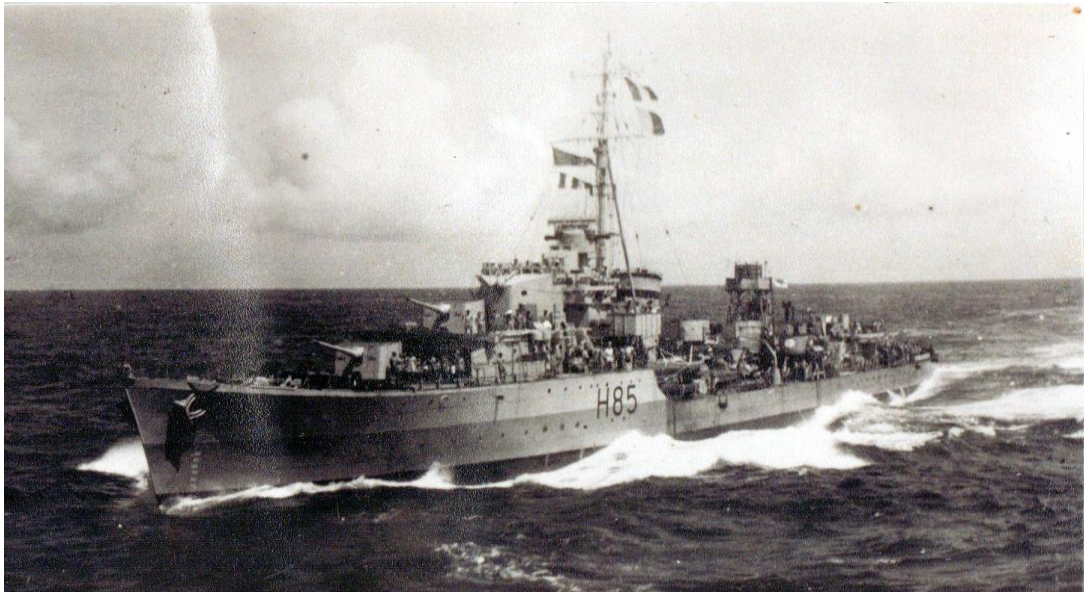


HMS RELENTLESS

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1940's OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS



Unfortunately, and in common with a great many Ship's Logs for ships smaller than Cruisers, there are no Ship's Logs available for RELENTLESS prior to 1951.

The information contained in the following pages of Operational Movements has been created from myriad sources and is currently incomplete.

HMS RELENTLESS – OPERATIONAL MOVEMENTS – 1942-1945

Lt Cdr R A Fell

Jul 1942 – 26 Oct 1944

Lt Cdr G B Barstow

26 Oct 1944 – Dec 1945

Date FROM	Date TO	FROM	TO	Comments
1942				
30 Nov 1942	30 Nov 1942	Greenock	Greenock	COMMISSIONED
1 Dec	9 Dec	Greenock	Tobermory	Anti-Submarine exercising
9 Dec	10 Dec	Tobermory	Scapa	
10 Dec	6 Jan	Scapa	Scapa	WORK UP
1943				
6 Jan 1943	7 Jan 1943	Scapa	Liverpool	
7 Jan	23 Jan	Liverpool	Liverpool	2 weeks in Liverpool?
23 Jan	23 Jan 43	Clyde	Clyde	
23 Jan 43	6 Feb 43	Clyde	Freetown	Escort for Convoy WS26
7 Feb	10 Feb	Freetown	Lagos	Convoy WS26 sailed 9 th
10 Feb	12 Feb	Lagos	Lagos	Fitted with new Asdic dome
12 Feb	25 Feb	Lagos	Durban	Escort for Convoy WS26F
1 Mar	4 Mar	Durban	Split into a/b	Escort for Convoy WS26D
4 Mar		Durban		Escort for Convoy DN21
?	5 Apr	Capetown	Pointe Noire	
5 Apr	11 Apr	Pointe Noire, Congo	Durban	Escort for Convoy WS28F with cruiser KENYA and destroyers REDOUBT, RACEHORSE and QUADRANT
15 Apr	30 Apr	Capetown	Aden	Escort for Convoy WS28C via Durban
x May	x May	Freetown	Capetown	Escorting Convoy US29
11 May	18 May	Freetown	Durban	Escort for Convoy WS29F
22 May	2 June	Capetown	Convoy split Durban?	Escort for Convoy WS29C with RACEHORSE and ROTHERHAM
2 June?	15 June?	Durban	Durban	In Durban on 5 th June, S/M1 AWH Pearce was killed in a traffic accident
15 June	18 June	Durban	20S (Beira)	A/S escort for RESOLUTION
18 June	20 June	20S (Beira)	Durban	A/S escort for REVENGE
20 June	24 June	Durban	Durban	
24 June	2 July	Durban	Port Louis	Operation PLAYER. Search for Charlotte Schliemann with cruisers SUFFOLK and

