

# HMS RELENTLESS

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## 1960'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 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 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 1964</b>            June 16-30 ADM 53/162998            Jun 24 1964 – Apr 20 1965 ADM 53/162999            Jul 64 ADM 53/163000            Aug 64 ADM 53/163001            Sep 64 ADM 53/163002            Oct 64 ADM 53/163003            Nov 64 ADM 53/163004            Dec 64 ADM 53/163005</p>	<p><b>Ship's Logs 1965</b>            Jan 65 ADM 53/164506            Feb 65 ADM 53/164507            Mar 65 ADM 53/164508            Apr 65 ADM 53/164509            May 65 ADM 53/164510            Jun 65 ADM 53/164511            Jul 65 ADM 53/164512            Aug 65 ADM 53/164513            Sep 65 ADM 53/164514            Oct 65 ADM 53/164515            Nov 65 ADM 53/164516            Dec 65 ADM 53/164517</p>	<p><b>Ship's Logs 1966</b>            Jan 66 ADM 53/166350e            Feb 66 ADM 53/166351            Mar 66 ADM 53/166352            Apr 66 ADM 53/166353            May 66 ADM 53/166354            Jun 66 ADM 53/166355            Jul 66 ADM 53/166356            Aug 66 ADM 53/166357            Sep 66 ADM 53/166358            Oct 66 ADM 53/166359            Nov 66 ADM 53/166360            Dec 66 ADM 53/166361</p>
<p><b>Ship's Logs 1967</b>            Jan 67 ADM 53/168118            Feb 67 ADM 53/168119            Mar 67 ADM 53/168120            Apr 67 ADM 53/168121            May 67 ADM 53/168122            Jun 67 ADM 53/168123            Jul 67 ADM 53/168124            Aug 67 ADM 53/168125            Sep 67 ADM 53/168126            Oct 67 ADM 53/168127            Nov 67 ADM 53/168128            Dec 67 ADM 53/168129</p>	<p><b>Ship's Logs 1968</b>            Jan 68 ADM 53/169796            Feb 68 ADM 53/169797            Mar 68 ADM 53/169798            Apr 68 ADM 53/169799            May 68 ADM 53/169800            Jun 68 ADM 53/169801            Jul 68 ADM 53/169802</p> <p>Relentless. Paid off for refit at Devonport - Aug 1-12 68 ADM 53/169803</p>	

## HMS RELENTLESS – EXTRACT FROM SHIP’S LOGS - 1964

1964	Place / Position	Comments
		<b>SHIP’S LOG STARTS ON 16 JUNE 1964</b>
16 Jun Tue	ROSYTH	0925-0955 Cold move to South Arm ( <i>47 hrs notice for steam</i> ) 1610-1630 Captain Perks onboard ( <i>from HMS Cochrane</i> )
<b>17 Jun</b>	<b>Rosyth</b>	<b>0610 Captain A G WATSON joined</b>
20 Jun	Rosyth	1 rating joined from HMS Sea Eagle
21 Jun	Rosyth	1800 S/Lt Jackson joined
22 Jun	Rosyth	0930 Captain calls on Captain of Dockyard
23 Jun	Rosyth	1715 AB Kemp joined from BERRYHEAD 1740 AB Beech joined from HMS Safeguard ( <i>HM Naval Base Rosyth</i> ) 2010 7 JRs joined from HMS Pembroke 2220 1 PO, 11 JRs joined
24 Jun	Rosyth	0020 5 Juniors joined from HMS Raleigh 0750 S/Lt Francis joined 0800 3 JRs joined 0845 1 rating from HMS Drake Joined 1035 1 rating from HMS Mercury joined 1630 1 JR joined
25 Jun	Rosyth	2200 1 rating joined from HMS Mercury
<b>27 Jun</b>	<b>Rosyth</b>	<b>1100 Commissioning Ceremony on Jetty</b>
28 Jun	Rosyth	1015-1130 Captain left ship for Church 1410-1830 Captain ashore
29 Jun	Rosyth	0830-0914 Moved to No.10 buoy 1352 Slipped from 10 buoy and proceeded to sea. Co & Sp as req to clear Forth Bridge 1400 Passed under Forth Railway Bridge 1500-1900 <i>Various manoeuvres</i> 2050 Passed under Forth railway bridge 2130 Secured alongside South Arm 2205 1 PO joined from Cochrane
30 Jun	Rosyth	0830 Slipped South Arm 0848 Passed under Forth Railway Bridge 1302-1628 <i>Various manoeuvres</i> 1650 Passed under Forth Bridge 1718 Secured alongside South Arm 1740 Midshipman Chandler joined 1825-2000 Divers down port side aft
01 Jul Wed	Rosyth sea areas	1045 & 1230 FOSNI passed in barge. Piped ( <i>Vice Admiral Sir G David A Gregory</i> ) 1400 Slipped and proceeded to sea 1420 Under Forth Bridge 1645-1810 Gunnery Trials
02 Jul	Rosyth sea areas	0837-1340 Radar trials 1612 Under Forth Bridge 1646 Secured to No.10 buoy 1715 2 JRs joined
03 Jul	Rosyth sea areas	0755 Slipped and proceeded to sea 0810 Under Forth Bridge

