

# HMS RELENTLESS

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## 1950's SHIP'S LOGS

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## INTRODUCTION

The information contained in the following pages has been transcribed directly from the official SHIP'S LOGs of HMS RELENTLESS which can be viewed (see list of logs below) at the National Archives in Kew.

In the main, these logs were completed by the Officer of the Watch (OOW) when the ship was at sea and by the Quartermaster (QM) when the ship was in harbour.

Each log, representing one calendar month, was completed in PENCIL, with no erasure allowed. Any errors were crossed out and the correct data entered, and each log was signed and dated by the Captain on a weekly basis.

There does not appear to be any strict rule regarding what goes in the logs. Some OOWs were diligent in completing the logs, some were not. The same is true of entries made by the QM.

Quite a few log entries have NOT been transcribed. When at sea, there are numerous entries regarding changes of course eg."a/c to avoid fishing vessels" and in harbour, many references to the Guard Boat or MOD Police patrols, or ships passing.

As is the way of things, many entries are abbreviated, have acronyms or are accepted Naval terms or expressions and these are shown 'as is'.

Ships names are shown in upper case eg. JUPITER or RFA OLMEDA.

Shore Establishments are styled as follows: HMS Mercury

Any data show in *italics* is information added to clarify or question the log entries, and entries shown in quotes are verbatim.

## LIST OF 1950s SHIP'S LOGS

Should you wish to visit the National Archives at Kew, this is the list of relevant Ship's Logs available

<p><b>Ship's Logs 1951</b>            Jul 51 ADM 53/131036            Aug 51 ADM 53/131037            Sep 51 ADM 53/131038            Oct 51 ADM 53/131039            Nov 51 ADM 53/131040            Dec 51 ADM 53/131041</p>	<p><b>Ship's Logs 1952</b>            Jan 53 Not available            Feb 52 ADM 53/133572            Mar 52 Not available            Apr 52 Not available            May 52 Not available            Jun 52 ADM 53/133573            Jul 52 ADM 53/133574            Aug 52 ADM 53/133575            Sep 52 ADM 53/133576            Oct 52 ADM 53/133577            Nov 52 ADM 53/133578            Dec 52 ADM 53/133579</p>	<p><b>Ship's Logs 1953</b>            Jan 53 ADM 53/136422            Feb 53 ADM 53/136423            Mar 53 ADM 53/136424            Apr 53 ADM 53/136425            May 53 ADM 53/136426            Jun 53 ADM 53/136427            Jul 53 ADM 53/136428            Aug 53 ADM 53/136429            Sep 53 ADM 53/136430            Oct 53 ADM 53/136431            Nov 53 ADM 53/136432            Dec 53 ADM 53/136433</p>
<p><b>Ship's Logs 1954</b>            Jan 54 ADM 53/139300            Feb 54 ADM 53/139301            Mar 54 ADM 53/139302            Apr 54 ADM 53/139303            May 54 ADM 53/139304            Jun 54 ADM 53/139305            Jul 54 ADM 53/139306            Aug 54 ADM 53/139307            Sep 54 ADM 53/139308            Oct 54 Not available            Nov 54 ADM 53/139309            Dec 54 ADM 53/139310</p>	<p><b>Ship's Logs 1955</b>            Jan 55 ADM 53/142108            Feb 55 ADM 53/142109            Mar 55 ADM 53/142110            Apr 55 ADM 53/142111            May 55 ADM 53/142112</p>	<p><b>Ship's Logs 1956</b>            Aug-Sep 56            ADM 53/144981</p>

## HMS RELENTLESS – EXTRACT FROM SHIP’S LOG – 1951

1951	Place / Position	Comments
		<b>FIRST ENTRY Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 1951 ADM/53/131036</b>
10 Jul	PORTSMOUTH	HMS RELENTLESS Commissioned today
11 Jul	Portsmouth	0800 Hands employed ammunition ship 1110 Tug MINION slipped with lighter 1155 Commodore boarded the ship – left ship 1300
12 Jul	Portsmouth	0745 Oiling lighters C605 & C26 + Tug C10 and C7 provision lighter alongside 0800 Hands employed provision ship 0905 BRITTANIC secured alongside with torpedo 1030-1045 Rear Admiral boarded ship (Eng) Slipped and proceeded to B Dock for Tilt Test. Secured 1335 1945 Draft joined. 2 Officers Stew 1 Cook(O) 1 Cook(S)
13 Jul Friday	Portsmouth	0555 No.2 Pump No.2 Boiler Room broken down. Repairs effected 0915 Carry out tilt test 2045 2 ratings joined ship from RNB Chatham
14 Jul Saturday	Portsmouth & Sea Areas	0900 Left A Lock proceeded to sea 0928 Fort Blockhouse abeam 0940 OSB abeam a/c Co 275° Sp 5 1231 Came to stbd anchor in 6 fathoms at 4 shackles 1250 Lowered whaler 1345 Clear lower deck of seaman 1355 Away motor boat and skimmers 1300 Hands piped to bathe 1330 Cleared water of bathers 1500 Clear lower deck raise anchor by hand 1620 Clear lower deck raise anchor by hand 1625 Tug VOLATILE alongside port Tug TID50 standing by 1635 Tug TID50 took tow wire for'd. 1640 Under tow 1700 OSB abeam 1708 Hands prep to enter harbour
15 Jul	Portsmouth	0930 Hands to Divisions 2230 Captain arrived on board
16 Jul	Portsmouth & Sea Areas	0915-1240 Ammunition lighter (NA63) alongside (port) 1308 Slip from NW WS 1324 Fort Blockhouse abeam 1524 Commence steering trials 1756 Commence steering trials ( <i>Log signed by J W Pryce AB</i> ) 1925 Fort Blockhouse abeam
17 Jul	Portsmouth	0835-1210 Ammunition lighter NA63 alongside 0845 REDPOLE shift berth 0900 D55 left harbour 0905 STARLING shift berth 0910 REDPOLE re-berthed for'd 0920 Captain's Requestmen and Defaulters to muster 1025-1145 Oil lighter C240 alongside port side

		<p>1030 Received 110 tons of FFO  1045-1142 8 Canadian officers on board  1545 Clear lower deck of seamen  1630 GABBARD slipped  1645 Re-berthed alongside LARGO BAY  1805 Captain returned on board  1810 7 drums of Acid arrived  1840 Two PO ERAs joined ship  1855-1925 Canadian Captain arrived</p>
18 Jul	Portsmouth & Sea Areas	<p>0800 Slipped and proceeded to sea  0930 Sighted FINNISTERE  1000 Full power trial commenced (<i>at 1100 had 306.4 revs</i>)  1400 Completed Full Power Trial. Commenced Aster Trials  1750 Anchored off Spithead  1755 MFV brought off Trials Party  2010 Completed MEDF trials  2025 Weighed anchor  2030 Commenced endurance trial 15 kts</p>
19 Jul	Portsmouth Sea Areas	<p>0030 Exercise seaboat  0344 Berry Hd 335° Start Pt 285°  Position at 0800 50°17'48"N 04°40'0"W  1045 Lower Deck cleared for payment  1317 Completed Measured Mile run  1645 Mismusters for payment  1700 Portland Light House 042°  1707 Commenced CSA trials  1850 Entered Needles Channel  1854 Visibility decreased reduced speed.  1858 Stop ship. 1859 Going astern. 1907 Visibility returned  2030 Dropped anchor off Spithead  Position at 2000 50°45'36"N 01°21'30"W</p>
20 Jul	Portsmouth & Sea Areas	<p>0800 Dressed ship masthead ensign  0830 Weighed anchor proceeded to sea  0945 Commenced Bofors Action firing  0955 Action Limbos crews closed up on quarterdeck  1025 Commenced full calibre 4" Gun Firing Trials  1135 Commenced Limbo Firing Trials  1420 Exercise man overboard  1913 Alongside SW TB</p>
21 Jul	Portsmouth	<p>1015 Received 210 tons of FFO  1400 Captain ashore</p>
22 Jul	Portsmouth	<p>~2100 Captain arrived on board</p>
23 Jul	Portsmouth & Sea Areas	<p>0800 Tug FORTITUDE secured to Port Side aft  0805 Slipped and proceeded to sea for Radio and CRBT Trials  1130-1150 Carried out Engine and Steering Manoeuvrability Trial  1800 Came to stbd anchor in No.7 Berth Spithead  1855-1900 Dockyard MFV 127 alongside port side aft</p>
24 Jul	Portsmouth & Sea Areas	<p>0810 Change anchorage  0846 Anchored in Stokes Bay  1149 Weigh and proceed. Co &amp; Sp for entering harbour  1236 Alongside TETCOTT – Fountain Lake Jetty  1415 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Requestmen and Defaulters to muster</p>

		1945 One rating joined ship from RNB Chatham
25 Jul	Portsmouth	1005 Provisions boat alongside. 20 bags potatoes, 6 bags onions, 6 bags cabbage, 1 sack cheese, 1 sack blankets 1010 Naval stores came on board. Clear lower deck of seamen. In provisions 1050 Clear lower deck of seamen muster on the Foc'sl 2025 Dockyard Police placed Regulation Board aboard
26 Jul	Portsmouth & Sea Areas	0735 Two Captains arrived on board 0800 Slipped and proceeded to sea. 0822 Fort Blockhouse abeam 1425 Clear lower deck. Launched Life Raft 1449 Hands to bathe 1445 Hoisted Life Raft 1904 Fort Blockhouse 1930 Secured stbd side to SW TB 1940 MYNGS secured alongside
27 Jul Friday	Portsmouth	0745 Hands employed am Saturday Routine 1440-1510 First Lord of Admiralty on board
28 Jul	Portsmouth	0945-1150 Diving Boat secured alongside stbd side foc'sl
29 Jul	Portsmouth	AND JUST FOR A CHANGE, HERE IS THE FULL LOG 0805 Both watches of the hands fall in 0855 Cover guns 0910 Watchkeeper's libertymen fall in 0930 Pipe down 0930-1035 Diving Boat secured alongside stbd side foc'sl 1000 Libertymen fall in 1015 Up Spirits 1030 Hands of the mess for rum 1100 Duty part of the watch and stokers fire party to muster 1150 Cooks to the galley 1200 Hands to dinner Pm Captain went ashore 0015 Captain returned on board
30 Jul	Portsmouth	0830 MYNGS slipped and tug SPRITE secured alongside 0845 Slipped and shifted to NWW(S) 0920 Secured alongside CAPRICE. First leave party proceeded on leave 1000-1215 Ammunition lighter secured alongside 1148-1445 TF3 Captain (D) and staff arrived on board 1305 GRENVILLE secured alongside 1315 Captain returned aboard 1953 CONTEST secured alongside GRENVILLE <i>Berthed 4-up. CAPRICE, RELENTLESS, GRENVILLE, CONTEST</i> <i>Log signed X E Herrick, Commanding Officer</i>
31 Jul	Portsmouth	No entries
01 Aug	Portsmouth	No entries
02 Aug	Portsmouth	1102 Rear Admiral CinCs staff boarded ship 1130 CLD for payment 1211 Rear Admiral with CinCs staff left the ship
03 Aug	Portsmouth	1400-1600 Vernon Conference delegates aboard 1715 FINISTERRE left harbour
04 Aug	Portsmouth	0800-2047 Dress ship
05 Aug	Portsmouth	No entries
06 Aug	Portsmouth	No entries ( <i>Log signed X E Herrick</i> )

07 Aug	Portsmouth	0925 Captain's Requestmen and Defaulters fall in 0930 CONTEST slipped from GRENVILLE
08 Aug	Portsmouth	0855 ANETT left harbour 0900 REDPOLE left harbour 0930 Shift ship with GRENVILLE 1020 Secured alongside GRENVILLE
09 Aug	Portsmouth	0820-1050 Ammunition vessel 'Howitzer' secured alongside 0826-1045 NA Lighter A33 secured 1350 STARLING secured alongside 1405 ANETT left harbour 1515 STARLING slipped
10 Aug	Portsmouth	0840 REDPOLE shifted berth under tugs 0850 COQUETTE and WELCOME shifted berth under tugs 0900 REDPOLE secured alongside BRECON 1615 CONTEST secured alongside
11 Aug	Portsmouth	0900 Hands employed transferring limbo projectiles from for'd HR to aft HR
12 Aug	Portsmouth	1000 Up spirits 1005 WAVE secured alongside REDPOLE
13 Aug	Portsmouth & Sea Areas	0900 CONTEST slipped and proceeded to sea 1000 Slip and proceed from NW Wall(S) on GRENVILLE 1014 Fort Blockhouse abeam 1024 OSB abeam 1051 Nab Tower abeam port 1230-1255 Commence high speed turning trials Co & Sp as req 1359 OSB abeam port 1412 Fort Blockhouse abeam 1426 Secured alongside GRENVILLE NW Wall (South) 1910 ANTIC entered harbour 2025 ML2223 left harbour <i>(Log signed 'for CO absent on leave'.</i>
14 Aug	Portsmouth	0723 ANTIC left harbour 0815-1000 Stores boat secured alongside 1400-1500 NAAFI boat secured alongside port side aft (ESSANAV) 1815 FINISTERRE entered harbour
15 Aug	Portsmouth	0745 Tug CAPABLE secured alongside port side 0830 Secured in lock 1030 Entered (No. 12) dry dock 1415 Controller Admiralty piped aboard 1500 Controller Admiralty piped ashore
16 Aug	Portsmouth	1130 CLD for payment 1240 Two ratings for RNH Haslar
17 Aug	Portsmouth	No entries
18 Aug	Portsmouth	No entries
19 Aug	Portsmouth	No entries
20 Aug	Portsmouth	1000-1055 Captain and Officers from HMS Dryad aboard
21 Aug	Portsmouth	No entries
22 Aug	Portsmouth	No entries
23 Aug	Portsmouth	1030 1 Rating returned from Haslar
24 Aug	Portsmouth	No entries
25 Aug	Portsmouth	No entries
26 Aug	Portsmouth	No entries
27 Aug	Portsmouth	No entries

28 Aug	Portsmouth	1020 Brow removed 1045 Left No. 12 dock 1100 Berthed alongside CHAPLET
29 Aug	Portsmouth	0820 Slipped from CHAPLET 0830 Ship secured alongside 0945 BARROSA secured alongside port side
30 Aug	Portsmouth	0745 Captain to Portland 1455 Lower deck cleared for payment
31 Aug	Portsmouth	1130 One rating discharged to RN Sick Quarters
01 Sep	Portsmouth	No entries
02 Sep	Portsmouth	1630 Midshipman MJ Reeder joined ship from THESEUS
03 Sep	Portsmouth	1245 One rating left ship for RNH Haslar
04 Sep	Portsmouth	1920 Draft. 1 rating
05 Sep	Portsmouth	No entries
06 Sep	Portsmouth	1115 Clear lower deck read Articles of War
07 Sep	Portsmouth	0815 Shifted berth with BARROSA to Southern Wall, 6 Berth 1555-1745 Commander "D" arrived on board
08 Sep	Portsmouth	1030 Messdeck rounds
09 Sep	Portsmouth	No entries
10 Sep	Portsmouth	No entries
11 Sep	Portsmouth	1220 One C PO SM drafted to RN Hospital 1500 One Ldg Cook joined ship
12 Sep	Portsmouth	1540 1 <sup>st</sup> Stbd watch to tea 1620 1 <sup>st</sup> Stbd watch to muster. Ship shifted berth to 'B' Lock 1620 Submarine ANDREW secured alongside
13 Sep	Portsmouth	0845 Slipped from B lock 1000 Secured alongside CAPRICE 1130 Hauled off CAPRICE 1200 Secured alongside FINISTERRE 1400-1600 Captain "D" and staff arrived on board 1700 GRENVILLE secured alongside port side
14 Sep	Portsmouth and Sea Areas	0755 Tugs secured alongside GRENVILLE 0805 Slip from FINISTERRE NW Wall (S) 0824 Fort Blockhouse abeam 0836 OSB 0841 Ship officially photographed at Spithead 0845 "Photographing" complete set course for Nab 1315 Fired 6 2" Rocket Flares 1420 Aircraft for calibration of Type 277 joined and commenced calibration 1555 a/c 355 Revolutions 200 (20 kts) 1723 Nab Tower abeam stbd 1745 For Exercise, 'Man overboard' 1806 Man recovered 1820 OSB abeam 1833 Fort Blockhouse abeam 1850 Secured alongside GRENVILLE NWW(S)
15 Sep	Portsmouth and Portland	0800 Slipped from GRENVILLE NW Wall (S) 0821 Fort Blockhouse abeam 0835 OSB abeam Co as req for leaving Spithead 0850 Commence working up to Full Power 0905 Nab tower abeam port 1006 Full power trial completed commence working down



		<p>1041 Received signal saying xxxxx available  1302 Trials parties disembarked  1330 Proceed in search of yacht 'Nimrod' in accordance with CinCs 151240Z  1615 'Nimrod' located  1910 Entered Portland harbour  1935 Secured to buoy  2115 One LSM joined ship C/MX 663422  2115 One Officer joined ship</p>
16 Sep	Portland	<p>0845 VANGUARD left harbour  1125-1155 Captain paid official call to Captain in Charge</p>
17 Sep	Portland and Exercise Areas	<p>0310 SCORPION left harbour  0805 Slipped and proceeded to Phoenix Unit  0845 approx Secured alongside Phoenix Unit stbd side to  0935 TF3 came aboard  1020 TRV3 secured alongside  1220 TF3 piped "off board"  1338-1550 Limbo trials commenced  1600 ZEPHYR entered harbour  1644 PORTCHESTER CASTLE entered harbour  1715 TRADEWIND entered harbour  1820 SCORPION entered harbour</p>
18 Sep	Portland	<p>"at 0830 the following ships left harbour SOLENT, SENTINEL, SEADEVIL, SUBTLE, SIRDAR, BURGMEAD BAY, TRADEWIND"  "at 0900 ZEPHYR, PORTCHESTER CASTLE, P40, TIREE, CRANE"  0930-0950 TRV3 secured alongside port side  1120 SCORPION left harbour  1600 One Boathook Pattern No. 78P lost overboard  1620 SENTINEL entered harbour  1650 CRANE entered harbour, L4037 entered harbour  1830 TINTAGEL CASTLE entered harbour  1840 SIRDAR entered harbour  1905 SEADEVIL entered harbour, 1915 SCYTHIAN 1935 TRADEWIND  1955 ZEPHYR and ZODIAC entered harbour  2000 BURGHEAD BAY entered harbour  2015 F259 2016 FLINT CASTLE 2023 PORTCHESTER CASTLE  2115 P40 entered harbour</p>
19 Sep	Portland and Exercise Areas	<p>0758 Slip from P1 Phoenix Unit  0815 Stbd torpedo discharged 20° angle 0816 Torpedo surfaced  0827 Port torpedo discharged 0828 Torpedo surfaced  0830 Exercise completed return to harbour  0841 Entered harbour by N ship channel  0855 Secured alongside P1 Phoenix Unit  1010 Secured tug and ammunition lighter alongside. Hands employed ammunition ship  1055 Secured water boat 'E.Barnaby' alongside  1130 Rear Admiral FOST left INDEFATIGABLE  1225 FLINT CASTLE entered harbour  1315 Lower deck cleared for ammunitioning  1400 MFV136 secured alongside ammunition lighter port side  1500 HM s/m SCYTHIAN entered harbour  1510 CRANE entered harbour  1520 HM s/m SIRDAR 1530 ZODIAC</p>

		<p>1540 MFV136 slipped  1545 SENTINEL and LEEDS CASTLE entered harbour  1555 Tug 'Tampion' secured alongside ammo lighter  1620 PORTCHESTER CASTLE 1640 SEADEVIL  1730 Ammunition lighter slipped</p>
20 Sep	Portland and Exercise Areas	<p>0717-0730 TRV3 secured alongside port side embarked 4 torpedoes  0752 Slip from P1 Phoenix Unit  0820 a/c 062 commence 1<sup>st</sup> torpedo run  0822 Stbd torpedo discharged 0822 torpedo surfaced  0826 Stopped due to feed water suction failure  0835 Commence 2<sup>nd</sup> torpedo run Co 268 Sp 18  0838 Port torpedo discharged 0838 torpedo surfaced  0843 Commence 3rd torpedo run  0844 2<sup>nd</sup> stbd torpedo discharged 0844 torpedo surfaced  0850 Commence 4<sup>th</sup> torpedo run  0852 2<sup>nd</sup> port torpedo discharged 0852 torpedo surfaced  0855 Return to harbour via E ship channel  0912 Secured alongside P1 Phoenix Unit  0930-1020 Water boat secured alongside  1300 Guard Call. Guard exercised on the Jetty  1315-1345 Secured TRV3 alongside  1405 P3002 entered harbour  1505 ZODIAC and ZEPHYR entered harbour  1510 CRANE, HM s/m SCYTHIAN  1515 TINTAGEL CASTLE, HM s/m SIRDAR 1520 FLINT CASTLE  1535 HM s/m SUBTLE 1540 HM s/m SEADEVIL, HELMSDALE  1730 BURGHEAD BAY entered harbour</p>
21 Sep	Portland and Exercise Areas	<p>0825-0924 Ships left harbour – SUBTLE, SEADEVIL, ZODIAC, LEEDS CASTLE, TRADEWIND, BIRCH BAY, TINGAGEL CASTLE, ZEPHYR, P41, P44, HELMSDALE  1145 Captain left ship to go the MAIDSTONE  1354 Slipped from P1 Phoenix Unit 1400 Left harbour by E ship channel  1403 Commenced 1<sup>st</sup> torpedo run  1408 1<sup>st</sup> stbd torpedo discharged and surfaced  1410 Commenced 2<sup>nd</sup> torpedo run  1415 1<sup>st</sup> port torpedo discharged and surfaced  1418 Commenced 3rd torpedo run  1423 2nd stbd torpedo discharged and surfaced  1428 Commenced 4th torpedo run  1432 2nd port torpedo discharged and surfaced  1455 Completed torpedo trials a/c 275 to enter harbour  1505 Entered Portland harbour by East Ship Channel  1515 Secured to P1 Phoenix Unit  1530 MYNGS and TINTAGEL CASTLE entered harbour  1540 HM subs SUBTLE and TRADEWIND entered harbour</p>
22 Sep	Portland	<p>0715 THESEUS and SCORPION entered harbour  0840 LARGO BAY left harbour  1215 LARGO BAY entered harbour  1240 MINOR 5 left harbour  1340 ZEPHYR entered harbour  2110-2125 10 small vessels entered harbour</p>
23 Sep	Portland	<p>0930 Hands to Divisions  1230 2 L/Sea + 6 Abs on draft to HMS Dryad</p>

		<p>1310 M225 RENALDO entered harbour  1700 RAMBLE, PINCHER, RATTLESNAKE entered harbour  1908 CHEERFUL and COCKATRICE entered harbour  1930 ZODIAC entered harbour</p>
24 Sep	Portland and Exercise Areas	<p>0135 Cleared lower deck of Seaman &amp; Misc ratings  0235 Slipped and proceeded to safe anchorage  0250 Anchored in Weymouth Bay &amp; shackles  0800 ZEPHYR entered harbour  0852 Weighed anchor Co &amp; Sp for entering harbour  0910 Entered harbour by North ship channel  0918 Secured to D6 Buoy  1325 M1291 entered harbour  1310 One rating on draft  1400-1845 ships entered harbour SCORPION, M1783, PORTCHESTER CASTLE, ZEPHYR, ZODIAC, FLINT CASTLE, M46, TINTAGEL CASTLE, MYNGS, P3050, BURGHEAD BAY</p>
25 Sep	Portland and Exercise Areas	<p>0820 F423 shifted berth  0900 THESEUS left harbour  0915 NAAFI stores boat secured alongside  1045 Slipped from D6 buoy. Co &amp; Sp as requisite for berthing alongside RFA BELGOL  1058 Secured alongside BELGOL  1330-1650 ships entered harbour BURGHEAD BAY, COCKATRICE, HEDINGHAM CASTLE, ZEPHYR, ZODIAC, RATTLESNAKE  1520 Slipped from RFA BELGOL and secured to D6 buoy by 2 bridles</p>
26 Sep	Portland and Exercise Areas	<p>0755 Slipped from D6 buoy  0805 Leave Portland harbour for torpedo trials  0814 Commence torpedo trials  0842 Four torpedo runs completed  0854 Entered Portland Harbour  0912 Secured alongside P1 Phoenix Unit  0915 FLINT CASTLE left harbour  1240-1700 ships left/entered harbour BRAMBLE, M11, M294, PINCHER ZEPHYR, FLINT CASTLE, P41, HEDINGHAM CASTLE, P40, ZODIAC, BURGHEAD BAY, MYNGS.  1435-1525 FOTS(sic - FOST) aboard  1715 TRIUMPH and GRENVILLE anchored in Weymouth bay</p>
27 Sep	Portland and Exercise Areas	<p>0800 Slip and proceed for torpedo trials  0809 Leave Portland Harbour  0814 Commence torpedo trials  0847 Four torpedo runs completed  0855 Enter Portland Harbour  0915 Secure alongside P1 Phoenix Unit  1010 Secured water boat alongside  1126 Slipped from P1 Phoenix Unit  1134 Secured alongside P1 Phoenix Unit having holed starboard bow  1225 Slipped from P1 Phoenix Unit. Two tugs pull ship off  1232 Slip tugs, Co &amp; Sp as necessary to secure to D6 Buoy  1254 Secured to D6 buoy, 2 bridles  1310 HMS Dryad draft returned aboard</p>
28 Sep	Portland and Exercise Areas	<p>0845 Slip and proceed, leave harbour by N ship channel  0838 Commence three torpedo firing runs  0905 Torpedo firing completed</p>