				NEWCASTLE and destroyers NIZAM and RACEHORSE
2 Jul	8 Jul	Port Louis	Port Louis	
5 Jul	8 Jul	Port Louis	Durban	Searching for survivors
				(i). ROTHERHAM and RELENTLESS were sailed from Durban on 9th to provide additional A/S escort for FS LORRAINE and RESOLUTION who sailed from Kilindini on 17th July for Durban. On arrival at Durban on the 24th, these two destroyers rejoined the S.A. Escort Force.
8 Jul	13 Jul	Durban	Kilindini	Via 20S aborted rendezvous
13 Jul	17 Jul	Kilindini	Kilindini	
17 Jul	24 Jul	Kilindini	Durban	A/S escort for RESOLUTION +
				Lent to South Atlantic Station
5 Aug	22 Aug	Freetown	Durban	Escort for Convoy WS32F
				HMS KALE extract: On the 17th, convoy WS-32 arrived in South Africa from the U.K. with reinforcements for service in Burma, the convoy consisted of 5 ships. HMS Kale and the frigates HMS Derg and HMS Tay accompanied by the British destroyers HMS Relentless and HMS Rapid and the Australian destroyers HMAS Norman and HMAS Quiberon were responsible for providing the A/S escort for the final leg of the passage.
14 Sep	21 Sep	Durban	Kilindini	A/S escort for RAMILLES and escort for Convoy CM45 (5 troop ships)
21 Sep	27 Sep	Kilindini	Aden	Escort for Convoy CM45. 22 nd rescued survivors from torpedoed US ship CORNELIA P SPENCER
				Assigned to Aden Escort Force on ADEN/BOMBAY convoy route
6 Oct	12 Oct	Aden	Bombay	Escort for Convoy AB15A
12 Oct	13 Oct	Bombay	Colombo	BM ?
13 Oct	14 Oct	Colombo	Bombay	Escort for Convoy MB50
14 Oct	20 Oct	Bombay	Bombay	Escort to R/V for MARIPOSA 17/18 th
20 Oct	27 Oct	Bombay	Aden	Escort for Convoy BA51

27 Oct	29 Oct	Aden	Aden	
29 Oct	4 Nov	Aden	Kilindini	Escorting HIGHLAND BRIGADE
5 Nov	10 Nov	Kilindini	Durban	Escorting HIGHLAND BRIGADE
11 Nov	17 Nov	Durban	Kilindini	A/S escort for RAMILLES
17 Nov	19 Nov	Kilindini	Kilindini	
19 Nov	22 Nov	Kilindini	Durban	
22 Nov	25 Nov	Durban	Simonstown	
25 Nov		Simonstown	Simonstown	Refit
1944				
5 Jan	10 Jan	Simonstown		Docked down in Selborne dry dock for clean & coat bottom and to refit Under Water (UW) fittings
8 Feb	13 Feb	Grand Port, Mauritius	600 nm East	Operation CANNED. Search for Charlotte Schliemann with cruiser NEWCASTLE
28 Feb	5 Mar	Kilindini	Colombo	Escort for Convoy KR9
				Nominated for service in Eastern Fleet with HM Destroyers RACEHORSE, ROTHERHAM, RAPID, REDOUBT, RAIDER, ROCKET and ROEBUCK as 11th Destroyer Flotilla. Joined Flotilla in Eastern Fleet.
5 Mar	8 Mar	Trincomalee	Trincomalee	
8 Mar	12 Mar	Trincomalee	Bay of Bengal	Operation INITIAL
12 Mar		Trincomalee		
12 Apr	16 Apr	Durban	Aden	Escort for Convoy CM51A
16 Apr	19 Apr			ADEN
19 Apr	30 Apr	Aden	Durban	Escort for Convoy AKD21
13 May	19 May	Durban	Kilindini	Escort for Convoy CM53
20 May	25 May	Kilindini	Bombay	Escort for Convoy CM53A
10 Jun	13 Jun	Sabang	Sabang	Operation COUNCILLOR with QUILLIAM, QUALITY, RACEHORSE, REDOUBT and RAPID screening the carriers ILLUSTRIOUS, ATHELING and cruisers GAMBIA, CEYLON and PHOEBE
13 Jun	19 Jun	Trincomalee	Trincomalee	
19 Jun	21 Jun	Andamans	Andamans	Operation PEDAL with

