rs course 135°
speed 20 knots 2 torpedo Wellingtons despatched to attack
reported cruiser did not locate it, 1 Wellington missing and
not found by subsequent searches. Visual R/C a.m. 10th Nov.
showed one large D/R probably the vessel previously reported as
a C/R together with 3 smaller D/Rs entering Taranto harbour 0700.
(A.H.Q. Malta 2246/10.)

Orders to
S/Ms.

Following orders apply to submarines operating
east of 008° E.

(1) No submarine is to be attacked unless its
hostile identity is established beyond reasonable
doubt.

(2) Submarines are not mutually to establish identity by
flashing recognition signals. If in pursuit of enemy and
another submarine is sighted which is not definitely identified
as enemy it is to be watched and course adjusted to draw clear.
If not in pursuit of enemy the submarine making the sighting
is to dive and use SS/T to endeavour to establish identity.

(3) Italy bound merchant ships are not to be attacked. Salvos
are limited to 4 torpedoes except in attacks on battleships.

(4) Submarines on patrol lines should communicate and exchange
positions by SS/T once daily.

(Capt. S. 10 2233A/10 to P.45, P.48, P.221 (R) N.C.X.F.
Submarines on Patrol.)

/TAKU ...

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TAKU.

Your 1739/10th (N.T. in War Reg.) acknowledged.
You will be docking at Port Said for alterations
to tanks for petrol carrying.
(Capt. S.1 2238B/10 to TAKU.)

Movements.

10th Nov. Port Said arrival H.M.M./L 1158.
Departure* MANXMAN, DULVERTON, CROOME, ALDENHAM,
BEAUFORT, Greek Submarine TRITON, H.M.M./L 1126,
CUMBRAE, 2 Lighters Numbers 8, 21, 44, 46.,
L.C.T.153, HEKTOR 7, BOREALIS.
(N.O.I.C. Port Said 2350B/10 to Admty. etc.)

* See p. 420

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Tuesday.FOREIGN STATIONS.East Indies.Underwater
defence
Kilindini.

Your 1312/7th. Is it still the intention that BRITTANY should act as in your 1258/7/10? The indicator net at Diego Garcia is now practically non-existent and at Addu Atoll needs much attention.
(F.O.Ceylon 0553Z/10 to C. in C.E. F.(R) Admty).

Movements.

Arrival 0632Z/10th Nov. LAUNCESTON escorting WARINA.
(N.O.I.C.Addu Atoll 0634Z/10 to Admty.).
TEWERA left.
(N.O.I.C. Seychelles 0906Z/10 to Admty etc).

O.23
attack on
M/V 25th
October.

During patrol 17th Oct. to 7th Nov. D.S.O.23 attacked convoy 4 merchant vessels of about 5,000 tons off North entrance, Penang on 25th. 2 torpedoes fired at leading ship, 1 hit just before bridge. 2 torpedoes at second ship missed. First ship later seen proceeding towards Penang escorted by trawler. A/S activity experienced.
(C. in C. E.F. 0922Z/10 to Admty (R) S.O.S/Ms Colombo, F.O. Ceylon, Capt.S.4, V.A.E.F.).

Convoy
O.W.
GAMBIA,

Your 0656/6 Nov. not to F.O.Ceylon(Re escort of convoy to 095° E.).
1.Concur. GAMBIA will be sailed from Colombo to relieve escorts in 095° E. escorting to vicinity of Colombo. Coastal A/S escort will be arranged onwards to Persian Gulf.
2.Suggest convoy be named O.W. (A.C.N.B. pass to Comsouwespac).
(C. in C.E. F. 0949Z/10 to A.C.N.B. (R) Admty etc).

R.I.N.
Request
for
armament.

Your 2301Z/7.(Originated by W.R.) Following is repetition of my 1153/26 Oct.(begins).
(5) Request eight 12 pounder guns with mountings (L.A.would suffice), 8 Y.(? dash) gun and 16 depth charge throwers with outfits of ammunition be supplied. (Ends).
(F.O.C.R.I.N. 0958Z/10 to Admty).