		Position at 1200 50°28'N 01°58.5'S 1500 Anchor in M1 berth 3 shackles 1510 Weigh and proceed to ICP 1530 Alongside FLINT CASTLE ICP 1650 Ammunition lighter secured alongside
29 Sep	Portland	0720-1030 Secured ammunition lighter alongside 1140-1205 SM2 arrived on board
30 Sep	Portland	0930 Hands to Divisions
01 Oct	Portland	Alongside at P1 Phoenix Unit 1130-1250 Captain of HMS Osprey on board 1530 CLD hands muster for cigarette coupons 1550 Football teams fall in
02 Oct	Portland and Exercise Areas	1450 Limbo firing complete 1510 Slip from P1 Unit proceed to D6 buoy 1530 Secured to D6 buoy
03 Oct	Portland and Exercise Areas	0800-0910 Weighed for torpedo trials.
04 Oct	Portland and Exercise Areas	Moored at D6 buoy 0732 Water boat FRESHTARN secured alongside 0830 MSB hoisted inboard 1440 Skimmer hoisted outboard 1510 MSB hoisted outboard 1615 LSM M Garragan drafted to RNB Portsmouth
05 Oct	Portland and Exercise Areas	0735-0820 Water boat 'FRESHTARN' alongside
06 Oct	Portland and Exercise Areas	0800 BROADSWORD entered harbour 0805-0945 Water boat alongside 1230 APOLLO entered harbour
07 Oct	Portland and Exercise Areas	0930 Hands to Divisions
08 Oct	Portland and Exercise Areas	0830 Slip from D6 buoy 0845 Secure to P1 Phoenix Unit 1430 APOLLO left harbour 1520 LEEDS CASTLE entered harbour 1545 Slipped P1 Phoenix Unit 1605 Secured D6 buoy
09 Oct	Portland and Exercise Areas	0755 BRIDPORT left harbour 0823 Slipped from D6 buoy 0830 Leave Portland Harbour for runs over Sound Range sp 12 0900-0925 Hands to Action Stations 1134 Fire reported in No.2 Boiler Room 1143 Fire extinguished 1455 Sound Range runs completed. Commence Asdic trials on submerged target 1555 Asdic trials completed enter Portland Harbour by ESC 1605 Secured to A3 buoy
10 Oct	Portland and Exercise Areas	0745 Turning whaler's falls end for end 1420 Water boat secured alongside 1700 TACITURN entered harbour
11 Oct	Portland and Exercise Areas	0750 Slip from A3 buoy proceed to sea for torpedo trials and Sound Range runs 0810 Worked up to 30 knots for firing two torpedoes

		0830 Completed torpedo runs. Commence SR runs 0920 Completed SR runs. Enter Portland harbour 0940 Secured to A3 buoy 1130-1155 Water boat secured alongside 1530 Lower deck cleared for payment 1830 RECLAIM entered harbour
12 Oct	Portland and Exercise Areas	0830 Slip from A3 buoy proceed to sea for Asdic Trials 1018 Commence ASP2 with TRADEWIND 1209 Submarine surfaced. Completed ASP2 1255 Submarine dived. Commence ASP2 with TRADEWIND 1350 Stopped engines. Tapped hulls 1352 Submarine surfaced 1430 Commenced Asdic trials on triplane target 1510 Completed trials Co & Sp for entering Portland Harbour 1530 Secure to D6 buoy 1940 1 AB escorted on board 1945 AB Burton placed under open arrest 2000 Captain of LOCH VEYATIE arrived onboard
13 Oct	Portland and Exercise Areas	0840-0925 Water boat FRESHTARN alongside 1050 1 L/Sea discharged to RNH 1100-1125 Captain's Rounds
14 Oct	Portland and Exercise Areas	0930 Hands to Divisions 1000 INDEFATIGABLE left harbour
15 Oct	Portland and Exercise Areas	0735-0755 TRV3 secured alongside 0755-0835 Water boat FRESHTARN secured alongside 0918 Slip from D6 buoy 0931 Commence torpedo trials 0946 Torpedo firing completed. TRV alongside 1020 Co & Sp as req for testing Asdic. Exercised Bathythermograph 1154 Commenced ASP2 with AURIGA in Areas EN and ES 1213 Completed ASP2. AURIGA surface. Ship stopped 1306 Commenced ASP2 with AURIGA 1404 AURIGA surfaced. ASP2 completed. Ship stopped 1420 Commenced ASP8 with s/m AURIGA in Areas E, N and S 1440 Ship stopped. Exercise completed. Submarine surfaced 1510 Commenced Asdic trials on triplane target 1555 Completed Asdic trials. Co & Sp for entering Portland Harbour 1645 Secured alongside RFA BELGOL 1710 MYNGS secured alongside
16 Oct	Portland and Exercise Areas	0730 Six Midshipmen join ship for the day from MAIDSTONE 0745 Slip from RFA BELGOL a OCP. MYNGS held off 0806 Anchored at M1 0828 Weigh for torpedo firing in Weymouth Bay 0839 Commence torpedo firing 0952 Commence ASP2 with SEADEVIL in Areas EN & ES 11?? Stopped engines. Tapped hulls. Fired 3 charges 1150 s/m SEADEVIL surfaced 1237 Commenced ASP9 with SEADEVIL in area EN & ES 1455 SEADEVIL surfaced on completion of ASP9 1600 Came to D6 buoy- 2 bridles 1625-1645 TRV secured alongside embarked two torpedoes 1630 Six Midshipmen leave ship for MAIDSTONE
17 Oct	Portland and Exercise	0755 Slip from D6 buoy for torpedo firing

	Areas	0806 Proceed through N ship channel 0817-0830 Commence torpedo runs 0907 Alongside P1 Unit 0920-0955 Water boat alongside 1130 WELFARE entered harbour
18 Oct	Portland and Exercise Areas	0757 Slip from P1 for torpedo firing 0807 Passed through N ship channel 0810 Commence torpedo runs 0910 Secured to buoy 0930-1030 Water boat alongside 1020-1125 'HOWITZER' ammunition lighter secured alongside port side 1530 Cleared lower deck, Warrant No.2 read 1710 STARLING entered harbour
19 Oct	Portland and Exercise Areas	0758 Slip from C2 buoy for torpedo firing 0812 Pass through E ship channel 0816-0834 Commence torpedo runs 0855 Stopped in vicinity of A/S triplane target 1100 Co & Sp as req for Asdic trials on triplane target 1320 Proceed to DG range off Weymouth 1450 Work up to 30 knots 1455 DG runs completed return to Portland Harbour 1515 Secure to C2 buoy
20 Oct	Portland and Exercise Areas	0730-0815 Water boat alongside 1100-1130 Captain's Rounds 1600 Shift into night clothing
21 Oct	Portland and Exercise Areas	0930 Hands to Divisions. Rig Church 1000 Church service in forward seamen's messdeck 1035 Captain's upper deck rounds 1455 HELMSDALE entered harbour 2020 Midshipman(E) Bowen joined ship from PERSEUS
22 Oct	Portland and Exercise Areas	0900 SM2 boarded ship 0916 Slip from C2 buoy 0922 Passed through E ship channel 0926 Commence runs on triplane target 1005 Disengage from triplane target commence Serial (2) CO & Sp as req for PCA 10 1214 Serial 2 completed 1300 Ship stopped in Church Hope cove, preparatory to transferring SM2 to s/m SLEUTH 1315 SM2 transferred to s/m SLEUTH by whaler 1355 a/c 105° Zig Zag 30° either side of MLA carrying out SMX10 with s/m SLEUTH area E,N 1430 Exercise completed
23 Oct	Portland and Exercise Areas	0800 Slipped from C2 buoy to sea 0905 Returned to harbour, VIPS boarded ship. Ship proceeded to sea 0930 Cleared harbour 0945 carried out a/s attacks on Triplane Target 0958 Completed attack. Co & Sp as requisite for ASP with TRADEWIND 1130 Completed ASP. Surfaced submarine 1200 Passed through E ship channel Co as req for coming to C2 buoy 1210 Secured to C2 buoy
24 Oct	Portland and Exercise Areas	0813 HARBINGER secured alongside 0820-0910 Water boat secured alongside

		1515 Football teams fall in
25 Oct	Portland and Exercise Areas	0915 Captain left ship for Londonderry 1525 Rugby teams fall in 1645 INDEFATIGABLE entered harbour 1700-1800 Secured ammunition lighter alongside. Duty watch employed ammunition ship
26 Oct	Portland and Exercise Areas	0902 Slip from C2 buoy 0913 Pass through E ship channel 0914 Commence selfnoise trials 0935 Stopped in vicinity of DG range 0950 Carry out selfnoise ranging run in South part of Area " B " at speeds from 6 knots – 27 knots 1030 Commence runs on estimate position of triplane target 1145 Triplane trials completed. Ship stopped in vicinity of dan buoy 1245 Ship secured to C2 buoy
27 Oct	Portland and Exercise Areas	0938-1027 Water boat secured alongside
28 Oct	Portland and Exercise Areas	2230 ZODIAC entered harbour
29 Oct	Portland and Exercise Areas	0926 SAVAGE entered harbour 1600 MARVEL and PLUTO entered harbour 1700 ULSTER entered harbour 1900 One commissioned ordnance officer joined ship 1930 One L/Sig joined ship
30 Oct	Portland and Exercise Areas	0745-0945 Water boat secured alongside 1014 Slip from C2 buoy 1024 Pass through E ship channel 1040 Co & Sp as requisite for runs on Triplane Target 1310 Asdic trials completed 1331 Come to C2 buoy - two bridles 1600 PLUTO entered harbour 1620 MARVEL entered harbour 2050 AB Freeman placed under close arrest
31 Oct	Portland and Exercise Areas	0828 Slip from C2 buoy 0839 Pass through N ship channel 0943 Commence ASP6 1150 Stopped 1230 Co & Sp as requisite for ASP with S/m SEADEVIL 1332 Stopped engines 1524 Pass through N ship channel 1545 Secured alongside SAVAGE at OCP 1945 One Ldg Rate joined ship
01 Nov		No entries
02 Nov **	Portland and Exercise Areas	0829 Slip from C2 buoy. Co & Sp as requisite for leaving harbour 0943 In vicinity of R/V 140° Shambles 8. Closing submarine on starboard beam 1002 Commenced ASP7 1105 Limbo, ACR and A/S plot Action Crews closed up 1130 Fire two light Limbo patterns at buoy 1140 ASP7 completed – s/m SEA SCOUT surfaced Position at 1200 50°23.5'N 2°4'

		1423 Enter Needles Channel 1625 Fort Blockhouse 1630 Alongside South Railway Jetty
03 Nov **	Portsmouth	0700-1030 Secured ammunition lighter alongside. Port side 0735 L4037 entered harbour 0745 TRAFALGAR entered harbour wearing Rear Admiral i/c Reserve Fleet Flag (1600) Captain proceeded on shore to RNH Haslar
04 Nov **	Portsmouth	No entries
05 Nov **	Portsmouth	0750 Secured tugs port side Ship moved from South Railway berth to No. 9 Dry Dock
06 Nov	Portsmouth	0840 Escort & offender left ship for Portsmouth Detention Quarters 0940 Escort & offender returned on board 1245 1 Petty Officer S/M left for Haslar Hospital 1325 Clear lower deck of seamen. One Warrant read. One offender discharged to DQs
		** Data taken from ADM/53/131036 for JULY 1951



## HMS RELENTLESS – EXTRACT FROM SHIP’S LOG – 1952

1952	Place / Position	Comments
		<b>No Ship’s Log exists for January 1952</b>
		** Taken from back of ADM/53/131036 Log for JULY 1951
01 Feb	Londonderry	No entries
02 Feb	Londonderry	No entries
03 Feb **	Londonderry	0900 Slipped and Proceeded ( <i>en route Plymouth</i> ) Position at 1200 55°13’N 06°13’W 1415 Exchanged identities with cable ship “Hotspur” working cable Position at 2000 53°32’N 05°26’W
04 Feb **	At sea en route Plymouth from Londonderry	Position at 0800 50°54’N 05°38.5’W 1120 Exchanged identities with LCT 403 Position at 1200 49°58’N 05°30.5’W
05 Feb	Devonport	No entries
06 Feb	Devonport	1050-1142 Captain left ship on official visit 1200 Colours at half-mast in accordance with KR 42 Alfa 1400 S/Lt Reader left ship for CRISPIN 2245 Captain(D) returned to Londonderry
07 Feb	Devonport	1020 Oiler secured alongside
08 Feb	Devonport	<b>NOTE IN LOG</b> <i>Accession of Queen Elizabeth II took place today throughout the British Commonwealth and Empire</i> 1030 Guard fall in on quarterdeck 1050 Hands to clean for Divisions 1120 Hands fall in on the quarterdeck 1130 Colours close up. 21 gun salute fired in honour of the Queen’s Accession. Ships company gave three cheers in her honour 1135 Up spirits
09/10 Feb	Devonport	No entries
11 Feb	Devonport	1005 Slipped from DUNKIRK 1025 Secured alongside PORLOCK BAY, 4 Basin N Wall 1225 Slipped from PORLOCK BAY 1300 Secured alongside 4 Basin E Wall
12 Feb	Devonport	1530-1710 1st Lt ashore 1830 S/Lt Robertson joined ship 2330 Draft arrived on board 1 PO + 1
13 Feb	Devonport	1405-1425 1 <sup>st</sup> Lt ashore
14 Feb	Devonport	0934 Commanding officer Lt Cdr Baxter and Engineer Officer left ship on leave 1010 Piping Party of 1 PO + 2 left ship for London to attend on the funeral of His Late Majesty King George VI 1135 Lower deck cleared for general payment
15 Feb	Devonport	0900 Colours 0930 56 gun salute fired by HM Ships to commemorate funeral of His Late Majesty King George VI 1225 Clear lower deck hands fell in on the quarterdeck for prayers for His Late Majesty King George VI

		1400 Silence observed for two minutes HM King George VI buried at Windsor
16 Feb	Devonport	No entries
17 Feb	Devonport	No entries
18 Feb	Devonport	1725 Duty tug RECOVERY alongside CAMPERDOWN
19 Feb	Devonport	1610 Commanding officer Lt Cmdr Baxter and Engineer officer returned from leave
20 Feb	Devonport	0830 Candidates for PO and Ldg/Seaman to instruction in splicing and transporting stores at sea
21 Feb	Devonport	0730 1 Rating on draft to RNB Chatham 0825 Candidates for higher rate to seamanship instructions 0900 Ship dressed overall with masthead ensign only in honour of Prince Harold of Norway' anniversary 0930 Ship's funnel removed to jetty Am Starboard cable removed for routine survey 1400 Port cable removed for routine survey 1915 1 rating joined the ship from ROCKET
22 Feb	Devonport	1045 Messdeck rounds 1133 1 rating on draft
23 Feb	Devonport	No entries
24 Feb	Devonport	1820 Two ratings joined ship from RNB Chatham via HMS Sea Eagle
25 Feb	Devonport	0835 1 rating to RNB Portsmouth on draft 0840 Captain "D"s Baggage party, 1 CPO + 3 – left for Derry Londonderry 1635 1 rtg to RNB Devonport
26 Feb	Devonport	0830 First Lieutenant's Requestmen and Defaulters 1145 Draft 1 CPO + 3 Ratings to Londonderry
27 Feb	Devonport	No entries
28 Feb	Devonport	0840 First Lieutenant's Requestmen and Defaulters 0920 CO Lt Cmdr Baxter left ship on leave 1135 Clear lower deck hands muster for fortnightly payment 1600 3 ratings joined ship from RNB(C)
29 Feb	Devonport	0930 One rating sent on draft 1200 One rating sent on draft 1255 One rating on draft to hospital
01 March Sat	Devonport	1000 Steam xxxxx No. 1 boiler removed 1115 Engineer Officer left the ship on leave 1245 One rating returned from hospital 1340 Ch ERA to RNH Devonport
02 Mar Sun	Devonport	0915-1035 1 Lt Cdr RN and 7 RNVR officers visit ship 0930 Secure 0945 Pipe Down 1000 Up spirits
03 Mar	Devonport	0725 3 ratings on draft to RNB Chatham 0810 Brow removed 0830 Slipped from East Wall 0845 Secured alongside North Wall 1535 Commanding Officer Lt Cmdr Baxter returned on board
04 Mar	Devonport	No entries but Log signed by CO? "S L Baxter Lt Cmdr"
05 Mar	Devonport	0815-1535 Signal training class ashore RNSS Vicarage Rd? 1405-1445 Party of ERAs on board instructions

06 Mar	Devonport	0845 3 ratings – SM's - + 1 officer on board for Fleetboard 1200 3 SMs left 1330 1 officer for fleet board left ship
07 Mar	Devonport	0940 Colours half-masted for the funeral at sea of Vice Admiral Macworth 1100 Colours haul close up 1215 One rating left ship on draft to Londonderry 2000 Commanding Officer Lt Cmdr Baxter left ship on LWE leave
		<b>No more Ship's logs available until June</b>
		<b>JUNE still to come</b>
		<b>JULY still to come</b>
01 Aug	Londonderry	No entries
02 Aug	Londonderry	No entries
03 Aug	Londonderry	No entries
04 Aug	Londonderry	0800 Dressed ship with Masthead Ensign on occasion of birthday of HM Queen Elizabeth, Queen Mother <i>Following entries crossed out</i> 1100 Captain "D" arrived on board 1115 SNONI arrived on board with wife and two children 1235 Captain "D" & SNONI left ship with guests
05 Aug	Londonderry	1430 Offender and two escort to HMS Sea Eagle (from CREOLE)
06 Aug	Londonderry	No entries
07 Aug	Londonderry	No entries
08 Aug	Londonderry	1600 MARTINET entered harbour
09 Aug	Londonderry	No entries
10 Aug	Londonderry	2125 One rating discharged to RNAS Eglinton
11 Aug	Londonderry	0945 Escort of three proceeded to HMS Sea Eagle for prisoner 1050 Escort returned on board with prisoner 1320 MARINET left harbour 1440 Lower deck of CREOLE cleared 1445 Prisoner and Escort of 3 left CREOLE en route to Portsmouth
12 Aug	Londonderry	1335 12 Sea Cadets & 1 officer visiting CRISPIN, CREOLE & RELENTLESS 1535 Sea Cadets left ship 1540 Lt Boase joined
13 Aug	Londonderry	1330 1 on draft to Portsmouth from CRISPIN 1345 Two ERAs from HMS Pembroke to RELENTLESS
14 Aug	Londonderry	1630 MARTINET entered harbour
15 Aug	Londonderry	1515 1 Prisoner and 3 escort returned from Portsmouth
16 Aug	Londonderry	1025 FRANKLYN entered harbour
17 Aug	Londonderry	No entries
18 Aug	Londonderry	0840 FRANKLYN left harbour 1600 Clear lower deck for payment
19 Aug	Londonderry	1615 Captain ashore 1815 RML496 entered harbour 1950 Sub Lieutenant Heathcote joined 0005 Captain returned on board
20 Aug	Londonderry	0800 Slipped

	Lisahally	0855 Alongside "C" berth Lisahally 0915 TRAFALGAR secured at Lisahally 0930 TENACIOUS secured alongside 1200-1255 Captain of TENACIOUS on board 1310 LOCH TRALAIG leaves harbour 1320 CREOLE leaves harbour 1405 CRISPIN berths alongside D berth 1415 Captain CRISPIN on board 1520 RML496 enters harbour 1646 TENACIOUS left
	At sea	2015 Slipped and proceeded - en route Antwerp
21 Aug		0915 CRISPIN & TENACIOUS take station on beam 0930 Commence OOW and independent manoeuvres 1138 TENACIOUS & CRISPIN told to take station astern Position at 1200 53°10.2'N 05°30.7'W 1625-1817 OOW Manoeuvres 2130 Carried out CXM35 2200 Carried out flashing exercise for Junior Officers
22 Aug	At sea	1103 Coston gunline passed over from CRISPIN 1107 Coston gunline passed over from TENACIOUS Position at 1200 50°6.3'N 02°19.2'W 1628-1810 OOW manoeuvres
23 Aug	Antwerp	1040 Embarked Pilot port side 1021 Exchanged communications with HMNS HEERSKERCK 1500 CRISPIN alongside port side 1515 TENACIOUS alongside CRISPIN
24 Aug	Antwerp	1430-1800 Ship open to visitors
25 Aug	Antwerp	0900 Captain ashore "Official Visits" 1130 HM A/Consulate 1145 General (Belgian) pay official visit 1200 Governor 1215 Burgomaster pay official visit 1230 Captain Belgian Navy pays official visit 1440 Captain ashore. Football match
26 Aug	Antwerp	1830 Official Cocktail Party held on upper deck
27 Aug	Antwerp	1050-1230 Captain went ashore 1515 Embarked river pilot 1616 Slipped and proceeded. Co & Sp as requisite for proceeding down river Schelde 1930 Disembarked pilot
28 Aug	At sea en route Londonderry from Antwerp	1000 TENACIOUS and CRISPIN take station on either beam 2.5' CRISPIN to port. Commence IFF exercise 1140 CRISPIN and TENACIOUS take station at 1' Position at 1200 50°16.2'N 0°39'W 1217 Exchanged IDs with SLUYS 1355 Exchanged IDs with VERULAM 1420 Carried out TB5 trials with VERULAM 1615-1630 Stopped engines. Lowered seaboat 1640-1900 OOW Manoeuvres
29 Aug	At sea en route Londonderry from Antwerp	1030 CREOLE, CRISPIN to act independently 1033 For Exercise, Disabled require tow by TENACIOUS 1045 Coston gunline passed 1054 Towing wire secured in TENACIOUS 1106 CREOLE under tow by CRISPIN

		<p>1112 TENACIOUS told to commence towing  1121 Under tow  1125 TENACIOUS ordered to disconnect  1130 TENACIOUS slipped towing wire and commenced easing out  1140 CREOLE and CRISPIN take station 5 cables on port beam  1143 Disconnected  1145 Gear recovered  1630-1825 OOW Manoeuvres</p>
30 Aug	Londonderry	<p>0756 Secured 19 berth Londonderry  1000 Two ratings on draft HMS Sea Eagle  1015 Sub Lieut Heathcote on draft to Eglinton HMS Gannet  1445 Two ratings joined ship</p>
31 Aug	Londonderry	<p>1020 Captain on board  1105 Captain's Portuguese DD + SS on board  1305 Captain ashore. Expected back 0830</p>
01 Sep	Londonderry	<p>0838 LOCH VEYATIE left harbour  0853 Captain on board  1130 SNONI on official visit to CREOLE  1155 Captain "D" on board  1200-1230 SNONI on board RELENTLESS  1510 Captain ashore</p>
02 Sep	Londonderry	<p>1220 Clear lower deck for issue of tobacco coupons  1242 LOCH VEYATIE berthed alongside CRISPIN  1247 Captain returned  1340 CREOLE slipped for Lisahally  1400 SSD to stations  1420 TENACIOUS left for Lisahally  1530 Secured alongside at Lisahally. Fall out SSD  1558 PN s/m NEPTUNO entered Harbour  1730-2005 Captain (D) aboard</p>
03 Sep	Lisahally, Londonderry Exercise areas, Londonderry	<p>0642 HM s/m THULE passed on way to sea  0645 Portuguese s/m NEPTUNO passed on way to sea  0740 LOCH TRALAIG in from sea  0838 Slipped  1000 Commence LIX9 with CREOLE, NEPTUNO  1030 LIX9 Cancelled. Proceeded to R/V with NEPTUNO  1145 Streamed unifoxer at long stay for NEPTUNO  1257 Unifoxer recovered  1600 LIX11 completed  1825 Secured alongside 19 Berth  1940 Two American CO's came aboard. Admiral Fletcher came aboard, Senior Naval Officer Northern Ireland came aboard  2250 Admiral Fletcher and 2 US CO's went ashore</p>
04 Sep	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	<p>1235-1300 Captain (D) aboard  1325 4 Ratings joined ship  1538 Slipped and proceeded  1900 Commenced LIX21 with TENACIOUS, LOCH VEYATIE, CRISPIN, CREOLE and (<i>aircraft carrier</i>) HMCS MAGNIFICENT  2359 Exercise completed. Set course 235° Speed 10 kts</p>
05 Sep	Londonderry	<p>0700 Serial 22 completed  1006 Berthed alongside (19 berth)</p>