				QUILLIAM, QUICKMATCH, ROTHERHAM, RAIDER, RACEHORSE, and ROEBUCK screening the carrier ILLUSTRIOUS, battlecruiser RENOWN, French battleship RICHELIEU and cruisers NIGERIA, CEYLON and KENYA
21 Jun	22 Jun	Trincomalee	Trincomalee	
22 Jul	25 Jul	Sabang	Sabang	Operation CRIMSON
28? Jul		Trincomalee		
				August, lent to South Atlantic Squadron
16 Sep	19 Sep	Sumatra	Sumatra	Operation LIGHT & LIGHT A
15 Oct	19 Oct	Nicobar	Nicobar	Operation MILLET
19 Oct		Trincomalee		
22 Nov				Eastern Fleet (EF) renamed East Indies Fleet (EIF). New CinC is Admiral Sir Arthur Power who was 2 i/c previously. Flotilla transferred to EIF
Dec			Bombay	Dry dock
25 Dec		Trincomalee	Trincomalee	Xmas day on patrol
27 Dec	30 Dec	5 South	Bombay	Escorting USS ADMIRAL BENSON to Bombay
1945				
05 Jan		Bombay	5 South	Escorting USS ADMIRAL BENSON to 5 South
13 Jan	14 Jan	Colombo	Trincomalee	
16 Jan	18 Jan	Trincomalee	Addu Atoll	Escorting EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND, USS GENERAL WILLAM MITCHELL and USS GENERAL GEORGE M RANDALL back north to Addu Atoll in the Maldives.
19 Jan	23 Jan	Addu Atoll, Maldives	Bombay	Escorting USS GENERAL WILLAM MITCHELL and USS GENERAL GEORGE M RANDALL to Bombay
30 Jan	4 Feb	Bombay	5 South Then to Trincomalee	Escort for Convoy WO1 (USS GENERAL WILLAM MITCHELL and USS GENERAL GEORGE M RANDALL) to 5 South
8 Feb	11 Feb	Trincomalee	Addu Attoll	
11 Feb	17 Feb	Addu Atoll	Diego Suarez	

18 Feb	25 Feb	Diego Suarez	Simonstown	
25 Feb	29 Mar	Simonstown		Docked down in Selborne dry dock. Remove rudder, clean & coat bottom and refit Under Water (UW) fittings
21 Apr	21 Apr		Simonstown	Docked down in Selborne dry dock for Tilt Test
25 Apr	27 Apr	Simonstown	Durban	
30 Apr	9 May	Durban	Colombo	
12 May	15 May		Colombo	Ship recommissioned 12 May. Workup & training to 13 Jun...
16 May	20 May	Colombo	Calcutta 1630	Colombo to Equator to escort Convoy OW5/2 USS General CREELY to Calcutta
20 May	22 May	Calcutta 2240	Trincomalee	
22 May	27 May		Trincomalee	Alongside / day running. Workup
28 May	29 May	Trincomalee	At sea	
30 May			Trincomalee	
31 May		Trincomalee	At sea	
1 Jun	5 Jun		Trincomalee	
5 Jun	8 Jun	Trincomalee	Trincomalee	Day running
8 Jun	13 Jun		Trincomalee	
14 Jun	23 Jun	Trincomalee	Trincomalee	South Malaya. Operation BALSAM
23 Jun	End July	Trincomalee	Trincomalee	Alongside for a month
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9 Sep				Port Swettenham landings
11 Sep	12 Sep	Singapore		Anchored Singapore Roads
12 Sep		Singapore	Addu Atoll	Escort for RICHELIEU
		Addu Atoll	Trincomalee	
26 Sep	02 Oct	Trincomalee	Trincomalee	In Trinco or Colombo
02 Oct approx.	20 Oct ??	Colombo	Malta	Sailed Ceylon to UK via Addu Atoll, Aden, Suez, Alexandria and Malta
20 Oct ??	22 Oct	Malta	Chatham	Sailed Malta to Chatham via Gibraltar
November				Arrived Chatham