		1030-1230 Full Ahead power trials 1406 Exercise Seaboat's Crew (Time 9 minutes) 1530-1553 Full Astern power trials 1655-1725 Mortar trials 1944 Under Forth Bridge 1959 Secured South Arm
04 Jul Sat	Rosyth	1045-1150 Messdeck rounds
05 Jul	Rosyth0	0335 2 ratings taken to Police Station 0445 2 ratings returned b Dockyard Police
06 Jul	Rosyth	0955-1125 Captain ashore for MHQ Pitreavie 1640 Lt Cdr Langford RNR joined 2230 TASI joined from PLYMOUTH 2300 PRI joined from PLYMOUTH
07 Jul Tue	Rosyth (South Arm)	0610 Lt Cdr Vestry joined from Portland 0715 Cdr Long arrived 1155-1255 Captain ashore to HMS Safeguard 1620 Captains Requestmen and Defaulters
08 Jul	Rosyth	1010 Rear Admiral Lyddon passed in Barge 1600 Captains Requestmen and Defaulters
09 Jul	Rosyth	0830 1 <sup>st</sup> Lts Requestmen and Defaulters 1130 Ships Company to MAIDSTONE for dinner 1320 Slipped from lock cold move 1405-1500 move to No. 3 Dock
10 Jul	Rosyth	0815 Commenced docking down 1330 Docked down
13 Jul	Rosyth	0710 GI joined from PLYMOUTH 1515 1 rating draft to HMS Cochrane 2255 1 POME joined from PLYMOUTH
14 Jul	Rosyth	0800-1130 Undocking 1130 Secured in lock 1450-1510 Moved from lock alongside DELIGHT
15 Jul	Rosyth > Portsmouth	0840-0920 Held off by tugs to allow DELIGHT to slip 1045-1110 "Vice Admiral G D A Gregory CB DSO and Bar" (FOSNI) visited ship 1300-1600 Ammunition ship 1700 Slipped South Arm 1723 Passed under Forth Railway Bridge
16 Jul	1200 5358N 0 31E	0900-1145 Exercise Action Stations, 1620-1717 Anchored 300 degrees 2.2 miles Haisboro Lt ship
17 Jul	1200 5030N 0113W PORTSMOUTH	"1425 Secured to HMS Aurora at South Slip Jetty Bows North" 1615 Lt Cdr Langford left ship 2110 1 ME admitted into Haslar RNH
19 Jul	Portsmouth	1300 Eng Lt (ME) GJ Elson joined ship
20 Jul	At 2000 5034N 0142W	0845-0915 Held off by tugs to allow AURORA to slip 1505 Slipped SSJ
21 Jul	PORTLAND Portland sea areas and Spithead	0640 Secured to buoys D20 berth off Portland 0740 ZULU entered harbour 0825 TIGER left Portland harbour 1310 Slipped from buoys proceeded to Weymouth Shallow DG Range 1315-1338 DG Ranging 1405-1802 Various manoeuvres and AATX