		<p>1010 TENACIOUS alongside  1020 Captain (D) left  1040 CREOLE alongside TENACIOUS  1045 LOCH VEYATIE berthed alongside jetty aft  1235 Portuguese ship NUNO TRISTAO entered harbour(F332)  1255 Portuguese ship DIOGO GOMES entered harbour (F331)  1330 Draft of 4 ratings left for RNB Chatham  1350 Portuguese s/m NEPTUNO entered harbour  1431 HM s/m THULE entered harbour  1600 Captain ashore</p>
06 Sep	Londonderry	<p>1015 Captain ashore  1225 TS3 on board  1518 Captain ashore</p>
07 Sep	Londonderry	0730 Holy Communion service held on board
08 Sep	Londonderry Exercise Areas	<p>0645 CRISPIN left harbour  0810 CREOLE left harbour  0820 Portuguese ship DIOGO GOMES left harbour (F331)  0830 Portuguese ship NUNO TRISTAO left harbour (F332)  0850 TENACIOUS left harbour  0917 Slipped and proceeded  1200 Commenced exercises with TENACIOUS, USS MELVIN, NUNO TRISTAO and DIOGO GOMES  1255 a/c 310° increased to 15. Investigating  1330 Convoy executed emergency a/c to port  1420 Gun action stations  1432 Attacked by Barracudas carrying out dummy torpedo attacks  1444 Action stations secured  1536 a/c 010° Sp 10 DIOGO GOMES investigating.  1541 A/S Teams and Platting Teams closed up  1630 S/m surfaced 270°  1855 Aircraft reported ditched a/c 090° increased speed 22 knots  1920 Survivor rescued by DIOGO GOMES  2000 Resumed MLA 290° in station 328° TENACIOUS 2.6  Position at 2000 55°54'N 08°00'W</p>
09 Sep	Londonderry Exercise Areas	<p>0155 MAGNIFICENT turned into wind to fly off  0205 MAGNIFICENT resumed Co 090° Sp 10  0230 Switched of Navigation Lights  0310 Investigating A/S contact. S/M switched on Nav lights  0530 a/c 030° (MAGNIFICENT flying course)  0717 station 20 on MAGNIFICENT port bow 4900y  0855 a/c 045° (flying)  1020 a/c to investigate reported Bug contact 15' away  1200 LJX 23 completed  Position at 1200 55°58'N 07°13'W  1215 Took station 1000 astern of MAGNIFICENT Co 125° Sp 14  1511 Co &amp; Sp as requisite to anchor berth  1745 Shortened in  1805 Anchor aweigh  2056 Secured stbd side to Lisahally</p>
10 Sep	Lishally to Greenock	<p>0850-1000 Captain ashore  1040 HM s/m THULE passed on way to sea  1140 Slip and proceed to Clyde  1410 TENACIOUS station astern 2½ cables</p>

		1515 TENACIOUS station 2 miles on stbd beam for WT test 1558 WT Test completed 1640 TENACIOUS in station 2½ cables astern 1955 Anchored
11 Sep	Greenock	0915 Captain left ship on official visits 1010 EAGLE, SWIFTSURE and ILLUSTRIOUS entered harbour 1030 TS3 on board 1030 EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND left harbour 1320 Captain (D) to USS NEWES 1325 Commissioned Gunner Mr Stockdale joined 1400 TRIUMPH entered harbour 1445-1745 Captain left ship 1445 Five ratings joined ship 1755 Captain of USS 820 aboard 1800 ADM Marise(?) of US SALERNO BAY aboard 1800 Captain of aboard 2000 All guests departed 2150-2230 Captain Bennett of USS NARWHAL on board 2325 One rating joined ship
12 Sep	North Sea	0815 Weighed anchor. Ship proceeds to sea in company with units of TF173 for EXERCISE MAINBRACE. Course and speeds as requisite to clear "swept channel" to Mull of Kintyre 1300 Exchanged identities with HM Submarine TACITURN 1431 Speed 15 knots to close to 1000y astern of USS DAMATO 1547 Fired Limbo to starboard for Demonstration 1730 Ships stationed line abreast 1925 Take up station 2 – 300° SALERNO BAY 2.3 miles 1945 Retarded clocks 1 hr to comply with Zone time 1925 Darkened ship Position at 2000 55°38'N 07°15'W
13 Sep	Norwegian Sea	EXERCISE MAINBRACE 1120-1135 For exercise, gun action stations 1155-1205 Flying course 005° 1245 SSD Close up. Courses and Speeds as requisite for fuelling from USS SALERNO BAY 1304 Coston line passed 1328 Hose connected, start pumping. Time taken 34 mins 28.5 sec 1403 Hose disconnected 1408 All clear. Time taken 5 min 07.5 sec 1720 a/c to close USS SALERNO BAY 1745 Coston line passed 1800 1 rating transferred to USS SALERNO BAY 1805 Disconnected Position at 2000 58°53'N 08°10'W
14 Sep	Norwegian Sea	EXERCISE MAINBRACE 0530-0543 Flying operations 0650 Commence weave 1545-1555 Flying operations 1840 Sighted cruiser bearing 155° 1945 USS QUINCY joins formation Position at 2000 61°22.7'N 03°31.6'W
15 Sep	Norwegian / Greenland Sea	EXERCISE MAINBRACE 0815 Sighted Striking Force to the NE 6 warships

		0850 Proceeded to take up oiling station astern of SALERNO BAY 0915-1018 Refuelling PM flying operations Position at 2000 63°48.5'N 02°26.5'E
16 Sep	Norwegian / Greenland Sea	EXERCISE MAINBRACE 0100 Wind veering 1130 Upper Deck hatch to tiller flat reported to be damaged by sea and taking in water Position at 1200 65°00'N 02°44'E 1250 1 Klaxon lost overboard 1300 Tiller flat leak stopped 2050 Co of TF 173 010° 2300 Wind backing slowly and dropping 2345 Type 170X stabiliser broken down (ship rocking 10-15°)
17 Sep	Norwegian / Greenland Sea	EXERCISE MAINBRACE 0600 a/c 100° to avoid XXX. Broken down Position at 1200 65°29'N 07°10'E 1408 Circular screen. Detailed as Planeguard flying Co 250°
18 Sep	Norwegian / Greenland Sea	EXERCISE MAINBRACE Position at 0800 65° 436.5'N 03°08.5'E 1115 Passed through replenishment group 1130 Proceed to fuelling station astern of AO63 – CHIPOLA 1125 Abandoned attempt to fuel by abeam method – returned gear to oiler 1400 Co & Sp as req to approach oiler. Wind force 7. Position at 2000 65°16'N 03°34'E
19 Sep	Norwegian / Greenland Sea	EXERCISE MAINBRACE 0803 Take up planeguard station 0832 Flying completed 1002 Co & Sp for fuelling 1038 Coston line fired from CHIPOLA 1100 1 Grapnel lost overboard 1101 Commenced pumping 1145 Embarked 300lb flour & 10lb yeast by Light Jackstay 1208 stopped pumping – 203 tons fuel received 1221 Disconnected 1230 Take up lifeguard station astern of CHIPOLA and HOLDER while officer passed across Position at 2000 62°21'N 04°00'E
20 Sep	Norwegian / Greenland Sea	EXERCISE MAINBRACE 0315 a/c TO AVOID FISHING VESSEL (later classified as submarine) 0815-0832 Take up planeguard station 0930 Commence Zig Zag No. 32 Position at 1200 59°31'N 03°41'E 1240 Commence Zig Zag No.11
21 Sep	Norwegian / Greenland Sea	EXERCISE MAINBRACE 0820 SAU detached turn 030° for flying. Reorientate - Station 2, 50° on port bow 1.6' SALERNO BAY 0857 a/c to take up waiting position for fuelling from SALERNO BAY. 0925 Alongside the SALERNO BAY. 1 <sup>st</sup> line out 0927 Let go all 0950 Flying operations completed – a/c to close SALERNO BAY for fuelling – clear lower deck. a/c 030° for emergency flying operation



		<p>1005 1<sup>st</sup> line out  1011 Started pumping. Embarked 200 lbs of flour.  1049 Stopped pumping  1052 All lines clear and steered off from SALERNO BAY.  1157 Take up lifeguard station 1000 astern of SALERNO BAY for TENACIOUS fuelling  1623 Exch. ident with submarine SIRDAR  1643 Comex initiated. Co &amp; Sp as requisite for hunting s/m  1659 Submarine surfaced 216° range 500y  1713 Action stations secure  1945-2105 Commence Zig Zag No.11  Position at 2000 60°11.5'N 02°35'E  2310 Re commence Zig Zag No.11</p>
22 Sep	Norwegian Sea	<p>EXERCISE MAINBRACE  0240 Ceased Zig Zag  1455 Co &amp; Sp for fuelling station  1559 First Coston line fired from RFA WAVE PRINCE  1604 Ready to start pumping. Time 4 mins 54 sec  1634 Disconnected. 4 mins 25 secs.  1640 60 tons fuel received from WAVE PRINCE  Position at 2000 58°54.4'N 04°35'E</p>
23 Sep	North Sea	<p>EXERCISE MAINBRACE  0617 Cease Zig Zag  1035 Resumed Zig Zag No.11  1100 Ceased Zig Zag resumed mean Co 090° Sp 12 commenced to close SALERNO BAY  1125 First line across  1155 Transferred AB Woods from SALERNO BAY  1203 Last line clear  1602 "Stop both engines. Manoeuvre as necessary to avoid 8 men-of-war ahead, American minesweepers"  1900 Completed EXERCISE MAINBRACE</p>
24 Sep	At sea	<p>Position at 1200 58°23.5'N 00°19.7'E  2330 Advance clocks one hour to BST</p>
25 Sep	At sea	<p>Position at 1200 56°15'N 07°17'W  1845 Secured alongside TENACIOUS at 19 Berth, LONDONDERRY  1930 CREOLE secured to 18 Berth  1945 CRISPIN alongside CREOLE</p>
26 Sep	Londonderry	<p>0945 LOCH TRALAIG alongside  1010 LOCH VEYATIE alongside  1040 FRANKLIN alongside  1100 Captain on board  1130 Hands to payment  1140 STARLING alongside  1200 Captain (D) on board  1400 Three ratings on draft  1400 One rating discharged to LOCH VEYATIE</p>
27 Sep	Londonderry	<p>1045 Captain's Messdeck Rounds  1130 Divisions  1800 1 Rating joined ship from HMS Ganges</p>
28 Sep	Londonderry	<p>1025-1445 Captain ashore  2315 Captain ashore</p>

29 Sep	Londonderry	0815 Clear lower deck of seamen. Seamen employed washing ships side 0935 STARLING passed down river 0945-1105 Electrical meeting in the Wardroom 1100 US Survey Vessel entered harbour 1200-1330 Captain (D) on board with Head of NAAFI 1205-1245 Captain ashore 1620 Captain left ship 1730 Captain (D) on board
30 Sep	Londonderry	0830 Captain on board 1120-1145 Captain ashore 1230-1350 Captain (D) onboard 1245 LOCH TRALAIG slipped and left harbour 1340 One rating on draft to HMS Jupiter 2230-2355 Captain ashore
01 Oct	Londonderry  Position at 1200 5520N 0630.2W  Londonderry Exercise Areas	0715 2 ratings on draft to RNB Chatham 0730 Slipped and proceeded to sea 0950 a/c to take up starting position for Exercise TIGERCLAW 1334 Submarine surfaced 1530 Take station on CRISPIN 1700 Close THULE Co & Sp for ASP9 2025 Came to stbd anchor in G berth Movice 2330 THULE entered anchorage
02 Oct	Londonderry Exercise Areas	0803 CARISBROOKE CASTLE F379 left harbour 0830 Slipped. TENACIOUS and CRISPIN in company for exercises 0910 Co & Sp for "Birdlop" 1320 Alongside D Berth Lisahally 1640 7 ratings joined from RNB Chatham
03 Oct	Lisahally > Londonderry          Londonderry	0918-1115 USS D763 ( <i>USS J Williams Jnr</i> ) secured at Oiling Jetty C berth 0922-1122 USS D653 ( <i>USS Knapp</i> ) secured at Oiling Jetty B Berth 0945-1028 CO calls on US Destroyers 1050 HM S/M THULE left harbour 1055 TENACIOUS slipped 1055-1101 Captain (TS3) on board 1141 Slipped and proceeded 1202 Secured alongside 19 Berth Londonderry 1220-1331 TS3 Captain "D" on board to visit CO 1250-1445 Rear Admiral S..... on board 1331 1 PO + 5 Ratings on draft RNB Chatham (log signed my ...James)
04 Oct	Londonderry	130 Hands to Divisions 1140-1310 Captain D on board 1140-1240 Admiral i/c Education on board
05 Oct	Londonderry	(Log signed by Ian RT or PJ Robertson Sub Lieut)
06 Oct	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0610 HM s/m THULE left harbour 0750 1 rating left the ship 0803 Slipped from 17/18 Berth 1117 S/M THULE dived bearing 048 1544 Came to stbd anchor (Movice Lt 350° Saltpans Lt 255°)
07 Oct	Anchored Magilligan	0235 "Binoculars No. 74788 lost on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct discovered in Ops Room"

	Bay	0820 1 rating joined ship from RNB Chatham
08 Oct	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0917 Weighed and proceeded 1000 Commenced LJX9 1500 Commenced A/S attacks 1825 Secured 18 Berth
17 Oct	Londonderry	1100 PICKLE entered harbour
22 Oct	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0840 Tug alongside. Slipped from 17/18 Berth. 0843 Slipped tug. 1130-1639 LJX 21 1800-2305 LJX 22 ( <i>Londonderry Joint Exercises?</i> )
23 Oct	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0805-0850 Anchored at Magilligan Bay 0835 4 <sup>th</sup> DS entered anchorage 1236 LJX11 1727 Anchored Magilligan Bay
24 Oct	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0830 Weighed 1010 Manoeuvred for submarine exercises 1635 Secured alongside TENACIOUS at 17/18 Berth
25 Oct	Londonderry	1010-1240 Captain ashore to washup
26 Oct	Londonderry	0200 Clocks put back one hour
27 Oct	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0840 Slipped and proceeded to Lisahally Berth C to refuel 0930-1200 Secured alongside CRISPIN at Lisahally jetty C Berth 1245 Shifted to B Berth. RELENTLESS and CRISPIN warped ahead together ( <i>CORUNNA at C, AISNE and BARROSA at D</i> ) 1625 Slipped from B Berth Lisahally
28 Oct	Bangor Bay	0140 Came to stbd anchor Bangor Bay
29 Oct	Londonderry and Exercise Areas Bangor Bay to Moville	0520 Weighed and proceeded 0650 Took guide – ships in LA ( <i>line ahead</i> ) RELENTLESS, LOCH VEYATIE, CRISPIN, CREOLE, TENACIOUS 1012 Anchor at Magilligan 1800 RML 196 left with Operation BOMBEAT party for Londonderry
30 Oct	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0550 Weighed and proceeded 0535 Port watch to Defence Stations 1640 Secured alongside LOCH VEYATIE 19 Berth 1750 2 ratings joined from RNB Chatham 1915-2120 Captain “D” on board with guests
31 Oct	Londonderry	1345 1 rating to RNSQ Eglinton 1400 5 ratings on draft to RNB Chatham and HMS Mercury
01 Nov	Londonderry	No entries
02 Nov	Londonderry	No entries
03 Nov	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0827 Slipped 1253 Comex. Co & Sp for A/S Action (5 charges dropped)
04 Nov	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0327-0735 Anchored Magilligan Bay 0920 Secured alongside CREOLE
05 Nov	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0827 Slipped and proceeded for Convoy Exercise 1600 Dan Buoy stave broken and washed overboard 1930 One rolled? Fairlead lost due to weather
06 Nov	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0815-1153 anchored Magilligan 1310-1605 Secured at C Berth Lisahally for fuelling 1630 Secured alongside CRISPIN 17/18 berth 1 rating drafted to STALKER 1715 2 ratings joined ship from HMS Sea Eagle

		2020-2245 Lower Deck cleared to secure hurricane hawser forward
08 Nov	Londonderry	1410 1 rating on draft RNB Chatham 1 rating compassionate leave
09 Nov	Londonderry	0915 Guard and unarmed party landed for Remembrance day service at ?Diamond? Londonderry 1020-1102 Divisions
11 Nov	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0818 Slipped A/S exercises 2030 Anchored Magilligan
12 Nov	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0930 Weighed and proceeded for A/S exercises 1735 Anchored Magilligan
13 Nov	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0830 Weighed 0958 Secured 19 Berth 1045 Vice Admiral CM EVANS-LOMBE CB on board ( <i>Deputy Chief of Naval Staff</i> )
14 Nov	Londonderry and Exercise areas	0715 Slipped 1500 Secured alongside CREOLE 17/18 Berth
15 Nov	Londonderry	1130 Divisions 1150 Clear lower deck for talk by Captain on the QD
17 Nov	Londonderry > Campbeltown	0735 Slipped 1002 Fired pattern of 5 HE Limbo 1135 Exercises with SCOTSMAN, CRISPIN and TENACIOUS 1745 Secured at Campbeltown
18 Nov	Campbeltown	0845 Slipped 1020-1320 Exercises with HM submarine SCOTSMAN 1502 Secured alongside Campbeltown ( <i>Log signed by ?A Boase?</i> )
19 Nov	Campbeltown > Londonderry	0835 Slipped – exercises with SCOTSMAN 1715 Anchored in F Berth Merville
20 Nov	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0927 Weighed exercises with CREOLE 1701 Secured at Lisahally
21 Nov	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	1215 Secured alongside Londonderry
22 Nov	Londonderry	0905 1 rating discharged to HMS Sea Eagle 1130 2 ratings joined ship from RNB Chatham
23 Nov	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	1325 2 ratings joined ship from HMS Mercury
24 Nov	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	1020 Slipped from 18 Berth
25 Nov	Londonderry	0900 Secured alongside 1310 PO Tel Barclay drafted to SOLEBAY
26 Nov	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	1035 Slipped from 17 Berth
27 Nov	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	1735 Secured alongside CREOLE
28 Nov	Londonderry	1330 1 rating draft to RNB Chatham
01 Dec	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0755 Slip and proceed to sea – Convoy screening exercise 1221 Comex 1825 Commenced LIX28 RELENTLESS representing independently routed M/V 205 Commenced Zig Zag No. 15
02 Dec	Londonderry and	0140 Came to stbd anchor in N berth at Magilligan

	Exercise Areas	0730 Weighed and proceeded up river 0901 Secured alongside 17/18 Berth at Londonderry port side to 1145 Clear lower deck for monthly issue of tobacco coupons 1347 Captain ashore
03 Dec	Londonderry	0545 2 HM S/Ms left harbour 0715 TENACIOUS left harbour 0734 Captain aboard 0730 LOCH VEYATIE let harbour 0800 Slipped and proceeded 1130 Commenced LIX 23 1154-1307 Commence Zig Zag No. 31 1415 Sp 15 commenced weaving 1512 4 underwater charges fired 1517 1 UW0 charge fired 1522 1 UW charge fired 1822-1851 Commence Zig Zag No.27 1902-2010 Recommence Zig Zag No. 27 2247 Exercise completed, switched navigation lights
04 Dec	Londonderry	0330 Commenced LIX 23 switched off navigation lights 0430 Corpen S 110° Sp 20 0752-0907 Commenced Zig Zag No. 20 MLA 180° Sp 12 1745 Secured at 17-18 berth on CRISPIN 1800 Draft from RNB Chatham 1830 LOCH TRALAIG at 19 berth 1920 T Class sub entered harbour 2055 HM s/m entered harbour
05 Dec	Londonderry	0840 Captain aboard 1045-1315 Captain ashore 1315 2 Ratings on draft to HMS Mercury 1315 2 Ratings on advanced seasonal leave 1330 1 Rating on draft to MARS. 1 rating on draft to RNB Portsmouth 1710 HM sub left harbour fired green Verey light 1715 HM sub left harbour fired green Verey light 1930 CARISBROOKE CASTLE entered harbour
06 Dec	Londonderry	0845 Captain on board
07 Dec	Londonderry	1155 Captain Le Fanu. TS3 came aboard 1300 Captain Le Fanu, TS3 left ship for last time as TS3 1330 Captain ashore <del>Item crossed out &gt; 1450 Lt Cmdr Hall joined for passage to Portsmouth</del>
08 Dec	Londonderry	1135 Slipped from 17 Berth 1220 Secured alongside C Berth Lisahally 1535 Slipped from Lisahally Position at 2000 55°18'N 05°09.5'W
09 Dec	En route Portland from Londonderry	1030 Close up gun crews Co & Sp as requisite for Shoot 108 Commenced firing practice 1125 Ceased firing 1140 Target recovered Position at 2000 50°35'N 05°52'W
10 Dec	Portland	0815 SSD Closed up 0900 Berth fouled by tug Co & Sp for UDE Jetty 0930 Secured at NMUDE crane berth jetty 1000-1120 Captain ashore

		1445 HM sub AMBUSH entered harbour 1545 Captain ashore 1645 Captain and guest arrived on board 1935 Captain ashore
11 Dec	Portland	0850 Press men arrived on board 0900 SSD closed up 0940 Cleared breakwater 1225 SSD Closed up.Co & Sp as requisite for entering Portsmouth Harbour 1315 Secured alongside VERULAM at NW Wall Portsmouth 1415 1 Rating discharged to RNH Chatham 1455-1640 Captain ashore 1500-1805 Ammunition lighter secured aft 1625 FLEETWOOD entered harbour 1750 De-ammunitioning completed
12 Dec	Portsmouth	0830 F42 left harbour 0820 SHEFFIELD moved into dockside from buoy 0940-1105 Captain ashore 1030 CONTEST slipped from alongside 1530 CONTEST alongside 1550-1615 Captain ashore to BOXER 1635 LANCASTER CASTLE entered harbour 1710-2335 Captain ashore
13 Dec	Portsmouth	1130-1220 Captain ashore 1540-2300 Captain ashore
14 Dec	Portsmouth	0830 FLEETWOOD left harbour 1005 Captain ashore 1155-1830 Captain ashore
15 Dec	Portsmouth	No entries
16 Dec	Portsmouth	0835 LINDISFARNE left harbour 0840 MODEST left harbour 0845 1 rating drafted to TRIUMPH 0940 1 rating drafted to RNB Chatham 1105-1200 Captain ashore 1115 CAMPANIA left harbour 1725-2225 Captain aboard 1945 1 rating joined from Chatham RNB
17 Dec	Portsmouth	1125-1835 Captain ashore
18 Dec	Portsmouth	0805 Tug secured stbd side 0820 Tug secured port side 0830 Moved into lock 1030 Moved from lock by wires 1115 Secured alongside SCORPION in No.3 Basin 1150 Captain ashore on seasonal leave
19 Dec	Portsmouth	1330 NI Long leave party proceeded on leave
20 Dec	Portsmouth	1130 Long leave libertymen landed
21 Dec	Portsmouth	No entries
22 Dec	Portsmouth	No entries
23 Dec	Portsmouth	No entries
24 Dec	Portsmouth	0820 CAWSAND BAY left basin
25 Dec	Portsmouth	No entries
26 Dec	Portsmouth	No entries

27 Dec	Portsmouth	No entries
28 Dec	Portsmouth	1100 Lower deck cleared for payment 1130 ER dept long leave party returned
29 Dec	Portsmouth	No entries
30 Dec	Portsmouth	1025 Mismusters for payment 1425 Shifted berth to No.15 Dry Dock 1530
31 Dec	Portsmouth	1330 1 Rating drafted to RNB(C)

## HMS RELENTLESS – EXTRACT FROM SHIP’S LOG – 1953

1953	Place / Position	Comments
		<b>First entry 26<sup>th</sup> January 1953</b>
26 Jan	Portland > Londonderry (Slipped from B2 buoy Portland 0755 on 25 <sup>th</sup> )	1200 Alongside Lisahally fuelling jetty 1320 HM s/m AMPHION proceeded up stream 1330 Fuelling completed 1415-1445 Captain of TENACIOUS visited Captain 1515 Slipped from E Berth Lisahally to proceed upriver to berth at 19 Berth Londonderry
27 Jan	Londonderry	0855 HM s/m ALCIDE entered harbour 0910 HM s/m TACITURN entered harbour 1135 CRISPIN secured alongside bow to stern 1315 Disembarked 27ft whaler consigned to CRISPIN 1835 CARISBROOKE CASTLE entered harbour
28 Jan	Londonderry	1145 CREOLE entered harbour 1250 1 Tel drafted to Portsmouth 1420 S/Lt Jarrat on draft 1500 One ERA draft to HMS Jupiter
29 Jan	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0815 Crispin left from alongside 0840 Slipped from 19 berth carried out exercises and evolutions 1200 LOCH VEYATIE and LOCH TRALAIG taking station on either beam 1735 Exercises completed 1920 Came to stbd anchor How berth Movice 1945-2000 ML alongside took off American officers and men
30 Jan	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0812 Anchor aweigh leave Lough Foyle for LJXs 1044 Exercises cancelled 1700 Secured alongside CREOLE
31 Jan	Londonderry	1010 Captain “D” on board 1100 1 rating drafted from CREOLE 1205 SNONI on board 1320 SNONI and Captain “D” landed 1430 1 Tel, 1 O/Tel, 2 Boy Tels, 1 Boy Sig joined ship
01 Feb	Londonderry	1605 RML 2248 left harbour 1710 HM s/m TACITURN left harbour
02 Feb	Londonderry and Exercise Areas.  At 1200 55°36’N 07°32’W	0005-0010 RML 2248 alongside 0535 “A” class s/m left harbour 0645 RML left harbour 0735 Captain D & staff on board. LOCH VEYATIE left harbour 0740 CRISPIN left harbour 0750 Slipped from alongside CREOLE Co & Sp as reqd for leaving Lough Foyle for exercises 0905 Whaler lowered transferred Surg Lieut A I Macdougall RNVR to TENACIOUS at Magilligan anchorage 0948 Form single line ahead 1030 Slow to investigate a wreck by Asdics 1330 detached to investigate aircraft contact 1800-2130 Zig-Zag No. 20