ONDINA
escort.

Ref my 0651/8th (N.T. in W.D.). In your 1234/6th (Not to Admiralty) escort ONDINA decoded as OSWALD. Please confirm that BENGAL was intended (F.O.Ceylon 1020Z/10 to A.C.N.B.).

Air Report.

Intelligence Summary No.240 for 10th November.
(a) 9th November Hudson bombed, machine-gunned larger of 2 enemy M/Vs 1 5,000 tons and 1 2000 tons, course 350° speed 8 knots in position 18° 20' E?

/94°.....

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Air Report. 94° 00' E. One near miss. 2 of 3 enemy fighters
Contd. approx. 17 miles N.N.W. of ships unsuccessfully
attempted, interception 2/3 enemy fighters
sighted by 2 Hudson R/C over Cheduba Island, no
contact. 2 shipping escorts 2 R/C Ceylon negative.
(A.H.Q. India, 1143/10 Z)

BLINJOE. Your 1059/31/10. Netherlands Shipping
Committee London have difficulty in waiving
Dutch Government's objection to commissioning.
If Dutch shipping representative Bombay and Adml. Helfrich
agree with proposal they should be requested to advise
Netherlands Authorities London. Please advise progress.
F.O.C.R.I.N. pass to S.O. Patrol Force N.A.
(D. of S.T. 1648A/10 to F.O. C.R.I.N. (R) S.O. Patrol Force N.A.
(Persian Gulf area)).

Shipping, Your 0929/30/5. Admiralty appreciation of
Bay of threat to Bay of Bengal shipping is that in
Bengal. spite of American losses in the Solomons,
Japanese fleet which has also suffered
considerable casualties will be fully contained
in Pacific for some time to come. It is not believed that any
carriers or modern cruisers can be diverted to Indian Ocean at
present.
2. It is also understood that our aerial R/C in Bay of Bengal
is improving and will continue to improve.
3. In these circumstances we consider that some further
relaxation of the present shipping restrictions in Bay of
Bengal is justified and it is suggested that the number of ships
allowed at sea between Colombo and Calcutta be increased to 30.
(Head of M. Approved by A.C.N.S.(F) 1758A/10 to F.O.C.R.I N.
C. in C.E.F. (R) F.L.O. Delhi, F.O.Ceylon).

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DIOMEDE*See p. 413.*

C. in C. S.A.S. 1433C/9. (DIOMEDE and DESPATCH to be used on anti raider and blockade runner patrol). In view of new division South Atlantic and recent conversation between Comsolant and R.A.W.A., suggest this should be decided by themselves.
(B.A.D. 0201Z/10 to Admty.)

U/B.

Following received. Intercepted at 0210 G.M.T. De unknown station. X X X (unread) submarine sighted latitude 11.0 (unread) longitude 63.02 W Time 20 (unread) G.M.T. (unread).
Port Patrick Radio 0310/10 (Ends).
(F.O.I.C. Greenock 0323A/10 to Admty.)

U/B
O.N.S.142.

U-Boat estimated in your vicinity by D/F has made a sighting report of a convoy or important unit at 0549Z/10. 4540 K/cs.
(C. in C. U.S. Fleet 0629/10 to C.T.U. 24.1.5.
(R) C.T.24. Admty.)

Movements.

Arrival CLARKIA, Departure U.S. patrol gunboat ERIE, U.S. destroyer BIDDLE, U.S.S. SPRY, U.S. S.P.C's 545, 573, 624 escorting T.S.G.20 (slow). U.S. *destroyer BELKNAP.
(N.O.I.C. Trinidad 0912Q/10 to S.B.N.O. W.A.)
**Scaphane Transfer.*

U/B

Barbados W/T reports submarine on surface at 1245 G.M.T./10 in 013° 25' N 059° 27' W.
(Kingston Jamaica 1002R/10 to Admty.)

HOLMPARK
(torpedoed
24 Oct.)

