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[48-2-1 Vol. 7] Convoy Sailing Orders
for: BX 19, 21; SC 44-76; HX 150-181 -
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be destroyed by fire when complied with and not to be allowed to fall into the hands of the enemy)

H.M.C. DOCKYARD.
Halifax, N.S.
January 11, 1942.

SECRET

CONVOY H.X. 170 - ORDERS FOR LOCAL ESCORT.
(Short title - L.O. 170)

References: Mercantile Convoy Instructions.
"Mersigs".
Convoy Sailing Orders and Routeing
Instructions, issued by N.C.S.O.



INFORMATION

1. Composition of Escort.

<u>Convoy</u>	<u>Local Escort</u>	<u>Ocean Escort</u>
H.X. 170	H.M.C.S. ST. LAURENT (Senior Officer)	U.S. Group
	H.M.C.S. RIMOUSKI	
	H.M.C.S. WEYBURN	
	H.M.C.S. GODERICH	
	H.M.C.S. QUINTE	
	H.M.C.S. CLAYOQUOT	

2. Sailing Date - TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1942, from Halifax.

3. Zero Hour - 1400Z/13th unless otherwise ordered.
(Time leading ship will pass Turple Head).

4. Route - The route for H.X. 170 is contained in Commodore's Envelope A.

5. Western Rendezvous - 1300Z/15th January in Position YY
44°40'N 55°00'W.

OBJECT

6. The object is the safe and timely arrival of the convoy in the United Kingdom.

EXECUTION

7. H.M.C. Ships ST. LAURENT, RIMOUSKI, WEYBURN, GODERICH, QUINTE and CLAYOQUOT are to sail at zero hour minus 1½ hours and are to:

- (a) Carry out an A/S search in the approaches to Halifax while the convoy is leaving Harbour.
- (b) Provide A/S protection during the forming up period.
- (c) Provide A/S escort to Western Rendezvous.

DURATION OF LOCAL ESCORT.

8. H.M.C. Ships ST. LAURENT and RIMOUSKI are to remain in company until otherwise directed by F.O.N.F. The remainder are to remain in company until relieved by Ocean Escort.

If not met by dark, 15th January, one ship is to be detached to make a NOTNET report, giving position, course and speed of the Convoy. Senior Officer of Escort is to use his discretion as to distance to which the reporting ship should open from the Convoy.

On parting company, H.M.C. Ships WEYBURN, GODERICH, QUINTE and GAAYOQUOT return to Halifax. H.M.C. Ships ST. LAURENT and RIMOUSKI as directed by F.O.N.F.

AIR ESCORT.

9. Weather permitting, R.C.A.F. will provide air escort and patrol to Western Rendezvous.

ORDERS FOR STEAM.

10. H.M.C.S. ST. LAURENT is to have steam for twenty-six knots, Corvettes and Minesweepers for full speed.

STRAGGLERS.

11. The A/S escort is not normally to leave the convoy unprotected in order to round up stragglers who are lost to sight. In the event of ships becoming separated from the convoy due to bad weather, low visibility, etc., the Local Escort may, at the request of the Commodore, break W/T silence and transmit certain specified signals on low power to enable stragglers to obtain bearing by D/F. Details of these signals are given in paragraph 15. This procedure is not to be used EAST of Longitude 35°00'W and is to be used most sparingly. It is on no account to be used if an Enemy Raider is believed to be operating in the NORTH ATLANTIC.

INFORMATION REGARDING SHIPS WHICH MAY BE MET.

12. Signals concerning latest information regarding movements of ships which may be met will be supplied prior to sailing.

COMMUNICATIONS.

	<u>Loudspeaker</u>	<u>Constant</u>	<u>Guard</u>
13. HMCS ST. LAURENT	2410	105	6666-4400 3925 24 hours before junction
HMCS RIMOUSKI	2410	500 (guard)	
HMCS WEYBURN		105	
HMCS GODERICH		105	
HMCS QUINTE		105	
HMCS CLAYOQUOT		105	

W/T SILENCE.

14. Messages of immediate operational importance may be transmitted on Area 7A H/F waves without parting company with the convoy.

USE OF D/F TO REGAIN STATION IN CONVOY.

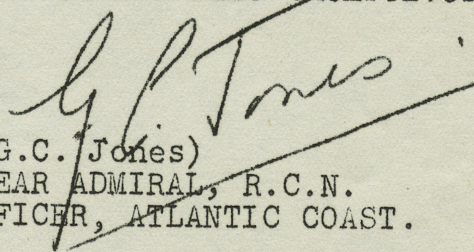
15. Should ships become separated from the main body of the convoy due to low visibility, heavy weather or other cause, the Escort, who will be in the vicinity of the Commodore's Ship, may make the following transmissions to enable stragglers to ascertain her whereabouts by D/F.

FREQUENCY 400 Kc/s (750 metres) I.C.W.

TIME 1202, 1208, 1858, 1904 G.M.T.

CHARACTERISTIC Letter "C" three times followed by three long dashes covering a total period of about 15 seconds.

These transmissions will not be made EAST of Longitude 35 West. Escort will make a test transmission at 1858 and 1904 G.M.T., 13th January, to enable ships to tune their Receivers and familiarize themselves with the signal to be used.


(G.C. Jones)
REAR ADMIRAL, R.C.N.

COMMANDING OFFICER, ATLANTIC COAST.