		2200 Recommended Zig Zag 20 2240-2300 'Sank' for exercise
03 Feb	Londonderry	0040 Co & Sp for entering L Foyle 0120 Came to anchor K berth Magilligan anchorage 0728 Weighed a K berth and proceed up to LONDONDERRY 0900 Berthed alongside CRISPIN at 17&18 berth Londonderry 0920 Captain 'D' left ship 0920 LOCH VEYATIE entered harbour 0945 Surg Lt A I McDougall returned on board from TENACIOUS 1030-1150 Captain's store-room and magazine rounds 1430 1 Tel drafted to TESARE (TEAZER?) 1640 CREOLE entered harbour
04 Feb	Londonderry and Exercise Areas  At 2000 55°57'N 08°56'W	0809 Captain "D" arrived on board 0815 CREOLE left for sea 0823 LOCH VEYATIE left for sea 0830 Left for sea. Slipped from alongside CRISPIN 1005 Ships forming up in line ahead RELENTLESS, CREOLE, CRISPIN, TENACIOUS at standard distance 1123 a/c to take up station 000 from the Convoy (OQ)(LOCH VEYATIE) 4.5 miles 1245 a/c to investigate CREOLE's contact (confirm s/m) 1320 Lost contact - rejoining screen 1520-1540 Investigating ASDIC contact – contact NONSUB 1734-1741 same 1848-1955 same 2315 Green grenade investigating 2320 Convoy carried out IMG turn to 090
05 Feb	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	1130 LJX29 completed set course for Lough Foyle Buoy 1410 Secured alongside TENACIOUS 1530 HM s/m AMPHION entered harbour 1600 CRISPIN secured alongside port side 1620 HM s/m ALCIDE entered harbour 1630 14 Boys joined from RNB(C) 1635 HM s/m TACITURN entered harbour 1645 1 Boy drafted to Eglinton S.Q
06 Feb	Londonderry	0900-1716 Dress ship. Accession day
07 Feb		1115 Divisions 1145 1 Rating joined from Reserve Fleet Chatham 1250 CRISPIN slipped 1500 1 rating drafted to Eglinton S.Q.
08 Feb	Londonderry	Log signed CO Baxter 1430 S/Lt Gibson joined the ship 1645 HM s/m TACITURN left harbour
09 Feb	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	1045 sub ?ALSIGHT? put to sea 1055 sub ?ALPHEM? put to sea 1300 1 Rating drafted to STALKER 1330 slipped form alongside TENACIOUS 1530 Set Co to proceed to area 'M' for 4" firing 1615-1720 Bofor and 4" firings 1820 Came to stbd anchor G berth Movice 1830-2300 Lowered / Hoisted motor boat
10 Feb	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0647 Weighed Co & Sp for leaving Lough Foyle 0715 Set Co to proceed to starting point for CASEX 7 with

		<p>TACITURN  0813-1016 s/m TACITURN dived  0815-1020 CASEX 7  1325 Secured stb side to Lisahally jetty berth C to fuel and ammunition  1415-1700 Ammunitioning  1520 1 Rating joined from "Minerva"  1630 1 Rating to RNSQ Eglinton  1755-1855 RML to sea  2030-2035 RML 948 alongside</p>
11 Feb	<p>Londonderry and Exercise Areas</p> <p>At 2000 56°11'N 07°46'W</p>	<p>0655 Captain "D" and staff joined for exercises  0705 2 ratings drafted to RNB Chatham  0715 Slipped from Lisahally  1100 Commenced LJX 23 CRISPIN and LOCH VEYATIE in company  1200 Emergency Destroyer  2300 Exercise completed Form 1 RELENTLESS, LOCH VEYATIE, CRISPIN</p>
12 Feb	<p>Londonderry and Exercise Areas</p>	<p>0300 Commence LJX 23  0730-0855 A/S actions  1020 LOCH VEYATIE and CRISPIN detached to support aircraft  1300 Exercise completed  1610 Berthed port side to alongside CRISPIN berth 19  1620 American officers left ship  1630 Captain "D" staff left ship  1630 One rating joined ship  1630 TENACIOUS secured alongside 17 berth  1645 CREOLE berthed alongside TENACIOUS</p>
13 Feb	<p>Londonderry</p>	<p>0630 F397 put to sea (<i>LAUNCESTON CASTLE</i>)  1235 One boy seaman joined from RNSQ Eglinton  1640 HM s/m SEA DEVIL entered harbour</p>
14 Feb	<p>Londonderry</p>	<p>1330 F397 in harbour (<i>LAUNCESTON CASTLE</i>)  1345 On rating on draft to RNBC  1415 2 Officers Stewards joined ship from RNB Chatham  1500 Sub TACITURN put to sea</p>
15 Feb	<p>Londonderry</p>	<p>0930-1030 Church party ashore</p>
16 Feb	<p>Londonderry and Exercise Areas</p>	<p>0630 Sub AMPHION to sea  0810 LAUNCESTON CASTLE to sea  1240 Captain "D" and staff embarked  13 Boys and 1 PO to Portland on draft + 2 ratings to RNB Chatham  1315-1615 OOW Manoeuvres  1805 Came to stbd anchor (Red Buoy?) in company with CREOLE</p>
17 Feb	<p>Londonderry and Exercise Areas.</p> <p>At 2000 55°12'N 06°58'W</p>	<p>0804 Weighed and proceeded  1615 Received official mail from RN helicopter</p>
18 Feb	<p>At 2000 55°14'N 05°47'W</p>	<p>Patrolling in Mull of Kintyre</p>
19 Feb	<p>Londonderry and Exercise Areas</p> <p>At 0800 55°09'N 06°00'W</p>	<p>0800 Ships formed in LA (line ahead) TENACIOUS, CREOLE, LOCH VEYATIE, RELENTLESS  1145 Secured alongside E berth Lisahally port side to  1215 Captain "D" left ship  1530 Slipped Lisahally for Londonderry  1555 Secured stbd side to alongside CRISPIN 15 &amp; 16 Berth  1605 Captain "D" arrived</p>

		1820 Sub TACITURN entered harbour
20 Feb	Londonderry and Exercise Areas  At 1200 55°54'N 07°03'W  At 2000 56°06'N 06°55'W	0833 Slipped from Londonderry 1345 Co & Sp for searching area around CAIRNS OF COLL for bodies of crew of Trawler RICHARD CROFTS in company with Trawler Sir AGRIVANE and BARRA lifeboat. Shackleton A/C also assisting in search 1415 A/C reported raft with 6 men washed ashore, two dead, 4 living, 6 missing 1630 All six bodies recovered by BARRA LIFEBOAT 1700 Search completed 2245 Secured to stbd anchor in Tuss Bay
21 Feb	En route Londonderry	0630 Weighed 0900 Secured alongside CRISPIN in Londonderry 0920-1205 ML2248 left / entered harbour
22 Feb	Londonderry	1300 Lt Ross arrived on board 1340 One rating arrived on board from CAMPANIA
23 Feb	Londonderry	1335 LAUNCESTON CASTLE to sea 1345 1 rating drafted to RNB Chatham 1630 CREOLE to sea
24 Feb	Londonderry	1715 sub AMPHION entered harbour
25 Feb	Londonderry	0530 sub AMPHION left for sea 0630 sub ALCIDE left for sea 1105 TENACIOUS left harbour 1525 sub SEA DEVIL entered harbour 1630 1 rating drafted to HMS Sea Eagle 1725 s/m AMPHION entered harbour 2225 SM ALCIDE entered harbour
26 Feb	Londonderry	0605 s/m SEA DEVIL to sea 0745 s/m AMPHION to sea 0900 Captain "D" arrived on board 1145 TENACIOUS alongside LOCH VEYATIE 1807 SEA SCOUT entered harbour 1820 AMPHION entered harbour
27 Feb	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0855 Captain "D" and staff arrived 0906 Slipped from alongside CRISPIN 1040 Radar Plot Action crew close up 1105 ACRs crew close up 1200 For exercise Bridge out of action switched to after conning position 1220 Bridge back in action 1225 Hands to TAS action stations 1238 Live Limbo fired 1640 Secured alongside 17 berth Londonderry 1655 Captain "D" left ship with staff 1725 USS BRISTOL entered harbour 1742 USS JOHNSTON entered harbour-
28 Feb	Londonderry	1300 CPO joined ship from RNB Chatham
01 Mar	Londonderry	<i>Sunday. In Londonderry at 17 Berth Navigating Officer - Lt Peter R Winter?</i>
02 Mar	Londonderry	0630 s/m AMPHION to sea 0710 s/m SEA SCOUT to sea

		1315 Clear lower deck issue tobacco coupons
03 Mar	Londonderry	0720 LAUNCESTON CASTLE to sea 0855 Two stokers on draft RNB Chatham 0915 ML498 to sea 1025 American officer arrived on board 1940 RML returned to harbour 2140 s/m entered harbour
04 Mar	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0720 s/m ALCIDE to sea 0730 Slip and proceed Co & Sp as necessary for clearing Foyle Ship carrying out A/S exercises with CRISPIN 1230 Stopped ship exercised Boys racing whalers event 1300-1600 Serial 17, LJX11 with CRISPIN 1635 Submarine surfaced 1720 Came to Stbd anchor in F berth Magilligan 1807 SEA SCOUT entered harbour 1811 LAUNCESTON CASTLE entered harbour 1906-1925 RML alongside stbd side 1910 AMPHION entered harbour
05 Mar	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	1300 SEA SCOUT to sea 1315-1840 RML secured alongside 1335 TENACIOUS and CRISPIN to sea 1830 One rating drafted to RNB Chatham, 1 rating proceeded on compassionate leave 1910 s/m SEA SCOUT entered harbour
06 Mar	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0815 s/ms AMPHION and ALCIDE to sea 0923 Weighed and proceeded. Co & Sp as requisite for A/S Exercises 1507 Surfaced submarine due to poor visibility cancelled exercise 1755 Secured alongside in Londonderry at 17/18 Berth 2130 American destroyer 857 entered harbour 2140 American destroyer 821 entered harbour
07 Mar	Londonderry	1020 Warrant No. x read to Miscellaneous Ratings. Stwd landed to HMS Sea Eagle. 2 ratings drafted to HMS Sea Eagle 1120 Mr McCracken Bosn PR joined ship 1130 Divisions 1415 1 Rating joined from HMS Sea Eagle 1515 1 Rating joined from HMS St Vincent
08 Mar	Londonderry	Sun. No entries. CBs signed by PERCHARD
09 Mar	Londonderry	0605 s/m AMPHION to sea 0730 Slipped from alongside TENACIOUS at 17-18 Berth 1000 Exercise Tiger Lilly commenced 1300 Exercise complete 1402 Full pattern of inert LIMBO fired 1550 Secured port side to B berth at Lisahally 1605 USS JOHNSTON to sea 1610 USS BRISTOL to sea 1615-1830 Embarking ammunition and fuel 1832 Slipped Lisahally 1905 Alongside TENACIOUS at 17-18 Berth
10 Mar	Londonderry	0640 LAUNCESTON CASTLE to sea 0900 Clear lower deck of seamen to wash port side 1130-1215 Captain "D" on board

		1740 LOCH VEYATIE entered harbour AMPHION entered harbour
11 Mar	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0700 LOCH VEYATIE left harbour 0715 Turned ship and slipped from alongside TENACIOUS 0850 CO & Sp as requisite for joining Capt D in CRISPIN 1100-2130 Convoy Exercise 2347 Dropped anchor in M Berth Magilligan
12 Mar	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0833 Aweigh 1015 Streamed Unifoxer short stay 1315-1415 LJX 11 1550 Rolling 3° to port 5° to stbd 1800 Exercises completed 1830 Anchored in F berth Magilligan 1925 s/m SEA SCOUT entered harbour 2015 Two s/ms entered harbour 2035 LOCH VEYATIE entered harbour
13 Mar	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0650 s/m ALCIDE left harbour 0725 LOCH VEYATIE proceeded to Derry 0733 s/m AMPHION left harbour 0810 Slipped from F berth Magilligan 0900-1100 A/S exercise. S/m surfaced 181 2½ 1140 Took station from TENACIOUS 1215-1410 A/S exercise 1530 Alongside Lisahally C berth 1745 Slipped and proceeded up R Foyle to secure on LOCH VEYATIE at 19 Berth Londonderry 1810 Secured stbd side to alongside LOCH VEYATIE 2010 s/m entered harbour
14 Mar	Londonderry	0740 USS Charles R Ware arrived in harbour 1040 LAUNCESTON CASTLE to sea 1500 Mr Trott, Commissioned Gunner (TAS) left ship
15 Mar	Londonderry	0945 Boys to Church
16 Mar	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0650 Slipped and proceeded 1600 Ships in Single line ahead 1700 Commenced Convoy Exercise
17 Mar	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0020 Came to stbd anchor in How Berth Magilligan 0715 One rating left ship for work on tug 0730 USS Watts entered harbour 0835 Weigh and proceed 1000 Commenced Exercise 'Patrick One' – H.A. firing at sleeve target 1115 H.A. firings completed. Carried out OOW manoeuvres 1345 Co & Sp as requisite to carry out gunnery exercise "Patrick Two" (LA FE firings) 1615-1745 General drill. Taken in tow by CRISPIN 1915 Came to stbd anchor in HOW berth Magilligan
18 Mar	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0745 CRISPIN left harbour 0745 CARISBROOKE CASTLE left harbour 0800 Weigh 0835 Stopped at Foyle Buoy 1030 Commenced LJX 23 1605-1827 & 1845-1946 Weaving

19 Mar	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0230 Commenced LJX 28 Serial 17 0545-0755 Unifoxer streamed 0915 Exercise LJX 23 1615 Secured alongside 17/18 Berth 1840 One rating arrive on board from RNB Chatham 2050 American destroyer entered harbour 2100 American destroyer entered harbour
20 Mar	Londonderry	1330 CONTEST left harbour 1335 Two ratings on draft to RNB Chatham 1345 One rating on draft to MARS 2010 s/m entered harbour 2020 s/m ALCIDE entered harbour
21 Mar	Londonderry	0935 3 Ratings drafted from HMS Sea Eagle 1315 1 Rating to sick quarters HMS Sea Eagle 1457 2 ratings joined from RNB Chatham
22 Mar	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	Sunday 1355 Clear lower deck – hoist whaler 1430 Slipped 1814 Came to stbd anchor in Red Bay
23 Mar	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0630 Weighed and proceeded 0830 Exchanged identities with ARTEMIS and ALARIC 0845 Took up station in screen number 4C3 1000 CASEX 56 with ships WOODBRIDGE HAVEN (SM3), SAVAGE, CONTEST, TENACIOUS 1645 Came to stbd anchor ( <i>Lamlash?</i> ) 1810-1945 Captain visiting CAPTAIN SM3
24 Mar	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0805 Weighed and proceeded 1730 Secured stbd side to E berth Lisahally for fuelling 2000 Slipped and proceeded to anchor Tuss Bay 2215 Came to stbd anchor in Tuss Bay
25 Mar	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0530 Weighed and proceeded 0600 Took station 2½ cables astern of ROCKET Co & Sp as requisite for convoy exercise 1500 Convoy wheeled to 030° took up station No3 weaving, 120° revs. 1545 In station 1830 Hands darken ship
26 Mar	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0035 Detached with USS WARE and TENACIOUS 0105 Investigating contact (0110 nonsub) 0223 Green grenade 0225 Ops conning 0230 In contact 0236 Comex 0335 Bridge conning 0640 Take station on ROCKET 2½ cables 0930 Secured alongside 17/18 Berth 1330 17 Seaman Boys + 1 PO on draft to IMPLACABLE 1410 1 rating joined from RNB Chatham 1535 s/m ALCIDE entered harbour 1540 s/m AMPHION entered harbour 1735 s/m SEA SCOUT entered harbour 1810 USS CHARLES S WARE entered harbour 1825 USS WATTS entered harbour

27 Mar	Londonderry	0940 1 rating rejoined ship from Sick quarters 1130 Clear lower deck for payment 1530 Clear lower deck. Warrants No 10, 11, 12 read for ABs Currie, Weir and Smith
28 Mar	Londonderry	1130 Main Leave Party proceeded on leave
29 Mar	Londonderry	Sun. No entries
30 Mar	Londonderry	0700 USS WATTS left harbour 0705 USS WARE left harbur
31 Mar	Londonderry	Tuesday 1100 Lower deck cleared for Church service on TENACIOUS. Memorial service for Her Late Majesty Queen Mary
01 Apr	Londonderry	Logs signed <b><i>P R Winter Lieutenant Navigating Officer</i></b> 0830 TENACIOUS to sea
02 Apr	Londonderry	No entries
03 Apr	Londonderry	No entries
04 Apr	Londonderry	No entries
05 Apr	Londonderry	1100-1200 Captain Conell-Fuller SNONI visited ship
06 Apr	Londonderry	0829 TENACIOUS from sea to 19 Berth 0900 LOCH VEYATIE from sea to 19 Berth
07 Apr	Londonderry	No entries
08 Apr	Londonderry	No entries
09 Apr	Londonderry	No entries
10 Apr	Londonderry	1530 Retard leave parties muster for payment
11 Apr	Londonderry	No entries
12 Apr	Londonderry	No entries
13 Apr	Londonderry	1100 Clear Lower Deck for General Payment
14 Apr	Londonderry	No entries
15 Apr	Londonderry	1115 1 rating joined ship from RNB Chatham 1130 Lt Cdr C M Davies joined ship
16 Apr	Londonderry	1350 1 Boy Seaman on draft to RNB(C) 1 Tel on draft to Mercury 1400 Lieut (E) R A Griffin left ship (Log signed P PERCHARD)
17 Apr	Londonderry	a.m. Hands employed chipping and red leading ships side and refitting upper deck and funnel (Log signed DA ROSS)
18 Apr	Londonderry	No entries
19 Apr	Londonderry	0400 Clocks retarded 1 hour
20 Apr	Londonderry	No entries
21 Apr	Londonderry	1150-1415 Captain ashore for Official Call on Harbour Commissioners
22 Apr	Londonderry	1220-1330 Captain left ship to pay Official Visit to Mayor of Londonderry
23 Apr	Londonderry	2000 KNAERSBOROUGH CASTLE entered harbour
24 Apr	Londonderry	No entries
25 Apr	Londonderry	0905 TRAFALGAR entered harbour 1115 2 ratings joined from RNB(C)
26 Apr	Londonderry	1245 SNONI left ship 1300 Commissioned Bosun A Checkfield joined ship
27 Apr	Londonderry	0850 TRAFALGAR proceeded to sea 1330 1 rating drafted to Whale Island 1845 CREOLE berthed alongside LOCH VEYATIE

28 Apr	Londonderry	0720 KNAERSBOROUGH CASTLE left harbour
29 Apr	Londonderry	1130 1 rating (E/M) joined from RNB(C)
30 Apr	Londonderry	1215 Harbour Commissioners visited Captain 1330 2 ratings on draft to RNB(C)
01 May	Londonderry	1300 CREOLE left harbour 1330 1 rating drafted to RNB Chatham
02 May	Londonderry	0720 CREOLE secured alongside LOCH VEYATIE 1015 Ship turned round by tugs 1410 1 PO TEL joined from Mercury 1800 1 rating joined from SWIFTSURE, 4 ratings from RNB Chatham
03 May	Londonderry	1700 HM s/m SENESCHAL entered harbour
04 May	Londonderry	1335 2 EMs on draft <i>Multi-ship movements for SENESCHAL, ARTEMIS, LOCH VEYATIE, CREOLE, CHALLENGER, TENACIOUS, CARISBROOKE CASTLE, USS 340, USS 510, USS 576, USS 571</i>
05 May	Londonderry	0700 LOCH VEYATIE to sea 1315 Clear lower deck of seaman. Clean ship 1335 One rating drafted to TRIUMPH at Devonport
06 May	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0720 Two ratings drafted to Sea Eagle 0745 Clear lower deck hoist whaler 0750 Slipped and proceeded. Co & Sp as requisite for A/S Exercises 1600 Exercises completed 1700 Stopped in Txxx Bay to transfer USN officers to USS BLOCK ISLAND 1735 Came to stbd anchor (Magilligan) 1815 American officers left ship 1940 OBEDIENT passed proceeding to sea 2100 US s/m EMTEMADOR proceeding to sea 2355 M/L transferred mail
07 May	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0500 Weighed and proceeded 0540 Took station 2.5c astern of ROCKET Co 345° Sp 19 0740 Stationed on port bow of convoy for A/S Exercises 0830 Commenced weaving MLA 270° Sp 12 1230 Stationed 075° TENACIOUS 4.5'
08 May	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0330 Rejoined convoy Co 030° sp 10 convoy bearing 165° 4.75m 0420 Assumed station 316 LOCH VEYATIE 3.6' 0530-0645 Ceased weaving 0730 Ceased weaving. RELENTLESS assumed duties of convoy 2004 Exercise completed. Form single line ahead in order ROCKET, RELENTLESS, TENACIOUS 2230 Secured at Lisahally 2240 ROCKET berthed alongside
09 May	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	<i>Multiple ship movements for USS EMTEMADOR, EATON, MURRAY BACME?, BENHAM?, BEALE, USS 471. ROCKET, VIRAGO and TENACIOUS</i> 1055 Slipped and proceeded to Londonderry 17/18 Berth 1120 Secured alongside ROCKET. Revert to 8 hrs notice for steam 1135 TENACIOUS alongside 1145 Clear lower deck for payment



10 May		1300 One officer joined ship – Sub Lieut Ross-Skinner RNVR 1400 One rating joined ship from RNB Chatham 1720 Slipped and proceeded to Txxx BAY 1927 Anchored in Txxx Bay 5 shackles on stbd cable in 7 fathoms
11 May	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0735 Weighed and proceeded 0745 Co & Sp as requisite to form Single Line ahead in order USS EATON, BENHAM, BEALE, MURRAY, MASSEY, HMS RELENTLESS, TENACIOUS 0900 Co & Sp for taking station on USS BLOCK ISLAND 1443 Co & Sp as requisite for taking up Station 4 Bent line screen 6500x 076° from carrier 1718 Contact brg Green 30° 1722 nonsub “COMPLETE CONFUSION – 1715 detached on SAU” 2010 Ordered to transfer mail from EATON (Station 1) 2035 Alongside EATON 2050 Transfer of mail completed 2130 a/c to fly off aircraft 2215 a/c to land on aircraft 2355 Commenced zig zag Diagram No.25 MLA 255° Sp 15
12 May	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0130 Co & Sp for flying off aircraft from BLOCK ISLAND 0145 Commenced zig zag No.33 0815 Sub contact to stbd 1005 Close carrier 1050 In station 4 carrier brg 330° 5900x Sp 15 pm. Co & Sp to carry out A/S Exercises 1920 Co & Sp for flying off aircraft from BLOCK ISLAND 1945 Possible sub contact. Ops conning 2100 Took up Station 5 in screen diagram 2C6 2115 Commenced zig zag No.30 2145 Reorient screen to 135° sp11
13 May	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0340 a/c 230° USS MASSEY in company Patrolled on course of 090° – 270° Speed 12 knots 1300 Commenced CAM20 1415 Stopped CAM20 2125 Secured alongside TENACIOUS 17 Berth stbd side to
14 May	Londonderry	<i>Multi-ship movements for VIRAGO, VENUS, LOCH VEYATIE “US SUBMARINES” EMTEMADOR</i> 1230 1 Rating proceeded on compassionate leave 1315 Clear lower deck of seamen clean ship 1345 One rating joined ship from ROCKET
15 May	Londonderry	<i>Multi-ship movements for s/m TIRIUS, CREOLE, LOCH VEYATIE, VERULAM, s/m SENESCHAL, VIRAGO, VENUS, CRISPIN</i> 1315 2 PO Tels on draft to Mercury
16 May	Londonderry	0805 CARISBROOKE CASTLE entered harbour
17 May	Londonderry	0930 Church Parties landed
18 May	Londonderry Exercise Areas	0700 2 ratings drafted to ENSQ Eglinton 0725 Slip and proceed 1130 Station 084° TENACIOUS 4.75 1246 VENUS takes us under his orders to investigate Goblin 1250 Take station 2 miles on stbd beam of VENUS 1340 Co & Sp to rejoin convoy 1420 Investigate contact - non-sub

		<p>1630 Phase I ended  2115 Darkened ship  2248 Green grenade sighted brg 022° ¼ mile  2300 Green grenade sighted brg Red 150° 2 miles  2334 Ordered to take station on ROCKET</p>
19 May	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	<p>0125 Came to stbd anchor at Magilligan anchorage  0720 HM S/M ARTEMIS entered harbour  0730 HM S/M ALARIC left harbour  0900 Anchor aweigh Co &amp; Sp to navigate 'Foyle'  1015 Secured stbd side to "C" Berth Lishally stbd side to  1125 1 PO joined  1430 Clear lower deck exercise man ship  1545 Slipped and proceeded to Magilligans  1700 Came to stbd anchor at Magilligans in George Berth  1710 HM S/M ARTEMIS entered Lough Foyle  1930 Rugged illumination circuits  2145 Illuminated ship</p>
20 May	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	<p>0030 Completed unrigging illumination circuits  0450 Weighed  0700 Exercise LJX 29 commenced. Acting as 'Convoy' in Phase I  1201 Seamen off watch make and mend clothes  2120 Investigating contact  2330 Reforming screen – taking up station on ROCKET</p>
21 May	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	<p>0125 Streaming Unifoxer. In company with CRISPIN  0220 Investigation completed rejoining convoy  0325 Rejoined convoy. Recovered Unifoxer  0700 Exercise completed a/c to take station in line ahead VENUS, VIRAGO, RELENTLESS  1010 Berthed alongside TENACIOUS port side to in 'D' Berth Lisahally  1145 Slipped form TENACIOUS proceeding up R Foyle to Londonderry  1135 HMS/M ARTEMIS entered harbour  1220 Berthed in 19 Berth port side to  1230 TENACIOUS berthed alongside  1300 ROCKET entered harbour  1330 VENUS, VERULAM, VIRAGO entered harbour  1430 Three ratings joined ship from RNB Chatham  1555 CRISPIN and HM S/M SENESCHAL entered harbour</p>
22 May	Londonderry	<p>0730 Clear lower deck of seamen and any rating that can be spared. Paid ship  0740 HM S/M ARTEMIS left harbour  1145 Clear lower deck for payment  1930 CARISBROOKE CASTLE entered harbour  2045 Submarine ARTEMIS entered harbour</p>
23 May	Londonderry	<p>0730 CLD of seamen. Carry on Paint Ship  <i>(note in log)</i>  Hands employed painting ship's superstructure. Final Coat  1145 LD cleared. Ship's company addressed by Captain</p>
24 May	Londonderry	<p>1030 RC Church party landed</p>
25 May	Londonderry	<p>1130 Secure  1200 Hands to make and mend clothes</p>