My 2240/8 and my 0941/9. Latitude position should read 13° N and date ship torpedoed 24th Oct.
(B.R.O. St. Lucia 1154Q/10 to C.C.S.F. (R) Admty. etc.)

Attacks
on U/Bs.

D.A/S.W. 1218A/10 to Cominch etc. See U-Boat Campaign.

Ottawa
Conference.

Your 2042/9. Thursday 19th Nov. (?appropriate) as the date of conference.
(N.S.H.Q. 1341Z/10 to C. in C. U.S. Fleet.)

Use of
Echometers.

It is considered that a caution be issued to Masters of ships that usage of the Echometer be restricted to necessary occasions as it can be heard by submarines on their detectors. Inspection of records show continuous use extending over hours.
(B.R.L.O. St. Thomas 1359/10 to Admty.)
Reply: D.T.D. 1715A/11.

/B.Y.M.S...

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B.Y.M.S. Your 1620/8. My 2016/6 should have read "five B.Y.M.S. vessels" not "B.Y.M.S.5". (B.A.M.R., 1414Z/10 to Admty (R) F.O.N.F.)

Canadian Corvette Groups. N.S.H.Q., 1726/12th October. 2057 20th October and Admty. 1613/5th November N.S.H.Q. only. Following group numbers have been allotted to Canadian corvette groups at present employed in U.K.
25th Canadian Escort Group. WOODSTOCK (S.O. Acting Commander G.H. Griffiths R.C.N.) NASTURTIUM, WEYBURN LOUISBURG, PRESCOTT and LUNENBURG.
26th Canadian Escort Group. VILLE DE QUEBEC (S.O. Lieut. Commander A.R.E. Coleman. R.C.N. Reserve) PORT ARTHUR, BADDECK, ALBERNI and SUMMERSIDE.
27th Canadian Escort Group. REGINA (S.O. Acting Lieut. Cdr. H. Freeland. R.C.N.R.) CALGARY, KITCHENER, CAMROSE, MOOSEJAW, ALGOMA.
(2) S.O. Call signs in 02396 series will be amended to read 25th 26th and 27th Canadian Escort Group and S.O. (N.S.H.Q., 1452Z/10 to C.C.C.S. (R) Admty. etc).

Mines. Admty. pass to C.T.F. 34 for action and to C.T.G. 31.8 for information. "From C. in C. Lant, Cominch effect deliver to C.T.G.31.8 as information addressee. Inform C.T.F. 38 escorting U.G.F.2 of location of mines in vicinity Atlantic ports". Refer to this as 1322/10. (Cominch, 1500/10 to Admty).

WEST
KEBAR
(torpedoed
29/10).
See p. 428
My 1131/8th (re survivors ex WEST KEBAR U.S., torpedoed) For 38 survivors landed read 35 and for 17 survivors missing read 20. (Harbour Master, Barbadoes, 1502/10 to Admty).

B.Y.M.S. Sailed 1400Z/10 B.Y.M.S. 15 and* (?16) same route as my 1447/28/10, E.T.A.St. Johns 2200Z/12. W/T watches in accordance with B.A.D's 1405/27/10. 2. When ready request ships be sailed to U.K. in Convoy E.T.F. (C.O.A.C., 1529Z/10 to F.O.N.F. (R) B.A.D., Admty etc).
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U/B
Positions. S/M estimate Nov. 10th and U.S. submarine notice. (Cominch, 1551/10, 1552/10, 1620/10, 1621/10, 1622/10).

PHOEBE
repairs.
See p. 416
PHOEBE's 1531/9th Nov. Request immediate report whether PHOEBE can be taken in hand for damage repairs in U.S.A. about end December 1942. 2. Temporary repairs to lower deck in hand and principal items to be undertaken would be:- (list). (D.O.D. (F), 1622A/10 to B.A.M.R.)

/Cable...

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Cable Repairs Our 2000A/5 to B.A.D. (re Repair of Halifax and Bermuda cable) Time required to repair cable break cannot be determined. Only way in which U.S. Escort can be provided is at expense of trade convoys which is considered uneconomical use of escort vessels. Request you reconsider BUTTERMERE and WASTWATER as escort for LORD KELVIN, B.A.D. 1649Z/9. (Cominch, 1655/10 to Admty).