		2055 Anchored No 10 Berth Portsmouth
22 Jul	Spithead / Bembridge	0730 weighed and proceeded am Swinging for HF/MF DF calibration off St Helen's Fort IOW pm Measured Mile runs off Anvil Pt 1315-1515 Exercise Action Stations 2040 Moored Weymouth Bay
23 Jul	Portland	0730 Weighed 0930 in/out Portland harbour to pick up Noise Ranging officer am Noise Ranging 1445-1600 CASEX with ASHANTI and MURRAY 1930 Moored R1 berth Weymouth Bay 2 L/S joined from DIANA 2055 1 PO joined from DIANA
24 Jul	Portland	0740 Weighed and proceeded to sea for manoeuvres with TIGER (OTC) PRESIDENT PRETORIUS, RUSSELL, ASHANTI, CARYSFORT 1540 Secured alongside OCP4 berth Portland 1700 PRESIDENT PRETORIUS alongside
25 Jul	Portland	0925-1002 Captain ashore to see CSO(T)
26 Jul	Portland	0930 Divisions 1000 Captain's Upper Deck rounds 1015 FOST inspected ship
27 Jul	Portland	0815 Landing and Boarding parties landed 0850-0940 Capt called on FOST ( <i>Rear Admiral PD BAYLY</i> ) 1004-1155 FOST returned Captain's Call 1310-1345 Shifted berth from OCP4 to Q1 1420 1 JR joined form HMS Collingwood 1430 Clear lower deck, liferaft demonstration 1845 1 JR joined from Vernon 1925 s/m GRAMPUS alongside 2245-2335 All Divers to ASHANTI
28 Jul	Portland	0700 GRAMPUS slipped 0815-1700 Landing and Boarding parties ashore 1405 1 <sup>st</sup> Lt and handling party landed 1845 HM S/M ARTFUL alongside
29 Jul	Portland	1600-1650 Rioters ashore 1655 Landing Party returned 1900 Landing Party ashore for Starlight exercise ( <i>Verulam, Russell, Glasserton, Zulu, Tiger, Leander, Ashanti all mentioned</i> )
30 Jul	Portland	0600 ARTFUL slipped 0830 Demolition parties landed 1210 ARTFUL alongside ( <i>Verulam, Russell, Classerton, Zulu, Tiger, Leander, Ashanti all mentioned</i> )(
31 Jul	Portland	0535 ARTFUL slipped 1015-1145 Ensign and Jack half-masted for funeral of AB White ASHANTI 1205 Lower deck cleared on Fx for photographs – standfast W/R and Comms Divs 1700 Captain proceeded on leave
01 Aug Sat	Portland	Alongside Q1 berth

02 Aug	Portland	0910 FOST walkround 1200 Dress ship overall 1230-1800 Ship open to visitors 1850 Undress ship
03 Aug	Portland	0805-0820 Escort for 1 RO2 to HMS Osprey 1200 Dress ship overall 1230-1800 Ship open to visitors 1840 Undress ship
04 Aug	Portland	0800 Slipped and proceeded for manoeuvres with ASHANTI, ZULU, CARYSFORT, DUNDAS, UNDAUNTED 1245-1500 CASEX AUROCHS, CARYSFORT 1918 Anchored R1 Berth Weymouth Bay 1930-1945 Hands to bathe.....
05 Aug	Portland	0800 Manoeuvres in company with DUNDAS, CARYSFORT, UNDAUNTED, TOTEM 1905 Anchored K5 berth
06 Aug	Portland	0745 Manoeuvres in company with DUNDAS, CARYSFORT, UNDAUNTED, AUROCHS
07 Aug	Portland	1617 Secured alongside Q3 berth
09 Aug Sun	Portland	1415 Christening of LEE JOHN KENCH took place in Wardroom 1640 Midshipman Khairrudin joined 2040 Midshipmen Shorland-Ball and James joined the ship
10 Aug	Portland	0747 Slipped NGSCX, AALRX and manoeuvres with ZULU and TRUNCHEON
11 Aug	Portland	0106 Anchored K4 Berth 0745 FOST embarked. Manoeuvres with DEFENDER, CARYSFORT, ZULU, TRUNCHEON and LRMP aircraft 1638 Secure ICP1
12 Aug	Portland	0740-1026 Ex Action Stations 0745 Slipped Coaling Pier for CARYSFORT's sea inspection. WAVE CHIEF, TRUNCHEON, ZULU and H/Cs in company
13 Aug	Portland	0035 Distress call to assist yacht. Speed 28 knots. 0150 Yacht found safe 0250 Anchored 0752 Ex Action Stns 0755 Slipped
14 Aug	Portland to Portsmouth	0745 Weighed 1000-1100 4" firing 1530 Alongside SWWTB Portsmouth 1645 Port watch proceeded on GS leave
15 Aug Sat	Portsmouth	
16 Aug Sun	Portsmouth	1340 SALISBURY secured stbd side
20 Aug	Portsmouth	1500 2 <sup>nd</sup> leave party mustered 1600 SALISBURY slipped
21 Aug Fri	Portsmouth	0730 LONDONDERRY secured alongside
24 Aug	Portsmouth	1650 Captain Lee-Smith joined
26 Aug	Portsmouth	0850-1030 One rating and escort to cells / returned 1125 WARRANT No. 1 read
27 Aug	Portsmouth	1145-1225 C-in-C Home Fleet Admiral Sir Charles Madden B and KCB visited ship 1615 Clear lower deck for warrant 1710/1725 Prisoner and escort left ship for DQs / escort returned