26 May	Londonderry	0840 HM S/Ms ARTEMIS and ALARIC left harbour 0910 HM S/M SENESCHAL left harbour 1005 VENUS, VIRAGO and VERULAM left harbour 2100, 2115, 2135 VERULAM, VENUS, VIRAGO entered harbour
27 May	Londonderry	0830 Provisioning ship 1130 Fireworks brought aboard 1136 Draft joined from HMS Pembroke (1 Tel) 1415 HM S/M SENESCHAL entered harbour 1420 Draft joined from Pembroke ( 1 AB)
28 May	Londonderry	1210 HM S/M SENESCHAL left harbour 1700 Children on board for party 1800 Children left ship 2110 SS Saint Rule to sea
29 May	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	1130 2 Ratings 2 Officers joined from HMS Sea Eagle (Mr Gatrell CWO and Mid Jessel RNVR) 1300 TENACIOUS left harbour 1335 LOCH VEYATIE left harbour 1505 VERULAM left harbour 1530 M.cutter and skimmer hoisted 1610 VENUS left harbour 1630 VIRAGO left harbour 1700 Slipped and proceeded 2320 Raised SKERRYVORE Lt rg 010° 16 miles
30 May	Londonderry > Portree	0145 Raised Barra Head Lt 310° 0550 Spoke SS Klephos bound Oslo from Manchester 0840 Prepare brows, ladders and awnings 0900 Came to stbd anchor in Portree Harbour ( <i>Isle of Skye</i> ). Spread AD awning out booms, down ladders 0905 Skimmer, Motor Cutter and Whaler lowered 1800-2000 Guests arrived onboard
31 May	Portree	0810 Blue and White watches employed cleaning brightwork and respreading awnings 0920 Hands to clean for Divisions 0940 Divisions 1020 Pipe down 1450 Dinghy capsized and recovered
1 Jun	Portree	0800 Came to 1 hrs notice for steam. Wind freshening 0830 Came to 20 minutes for steam 1030 pipe down 2200 Continuous anchor watch on bridge 2230 Ship illuminated 2325 Steam at 5 minutes notice
		<b>June still to come</b>
01 Jul	Londonderry	1725 CARISBROOKE CASTLE berthed at NR7
02 Jul	Londonderry	No entries
03 Jul	Londonderry	1055 Slip and proceeded to 7 Berth 1110 Secured at 7 berth 1315 Two (2) SA drafted to RNB Chatham 1400 Dress ship overall on occasion of State Visit of HM Queen

		Elizabeth II to Londonderry 1445 Hands to dress ship stations (rehearsal) 1535 HM Queen Elizabeth passed aboard ROCKET. Hands manned & cheered ship 1825 1 rating to hospital 1940 1 rating joined ship 2030 Undressed ship 2230 Illuminated ship
04 Jul	Londonderry	0001 Illumination switched off 0955 Slipped and proceeded to 17 berth 1045-1120 Dutch ships entered harbour (EVERTSEN, DE BITTER VAN AMSTEL, KORTENAER, 2 Dutch submarines S803 & ?) 1330 One rating drafted to RNB Chatham
05 Jul	Londonderry	No entries
06 Jul	Londonderry	1410 One stoker rating drafted on board from CROSSBOW One seaman to Eglington
07 Jul	Londonderry	0700 Two Dutch submarines left harbour 0830 Shifted berth to Lisahally 0945 CLD of seaman and any rating that can be spared to de-ammunition ship 1315 CLD of seaman and any rating that can be spared. Continue to de-ammunition ship 1600 De-ammunitioning completed
08 Jul	Lisahally	0655-0725 "Dutch man of war XXX to sea" (EVERTSEN, VAN AMSTEL, DE BITTER, KORTENAER) 1055 Dutch destroyer Van Amstel secured alongside, three aircraft survivors taken ashore 1625 Slipped and proceeded to sea
09 Jul	Lisahally to Rosyth	1033 Cape Wrath Lt brg 149° 7 miles Position at 0800 58°11'N 05°45'W 1200 58°43.5'N 04°27'W 2000 57°56.5'N 02°05'W 1345 Spoke to Danish frigate THETIS 1707-1720 Ship stopped in order to take Draft readings fore & aft 2355 Exchanged identities with MEDIATOR towing BARHORSE to Scapa
10 Jul	Rosyth	0800 Entered lock to main basin HM Dockyard Rosyth 0850 Left entrance to lock, proceeded through Basin to No. 1 Dock 0915 Entered Dry Dock
11 Jul	Rosyth	No entries
12 Jul	Rosyth	No entries
13 Jul	Rosyth	No entries
14 Jul	Rosyth	No entries
15 Jul	Rosyth	0913 1 Rating drafted onboard from RNB
16 Jul	Rosyth	0900 1 rating arrived from RNB Chatham
17 Jul	Rosyth	1130 CLD for general payment
18 Jul	Rosyth	0900 1 rating draft from RNB Chatham
19 Jul	Rosyth	No entries <i>Log Signed R HART</i>
20 Jul	Rosyth	No entries
21 Jul	Rosyth	No entries

22 Jul	Rosyth	No entries
23 Jul	Rosyth	1300 Swimming team fall in 1315 Swimming Gala spectators fall in
24 Jul	Rosyth	No entries
25 Jul	Rosyth	No entries
26 Jul	Rosyth	No entries <i>Log signed by R HART</i>
27 Jul	Rosyth	No entries
28 Jul	Rosyth	0745 Long Leave men away
29 Jul	Rosyth	1430 First Lieutenant's Requestmen
30 Jul	Rosyth	1430 First Lieutenant's Requestmen & Defaulters
31 Jul	Rosyth	1130 C LD General payment and issue of tobacco coupons
01 Aug	Rosyth No.1 Dry Dock	<i>NO Lt Winter</i> <i>Captain CMD HART DSO DSC</i> 0745 Long Leave men fall in 0830 Sick Bay party to COCHRANE
02 Aug	Rosyth	1015 Church parties
03 Aug	Rosyth	No entries
04 Aug	Rosyth	No entries
05 Aug	Rosyth	No entries
06 Aug	Rosyth	No entries
07 Aug	Rosyth	1545 Backward swimmers ashore
08 Aug	Rosyth	No entries
09 Aug	Rosyth	1015 Church parties
10 Aug	Rosyth	No entries
11 Aug	Rosyth	No entries
12 Aug	Rosyth	No entries
13 Aug	Rosyth	0805 Started flooding dock 0845 Stopped flooding 0910-0940 Flooding dock 1055 Fore port fwd After port aft. Tug secured aft 1100 Shifted to No.1 berth 1110 Tug secured starboard quarter 1120 Secured at No.1 berth
14 Aug	Rosyth	1120 CLD of seamen. Embark stores 1130 CLD muster for payment 1300 CLD for fortnightly payment
15 Aug	Rosyth	No entries
16 Aug	Rosyth	No entries
17 Aug	Rosyth	1015 Church parties landed
18 Aug	Rosyth	No entries
19 Aug	Rosyth	0955 BARNEATH secured alongside stbd side to
20 Aug	Rosyth	1015 Escort left ship for Glasgow 1+2 1420 Escort returned on board
21 Aug	Rosyth	0740 BARNEATH slipped 0810 SKYE berthed stbd side
22 Aug	Rosyth	1155 Port watch fall in. Read Warrant No. 15
23 Aug	Rosyth	1015 Church parties landed
24 Aug	Rosyth	0815-1606 Range Party left ship (20) 1400 Colours half-masted for funeral of Lieutenant Commander McLaughlin

		1500 Colours re-hoisted 1700 1 rating drafted to RNH Haslar
25 Aug	Rosyth	0815-1530 Range party left ship (14)
26 Aug	Rosyth	0815 Range party left for range
27 Aug	Rosyth	0900 3 ratings joined ship from RNB Chatham 1307 Shifted berth 100ft West 1545 Range party returned on board 1920 Smouldering overalls extinguished in Boiler room. Dockyard workman placed them over electric light bulb
28 Aug	Rosyth	0800 Range party landed 0855 Draft arrived from RNB (1+3) ratings 1145 General payment 1210 One rating on draft to Wetherby ( <i>HMS Ceres</i> ) 1245 Duty part, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Stbd prepare to shift berth
29 Aug	Rosyth	0945 4 ratings joined ship from RNB Chatham
30 Aug	Rosyth	1015 Church party landed
31 Aug	Rosyth	1330 Rating proceeding on draft to GLORY 1425 1+2 escort and prisoner landed to HMS Cochrane 1450 I/C escort returned 1545 Range party returned
01 Sep	Rosyth	0945 1 Rating arrived on board from RNB 1015 1 Rating returned from HMS Cochrane under close arrest 1050 1 Rating to HMS Cochrane under close arrest
02 Sep	Rosyth	0815 12 ratings to Knockhill Range for annual musketry course
03 Sep	Rosyth	0925 1 <sup>st</sup> Lieutenant's Requestmen & Defaulters 1000 One CPO arrived on board (Draft) 1545 11 Backward swimmers to instruction
04 Sep	Rosyth	0800 Draft arrived on board. 1 Seaman (Chatham Barracks) 1545 10 Backward swimmers to instruction
05 Sep	Rosyth	Hands employed refitting the ship
06 Sep	Rosyth	1020 Boys to Divine Service at Dockyard Church
07 Sep	Rosyth	1050-1117 Prisoner and escort to Sickbay 1535 1 Chief ERA and 1 L/S/M on draft to Chatham Barracks (+1) 1545 Backward swimming party to instruction
08 Sep	Rosyth	1330 Oiler C623 arrived alongside to stbd
09 Sep	Rosyth	0750 Oiler C623 slipped 0930 1 PO arrived on draft from Chatham 1315 CLD of Leading Rates and below. Warrant No. 17 1415 C61 slipped
10 Sep	Rosyth	1130 Escort and prisoner arrived on board 1145 Clear lower deck. Warrant No. 15 read 1150 Escort and prisoner left ship 1500 One rating discharged to shore (HM Prison Edinburgh) 1815 Escort returned back aboard 1930 Captain's guest arrived aboard
11 Sep	Rosyth	0800 Swimming party landed 1100 Clear lower deck. Hands mustered for payment ( <i>first signature by Winter, Navigating Officer?</i> )
12 Sep	Rosyth	1900 Sub-Lieut Hoskin left ship
13 Sep	Rosyth	1130 FO Scotland piped onboard 1230 FO Scotland piped ashore

14 Sep	Rosyth	1900 Sub-Lieut Dathan left ship
15 Sep	Rosyth	<b>0930 Commander Symonds DSC RN joined ship</b>
16 Sep	Rosyth	<b>0930 Lower deck cleared.</b> <b>Commander Hart DSO, DSC left the ship</b> 1050 1 Rating to HMS Cochrane sick bay (Fisher, EM) 2130 Boys turn in
17 Sep	Rosyth	0805 Ship shifted berth 50 yds ahead 0815 Dockyard oil separator (boat) alongside 0900 Lower Deck cleared. Captain addressed Ship's Company
18 Sep	Rosyth	0800 Shifted berth 100 yds astern 0905 1 Rating (Boy Sig) joined ship 0930 Captain meets POs in POs mess
19 Sep	Rosyth	1940-2015 Captain's guests arrived on board
20 Sep	Rosyth	1150-1324 Captain's guests arrived on board
21 Sep	Rosyth	0900 Chief Elec. joined ship 1015 Dockyard oil separator slipped from alongside 1305 Shifted berth to D berth 1320 Secured at D Berth 1335 1 Rating on draft to hospital 2359 Guard Boat's crew left ship. Mr Perchard + 3
22 Sep	Rosyth	0025 Guard Boat's crew returned onboard
23 Sep	Rosyth	0845 MYNGS (Capt D) and TYRIAN berthed alongside Timber Jetty 1350 GLORY shifted from dry dock to B Berth
24 Sep	Rosyth	0802 Ship shifted 40ft astern ready for basin trials 0915 QM detailed, closed up in wheelhouse 0925 Wires fore and aft tended 0930-1150 Commenced Basin Trials 1130 Captain of KENYA piped aboard (Commander HGO de Chair DSC RN) 1950 Captain's guest left ship
25 Sep	Rosyth	1010 Clear lower deck of seamen for stores 1305 Captain piped ashore 1130 CLD for Payment
26 Sep	Rosyth	0830 1 Rating joined ship from RNB Chatham
27 Sep	Rosyth	1120 TYRIAN entered harbour secured at Timber Jetty
28 Sep	Rosyth	Hands employed refitting ship
29 Sep	Rosyth	1730-1935 Berthing party left ship for ZEPHYR 2320 Berthing party left ship
30 Sep	Rosyth	0030 Berthing party for ZEPHYR returned back aboard 2315 Escort (1 PO) returned from Portsmouth & 1 rating rejoined from RNDQs
01 Oct	Rosyth	0915 1 rating joined from Chatham 1600 Football team landed <i>(log signed by P Perchard)</i>
02 Oct	Rosyth	0800 1 AB on draft to RNB Chatham 0958-1035 Commodore Welby-Everard on board <i>(Captain of Dockyard, Rosyth)</i>
03 Oct	Rosyth	1110 Pipe made re delayed departure of ship
04 Oct	Rosyth	0000 Clocks retarded one hour 1050 Sunday divisions
05 Oct	Rosyth	0810 S/Lt Byatt RNVR joined

06 Oct	Rosyth and day running	1055 Hands to clean into No.3s 1148 Slipped and proceeded to North Wall 1255 Secured alongside North Jetty 1530 Slipped proceeded to measured mile carried out manoeuvres 1755 Came to stbd anchor
07 Oct	Rosyth and day running	0735-1120 MF/DF calibration with MMS1003 1238 Anchor Aweigh proceeding to B buoy 1640 Secured alongside in Lock
09 Oct	Rosyth	1030 VIGILANT, VIRAGO, VERULAM and VENUS leave harbour
10 Oct	Rosyth	1025-1130 Captain's messdecks and flats rounds
11 Oct	Rosyth	1100 ER & Electrical Divs to divisions on FX. Guard fell in on QD
12 Oct	Rosyth > Londonderry	0820 Slipped and proceeded to sea 0851 passed ILLUSTRIOUS to port 1108 Fired pattern of 3 light Limbo bombs
13 Oct	At 1200 58°43'N 05°01'W At 2000 57°33'N 06°59'W	1115 4" gun trials 1610 Action Limbo & A/S teams close up
14 Oct	Londonderry	0810 Secured alongside Lisahally jetty 0915-1050 Captain ashore on official visit to SNONI 1125-1217 SNONI on board 1125-1215 Captain D on board 1432 Slipped and proceeded 1518 Secured alongside ROCKET 1600 AB Streeter and L/SBA joined ship 1700 S/Lt joined ship
15 Oct	Londonderry	(ships around: s/m ARTEMIS, LOCH RUTHVEN, VIRAGO, CRISPIN, US THOMAS HANCOCK, USS HOLDER, USS STEINSKER, HMSC 306 HMSC 308) 0910 Captain's Defaulters 1130 1 rating joined from Chatham
16 Oct	Londonderry	1015-1120 Captain D on board for ships inspection 1400 PO Elec discharged to RNB
18 Oct Sunday	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	1400 Slipped Fuel consumption trials 1930 Secured alongside VIRAGO
19 Oct	Campbeltown	0815 Slipped. Co & Sp for clearing Campbeltown loch Exercises with VIRAGO, s/m SCOTSMAN and LOCH RUTHVEN 19-20 <sup>th</sup> day running 1001 Flag "E" hoisted by VIRAGO 1003 hauled down 1116 Flag "E" hauled down in VIRAGO 1137 SCOTSMAN's periscope dipped 1610 Secured alongside VIRAGO
21 Oct	Campbeltown > Londonderry	1445 Slipped Campbeltown for Londonderry 2202 Came to stbd anchor in Tuss Bay
22 Oct	Londonderry	0602 Weighed anchor 0910 Secured alongside 19 Berth Londonderry 1430 1 PO on draft
27 Oct	Londonderry > Liverpool	0815 Slipped 0925 Secured stbd side B Berth Lisahally 1230 Slipped and proceeded
28 Oct	Liverpool	0750 Co & Sp for proceeding up River Mersey 0900 Stopped in River Mersey abeam of Trafalgar Dock



		1010 Entered lock prior to entering Main Basin 1050 Secured alongside port side to Trafalgar Dock (S)
29 Oct	Liverpool	1500 Ship open to visitors 1600 1 rating arrived on board from Chatham 1830-2040 Guests on board
31 Oct	Liverpool	0730 Slipped and proceeded with tugs to No.1 Clarence Graving Dock 0830 Secured in dry dock
1 Nov	Liverpool	No entries
2 Nov	Liverpool	1135-1217 Lord Mayor on board 1610 1 rating joined (log signed by Davies)
3 Nov	Liverpool	1030 4" guns crew drilled 1140-1220 Mayor of Bootle on board 1635 1 CPO + 3 arrived from Chatham barracks (log signed by Ross)
9 Nov	Liverpool	0950 Started flooding dock 1100 undocked 1140 secured in Trafalgar dock port side to
10 Nov	Liverpool > Londonderry  At 2000 53°57'N 04°04'W	1103 Slipped and proceeded with tugs as requisite to enter Waterloo Lock 1205 Cleared lock, proceeded down River Mersey 1606 Passengers not disembarked owing to sea state
11 Nov	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0830-0915 Anchored Magilligan Exercises, incl LIX29 2000 Berthed port side to Lisahally
12 Nov	Londonderry	1420 Slipped Lisahally 1445 Secured stbd side to n ROCKET at 17/18 berth
14 Nov Sat	Londonderry	1045 Divisions 1430 Draft arrived from RNB
18 Nov	Londonderry	1330 3 ratings on draft to RNB Chatham
19 Nov	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0727 Slipped 1725 Came to port anchor 'George' berth( Magilligan)
20 Nov	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0745 Weighed and proceeded to sea 1750 Secured alongside VOLAGE 1845 1 REA arrived on draft from HMS Defiance
21 Nov	Londonderry > Campbeltown	1330 Slipped 2100 Came to port anchor in Campbeltown harbour
22 Nov	Clyde Exercise areas	0845 Weighed and proceeded 2245 Ship anchored Lamlash
23 Nov	Clyde Exercise areas	0915 Weighed and proceeded. Co & Sp for clearing Lamlash 1000-1315 COQX 19 serial 3 1315-1815 COQX 19 serial 4 1920 Came to stbd anchor in Lamlash
24 Nov	Clyde Exercise areas	0815 Weighed and proceeded 0950-1440 COQX 19 serial 5 1400 Secured alongside Old Quay Campbeltown
25 Nov	Campbeltown > Londonderry	0800 Sailed from Campbeltown 1700 Secured port side to on CRISPIN 17/18 berth Londonderry
26 Nov	Londonderry	1050 Slipped from CRISPIN assisted by tug 1330-1550 Serial LIX 11 serial 37 of LWP 13

		1820 Secured alongside ROCKET
27 Nov	Londonderry	1130 1 L/Sig arrived on draft from RNB Chatham 1220 1 REA on draft to CENTAUR, Portsmouth 1530 1 rating on draft to RNB Chatham
29 Nov	Londonderry	1330 1 CPO joined from RNB Chatham
30 Nov	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0645 Slipped 1300 Hands warned that ship is turning. Hands piped off the upper deck 1715 Secured alongside Lisahally D berth
01 Dec	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	1210 SEA DEVIL entered harbour 1315 Wind. Ship shifted berth from 'Dog' berth to 'Easy' 1505 CRISPIN left harbour 1515 Sub Lt Byatt discharged 1615 Slipped from E berth Lisahally 1725 Came to stbd anchor in C1 anchor berth Magilligan
02 Dec	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0415 Slipped and proceeded in company with LOCH RUTHVEN and CRISPIN 0740 VOLAGE joined, stationed astern LOCH RUTHVEN 0830 Sunrise. Switch off NAV Lights 1120 Commenced 2.2 diagram No.8
03 Dec	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0100 Exercise commenced 0830 Undarken ship 0940 Commenced sinuate between 240 & 340 1030 Exchanged identities with PORTCHESTER CASTLE 1040 Sighted sub on surface 1043 Sub dived 1044 fired 4 charges 1420 Co & Sp as requisite to berth on ORWELL at Londonderry 1700 CRISPIN berthed at 19 berth 2015 HM s/m SEA DEVIL entered harbour 2105 HM s/m SEA DOG entered harbour
04 Dec	Londonderry	0650 LAUNCESTON CASTLE left harbour 0800 AGINCOURT entered harbour 0810 CORUNNA entered harbour 0820 AISNE entered harbour 0830 BARROSA entered harbour 0840 THULE left harbour 0840 SEA SCOUT left harbour 1400 LAUNCESTON CASTLE entered harbour 1520 VOLAGE entered harbour 1710 HM s/m ARTEMIS entered harbour 1720 RAF vessel BRIDLINGTON entered harbour
05 Dec	Londonderry	1415 HM Tug HENGUS entered harbour
06 Dec	Londonderry	No entries
07 Dec	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0345,0450,0635 HM sub left harbour 0715 Slipped from ORWELL and proceeded 0910-0930 ABCD exercise carried out 1130 Commenced LIX21 1150 Sinuating between 260°-320° using 10° of wheel 1310 Sinuating between 270°-310° using 10° of wheel 1515 Rejoining convoy 1745 Exchanging station with ORWELL

		2230 Exercise completed 2340 Co & Sp as requisite for LFB
08 Dec	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0030 Lough Foyle Buoy abeam Co as req for proceeding to Magilligan 0105 Came to stbd anchor in C3 berth Magilligan with 3 shackles 0930 BRIDLINGTON left harbour 1430 HM sub SEA SCOUT entered harbour 1510 LAUNCESTON CASTLE entered harbour 1545 BRIDLINGTON entered harbour 1605 HM s/m AENEAS entered harbour 1655 CRISPIN anchored 1735 ROCKET anchored
09 Dec	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0603 Weighed and proceeded as requisite to follow ROCKET, LOCH RUTHVEN, ORWELL, VOLAGE out of harbour 0700 Station No. 4 in column 0800 Taking up station No. 2 in Convoy Screening Diagram 2D6 Convoy Co 270° Sp 10 1119 Ops Conning. Operation TOMATO 1730 ROCKET and VOLAGE detached to investigate 2326 VOLAGE and RELENTLESS acting as Patrol Group
10 Dec	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0415 Attack completed 0515 Contact. Investigating 0635 Successful attack 0905 Handed over to Navigator 1035 Secured alongside at Lisahally 'Easy' Berth 1050 VOLAGE secured astern 1105 LOCH RUTHVEN secured alongside VOLAGE 1120 ORWEWLL secured aster of VOLAGE 1210 HM Sub THULE entered harbour 1300 HM Sub SEA SCOUT entered harbour 1315 HM Sub SEA DEDVIL entered harbour 1330 Slipped and proceeded to 17/18 berth at Londonderry 1353 Secured stbd side to on ROCKET at 17/18 berth 1405 CRISPIN secured alongside 1510 LOCH RUTHVEN secured astern ROCKET 1530 VOLAGE secured alongside LOCH RUTHVEN
11 Dec	Londonderry	1325 HM S/Ms SEA SCOUT and SEA DEVIL left harbour 1330 1 EA on draft to RNB Chatham 2007 WOODBRIDGE HAVEN left harbour
12 Dec	Londonderry	0115 VOLAGE left harbour 1600 CRISPIN slipped for sea
13 Dec	Londonderry	1000 VOLAGE entered harbour
14 Dec	Londonderry	1035 Ship inadvertently moved for'd. Wires parted 1345 First leave party left
15 Dec	Londonderry	No entries
16 Dec	Londonderry	1330 Rating joined the ship
17 Dec	Londonderry	No entries
18 Dec	Londonderry	1315 Ship's company to fortnightly payment
19 Dec	Londonderry	No entries
20 Dec	Londonderry	2245 Berthing party left ship for STALKER
21 Dec	Londonderry	0010 STALKER entered harbour
22 Dec	Londonderry	No entries

23 Dec	Londonderry	No entries
24 Dec	Londonderry	No entries
25 Dec	Londonderry	No entries
26 Dec	Londonderry	No entries
27 Dec	Londonderry	No entries
28 Dec	Londonderry	1430 One officer on draft
29 Dec	Londonderry	No entries
30 Dec	Londonderry	No entries
31 Dec	Londonderry	Leave 1630-0730. CH. POs 0800. Boys 0030