Hospital Ships. Your QO/193 of 29th October (2047/29) (1) Regret no hospital ships available for regular service North Atlantic. (2) M.W.T. examining proposal increase Hospitals in "Queens" and await estimate accommodation lost for troops. Will U.S. supply Medical Staffs and embark in A.T.'s as required? Agreed. (W.O. 1710A/10 to Milstaff Washington).

Movements. Arrival U.S. Destroyer UPSHUR. U.S. ships P.C. 574, P.C. 575, P.C. 576, CUYAHOGA. (N.O.I.C. Trinidad, 1712Q/10 to S.B.N.O.W.A.)
**not identified*

U/B Coast Watcher reports sighting submarine in 47. 27 N., 55.23 W., at 1625Z/10th. (C.O.A.C., 1745Z/10 to G.B.7 A).

Escort Unit 24.5.3. 2 Section S.C.L.107 arrived 1700Z/10, Irish S.S. PLEIADES Irish SS. GEMINI, SS. BRUARFOSS, and SS. ANN SKAKEL escorted by Escort Unit 24.5.3 U.S. Destroyer SCHENCK, U.S. Destroyer LEARY which is dissolved. Connav pass to U.S.C.N.O. 1st U.S. Naval District, Boston, C.E.S.F. (C.T.U. 24.6., 1816Z/10 to C.T.F. 24 (R) Connav etc).

B.Y.M.S. 30. B.Y.M.S. 30 arrived St. Johns N.F. with defects escorted by B.Y.M.S. 3. (C.C.N.F., 1817Z/10 to Admty).

U/B Guantanamo Radio reports S/M sighted 12.02 N., 59.17 W., at 1815 G.C.T./10th. (Kingston, Jam., 1825R/10 to Admty).

Shipping for Loch Ewe. Request all ships with destinations East Coast of U.K. be now sailed to Loch Ewe and not Oban. (D.T.D., 1843A/10 to Connav N.S.H.Q. Ottawa).

HAHIRA (torpedoed 3/11). U.S. HAHIRA torpedoed and subsequently sunk by gunfire of Escort 54.15 N., 41.47 W., 3rd Nov. All C.Bs. dumped in metal box. (A.C.I.C., 1901A/10 to Admty).

/O.N.S...

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O.N.S.142 20 southbound ships dispersed in approx. 43° 50' N., 39° 20' W., at 1900 G.M.T./10th Nov. From dispersal ships proceeding to 38° N., between 30° and 40° W., thence to 27° N., between 30° 00' and 39° 15' W., thence all ships steering 168°. One straggler estimated position 1800Z/10 41° 45' N., 33° 45' W. course 186° to 38° N., thence as above.
(D.T.D., 1953A/10 to S. and A. North Atlantic Station and Connav)

Sub attack and sighting summary. ^{map p. 426}
A. WEST KEBAR two torpedoes and sunk 14.57 N., 53.37 W., 2215Z/29 October. ZAANDAM torpedoed and sunk 01.25 N., 36.22 W., 1818Z/2. ANDREAS torpedo miss shelled and presumed sunk 02 S., 30.30 W., 2215Z/4. OCEAN JUSTICE torpedoed and presumed sunk 10.06 N., 60. W., 2320Z/6. MARCUS WHITHAN torpedoed 06.05 S., 32.41 W., 2315Z/9. Men landed from Sub Gaspé Peninsula 10 Nov. one captured.
B. Unidentified torpedoed and sinking 24.30 N., 46.28 W., 1412Z/9 (S.S. SOUTH AFRICA).
C. Sub sighted on surface 13.25 N., 59.27 W., 1245Z/10 Coast watcher sights sub. 47.27 N., 55.23 W. 1625Z/10. Sub sighted 11.40 N., 63.02 W., 2000Z/9.
D. Panair Plane sights sub 11.10 N., 79.15 W., 1315Z/10.
Y.320 sights sub. on surface 40.20 N., 70.35 W. 2250Z/9.
(Cominch, 2055/10 to Admty for O.I.C.)