DISTRIBUTION

The Commanding Officer,	HMCS ST. LAURENT.
" "	HMCS RIMOUSKI.
" "	HMCS WEYBURN.
" "	HMCS GODERICH.
" "	HMCS QUINTE.
" "	HMCS CLAYOQUOT.

Copies to:

Commodore H.X. 170.

A.O.C., E.A.C., NSHQ, NCSO, Hfx. (2), C.C.H., Commander "D", Hfx.

TO: ADMIRALTY (R) C IN C A & WI, FONE, NSHQ (265) OPNAV

FROM: C.O.A.C.

IMPORTANT

H.X. 170

~~DRAFT~~ SAILING TELEGRAM

1. H.X. 170. All Positions are North and West
2. 1400 G.M.T. January 13th., 1942
3. 1200 G.M.T. January 23rd in position 60.45 23.00
4. 8.4 Knots 5. Z. 44.30 57.50

M.O.M.P. in

A.	45.00	50.00
B.	54.00	40.00
C.	60.45	28.00
D.	60.45	23.00
E.	60.45	21.00
F.	59.00	08.00

6. Task Unit 4.1.3

7. 9 columns ~~443343333~~ 343433443

8.	J.	45.00	50.00
	K.	50.40	43.00
	L.	55.30	38.40
	M.	60.20	28.00
	N.	60.15	23.15
	O.	59.35	15.00

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CROCODILE	64.10	36.20
REDBREAST	62.10	15.15
COCOANUT	60.15	23.15
HICKORY	59.35	15.00
MUSKRAT	58.30	48.30
RAMPION	58.00	28.40
SKUNK	57.40	38.00
PEACOCK	56.15	19.45
WARBLER	52.00	39.00
DORMOUSE	51.35	46.00
APRICOT	46.20	33.30

13. Commodore J.K.Brook, R.N.R.,
S S "CRISTALES"

FOR GLYDE

MASTER S S "EMPIRE STEEL"

" ~~MANCHESTER~~ MERSEY

MASTER S S "VOCO"

" LOCH EWE

MASTER S S "OTINA"

" BELFAST

MASTER S S "RAPIDAN"

" REYKJAVIK

14. ALL SHIPS, EXCEPT SW. ~~S S~~ "KAAPAREN", SW. ~~S S~~ "HAMMAREN" SW "VAALAREN"
HAVE S.P. 02272 (13) (16)

ALL SHIPS HAVE S.P. 02406 (63) AND SEA RCH CERTIFICATES.

Commodore
Escorts
C.S.O.
S.O.I.
N.C.S.O.

1821Z/13 January

TO: ADMIRALTY (R)
 IMPORTANT TO FONF
 FROM: C.O.A.C.

FONF NSHQ (266)

IMPORTANT

H.X. 170

SAILING TELEGRAM (9) (10) (12)

BR.	11 K	DAGHESTAN	C	GRAIN	CLYDE
BR.	10 K	EMPIRE SHEARWATER		ZINC	LOCH EWE
US.	10 K	CITY OF FLINT		GENERAL	HVALFJORDR
BR.	10½K	VOCO		LUB.OIL	LOCH EWE
NOR.	10 K	ANNA KNUDSEN		AD.FUEL	CLYDE
NOR.	10 K	IDEFJORD		GENERAL	GLASGOW
WS.	10 K	RAPIDAN		PETROL	REYKJAVIK
BR.	11½K	HINDUSTAN		GENERAL	CLYDE
BR.	10 K	ATHELQUEEN		MOLASSES	LOCH EWE
BR.	10 K	SOVAC B		LUB.OIL	LOCH EWE
BR.	10 K	ATHELSULTAN	B	AD.FUEL	CLYDE
SW.	14 K	KAAPAREN		GENERAL	LIVERPOOL
SW.	11 K	HAMMAREN		GENERAL	LIVERPOOL
SW.	13 K	VAALAREN		GENERAL	LIVERPOOL
BR.	12½K	CRISTALES		REFRIG&GENERAL (S.C.)	CLYDE
BR.	10½K	DILOMA		GASOLINE	CLYDE
NOR.	12½K	EGDA		GAS & KERSENE	MANCHESTER
BR.	12 K	PESHAWUR		REFRIG	MERSEY
BR.	10 K	AMASTRA		PETROL	MANCHESTER
BR.	10 K	EMPIRE VOICE		GENERAL	LOCH EWE
BR.	11½K	EMPIRE STEEL		GASOLINE	MANCHESTER
BR.	10 K	OTINA		AV.SPIRITS	BELFAST
NOR.	12½K	LAURITS SWENSON		GENERAL	LIVERPOOL
NOR.	11 K	MONTEVIDEO		GENERAL	LIVERPOOL
BR.	12½K	CLAN MACPHERSON		GENERAL	MERSEY
NOR.	12½K	NUEVA GRANADA		DIESEL OIL	BELFAST
NOR.	11½K	EIDANGER		GAS KEROSENE	BELFAST
BR.	10 K	VIMEIRA		PARAFFIN	CLYDE
BR.	11 K	EMPIRE SPRAY		GRAIN	MERSEY
BR.	10 K	OCEAN VIGIL		GENERAL	LIVERPOOL
DUT.	10½K	ULYSSES		GENERAL	BELFAST

(TOTAL SHIPS SAILED 31)

C.S.O.
 S.O.I.
 N.C.S.O.

1826Z/13 January