## HMS RELENTLESS – EXTRACT FROM SHIP’S LOG – 1954

1954	Place / Position	Comments
		<b>First entry 27<sup>th</sup> January 1954</b>
27 Jan	At 1200 55°33'N 06°30'W	0750 HM s/m THULE left harbour 0840 TENACIOUS left harbour 0858 Formed in column ROCKET, RELENTLESS 1600 Exercise completed 1900 Arrived Lisahally
28 Jan	Lisahally > Bangor Bay	1115 Ship slipped and proceeded 1300 Commenced oil fuel consumption trials at 17kts 1810 Anchored ( <i>in Bangor Bay</i> )
29 Jan	Bangor Bay > Belfast	1000 Weighed and proceeded 1140 Secured alongside xxxxx wharf Sydenham stbd side to
30 Jan	Belfast	1100 Hands to Divisions 1345 S/Lt EMMET joined ship 1810 1 ERA draft to RNB Chatham
31 Jan	Belfast	1740 1 PO GI on draft 1745 Lt Winters on draft
01 Feb	Belfast	0800 Slipped and proceeded 1015 Ops conning 1210 Sub surfaced 1301 Sub dived 1304 Periscope down 1404 Ops conning 1520 Bridge conning 1705 Anchored Bangor Bay
02 Feb	Bangor	0640 Weighed and proceeded on Exercise 1440 Sub surfaced 1703 Station ahead 5 cables PERSEUS 1745 Clear lower deck for issue of Tobacco Coupons 1909 Detached by PERSEUS 2145 Anchored 000° Castlerock Green Lt 2 miles
03 Feb	At 1200 55°33'N 07°35'W	0745 Anchor weighed and proceeded to rendezvous for exercise 0935 Took up station 3000x on PERSEUS stbd beam 1510 Rejoined convoy PERSEUS 170° 15 cables a/c 090 to join helicopters
04 Feb	Londonderry and Exercise Areas  Lisahally	<i>Many changes between Ops and Bridge conning during Convoy exercises</i> 1000 LJX29 completed 1008 Transferred 1 Lt Cdr by HC 1145 Anchored 1315 ROCKET weighed and proceeded to Londonderry 1330 TENACIOUS weighed and proceeded to Londonderry“ 1505 Secured alongside A Berth Lisahally 1515 VOLAGE proceeded to Londonderry 1530 LOCH VEYATIE to Londonderry BRIDLINGTON to Londonderry 1710 Stopped oiling 1730 Lt Winter on draft 1900 American destroyer passed upstream 2035 1 American destroyer passed upstream (844)

		2115 1 American destroyer passed upstream (756)
05 Feb	Belfast	1225 Slipped Lishally 1910 Secured alongside Sydenham xxxxx Wharf port side to 1930 12 Ratings on draft to RNB Chatham
06Feb	Belfast	0810 Lt Melhuish joined ship 0900-1716 Dressed ship overall 1645 Lt Cdr Davies left ship on draft <i>(LOG signed by George Symonds)</i>
07 Feb	Belfast	0855 1 officer 8 ratings to Bangor Bay 0915 1 officer 5 ratings to Bangor Bay 1600 ROMOLA left harbour 1720 Ratings returned from Bangor Bay
08 Feb	Belfast > Bangor Bay	0600 HM s/m ANCHORITE left harbour 0745 Slipped and proceeded 1530 Joined PERSEUS exercised transfer by jackstay 1645 Proceeded independently 1715 Came to port anchor 000 Bangor pier FR Lt 1730-1830 Captain to PERSEUS 1745 ANCHORITE anchored off stbd beam
09 Feb	Bangor Bay > Magilligan At 1200 54°39'N 05°14'W	0815 Weighed 1930 Lough Foyle buoy 2.7 248° SSD Close up <i>(anchored at Magilligan)</i>
10 Feb	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0730 Weighed and proceeded 0920 OOW Manoeuvres 1120 Co & Sp to take up convoy screening diagram 1232 Took up station on ROCKET 1930 Took up station on ROCKET 1935 Commenced 2.2 diagram
11 Feb	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0359 Stationed 030° 6 from ROCKET 0645 Illuminants sighted bearing 030 1200 Stationed on ROCKET 1625 Arrived Lisahally 1730 HM s/m SUBTLE passed upstream 1730 VOLAGE tied up astern 1800 Finished fuelling 1830 ROCKET passed upstream 1945 Slipped Lisahally 2040 Arrived Londonderry 2120 LOCH RUTHVEN secured alongside 2125 VOLAGE entered harbour
12 Feb	Londonderry	1305 HM s/m SCYTHIAN entered harbour 1350 RECLAIM entered harbour 1815 CARISBROOKE CASTLE entered harbour
13 Feb	Londonderry	0935-1010 Captain visiting SNONI 1117 HM s/m SERAPH entered harbour
14 Feb	Londonderry	No entries
15 Feb	Londonderry	0625 HM s/m SERAPH left harbour 0630 RECLAIM left harbour 0655 HM s/m SUBTLE left harbour 0742 VOLAGE left harbour 0750 TENACIOUS left harbour 1125 SNONI arrived on board

		1315 1 SM and 1 POSM on draft to Chatham 1810 SUBTLE entered harbour 1815 TENACIOUS entered harbour
16 Feb	Londonderry	0610 CARISBROOKE CASTLE left harbour 1430 HM s/m SCYTHIAN entered harbour 1835 HM s/m TURPIN entered harbour
17 Feb	Londonderry	0610 HM s/m SCYTHIAN left harbour 0620 HM s/m TURPIN left harbour 0655 TENACIOUS left harbour 1805 HM s/m SCYTHIAN entered harbour 1830 TENACIOUS entered harbour 1955 HM s/m TURPIN entered harbour 2300 HM s/m TOTEM passed upstream
18 Feb	Londonderry	1010 VOLAGE passed upstream 1025 VOLAGE passed downstream to go alongside TENACIOUS 1140 1 rating joined from xxxx
19 Feb	Londonderry	0830 HM s/m SCOTSMAN entered harbour 1015 TIREE left harbour 1314 Two ratings left ship on draft to RNB(C) 1805 SCYTHIAN passed up stream 1840 SUBTLE passed up stream 2130 HM s/m SERYPH entered harbour
20 Feb	Londonderry	0930 Captain "D" arrived to inspect LOCH RUTHVEN 1140 Captain "D" left LOCH RUTHVEN and returned on board ROCKET 1400 1 rating arrived on draft from HMS Vernon
21 Feb	Londonderry	No entries
22 Feb	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0555 HM s/m ALLIANCE left harbour 0600 HM s/m SERAPH left harbour 0625 HM s/m SUBTLE left harbour <i>(RELENTLESS sailed some time before 1010)</i> 1610 Commence UH7 trials 2015 Came to stbd anchor <i>(at Magilligan)</i>
23 Feb	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0725 HM s/m ALLIANCE and SERYPH left harbour 0800 HM s/m SUBTLE left harbour 0945 Weighed anchor 1330 Commence run 2 1615 Form1 ROCKET RELENTLESS 1715 Act independently 1910 Secured alongside 19 Berth
24 Feb	Londonderry	1145 1 rating joined ship from RNB(C) 1500 1 rating joined ship from HMS Vernon 1515 HM s/m THULE entered harbour 1750 ROCKET secured alongside port side
25 Feb	Londonderry	1025 HM s/m SUBTLE entered harbour 1145 LOCH RUTHVEN entered harbour 1350 1 rating draft to RNB(C) 1 rating to hospital at Eglinton 1450 Pay officer arrived on board with ship's company pay 1440 1 rating joined from Corsham 1625 CARISBROOKE CASTLE entered harbour
26 Feb	Londonderry	0725 HM s/m SERAPH left harbour 1145 Clear lower deck for payment

		1825 HM s/m ALLIANCE entered harbour
27 Feb	Londonderry	1145 Lower deck cleared. Ships company addressed by Captain
28 Feb	Londonderry	1150 1 rating joined ship loan draft
01 Mar	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	<i>Monday (George Symonds, Commander in Command)</i> 1445 Slipped and proceeded 1513 Disperse 1530 Secure for sea 1650 On a line of bearing 120° RELENTLESS, LOCH RUTHVEN, ROCKET, TENACIOUS, 3000x 1710 LOCH RUTHVEN stationed on stbd beam 3000x. ROCKET and TENACIOUS detached to cooperate with A/C 2140 Arrived at 18 Berth
02 Mar	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0750 Slipped Londonderry in company with TENACIOUS, ROCKET, LOCH RUTHVEN 1730 anchored (?)
03 Mar	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	Weighed ( <i>between 0830 -0951 in company as above</i> ) 0951 Lost Bathy thermograph No. 167 whilst streaming 1700 Up spirits 1815 Alongside Lisahally 1825 ROCKET arrived alongside TENACIOUS alongside 1835 1 rating joined from SAFEGUARD
04 Mar	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0745 TENACIOUS slipped 0900 ROCKET slipped 0820 SNONI arrived on board 1110 ROCKET and TENACIOUS detached 1915 Secured alongside ROCKET port side to in Londonderry 1945 4 ratings joined form RNB Chatham
05 Mar	Londonderry	1335 2 ratings on draft to RNB Chatham
06 Mar	Londonderry	0915 Hands to divisions 0925 Captain D started inspection of ship 1125 Captain D left ship
07 Mar	Londonderry	Sunday 0945 Lower deck cleared. Ship's company addressed by Captain
08 Mar	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0745 1 rating on draft to HMS Sea eagle, 4 ratings to RNB Chatham 0755 Ship proceeded to sea 1745 Came to stbd anchor ( <i>Magilligan</i> )
09 Mar	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0800 Weighed and proceeded 1537 s/m surfacd
10 Mar	Londonderry and Exercise Areas  At 1200 55°29'N 06°23'W	0015 Run 30 completed, course 230° 0735 Anchored at Magilligan D3 berth 0815 Weighed. In company with ROCKET, LOCH RUTHVEN, S.M SUBTLE and TRUNCHEON 1740 Anchored D1 berth 1840 VOLAGE weighed 2345 USS MEREDITH and USS JOHNSON anchored
11 Mar	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0555 Weighed and proceeded 1040 Secured to A berth Lisahally 1312 Slipped and proceeded to Londonderry 1340 Secured alongside ROCKET stbd side to



		1450 TERMAGENT alongside port side. TENACIOUS alongside 19 berth
12 Mar	Londonderry	1400 1 L/SM draft to OBDURATE, 1 O/Tel to RNB Chatham 1900 Lt Carter joined ship
13 Mar	Londonderry	1400 1 rating drafted to HMS Sea Eagle 1430 3 ratings joined ship from HMS Ganges
14 Mar	Londonderry	0810 Clear lower deck of seamen 1110-1915 Free gangway
15 Mar	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0630 Slipped and proceeded to sea Convoy exercise 2315 Anchored Magilligan
16 Mar	Magilligan	At anchor all day at Magilligan. <i>Multiple ship movements in/out for USS MEREDITH, USS JOHNSON, TENACIOUS, VOLAGE, HELMSDALE, ANDREW, LOCH RUTHVEN, CARISBROOKE CASTLE, TRENCHANT, THULE, SUBTLE</i>
17 Mar	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	1015 Weighed and proceeded - convoy exercise 1200 Take station 3 miles ahead of LOCH RUTHVEN 2300 Emergency turn to stbd
18 Mar	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	1103 Hoisted NUC ( <i>not under control</i> ) balls 1105 Lost steam on main engines. Stopped in position 346° Bull Pt Lt 3 miles 1110 Stop both engines 1157 Blow and both engines 1500 Secured E Berth Lisahally 1530 2 ratings join from RNB Chatham 1600 3 ratings discharged to TRUNCHEON 1630 Slipped from E Berth Lisahally 1715 Secured alongside VOLAGE at 17/18 berth
19 Mar	Londonderry	0715 SS LAIRDSDALE from sea 1000 SS MARIE DIRSTINE from sea 1145 Clear lower deck for Warrant No. 19 1245 1 rating on draft to Hospital 1315 CERA and 1 POSM draft to RNB Chatham 1445 1 LSM joined from OBDURATE 1450 Clear lower deck – up whaler 1530 1 LSBA drafted to ROCKET
20 Mar	Londonderry	1145 1 CERA joined ship
21 Mar	Londonderry	Sunday no entries
22 Mar	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0655 Slipped and proceeded to sea Convoy exercise 0835 Take station on ROCKET 1427 VOLAGE port beam 1½ miles 1830 Darken ship 2000 Emergency turn to stbd 2130 Exercise completed
23 Mar	Magilligan	0130 Anchored Magilligan all day
24 Mar	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0705 Weighed and proceeded to sea i/c ROCKET, LOCH RUTHVEN, VOLAGE 1010 Air raid warning YELLOW dropping back on LOCH RUTHVENS beam ( <i>multiple shifts between bridge and ops conning</i> ) 1015 Air raid warning RED

		1105 Air raid warning WHITE 2220 investigating with ROCKET
25 Mar	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0858 Serial 11 completed 1000 Anchored ( <i>Magilligan?</i> ) 1130 3 ratings joined ship 1300 Slipped and proceeded to Lisahally 1400 Alongside Lisahally 1450 Clear lower deck, de-ammunition
26 Mar	Londonderry > Rosyth	0830 Continued de-ammunition 1145 1 rating joined from Jupiter 1345 1 rating drafted to RNB for demob 1800 Slipped and proceeded to sea for Rosyth
27 Mar	At 0800 57°53'N 06°04'W 1200 58°41'N 05°00'W 2000 57°49'N 02°06'W	1130 Cape Wrath Lt 060° 5.9 1740 Duncansby Head Lt 320° 2252 Girdle Ness Lt 220° 20
28 Mar	Rosyth	0905 Alongside port side to Timber jetty, Rosyth 0930 1 coder joined ship from Mercury
29 Mar		0815-1510 Oil lighter C609 alongside
30 Mar	Rosyth	0815 Lighter C609 arrived alongside stbd side 0935 PERSEUS underway 0953 HM S/M TRUNCHEON entered harbour 1025 PERSEUS to sea 1600 SKYE secured alongside starboard
31 Mar	Rosyth	1135-1210 Admiral Superintendent of Rosyth Dockyard on board ( <i>Rear Admiral Peter Skelton</i> )
01 Apr	Rosyth	0915 SKYE slipped and proceeded to sea 1015 Tugs secured alongside. Single up 1030 Slipped and proceed into Basin 1100 Secured alongside at C Berth 1630-1915 Free gangway
02 Apr	Rosyth	0915-1015 Captain ashore visiting Admiral
03 Apr	Rosyth	1755 1 Ch 1 PO + 3 L/S to Phoenix
04 Apr	Rosyth	No entries
05 Apr	Rosyth	LCT4047 alongside port side
06 Apr	Rosyth	1000 Whaler to boat shed 1100 M/B to boat shed
07 Apr	Rosyth	0910 1 rating on draft to Cowglen Military Hospital 1345 HMS RATTLESNAKE entered harbour
08 Apr	Rosyth	1015 HMS RATTLESNAKE to sea
09 Apr	Rosyth	0815 3 boys joined from Ganges 0915 Shifted ship twenty feet aft 1115 Shifted ship twenty feet for'd
10 Apr	Rosyth	1420 1 rating rejoined from JUPITER
11 Apr	Rosyth	0915 Secure hands clean into No. 3s
12 Apr	Rosyth	No entries
13 Apr	Rosyth	1140 Clear lower deck for 2 <sup>nd</sup> leave payment
14 Apr	Rosyth	0730 2 <sup>nd</sup> leave party proceeded on leave 0800 1 <sup>st</sup> leave party returned on board 0930 Both watches of 1 <sup>st</sup> leave party fall in. Hands employed chipping upper-deck
15 Apr	Rosyth	No entries

16 Apr	Rosyth	No entries
17 Apr	Rosyth	1100 1 Rating on draft to RNB 1505 1 rating rejoined from RNH
18 Apr	Rosyth	No entries
19 Apr	Rosyth	No entries
20 Apr	Rosyth	No entries
21 Apr	Rosyth	No entries
22 Apr	Rosyth	No entries
23 Apr	Rosyth	1140 Clear lower deck for payment
24 Apr	Rosyth	No entries
25 Apr	Rosyth	No entries
26 Apr	Rosyth	No entries
27 Apr	Rosyth	1100 Up spirits
28 Apr	Rosyth	No entries
29 Apr	Rosyth	0840 Two ratings drafted to ship from RNB(C)
30 Apr	Rosyth	0900 Three ratings drafted to ship from RNB(C) 1900 Sub Lieut Forbes joined ship
01 May	Rosyth	0805 Sub Lt Shales left ship 0830 1 rating joined from RNB(C)
02 May	Rosyth	2200 Lt Johnson joined ship
03 May	Rosyth	1545 2 ratings joined from JUPITER
04 May	Rosyth	1135 Ratings on draft muster amidships 1600 17 ratings on draft to RNB (C) 1910 Mid Dean RN joined ship
05 May	Rosyth	1215 Captain proceeded ashore 1340 1 officer left ship 1640-2330 Canteen patrol landed 1 PO + 3 2345 Guard Boats crew left ship (1 officer 3 ratings)
06 May	Rosyth	1545 Fortnightly payment
07 May	Rosyth	0800 Commenced flooding dock 1145 Undocked 1200 Secured alongside "C" Berth 1420 VOLAGE alongside Timber jetty
08 May	Rosyth	No entries
09 May	Rosyth	<i>Sunday.</i> 0915 Lower deck of seamen cleared. Hands employed part of ship
10 May	Rosyth	0815-1230 Oil lighter alongside port side amidships 0915 Lower deck of seamen cleared. Hands employed washing and painting ship's side 1315 Hands employed part of ship washing and painting 1615 Lower deck of seamen cleared. Hands employed washing and painting ship. 1640-2215 Canteen patrol proceeded ashore 1 PO + 3
11 May	Rosyth	0750 2 ratings joined ship 0750-0915 Fuelling lighter alongside 0945 VOLAGE entered Basin
12 May	Rosyth	0010 Away Guard Boats's crew 0730 1 rating joined from RNB Chatham 0950 Ship's boats returned from Dockyard boatshed 1055-1315 Fuel lighter alongside portside amidships
13 May	Rosyth	No entries

14 May	Rosyth > Londonderry	0735 1 rating joined from RNB Chatham 1100 Mid Dean draft to VOLAGE 1145 Pilot embarked 1150 Slipped and proceeded to No. 14 buoy 1205 Arrived at Secured to 14 buoy 1210 Clear lower. Up whaler 1220 Ammunition lighter secured alongside port side 1230 Cdr(E)Knopps embarked for passage 1245 Pilot disembarked 1455 Passed under Forth Bridge speed 14kts 1750 Exercised steering gear breakdown 1810 Limbo firings carried out to starboard 1812 Bell Rock Lt 345° 3.4 1937 Reduced speed to slow ahead to carry out adjustments to log
15 May	Rosyth > Londonderry	0952 Cape Wrath 251° Whiten Hd 209½° 1217 Cape Wrath 137° 8 miles 1604 Fired Limbo to port 1610 Exercised seaboat Position at 2000 57°21.6'N 07°3.6'W
16 May	Londonderry	0621 Passed L.Foyle buoy 0820 Secured alongside stbd side to 0840 1 PO S/M joined from RNB(C) 0900 Commander (E) Knopps disembarked 1400 Lt Commander Benson? RNVR joined ship
17 May	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0900 Slipped and proceeded to Lisahally 0925 Secured alongside A berth Lisahally 0945 Clear lower deck ammunition ship 1040 1 rating to Eglinton hospital 1300 Clear lower deck. Hands ammunition ship 1500 LOCH RUTHVEN entered harbour 1645 Completed fuelling
18 May	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0745 Ship slipped and proceeded to sea Position at 1200 55° 30.75'N 06° 38.25'W 1915 S/M surfaced 2345 Ship anchored off Magilligans
19 May	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0830 Weighed anchor and <del>got under weigh</del> proceeded 1809 Speed various – Evolutions with LOCH VEYATIE 2010 Ship came to Strbd Anchor 5 shackles 2030 American officers & ratings disembarked 2105 USS EATON passed down river 2110 USS GLENNON passed down river
20 May	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0630 HM S/M ANDREW to sea 0700 HM S/M ALCIDE to sea 0705 HM S/M SOLENT to sea 0630 HMS LOCH VEYATIE to sea 0807-0810 M/L alongside. Embarked RN and RAF officers and other ranks 0815 USS EATON to sea 0825 USS GLENNON to sea 0830 Ship weighed and proceeded to sea 1259 EATON assumed Guide she bears 080° 1½ miles 1800 Secured alongside LOCH VEYATIE

		1800 Two ratings joined from RNB Chatham 1900 RAF personnel disembarked
21 May	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0900 Clear lower deck of all seamen. Paint upper deck 1025 HMNS EVERTSEN entered harbour 1330 One rating drafted to RNB (C) 1805-1955 Dutch boat alongside. Visiting Dutch officers embarked 1830 CAISTER CASTLE entered harbour 1840-1950 Visiting American officers embarked
22 May	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0700 Boys to PT 0750 Empire Demon alongside for LOCH VEYATIE berthing party 1025-1030 Captain D on board 1340-1620 Patrol 1 PO 1 L/Sea + 4 landed 1405 1 PO + 1 joined from JUPITER
23 May	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	1335 Duty watch cover guns 1740 1 rating joined ship from ROCKET
24 May	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0625 Captain "D" embarked 0635 Ship slipped and proceeded to sea 1000 a/c 290. In Station ABLE Convoy 110° 1½ miles 1010 Commenced weaving and sinuating 1445 Sp 23 Co & Sp as requisite to take up station 1.5 ahead LOCH VEYATIE 2220 SSD closed up. Co & SP as requisite for entering harbour
25 May	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0110 Berthing party ashore for American ships 1340 COOK left harbour 1540 ORWELL entered harbour 1710 ORWELL proceeded upriver
26 May	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0430 Call the hands. 0445 Out pipes 0450 Both watches 0430 USS EATON to sea 0445 USS GLENNON to sea 0518 Slipped and proceeded to sea LIX29 Convoy exercises 0810 In Station ABLE Co 270 Sp 10 Convoy brg 090 1.5 0812 Commenced patrolling and sinuating station 1210 Convoy a/c 270 10kts in Station ABLE 1258 Broad weave and sinuate 1444 New Station NM3 1540 VAN AMSTEL taken over Convoy. EVERTSEN taken over OTC Position at 2000 56°06.2'N 08°47.5'W
27 May	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	LIX29 Convoy exercises 1020 Secured alongside at Lisahally <i>Other ship movements for VAN AMSTEL, EVERTSEN, DE ZEEUW, LOCH VEYATIE, EATON, TENACIOUS, ORWELL</i> 1248 Slipped and proceeded to Londonderry 1330 Alongside TENACIOUS port side to 1555-1635 CinC Plymouth embarked 1930 11 ratings 1 PO join ship from RNB(C)
28 May	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	1040-1055 Clear lower deck junior ratings store ship 1140 Ship shifted berth to 19 berth 1210 Alongside ROCKET port side to 1445 Two ratings on draft
29 May	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0930 1 ( <i>cook?</i> ) rating joined ship

	Areas	1100 Captain (D) inspected Divisions 1255 Ship dressed overall 1300 Captain (D) left ship 1500 Duty watch undress ship
30 May	Londonderry > Sunderland	<i>Sunday.</i> 0930 Lower deck cleared (?) 1800 Slipped from ROCKET and proceeded to sea 1945 Log lowered - cleared Lough Foyle Buoy Position at 2300 55° 53.2'N 07° 09'W
31 May	Londonderry > Sunderland	1242 Cape Wrath Lt 176½° 5.4 1758 Duncansby Head Lt 270° Position at 0800 57° 49.2'N 06° 09.1'W 1200 58° 35'N 05° 09.2'W 2000 58° 24'N 02° 24'W
01 Jun	At sea en route Sunderland from Londonderry	Position at 0410 56° 26.2'N 01° 27.6'W
		<b>June still to come</b>
01 - 17 Jul	Londonderry	Alongside in or Londonderry Exercise Areas
18 Jul		0625 Ship slipped and proceeded 1200 Joined BARROSA and TERMAGENT 1215-1222 Closed TERMAGENT to transfer papers Position at 2000 55°17.5'N 05°7.6'W
19 Jul	ABERYSTWYTH	1000 Anchored Aberystwyth 1215 Mayor of Aberystwyth called on Captain
20 Jul	Aberystwyth	1120 Captain paid official call on Mayor of Aberystwyth 1130 Welfare Committee meeting in First Lt cabin
21 Jul	Aberystwyth	1630 Cricket team landed 2040 1 CPO SM joined ship from RNB Chatham
22 Jul	Aberystwyth	No entries
23 Jul	Aberystwyth	1035 Port anchor let go 1058 Captain returned on board 1105 CLD to hoist Motor Boat 1135 Weighed and proceeded 1305 Came to stbd anchor with 6 shackles 1545 Lower deck cleared 1632 Let go port anchor
24 Jul	Aberystwyth	1220 1 rating joined from RNB (C) 1 rating from HMS Vernon + 1 rejoined
25 Jul	Aberystwyth	1532 Weighed anchors (en route Londonderry) Position at 2000 5308.2N 0459.6W
26 Jul	At sea en route Londonderry from Aberystwyth	Position at 0800 5526N 0627W 1400 Secured alongside port side to at Lisahally 1605 Oiling completed 1700 Ship slipped and proceed to Londonderry 1740 Ship berthed No. 10 Berth Londonderry
27 Jul	Londonderry	1025 3 ratings rejoined ship. 1 rating joined from RNB 2005 1 Officer and 7 Sea Cadets joined ship
28 Jul	Londonderry Exercise Areas	0545 Slipped and proceeded for exercises Position at 2000 55°35'N 06°2'W