Movements. ^{map p. 426}
Departure B.Y.M.S. 15, 16, for St. Johns. Arrival GODERICH ex S.H. 60, P.Y.C. 2842 from Pictou. N.S. Connav please pass to Commandant 9th U.S. Naval District, Green Lake.
(N.O.I.C. Halifax, 2101Z/10 to Admty etc).

U/B Positions. C.E.S.F. 1850/10 S/M estimates for 0800Z/11.
(Comnav, 2251/10 to Admty).

Australia & New Zealand.

Movements. Departure Auckland 2024Z/9 U.S.S. TALAMANCA for Suva. E.T.A. 2100Z/12, route direct, 17 knots. U.S.S. SOBACE 2055Z/9 for Noumea. E.T.A. 0700Z/12. Arrival Papeete, 9th November, F.F. CHEVREUIL. Departure Suva 9th Nov. U.S.S. TAGANAK for Noumea.
(D.N.I. Wellington, 0450Z/10 to Admty).

/Situation...

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Situation.

Digest Serial Number 291 Nov.8.

Reports including photo R/C Buin Tonolei Shortland area afternoon 8/11 indicated total 33 vessels including 1 heavy cruiser 2 light cruisers, 6 destroyers, 3 minelayers, 1 small gunboat or B. Chaser, 1 converted seaplane tender, 2 probable military landing craft carriers including one very large whale factory ship type, 2 tankers, 11 merchant ships 7 - 10,000 tons totalling approx. 85,000 tons, one 10,000 ton merchant vessel possibly naval auxiliary, 3 other merchant vessels, 1 medium tanker, 1 small cargo vessel reported Kavieng area morning same day by air R/C also 1 light cruiser Saint Goffres Channel heading Rabaul.

3. Three Beaufighters strafed enemy huts installations Wairope-Buna track while three 25s strafed W/T station Gasmata afternoon 8/11. 4 medium bombers observed airborne, 1 fighter 1 bomber grounded Soamata where some evidence grass on runway recently cut.

4. Enemy positions Moivi area bombed and strafed 3 Bostons evening 8/11 in support continued attacks by our troops.

5. Three Catalinas dropped bombs runway and dispersal areas Kavieng airfield night 8/9. Results not observed.

(G.H.Q., S.W.P.A., 0619Z/10 to Admty etc).

ONDINA
escort.

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Your 0651Z/8th. BENGAL is only vessel in company with ONDINA. Reference to OSWALD not understood F.O.I.C. Ceylon pass to N.O.I.C. Diego Garcia.

(A.C.N.B., 0931Z/10 to F.O.I.C. Ceylon (R) Admty. C. in C. E.F., A.I.F., Abadan, N.O.I.C. Diego Garcia, F.O.C.R.I.N.)

10.11.1942.
Tuesday.

War Diary.

U-BOAT CAMPAIGN.

Submarines Reported.

Estimates at 1200Z/10.
(D.D.I.C., 1432A/10, 1447A/10).

Submarines Attacked.

Weekly
Summary.

My 1059/22/7.

1. H.120, a Liberator, on the 5th near S.C.107 attacked with the whole U-boat visible with 6 torpex Mark XI. Mark XVI Pistol. The stern rose at an angle of 60° and the revolving screws were seen.
2. On the 7th a Hudson attacked in position 37° 32' N., 01° 30' E., and saw a piece of the casing blown into the air.
3. On the same day a Hudson in position 38° 08' N., 02° 12' E. saw a U-boat sink stern first bows at an angle of 60° for 4 minutes and reported much oil and air. 5 bodies in the water.
4. From an incomplete report the French landed 8 or 9 survivors from a German U-boat at Nemours on the 6th November.
5. These are in addition to the two promising attacks by 84 Squadron on the 1st and 5th.
(D.A/S.W., 1218A/10 to Cominch, B.A.D., Comnavcu, N.S.H.Q.)