

FROM: Commanding Officer
H.M.C.S. "Thetford Mines"
c/o G.P.O., London, England.

DATE: 19th May, 1945.

FILE: TH. 0 - 5 - 1.

TO: Senior Officer, E.G. 25
H.M.C.S. "Orkney"
c/o G.P.O., London, England.

Report of Proceedings - Detached Duty, 11th - 16th May, 1945.
All times Baker (Zone -2).

Submitted.

Narrative - Section 1.

Friday -- 11th May, 1945.

2046 - Proceeded from Londonderry to Moville to fuel, anchor, and await further orders. Comm.(D) WA's 112000 refers.

Saturday -- 12th May, 1945.

Proceeded to Lock Alsh. Commander in Chief, WA's 121257 and Comm.(D) WA's 121720 refer.

Sunday -- 13th May, 1945.

0542 - Anchored in Lock Alsh. My 122001 and NOIC Lock Alsh's 122321 refer.

1519 - Weighed and proceeded under orders of Havelock. Ship in company with Havelock, USS Paine, Bentley, Commandant Drogou F.S. and four submarines, U-1058 - 1105 - 1109 - 1355, thence north about Skye. C in C WA's 121852, part 1 refers.

E.G. 31 escorting U-293 - 802 - 826 - 1009 and rescue ship R.S. Goodwin and trawler Guardsman, one half hour ahead. C in C WA's 121859 not complied with as press representatives not aboard on sailing.

Monday -- 14th May, 1945.

0720 - Joined E.G. 31 and took up guide of fleet. Fleet disposed as follows; Thetford Mines, U-293 - 802 - 826 - 1009 line ahead, two cables; USS Paine abeam to port three cables with U-1058 - 1105 - 1109 - 1355 in line ahead, 2 cables with Guardsman astern; E.G. 31 starboard 3 cables; and Havelock, Bentley, Keates and R.S. Goodwin on port flank. Hesperus ahead between Thetford Mines and USS Paine. Course and speed adjusted so as to arrive Lock Foyle buoy at 1400.

On arrival Lock Foyle buoy, Hesperus proceeded in, Thetford Mines and USS Paine brought their respective divisions up river to pilot station.

1524 - All ships, including U-Boats, proceeded up river to Lisahally, Hesperus, Thetford Mines, USS Paine, followed by eight U-Boats, five cables apart.

1650 - Piped C in C WA and cheered ship.

1704 - Secured alongside "H" berth, Lisahally.

2034 - Slipped and proceeded to rejoin E.G. 25 in South Western Approaches, Comm.(D) WA's 141156 refers.

Tuesday -- 15th May, 1945.

Enroute Irish Sea to rejoin Group.

Wednesday -- 16th May, 1945.

0203 - Rejoined E.G. 25 escorting MKS 100.

Enclosures:

Signals relevant to Section 1.
All remaining sections blank.

J.A.R. Allan

J.A.R. ALLAN
A/Lieut. Commander, RCNVR
Commanding Officer.

SIGNALS RELEVANT TO NARRATIVE.

FROM: COMM.(D) WA (Immediate) TO: THETFORD MINES

CANCEL MY 11194B/MAY. YOU ARE TO PROCEED TO MOVILLE AND TO TOP UP WITH FUEL THEN ANCHOR AS CONVENIENT AT MOVILLE. SHIP IS TO REMAIN AT " HOURS NOTICE FOR STEAM. FURTHER SIGNAL WILL BE MADE.

112000B.

IMPORTANT
CONFIDENTIAL

FROM: C IN C WA

TO: COMM.(D) WA (R) THETFORD MINES, NOIC GREENOCK, NOIC LOCK ALSH.

REQUEST YOU WILL SAIL THETFORD MINES TO ARRIVE LOCK ALSH AT DAYLIGHT TO-MORROW 13th.

121257B.

FROM: COMM.(D) WA

TO: THETFORD MINES.

SAIL TO COMPLY WITH C IN C WA'S 121257B. REPORT ESTIMATED TIME DISPATCH LOUGH FOYLE AND ETA DIRECT.

121720B.

FROM: THETFORD MINES

TO: NOIC LOCK ALSH, (R) SO EG. 25, C IN C WA, COMM.(D) WA.

ETA LOCK ALSH 0600 TOMORROW SUNDAY.

122001B.

IMPORTANT.

FROM: NOIC LOCK ALSH.

TO: THETFORD MINES (R) SO E.G. 25

ANCHOR IN "E" BERTH W.A.G.O. 517 REFERS. SET R/T WATCH ON 2150 Kcs. ONE HOUR BEFORE ARRIVAL (LIGHT BUOY?). HAVE BOAT AVAILABLE TO EMBARK PRESS REPRESENTATIVES.

122321B

IMPORTANT
CONFIDENTIAL

FROM: C IN C WA

TO: NOIC LOCK ALSH, SO. EG. 14, COMM.(D) WA (R) USS PAINE, THETFORD MINES, E.G. 31, E.G. 5, NOIC GREENOCK, BENTLEY, NOIC NORTH IRELAND, ADMLTY, AOC IN CCC, GUARDSMAN, R.S. GOODWIN.

C IN C WA'S 121852B, Part 1.

8 U/BOATS ARE TO BE SAILED FROM LOCK ALSH NORTH ABOUT SKYE TO LISSAHALLY LOUGH FOYLE. SAILING TO BE ADJUSTED SO THAT U/BOATS PASS FOYLE BUOY AT 1300B 14th MAY. THE (TWO) ESCORTS UNDER THE COMMAND OF R.A. CURRIE, DSC, RN

121852B

XXXXXXXXXX
XXXXXXXXXXXX