29 Jul	Lisahally	0915 Secured port side to Lisahally Baker berth 1300 Secured alongside 1540 CLD for fortnightly payment
30 Jul	Lisahally	1357 1 PO on draft 1403 1 rating to RNH Eglington 1545 CLD for issue of tobacco coupons
31 Jul	Lisahally	1415 4 ratings joined ship from HMS Ganges
01 Aug	Londonderry	No entries
02 Aug	Londonderry	No entries
03 Aug	Londonderry	No entries
04 Aug	Londonderry	0915 Funeral party 1 PO + 14 left ship
05 Aug	Londonderry	0915 Funeral firing party 1 PO + 14 left ship
06 Aug	Londonderry	1320 Funeral party landed 1430 Ensign half-masted for acting PO Graham (ex HM submarine TACITURN) 1605 Funeral firing party return on board 1605 Ensign hoisted to Masthead
07 Aug	Londonderry	1240 1 PO on draft to RNB
08 Aug	Londonderry	No entries
09 Aug	Londonderry	No entries
10 Aug	Londonderry	No entries
11 Aug	Londonderry	1140 1 Rating joined ship from RNB Chatham
12 Aug	Londonderry	1150 2 Ratings joined ship 1335 Shifted berth 1355 1 rating joined ship
13 Aug	Londonderry	1540 Lower deck cleared for main payment
14 Aug	Londonderry	1145 Lower deck cleared. Warrant No. 21 read
15 Aug	Londonderry	No entries
16 Aug	Londonderry	1145 Secure. Long Leave libertymen to clean 1200 1 rating drafted to RNB (C) 1535 Captain proceeded on leave
17 Aug	Londonderry	1330 1 rating (PO) on draft to RNB Chatham
18 Aug	Londonderry	1020 Patrol arrived on board with 1 Rating 1115 One Rating C/TEL arrived on board from RNB Chatham 1400 1 PO 2 Ratings escort for 1 offender left ship for Chatham
19 Aug	Londonderry	1115 Clear lower deck. In stores
20 Aug	Londonderry	1325 1 Rating on draft to RNB Chatham
21 Aug	Londonderry	1500 Escort from RNB returned on board
22 Aug	Londonderry	No entries
23 Aug	Londonderry	No entries
24 Aug	Londonderry	No entries
25 Aug	Londonderry	1220 Slipped. Tug moved us up river 1230 VOLAGE secured 17 berth 1310 Secured alongside VOLAGE
26 Aug	Londonderry	No entries
27 Aug	Londonderry	1130 CLD for fortnightly payment 15400 REDPOLE entered harbour
28 Aug	Londonderry	1050 1 Officer joined ship – F J Mills
29 Aug	Londonderry	1400 1 Officer joined ship
30 Aug	Londonderry	0550 REDPOLE to sea

		1030 2 RNVR joined ship 1240 F58 proceeded up river with tug 1330 1 CPO left ship draft to RNB Chatham
31 Aug	Londonderry	1110 1 CPO joined ship 1430 1 Rating joined ship (C.ERA)
01 Sep	Londonderry	1200 1 PO, 1 rating joined ship 1315 1 rating on draft to RNB Chatham
02 Sep	Londonderry	1045 1 officer on draft, Lt Cdr West 1130 1 officer on draft, Inst Lt Jenkins 1327 1 rating joined from HMS Collingwood 13551 rating on draft to RNB Chatham 1525 1 OA joined ship from LOCH VEYATIE 1540 Lower deck cleared of 2 <sup>nd</sup> leave party for payment
03 Sep	Rothesay	0905 Slipped 1750 Moored to MK buoy Rothesay Sound
10 Sep	Greenock	0845 Slipped from MK buoy 1545-1824 Alongside RFA EDDYLEAF 1850 Secured alongside Customs House jetty Greenock 1915 1 rating joined ship from RNB
12 Sep	Greenock > Aberystwyth	2000 Slipped Greenock 2346 Exercised seaboat's crew (4 ½ minutes)
17 Sep	ABERYSTWYTH	0725 Came to anchor
18 Sep		1045 S/Lt Ransom RNVR left ship 1930 1 SPO and 3 ratings joined ship from RNB Chatham
19 Sep	SWANSEA	am 1 PO joined from HMS Dryad 1330 Slipped 1355 Entered lock 1420 Left lock
20 Sep	BREST, France	1120 Secured alongside GRENVILLE in Brest 1630 Captain and Captain (D) left for official visit to KAREL DOORMAN ( <i>Dutch aircraft carrier, ex-HMS Venerable</i> ) 1655 Captain returned
21 Sep	Brest, France	0810 LOCH VEYATIE entered harbour 1005-1030 Dutch Admiral visited GRENVILLE 1515 LOCH VEYATIE left harbour
22 Sep	Brest, France  At 2200 48°32'N 06°41'W	0855-1025 Captain visited KAREL DOORMAN 1500 Left harbour 1700 Exercise Action Stations. Exercising with HNMS KAREL DOORMAN and GRENVILLE
23 Sep	At 0800 48°59'N 10°32'W At 2000 49°30'N 11°27'W	Exercising with KARL DOORMANN and GRENVILLE
24 Sep	At 0800 4938N 1155W At 2000 50N 1330W	Exercising with KAREL DOORMAN and GRENVILLE
25 Sep	At 0800 50N 1333W At 2000 5008N 15W	1340 Instructed to join Convoy stbd screen 190° 3m from TYNE, her course 290° 10kts 1610-1709 Alongside oiler WAVE MASTER
26 Sep	At 0800 5031N 1743W At 2000 5109N 2140W	2055 Detached with GRENVILLE and EVERTSEN to search for S/M and co-operate with a Dutch A/C
27 Sep	At 1400 5146N 1637W	0315 EVERTSEN and OBDURATE detached to investigate green flare
28 Sep		0650 Carrier turned into wind to fly off two aircraft (Flying also at 1205 and 1425)



	At 1200 5151N 1706W  At 2000 5119N 1007W	0755 Alongside French tanker MEKONG port side 0830 Pumping commenced 0910 Pumping ceased 0920 All lines disconnected Exchanged status with DE ZUEN 1810 a/c to cover front of convoy whilst DE COUVERT investigated contact to port. 1930 DE COUVERT rejoined station
29 Sep	At 0800 5040N 0756W  At 2000 4940N 0550W	0945 Steadied on Co 132° ready to transfer 1 stoker from OBDURATE for Doctor 1028 OBDURATE alongside 1036 Transferred one sick case to RELENTLESS and one rating for landing for compassionate leave from Plymouth 1043 All lines disengaged 1113-1114 Helicopter arrived to collect penicillin for GRENVILLE 2000 Detached with GRENVILLE. Investigate S/M detected by a/c 2115 Carried out 3 attacks
30 Sep	Plymouth  At 2000 4958N 0343W	0650 Co and Sp for entering harbour 0830 Secured alongside GRENVILLE for oiling from WARNAWAB 1205 Slipped and proceeded out of harbour
		<b>No Ship's Log available for October</b> The entries for 27 <sup>th</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct are taken from the November Log The entries for 27 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct are verbatim transcriptions
27 Oct	Position is in the Minch Channel between the Inner and Outer Hebrides.  Whilst transiting the Minch Channel southbound, RELENTLESS has been conducting ASW exercises with VIGILANT  Position at 0800 5729.5N 0655.5W  Position at 1200 5730.6N 0650.4W	(P Emmet S/Lt Navigating Officer). FIRST ENTRY "0422 In collision with HMS VIGILANT. Hands to Emergency Stations. Bows buckled and holed in a number of places. Minor flooding in the bows. 0519 Neist Pt 063° 7.3 0533 Hands employed shoring up damage forward and emptying paint store 0620 Neist Pt 094° 5.8 0750 Neist Pt 135° 5.5 0830 Neist Pt 142½° 7.7 0930 Neist Pt 155½° 9.0 0938 Stern ahead and turning shortly into the wind 0945 Ship stopped to do more shoring. Tide at 0900 020°/2.5kts 1032 Going ahead for trial 1050 Stopped for final shoring. Position 57°33'N 06°51'W. 1050 Visual Fix 1120 Slow ahead both engines. a/c 190° 1135 sp 8 kts 1223 A/C 205° 1256 A/C 200°. Making good 6 kts. Ship carrying 10° of starboard helm 1300 Neist Pt Lt Ho brg 085° 4.2 1400 Position by Radar 57°19½'N 06°58½'W 1500 Position by Radar 57°15'N 07°02'W 1525 A/C 195° 1525 A/C 190° Vessel pitching easily & shipping light spray on Focs'l 1600 Position by Radar 57°09¼'N 07°04½'W 1700 Switched on Navigation lights & NUC lights 1722 A/C 195° 1734 Slow ahead both engines

	<p>Position at 2000 5653.8N 0706.5W</p>	<p>1745 A/C 190° 1750 50 revs A/C 195° 1800 Position by Radar 57°0.7'N 07°5.0'W 1830 Position by Radar 56°59'N 07°5.4'W NAVIGATOR FIXING FROM OPS ROOM 2028 Abandoned paint shop shut No. 9 Blk Hd Door 2039 Raised Barra Head Lt Brg 258° 2040 Wind increasing Force 7 2103 A/C 200° 2110 Strengthening shoring in for'd Naval Store 2155 A/C 210° 2130 Barra Hd 265° 17.5 2200 Slow ahead both engines 2215 Hove to both engines stopped. Average roll 15° wind increased to Force 8 2301 Barra Hd 268° 17</p>
<p>28 Oct</p>	<p>Position at 0800 5725½N 06 59½W</p> <p>Position at 1200 5730.4N 0653.6W</p> <p>Position at 2000</p>	<p>0100 Situation unchanged. Ship hove to across sea. Wind force 8 Ship's position whilst hove to:- 0105 56°49'N 07°05'W 0130 56°50.5'N 07°04.5'W 0200 56°51.2'N 07°04'W 0225 ½ ahead stbd ½ astern port 70 revs turning to n'ward to shelter in the Minches. Extreme difficulty expected in turning the ship. 0330 Increased to 70 Revs 0350 A/C to 355° 0445 57°03'N 06°59'W 0500 Revs reduced to 70. Sea quartering. Shoring in bows satisfactory 0525 Revs reduced to 68 0545 57°12'N 06°59.4'W Passed HMS Indomitable towed by five tugs on port beam 0545 Revs reduced to 66 0600 Pos'n: Usinish Pt Lt Brg 298° 7.4 0700 Pos'n: Usinish Pt Lt Brg 236½° 7.4 0720 Commenced turn to Port. Reduced to 50 revs 0720 Pos'n: Neist Pt Lt Brg 086° 7.5 Vessel hove to with wind &amp; sea 5 points on Port bow. Stopped both engines. Vessel hove to, Wind &amp; Sea on Port Beam. Both watches of hands cleaning ship 0915 57°27.6'N 06°57.5'W visual Fix. Tide now negligible 1010 Reverted to 5 minutes notice for steam 1025 Severe squalls 1100 Weather cleared. Drifted NE 2 miles during past hour 1100 57°29.6'N 06°55.2'W Visual Fix 1200 57°30.4'N 06°53.6'W Visual Fix. 2<sup>nd</sup> boiler at 1 hours notice for steam 1245 Tug Prosperous sighted 1250 Exchanged identities with Maidstone <i>(FURTHER position fixes)</i> 1430 Passing squalls 1445 Immediate notice for steam 1454 Slow ahead both engines 1455 ½ ahead 50 revs 1635 Stopped both engines. Hove to. Position at 1645 133° Neist Lt 9¼ Position at 1800 107.5° Dunvegan Head 9¼. Ship drifting to N'ward at approx. 2 knots 2000 Weave Pt Lt 257½° 6.5' Ship drifting in pos'n 029° 2 kts. Main engines at 5 mins notice</p>

	5737.7 0655W	Vessel hove to, wind & sea on Port beam. Drifting approx. 035° at 1½ kts 2300 Vaternish Pt Lt 143° Glas Eilean Lt 027° Vessel setting approx. 030° at 1.7 kts"
29 Oct	Stornoway	0010 Underway Co 040° Revs 60 Prosperous in company 0618 Ship hove to off Stornoway 0730 BWH prepared for entering harbour 0840 Secured starboard side to at Stornoway 1021 HM Tug Prosperous slipped from alongside 1500 Captain's Requestmen & Defaulters mustered 1645-1915 Free gangway open
30 Oct	Stornoway	(0700) ER Dept patching up hole in bow 1030 Captain's mess deck rounds 1030 Stbd anchor removed from FX and stowed amidships 1115-1158 Captain called on Provost 1750 HMS M1112 entered harbour 1908 HMS M1111 entered harbour 1910 HMS M1101 entered harbour 1912 HMS M1114 entered harbour 1945 3 ratings on draft to M1111 2200 Sur Lt Bamwell RNVR left ship to join URCHIN with 3 Telegraphists for passage to Loch Ewe. Motor cutter left ship for URCHIN 2245 Motor cutter returned and secured for the night
31 Oct	Stornoway > Greenock	0800 Hoisted motor cutter 0810-0844 M1101, M 1114, M1111, M1112 left harbour 0837 PROSPEROUS secured alongside port side 0902 Slipped & proceeded Position at 1100: 57°58.9'N 06°19.4'W 1144 Altered course to 242° to avoid trawler. FD44 reprimanded by light for not taking earlier action and not obeying Rule of the Road 1545 Visual Fix – Neist Pt Lt bore 038°/8.5nm Very slight suggestion of swell. One Shackleton sighted on a southerly course Position at 2000 56°41.4'N 07°17'W
01 Nov	Stornoway >Greenock Position at 0800 5517N 0559W 1200 5527N 0501.5W	1100 Ground haze fairly thick. Viz about 5 miles 1225 Passed TERMAGENT on port beam 1 mile 1548 Secured alongside Deepwater jetty Greenock
02 Nov	Greenock	1000 Pre docking conference held on board 1003 PROSPEROUS slipped and left harbour 1009 M1116 BURNASTON left harbour 1020-1245 RNO Clyde on board 1145 Lower deck cleared for issue of tobacco coupons 1315 Boys training class mustered 1545 Clear lower deck hand mustered for talk by Captain 1600 Jetty sentry posted for safe custody
03 Nov	Greenock	0645 Jetty sentry stood down 0900 Candidates training class (Boatwork) 1300-1630 Whaler left ship sailing

		1330 One tarpaulin (Rate Book Value £26) lost overboard 1630 One rating on draft to VIGILANT 1715 2 ratings travelling to Londonderry on duty
04 Nov	Greenock > Gareloch	0830 1 Officer – Lt Melhuish RN – and three ratings on draft 0920 Hoisted in gangway 0910 Whaler left ship and sailed for Gareloch4 0930 Slipped from Deepwater Pier Co & Sp to enter Gareloch 1030 Secured alongside Reserve Fleet Group at Deep Water wharf Gareloch 1315 Both watches employed boxing ammunition preparing to de-ammunition ship 1630-1730 Duty part employed de-ammunitioning ship
05 Nov	Gareloch	0843 BWH employed deammunitioning ship 1500 Stokers football team left ship 1545 Cleared lower deck for fortnightly payment 1645 Deammunitioning completed
06 Nov		1200 Libertyment fall in 1215 Free gangway 12341 Rating joined ship 1300 MUP mustered 1730 Whaler towed in and secured
07 Nov	Gareloch	1048 Clear lower deck 1100 2 mins silence 1102 Carry on
08 Nov	Gareloch > KG V Dock Glasgow	1200 Slipped. Vessel commenced turning. Tug Flying Swordfish for'd, Flying Spitfire aft 1310 Hoisted whaler 13418 Vessel turned and proceeded 1606 Arrived off berth. Lines ashore fore and aft 1612 In position. 1625 Securely fast fore and aft to River Wall, King George V Dock
09 Nov	Govan	0840 Two tugs secured Port side 0845 Pilot boarded 0900 Tugs Flying Hurricane & Flying Meteor in attendance 0918 Left quay. 0925 Vessel turning at entrance to KG V Dock 0928 Vessel turned & proceeded Stern first upriver 0952 Whiteinch Ferry. 1005 Govan Wharf Lt 1039 Arrived off No. 2 Dry Dock Govan 1047 Bow wires ashore let go For'd tug. 1049 Entered dock. Let go stern tug. 1106 Vessel in Dock. 1107 Caisson in place 1230 Two ratings joined ship. Two ratings returned from Londonderry on duty 1430 One rating returned on board from Hospital
10 Nov	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	0940 Medical stores left ship 1140 TEVIOT entered No.3 dry dock 1145 Cleared lower deck 1415 Captain's Requestmen & Defaulters mustered
11 Nov	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	No entries
12 Nov	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	1055 1 Rating on draft to HMS Dolphin
13 Nov	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	1030 Mess deck rounds
14 Nov	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	No entries
15 Nov	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	1322 PICKLE entered No. 1 dry dock

		1400 CLAN MACTAVISH entered No.1 dry dock 1700 1 Rating on draft
16 Nov	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	0740 Captain arrived on board 0900 1 Rating on draft 1525 ATTACKER (L3010) entered No.1 dry dock
17 Nov	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	0845 1 Rating on draft to RNB(C) 0945 Captain's Requestmen & Defaulters mustered 1145 Lower deck cleared for talk by Captain 1145 ATH arty returned on board 1815 Captain of PICKLE came on board
18 Nov	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	0842 Captain returned on board with Captain R B Jowitt 1120 1 Rating joined ship from RNB(C) 1600 Lower deck cleared for Main 'F' payment "1700 Capt Jowitt left ship.(sigh)"
19 Nov	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	1000 2 Ratings on draft 1245-1452 Captain ashore to lunch 1504 Captain to Clyde Navigation Trust
20 Nov	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	1030 Captain's mess deck rounds
21 Nov	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	0845-1000 RC Church party landed 1820 PICKLE left dry dock
22 Nov	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	0925 PINCHER left harbour 0955 1 Telegraphist draft to RNB Devonport 1030-1215 Captain to see Lord Provost Glasgow
23 Nov	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	1015 1 Rating (Steward) joined 1140 ATH returned on board 1300 Surg Lt Bamwell RNVR joined ship
24 Nov	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	1200 Hands to make and mend clothes
25 Nov	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	0900-1150 & 1315-1550 ATH party landed 0930 Captain's Requestmen & Defaulters mustered 1700 One Rating on draft to RNB Portsmouth
26 Nov	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	No entries
27 Nov	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	No entries
28 Nov	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	No entries
29 Nov	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	0855 1 rating on draft (Temp) to BMH Cowglen 1145 Lower deck cleared for talk by Captain
30 Nov	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	1700 2 Ratings on temporary draft to Devonport
01 Dec	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	0900 BWH to PT on jetty 0920 2 Ratings on draft 1145 Clear lower deck for issue of tobacco coupons 1400 Naval Stores and cases for life rafts arrived alongside
02 Dec	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	0830 Yeoman of Sigs + 5 ratings lent draft RNB Plymouth for Court Martial 1600 Clear lower deck for fortnightly payment
03 Dec	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	1400 1 Rating joined from RNB Chatham
04 Dec	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	No entries
05 Dec	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	0930 Prayers on Quarterdeck
06 Dec	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	0900-1145 ATH party landed
07 Dec	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	0750 1 Rating rejoined from RNB Devonport 0830 1 rating rejoined from RNB Devonport 2040 1 Rating RNSQ Abbotsinch for observation
08 Dec	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	1020 1 Rating discharged RNSQ Abbotsinch for observation

		1730 1 Rating rejoined ship from RNH
09 Dec	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	0800 Candidates for Seamanship exam left ship 1425 Stores arrived 1900 Candidates for higher rating returned on board
10 Dec	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	1600 Mr Mytten CCO left ship
11 Dec	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	1030 Mess deck rounds
12 Dec	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	1000 Church service held on Quarterdeck
13 Dec	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	0915 X-ray party landed 0920 1 Rating (AB) on draft RNB Chatham 1130 Clear lower deck for address by Captain 1145 Clear lower deck for Leave payment 1340 1 Rating joined from HMS Lochinvar
14 Dec	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	0900 First leave party proceeded on long leave 0915 Acting S/Lt R Bew RN left ship for seasonal leave to join RN College Greenwich 1100 Boats slips and slings landed for survey 1405 Prisoner & Escort left ship for HMS Sanderling 1750 Prisoner & Escort returned on board
15 Dec	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	No entries
16 Dec	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	No entries
17 Dec	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	No entries
18 Dec	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	0845 1 Rating proceeded on draft to RNB Chatham
19 Dec	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	No entries
20 Dec	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	1305 Prisoner & Escort to RNH Haslar via Abbotsinch RNAS 1425 Escort to Abbotsinch returned on board
21 Dec	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	0845 1 Rating drafted to RNB Chatham
22 Dec	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	No entries
23 Dec	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	No entries
24 Dec	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	No entries
25 Dec	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	1830 All guests landed
26 Dec	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	No entries
27 Dec	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	No entries
28 Dec	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	No entries
29 Dec	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	0900 Main leave party returned 1315 Clear lower deck of 2 <sup>nd</sup> leave party for payment <b>LAST PAGE</b>

## HMS RELENTLESS – EXTRACT FROM SHIP’S LOG – 1955

1955	Place / Position	Comments
Jan 01-16		On December 29 <sup>th</sup> 1954, RELENTLESS was in dry dock in Govan undergoing repairs as a result of collision damage. Between that date and the first entry in this January 1955 log, RELENTLESS obviously came out of dry dock and undertook seaworthiness trials before sailing for Londonderry. No data is available until Jan 17 <sup>th</sup> when the ship was alongside in Londonderry.
Jan 17	Londonderry	1015 Slipped and proceed downstream
Jan 18-25	Londonderry	No data available
Jan 26	Londonderry	0705 LOCH VEYATIE slipped for sea
Jan 27	Londonderry	0955 CARISBROOKE CASTLE entered harbour 1020 TUMULT secured alongside WIZARD 1100 1 rating to RNSQ Sea Eagle and 4 ratings joined from RNB( Chatham) 1557 VOLAGE secured in 19 berth 1835 LOCH VEYATIE secured alongside VOLAGE
Jan 28	Londonderry	0840 URCHIN passed up stream 1025 Clear lower deck hands muster for fortnightly payment 1515 CARISBROOKE CASTLE entered harbour
Jan 29	Londonderry	1130 Sub Lt Oakley joined from WIZARD
Jan 30	Londonderry	No entries. Last page in log
Jan 31	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0820 Slipped and proceed to Lisahally 0905 HM s/m ALDERNEY entered harbour 0915 Secured alongside LISAHALLY 1000 Commenced fuelling 1200 Completed fuelling 1220-1735 Clear lower deck of all Junior Rates for ammunitioning 1500 1 CH REL returned from hospital 1845 HM Trawler TIREE passed down river
Feb 01	Londonderry	0912 Slipped and proceeded to Londonderry 0948 Secured alongside stbd side 19 Berth 1015 Two ratings loan draft to TUMULT returned on board 1145 Clear lower deck of all CPOs and POs 1612 Slipped and proceed to Magilligan 1740 Came to stbd anchor in C3 Berth Magilligan 1955 LOCH VEYATIE came to anchor
Feb 02	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0745 Weigh and proceed 1100-1130 Hands to exercise Action Stations 1120 In station on BRIDLINGTON 160° 3 miles 1712 Commence broad weave 2220 In new station BRIDLINGTON 2300 Echo brg red 20° 2306 Screen a/c 090°. Contact classified nonsub, resumed sweep
Feb 03	Londonderry	No entries
Feb 04	Londonderry	In Londonderry at 17 & 18 Berth 0915 Hands to divisions 0940 Hands mustered on jetty, march to 33 shed for address by Chaplain of Fleet

		1035 Hands returned on board 1145-1220 Captain of TUMULT paid official call on Captain 1220 1 rating rejoined from RNSQ 1450 1 rating on draft to LYSANDER 1520-1735 Chaplain of Fleet on board
Feb 05	Londonderry	No entries
Feb 06	Londonderry	0900-1714 Dress ship overall 1300 Lt Cdr ELLYHATT RNVR joined ship for sea training RNVR
Feb 07	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0745 Slipped and proceeded down river Convoy exercise in company with URCHIN, TUMULT, LOCH VEYATIE, WIZARD 0953 Exercised seaboard crew. Time 2 mins 1005-1034 Took TUMULT under our orders to carry out OOW manoeuvres 2323 Came to stbd anchor C1 berth Magailligan
Feb 08	Anchored Magailligan	0810-1815 Captain ashore for washup at HMS Sea Eagle. One seaman proceeded on draft
Feb 09	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0745 Weighed and proceeded in company with URCHIN 0806 White watch cruising watch, closed up look out and seaman gunner closed up 1300 Submarine surfaced bearing 212° 2230 URCHIN assumed tactical command and guide 2230 Mull of Kintyre Lt 159° Altacarry Lt 219°
Feb 10	Londonderry	1105 Secured alongside b berth Lisahally 1115 URCHIN entered harbour 1130 1 rating returned from sick on shore 1438 Slipped and proceeded upriver to Londonderry 1515 Secured alongside URCHIN
Feb 11	Londonderry	1000 2 ratings joined from RNB Chatham 1140 Clear lower deck hands muster for fortnightly payment
Feb 12	Londonderry	No entries
Feb 13	Londonderry	1000-1130 Boys Church party landed (CofE) 1720 S/Lt Lawson RNVR joined ship
Feb 14	Londonderry	No entries
Feb 15	Londonderry	1400 1 rating joined ship
Feb 16	Londonderry	0825 1 rating temp draft to RNSQ 1030 Captain's Defaulters and Requestmen mustered 1325 2 ratings on draft to RNB Chatham 1 rating discharged RNB Chatham 1 rating on draft to HMS Drake
Feb 17	Londonderry > Liverpool  At 2000 55°19'N 06°26'W	0811 Slipped and stand off under two tugs while WIZARD slips 0845 Secured alongside No. 17/18 berth 1550 Winding ship 1555 Slipped and proceed to Lisahally 1620 Secure stbd side to C berth Lisahally 1737 Slipped and proceeded
Feb 18	Liverpool	0655 Co& Sp for proceeding up channel 0800 Swinging ship in river (MERSEY) 0820 Secured alongside Trafalgar cut 0837 Entered dock 0918 Secured alongside Trafalgar Branch Dock Liverpool 1335 1 rating on draft to RNB Chatham



		1700 1 Petty Officer joined ship from HMS Vernon
Feb 19	Liverpool	0915 Lt Ellyatt left ship on completion of 14 days RNVR training
Feb 20	Liverpool	1925 3 ratings join from RNB Chatham
Feb 21	Liverpool	Mon 1634 Slipped and proceeded under two tugs 1648 Passing through Trafalgar Cut 1705 Locked in Trafalgar Lock 1724 Slipped and proceeded into river
Feb 22	At 2000 53°36'N 03°37'W At 0800 55°18'N 05°51'W At 2000 55°21'N 05°58'W	Liverpool to Londonderry
Feb 23	Londonderry	1530 Secure alongside C Berth Lisahally 1600-1705 Fuelling (180 tons fuel oil) 1738 Slipped and proceeded from Lisahally 1800 Ship turning in to port in River Foyle 1825 Secure alongside URCHIN at 17/18 berth Londonderry
Feb 24	Londonderry	1200 Assumed duty as Emergency Destroyer 1755 Slipped from 17/18 Berth. Held off by 2 tugs 1808 WIZARD berthed alongside URCHIN at 17/18 Berth 1820 Secured alongside WIZARD
Feb 25	Londonderry	1145 Captain ALDERNEY paid official call on Captain
Feb 26	Londonderry	1030 Captain's messdeck rounds
Feb 27	Londonderry	1000 Church parties landed
Feb 28	Londonderry and Exercise Areas At 1200 55°20'N 06°31'W	0755 Slipped and proceeded 1100 Carrying out modified Goose Chase with HM sub SIDON* 1330 Came to single anchor in C3 berth Magilligan 1430 WIZARD came to anchor at C5 berth 1810 WIZARD left harbour <i>*13 crew members were killed and HM Submarine SIDON damaged beyond repair on 16<sup>th</sup> June 1955 when an experimental torpedo exploded in the tube whilst the ship was alongside MAIDSTONE at Portland.</i>
Mar 01	Londonderry Exercise Areas	At C3 Berth Magilligan 1120-1145 Motor whaler lower for engine trials 1200 Make & mend 1700 Rigged Mediterranean ladder on stbd quarter 1800 Reverted to 4 watch system
Mar 02	Londonderry Exercise Areas	0815 ML496 alongside to transfer passengers 0835 Weighed and proceeded to sea with WIZARD in company 1125 Commenced Donegal weave MLA 025 1600 Dome housed 1823 Anchored in C1 berth Magilligan
Mar 03	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0713-0717 RML496 alongside with passengers 0744 Weighed in company with LOCH VEYATIE 1400 Exercise complete ACR crew fallen out, dome housed 1528 Passing Lisahally and Reserve Fleet 1550 Went alongside WIZARD stbd side to at 17 berth 1650 LOCH VEYATIE secured alongside port side to
Mar 04	Londonderry	1100 One rating joined ship 1325 LSM Winters loan draft to RNAS Eglinton 1430 2 ratings drafted to RNB Chatham
Mar 05	Londonderry	0850 LOCH RUTHVEN laid off 18 Berth 0915 HM s/m TUMULT entered harbour secured at 18 Berth

		1100 Clear lower deck hands to divisions 1130 Captain's upper deck rounds 1215 Major HOBSON Y.A.L joined ship 1220 Wing Cdr DODD RAF joined ship 2125 'MERCURY ALERT' Sentries placed. Hoses rigged
Mar 06	Londonderry	1200-2325 Canteen patrol landed 1 POSM 1 rating 1350-1510 2 ratings additional canteen patrol landed
Mar 07	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0400 Jetty and Ship Sentries closed up 0705 'MERCURY ALERT' stand down 0740 1 rating drafted to RNB Chatham 0750 CREA loan draft HMS Sea Eagle 0755 Winding ship 0805 Slipped and proceeded 1132 Commenced Donegal weave to stbd 1143 A/S contact classified s/m 1147 Initiated Comex, Ops conning carry out AS attacks 1612-1630 Underwater telephone lowered 1755 Anchored in C1 berth
Mar 08	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0833 Weighed and proceeded 1153-1204 UWT lowered 1220-1245 Gun functioning trials with Bofors 1445 Commenced Donegal weave to stbd 1525-1540 UWT deployed 1742 Secured alongside C Berth Lisahally
Mar 09	Londonderry	1128 Slipped and proceeded upstream 1200 Secured alongside WIZARD at 17/18 Berth 1400 1 Rating on draft to RNB
Mar 10	Londonderry	1820 LOCH VEYATIE entered harbour secured at 18 Berth 1840 1840 LOCH RUTHVEN entered harbour secured at 18 Berth 1850
Mar 11	Londonderry	0900 Professional examination for candidates for Leading Seaman & Petty Officer commenced. Both watches of the hands employed cleaning ship and rigging Foyle Club for Ship's Company Dance 1315 Three ratings on draft to RNB Chatham 1640 Duty part required for stores
Mar 12	Londonderry	1030 Captain's Messdeck rounds
Mar 13	Londonderry	1115 1 Rating drafted to HMS Sea Eagle for onward transmission to RNB Chatham
Mar 14	Londonderry and Exercise Areas  At 2000 55°47'N 07°50'W	0810 Slip delayed due to fog 0830 Slipped and proceed 1208 Co & Sp as necessary for taking up station No. 4 1235 Commenced broad weave 1240 Base course 300° carried out Donegal weave 1326 Resume station on convoy 1545 In station LOCH VEYATIE, commenced broad weave 1804 Co & Sp as requisite to take station Queen 4
Mar 15	Londonderry Exercise Areas	0106 Anchor slipped 0118 Anchored Charlie 2 berth Magilligan 1220 RML498 alongside 1230 RML498 slipped proceeded up river with Captain 1850-1855 M/L 498 alongside 2230 Weighed anchor. LOCH RUTHVEN and LOCH VEYATIE

		ordered to weigh. Formation One RELENTLESS, LOCH VEYATIE, LOCH RUTHVEN
Mar 16	Londonderry Exercise Areas  At 1200 54°33'N 05°04'W	0056 Mull of Kintyre Lt raised brg 089° 0844 LOCH RUTHVEN 1½ ' stbd beam LOCH VEYATIE 1½' port beam 0953 LOCH RUTHVEN in contact with submarine 1131 LOCH RUTHVEN initiated comex 1213 LOCH VEYATIE ordered to close LOCH RUTHVEN to carry out Operation Tomato visibility reduced to 3 miles 1440-1501 Commenced zig zag 1510 Taking station on merchant vessel AVISGLEN 1905 s/m TACITURN surfaced for routine signal 1930 dived 2055 Commenced Asdic search 2120 Commenced narrow weave
Mar 17	Londonderry and Exercise Areas  At 0700 54°03'N 05°20'W	0036 Raised St John's Lt brg 237° 0015 Dome housed. Search for possible ship in distress which had been reported by Coastguards. Switched on Navigation lights 0044 White flares sighted 185° a/c to investigate 0230 Completed sweep to the south. Nothing sighted. Entered exercise area and continued patrol 1308 Quigley's Point abeam to port 1336 Reserve Fleet Lisahally abeam to port 1420 Secured alongside at 17 berth
Mar 18	Londonderry	1120 Rum brought aboard No. of pts 458 cask numbers 218 215 218 225 221 222 1720 1 rating returned from RNSQ Eglinton
Mar 19	Londonderry	0945 1 rating rejoined from loan draft to CARISBROOKE CASTLE 1000 One officer joined – Lieut Commander P Houseden RNVR 1100 Lower deck cleared for Divisions
Mar 20	Londonderry	1700 Rating detained in RNSQ Sea Eagle
Mar 21	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0730 Slipped 0915-1010 OOW evolutions 1030 Take up screening stations, convoy brg 037° 1100 Commenced LIX 21 1115 LOCH RUTHVEN investigating to stbd contact non-sub 1810 Commenced broad weave ahead of convoy
Mar 22	Anchored Magilligan	0010 Came to single anchor at C4 berth Magilligan 1000-1045 Captain visits Captain D 1110 Whaler slipped for evolutions 1145 Lower deck cleared, up whaler
Mar 23	Londonderry Exercise Areas  At 2000 55°55'N 08°41'W	0610 BLACK RANGER proceeded to sea 0705 Weighed and proceeded to sea 0903 In station ACR crew commence operating LOCH RUTHVEN 1½ stbd beam 0930 Shackleton in contact with SM 1050 Confirmed s/m 1102 Attacking Limbo 1250 Station D3 1350 Asdic 170 unserviceable 2215 URCHIN to take station 2m stbd beam 2248 carried out attack green grenade 225 1000x 2307 Bow lights and mast head obstruction light switched off.

		Proceeding to rejoin convoy
Mar 24	Londonderry	1137 Secured alongside B berth Lisahally 1225 Two ratings drafted to WIZARD 1445 Completed fuelling 1600 Secured alongside URCHIN at 17/18 Berth 1605 2 ratings drafted to WIZARD
Mar 25	Londonderry	1110 Provisions brought onboard 1200 1 rating on draft to RNB
Mar 26	Londonderry > Cardiff	1035 One rating discharged to LOCH VEYATIE 1800 Slipped and proceed
Mar 27	At 0800 52°22'N 05°36'W Cardiff	1900 Locked in Queen Alexandra Lock 1930 Slipped and proceed to dock 1955 Secured alongside Queen Alexandra Dock
Mar 28	Cardiff	1000-1145 Captain left ship on official visit to Lord Mayor 1250-1555 Captain left ship on official visit
Mar 29	Cardiff	0900 Guard to drill 1100 4" Guns crew to drill 1140-1240 Captain left on official visit to Lord Lieutenant of Glamorgan 1320 1 rating left ship on advanced seasonal leave 1400-1800 Ship open to visitors
Mar 30	Cardiff	1220-1430 Lord Mayor of Cardiff arrived on board to return official call 1815 Official Cocktail Party held on board
Mar 31	Cardiff	1345 FS AILILTE berthed 5 berth Queen's Dock 1347 Officer of Guard left ship 1445 1 officer + 10 cadet force ratings joined ship 1430-1520 CO FS AILILTE called on Captain 1525-1545 Captain called on CO FS AILILTE 1530-1730 Children's party on board
Apr 01	Cardiff	1145 Lower deck cleared for issue of tobacco coupons 1400-1800 Ship open to visitors. Number of visitors visited ship 1,015
Apr 02	Cardiff	1400-1800 Ship open to visitors (587 visitors)
Apr 03	Cardiff > Chatham	1703 Slipped and proceed 1708 secure in lock 1716 Slipped and proceed from lock ( <i>en route Chatham</i> ) Position at 2200 51°01'N 04°42.2'W
Apr 04	At 1100 50°07'N 03°26'W At 1600 50°21'N 01°55'W	0420 Lizard Hd Lt raised brg 012° 2300 Exchanged identities with MV ARCADIA bound from Australia to London
Apr 05	Folly Point, Chatham	0735 Secure at Nos 15 & 16 buoys Folly Point 0745 Ammunition barge secured alongside 0815 Lower deck cleared to de-ammunition ship 1015 C-in-C's barge passed upstream flying Negative 1205 Completed de-ammunitioning 1245 2 ammunition barges slipped stbd side 1250 Ammunition barge slipped port side
Apr 06	Chatham	0915 SSD close up. Guard fallen in on Iron Deck 0950 Slipped form 15-16 buoys Tug 'Emphatic' secured for'd 1005 Secured in South Lock

		1020 Lt Baxter RNR left ship 1050 Slipped from South Lock 1110 Secured alongside WHIRLWIND at No. 3 Basin East 1120 Captain left ship on official visit 1132 Clear lower deck of 1 <sup>st</sup> Leave Party for payment
Apr 07	Chatham	1155 First Leave Party left ship
Apr 08	Chatham	No entries
Apr 09	Chatham	<i>Easter Saturday</i> 1130 Ship open to visitors (1800) All visitors clear of ship. No. of visitors 2,259
Apr 10	Chatham	<i>Easter Sunday</i> 1030-1845 ship dressed overall 1130 Ship open to visitors (1800) All visitors clear of ship. No. of visitors 3,895
Apr 11	Chatham	<i>Easter Monday</i> 1030-1845 Ship dressed overall 1130 Ship open to visitors 1800 Ship closed to visitors (No. 7,052) (which equals one visitor coming aboard every THREE seconds and on average, every 5 seconds over the 3 days)
Apr 12	Chatham	0720 S/Lt Oakley RN left ship. Lt Mansfield RN left ship
Apr 13	Chatham	No entries
Apr 14	Chatham	0900 CBs & CPs landed for return to C in C Nore Book Office
Apr 15	Chatham	0900 Tugs secured alongside 0910 Slipped from WHIRLWIND 0925 Secured alongside DELIGHT
Apr 16-17	Chatham	No entries
Apr 18	Chatham	0800 CHEVIOT entered 3 Basin from 2 Basin and secured alongside DEFENDER 1400-1500 Colours half masted
Apr 19	Chatham	0945 MARINER slipped 1120 SHACKLETON slipped entered lock
Apr 20	Chatham	1315 Retard Leave Party muster for payment 1445 LOCH LOMOND to Farewell Jetty
Apr 21	Chatham	0820 CHEVIOT comes alongside 0940 DEFENDER move No. 2 Basin 1055 CHEVIOT moved to West Wall No. 3 Basin
Apr 22	Chatham	1145 Retard Leave Party fall in on jetty 1445 Sub Lt Lawson RNR left ship 1530 Lower deck cleared for fortnightly payment
Apr 23-24	Chatham	No entries
Apr 25	Chatham	0925 1 rating to RNH Gillingham 0930 Ratings on draft to RNB Chatham 1300 SBA Williams to WIZARD Derry
Apr 26	Chatham	0927 1 rating of draft to MULL OF GALLOWAY 0930 Captain's Requestmen & Defaulters 2140 1 rating discharged to RNSQ Chatham
Apr 27	Chatham	0930 1 rating drafted to BARKIS ( <i>boom defence vessel</i> )
Apr 28	Chatham	No entries
Apr 29	Chatham	1325 One offender close custody to RNB Chatham
Apr 30	Chatham	No entries

May 01	Chatham	Sunday. No entries
May 02	Chatham	1010 1 offender returned on board from RNB 1130 1 rating on draft to MARINER 1145 Clear lower deck for tobacco coupons 1230-1330 captain of DELIGHT on board 1 rating joined ship from RNB
May 03	Chatham	0900 GRENVILLE slipped from No 2 Basin 1030 12 ratings drafted to RNB Chatham 1140-1223 C in C on board 1340 1 rating drafted to VIRAGO
May 04	Chatham	1005 GRENVILLE sailed 1140 MARINEER sailed
May 05	Chatham	0950 1 rating on draft to RNB 1000 Escort left ship for RNB 1015 Escort returned on board with offender 1020 Lower deck cleared. Warrant No. 23 was read to ships company 1050 Escort and offender left ship for RNCE Portsmouth
May 06	Chatham	1140 Lower deck cleared for main payment
May 07-08	Chatham	No entries
May 09	Chatham	0915 1 rating on draft to URSA 1325 VIRAGO left harbour 1410 1 rating left ship for Londonderry 1500 1 PO GI joined ship
May 10	Chatham > Faslane At 2000 50°49'N 01°01E	1030 11 ratings left ship to RNB 1315 Slipped from South Basin 3 west 1340 Entered North lock 1422 Clear of lock Co & Sp as necessary for leaving harbour
May 11	Chatham > Faslane At 0800 50°01'N 04°19'W At 2000 52°17'N 05°56'W	
May 12	Chatham > Faslane At 0800 55°08'N 05°14'W At 1200 59°39'N 04°58'W	0900-1045 commenced ship handling trials 1330 Entered Roseneath Bay Co & Sp as necessary for entering Gareloch 1403 Secured alongside BUCHAN NESS stbd side to 1730 URCHIN entered harbour 1745 URCHIN secured port side
May 13	Faslane - Gareloch	0730 URCHIN slipped and left harbour 2 ratings on draft to RNB Chatham
May 14-16	Faslane	No entries
May 17	Faslane	One rating on draft to VOLAGE
May 18	Faslane	No entries
May 19	Faslane	1245 3 Ratings to HMS Royal Arthur
May 20	Faslane	0630 1 rafting drafted to CERES 0945 1 rating drafted to GLORY 1140 Clear lower deck for main payment 1600 Lower deck cleared 1610 Ship paid off. Draft left ship for RNB Chatham
		<b>...and so ends the 50's commissions</b>
		<b>...Almost</b>



## HMS RELENTLESS – EXTRACT FROM SHIP’S LOG – 1956

### September ONLY available

We last saw RELENTLESS on May 20<sup>th</sup> 1955 alongside the Support Ship BUCHAN NESS in Faslane

At some stage between 20<sup>th</sup> May 1955 and 1<sup>st</sup> September 1956, RELENTLESS moved, or was moved, up and across the Clyde to Queens Dock, in Glasgow.

Between the 1<sup>st</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> September, RELENTLESS was ‘commissioned’ and was stored and ammunitioned. She undertook Machinery Trials, Full Speed and Measured Mile trials, LIMBO mortar firing trials, Radar Acceptance Trials and Radar calibration. All this took place in the Clyde Exercise Areas.

Subsequently, RELENTLESS went down to Devonport to go through degaussing on the DG Range at Cawsand Bay and calibrated the MF and HF Direction Finding equipment. For some inexplicable reason she then spent two days anchored at Portland before returning to the Clyde.

On arrival back at Queens Dock in Glasgow, the ship was de-stored, the crew were drafted off and the ship ‘de-commissioned’.

I assume that these trials were a part of the ship being in ‘Category One Reserve’ but there are no other Ship’s Logs available of a similar nature.

If there is anyone around who served on this brief ‘commission’ or served on other ships which underwent such exercises, it would be nice to know the background.

For now, here is the detail of this phantom commission.

1956	Place / Position	Comments
Sep 01 Saturday	Glasgow	Log signed by R C Cliff Lieutenant RN Navigating Officer and the Captain is S J McArdle (0800) Ship commissioned? 0900 Exercised Steering Breakdown, Seaboat and Cable Parties 1630-1740 Captain left ship
Sep 02	Glasgow	0710 Lt Thomas RNR joined ship 0820 Lt Paine RNVR joined ship 0800 1 CPO RNVR joined ship 0930 Hands to Divisions: Dress No.2 Negat Medals 0950 Captain’s Prayers 1410 Captain left ship 1440 1 rating lent draft from JUPITER joined ship
Sep 03	From Queens Dock Glasgow to Greenock	0915 Pilot came aboard 0920 Two tugs joined. ‘Chieftain’ secured ahead, one astern 0930 Left from Yorkhill Quay with assistance of two tugs proceeded down river 0940 Left Greenock. Co & Sp 5kts as requisite to steam down the Clyde River 1000 Slipped after tug 1110 Sp 8kts 1205 Slipped for’a’d tug at Greenock 1218 Secured to A1 Buoy Greenock. Swinging compass with aid of tug



		<p>1505 Compass swing completed  1845 Slipped and proceeded to 'The Hole' to commence capstan and anchor trials  2010 Weighed and proceeded to D3 anchorage  2025 Anchored to port in 6 fathoms</p>
Sep 04	A1 Buoy (Tail o' the Bank)	<p>0845 Lower deck cleared for Monthly issue of cigarette coupons  1015-1130 A/C assisting in 282 TRIALS overhead  1300 Type 282 trials recommenced. A/C assisting overhead  1545 Type 282 trials completed A/C returned to base  1710 Secured alongside Princes Pier Greenock port side to</p>
SEP 05	Clyde Areas	<p>0950 Slipped &amp; proceeded to sea. Co &amp; Sp as requisite to clear the Lower Clyde areas  1000 Commenced Preliminary Main Machinery Trials  1607 Secured alongside Customs House jetty Greenock stbd side to</p>
Sep 06	Greenock	<p>0915 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Requestmen  1200 1 rating discharged to JUPITER for Pembroke  2000 1 rating discharged to Greenock Infirmary</p>
Sep 07	Clyde Areas	<p>0935 Slipped &amp; proceeded to sea  0912 Full Ahead Both. Commenced Preliminary Full Power Trials  1200 a/c to Port as requisite to circle Ailsa Craig abeam to Port  1208 passed first Ø on Arran Measured Mile at Full Speed  1233 Second crossing of Measured Mile. Speed 28.7 kts  1608 Passed HM s/m TOTEM  1705 Secured alongside  1740 Lower deck cleared for fortnightly payment  2020 HMS CLYDE passed going out to sea</p>
Sep 08	Greenock	<p>1030 Captain's messdeck &amp; Store Room rounds  1135 HMS BLACKBURN passed going to sea  1420-1620 Captain left ship  1932 HMS BLACKBURN passed entering harbour  2025 Captain left ship</p>
Sep 09	Greenock	<p>0930 Hands to Divisions. No 1s with Medals  0945 Captain's address and prayers  1010 Captain's Upper Deck Rounds  1632-1745 Captain left ship  1910 Captain left ship</p>
Sep10	Clyde Areas	<p>0930 Slipped &amp; proceeded to sea for Full Power Trial  1215 Full ahead both engines commenced Full Power Trial  1300 Passed within 1 mile of a fishing vessel (seine netting)  1635 Came to port anchor in 12 fathoms with 6 shackles (<i>at Tail o' the Bank</i>)</p>
Sep 11	Clyde Areas	<p>1010-1220 Captain left ship for JUPITER  1020 Commenced Radar acceptance trials (Type 262) with Balliol a/c  1334 Weighed (foul anchor)  1340 Proceeded to sea  1405 Stopped both (engine failure) hoisted NUC Balls.  Commenced Radar Calibration (Type 262) with Balliol a/c  1455 Anchor aweigh  1735 Secured alongside Princes Pier Greenock. Port side to  1800 Embarked 298 tons fuel oil form lighter</p>

Sep 12	Greenock	0933 Slipped & proceeded 1305 974 radar unserviceable 1545 Secured alongside port side to at Deep water jetty Princes Pier
Sep 13	Greenock	1525 Ammunition lighter secured stbd side 1845 Ammunitioning completed. Embarked 12 live, 102 dummy & 18 practice A/S Mortar Mk 10 bombs
Sep 14	Greenock > Devonport	0805 Lt Thompson RNR left ship 0845 15 RNVR ratings discharged to their parent ships 0914 Ratings joined from JUPITER 0930 Slipped & proceeded on AS Mortar Mk10 Trials 1020 Stopped engines commenced trials 1131 Fired 6 inerts 1139 Fired 6 inerts 1156 Fired 6 inerts 1212 Fired 1 live 185° 1000x 1223 Fired 1 live 1229 Fired 1 live 1243 Fired 1 live 1245 Fired 1 live 1246 Fired 1 live 1256 Fired 6 live 190° 400x 1437 Came to stbd anchor in 6 fathoms 1800 Weighed anchor and proceeded to Devonport
Sep 15	Greenock > Devonport	Position at 0800 52° 54'N 05° 29'W At 2000 50° 25'N 05° 45.5'W
Sep 16	Devonport	0040 Lizard 186° 6.7m 0225 Eddystone 332° 4.7m 0404 Came to stbd anchor in 6 fathoms with 3 shackles 0930 Aweigh Co 060° Sp 10 kts 0940 Officer of the Guard came aboard. Both engines slow. Co & Sp as requisite to steam up the Hamoaze 1010 Secured alongside TEAZER in No. 1 Basin bows north 1420 Captain left ship 1435 Lt Edwards RNVR left ship
Sep 17	Devonport	0930 Slipped & proceeded to sea for DG Ranging 1010 Commenced DG Ranging at Cawsand Bay 1115 Came to stbd anchor in 4 fathoms with 3 shackles 1215-1500 Commenced MF/DF Calibration with MFV 1530 Weighed & proceeded 1610 Secured alongside TEAZER 1730 Captain left ship
Sep 18	Devonport > Portland	0745 Slipped & proceeded to sea for HF/DF calibration 0817 Passed Breakwater through Western channel 0904 Came to port anchor in 14 fathoms with 5 shackles 0930 Commenced HF/DF calibration 2159 Portland Bill Lt Brg 054° 10 miles 2331 Came to port anchor in 7 fathoms with 4 shackles in R1 berth
Sep 19	Portland (Weymouth Bay)	No entries
Sep 20	Portland(Weymouth Bay)	1350 Captain went ashore 1400 RFA ROWANOL berthed alongside 1625 RFA ROWANOL from alongside to OCP
Sep 21	Portland > Clyde	1300 Slipped 1730 Passed HMS FLEETWOOD 1855 Lizard bore 000° 3.2 miles
Sep 22	Portland > Clyde	Position at 0800 52° 41.5'N 05° 28.6'W

		At 1200 53° 37'N 05° 11.5'W 1055 X Identity Tug 'Enforcer' towing HMS RATTLER 1100 General Payment 1300 Mismuster for General Payment 2300 Came to stbd anchor in 6 fathoms with 5 shackles in D1 berth Greenock
Sep 23	Greenock – Glasgow	0745 Lt Paine RNVR left ship 0815 Pilot came on board 0830 Weighed & proceeded to Admiralty Jetty, Old Kilpatrick 1005 Secured portside to Admiralty jetty 1500 Slipped & proceeded to No. 18 Berth Queens Dock 1630 Secured alongside HMS CADIZ portside to Bows east to No. 18 Berth, Queens Dock, Glasgow 2045 Captain left ship
Sep 24	Glasgow	0745 Hands employed de-storing ship and preparing for Draft 1030 Draft from HMS JUPITER left ship 1530 Draft for HMS PEMBROKE left ship 1600 HMS RELENTLESS PAID OFF
		<b>NOW it's the end of the 50s commissions, unless...</b>