28 Aug	Portsmouth	0800 STRATHCONA Cup brought onboard ( <i>a Curling trophy competed for between Scotland and Canada</i> ) 1300 Hands to Divisions
29 Aug	Portsmouth	0800 AGINCOURT commenced basin trials
31 Aug	Portsmouth, Portsmouth sea areas, Portland	0930 Clear lower deck, address by Captain 1040 Slipped and proceeded 1212 Hauled out of line to STBD to rescue crew of motor boat on fire 1216 Crew rescued by BR Car ferry seaboat lowered. Provided foam and water hoses 1240 boat alongside 1305 fire in boat extinguished 1309 MFV 133 took motor boat in tow 1320 boat sunk, manoeuvring to examine wreckage 1705 Berthed Q5 Portland 1815 RO2 Hitchens admitted to RNH
01 Sep	Portland	
03 Sep	Portland	1030 RO2 Hitchens returned from Sick Bay HMS Osprey 1710 AURORA entered harbour
05 Sep	Portland	1045 FOST Divisions
06-23 Sep	Portland	WORK-UP continues
24 Sep	PLYMOUTH	0725 Anchored Jennycliff Bay 0930 Alongside Devonport – South Slip Jetty
05 Oct	DEVONPORT	1315-1400 Moved from SSJ to No. 8 Wharf, North Yard
08 Oct	Devonport	1740 1 RO joined from HMS Mercury
09 Oct	Devonport > Londonderry	1600 Slipped No.8 wharf proceeded to Londonderry
11 Oct	LONDONDERRY	1225 Alongside stbd side to No.5 berth Londonderry
12 Oct		1300 Slipped Londonderry
13 Oct	Londonderry Exercise Areas	0850-0950 ASW Ex 133 1010 a/c to take station 1 mile off HARDY 1211-1300 A/S action. Consort HARDY 1726 Gained radio contact with DREADNOUGHT 1730-1830 S/M Exercise Serial 217
14-20 Oct	Londonderry Exercise Areas	No entries
21 Oct	At 1000 5039N 1038W	"1031 a/c 090 Relentless guide"
22 Oct	At 0920 5334N 1349W	<i>In company with LEANDER</i>
23-26 Oct	Londonderry	1147 Alongside LEANDER at No 7 berth Londonderry
26 Oct		0920 Slipped Londonderry
29 Oct	GREENOCK	1620 Secured alongside in Greenock
31 Oct		1130 " Ship's divers down in the vicinity of the ship on report from the civilian police about suspected car in water"
01 Nov	GOVAN	0635 Slipped from Customs House Berth Greenock proceeded up the Clyde towed by tugs "Flying Demon" and "Flying Witch" 0900 Passed INTREPID fitting out in John Brown's yard Clydebank (to port) 0920 Passed NAIAD fitting out in Yarrow yard (to port) 0935 Passed PHOEBE fitting out in Shieldhall Wharf (to stbd)



		1000 Arrived entrance to No, 2 Graving Dock Govan 1200 Docked down
02 Nov	Govan	1400 Commenced removal of plate stbd side aft fuel tank 1600 Commenced removal of port propeller
04 Nov	Govan	1140 ERA Wicks joined ship from HMS Cochrane 1300 3 ratings from HMS Cochrane joined ship
07 Nov	Govan	1450 1 rating from HMS Sultan joined
11 Nov	Govan	1109 Flooding commenced 1510 Slipped proceeded under care of two tugs down the Clyde(tugs Campaigner and Thunderer) 1830-2240 Anchored Tail o' The Bank then slipped down Clyde
12 Nov	Greenock	0745-1502 Anchored, ammunition lighter alongside 0945 Lt Cdr Bates joined ship from HMS Pembroke 1532 Alongside Customs House jetty Greenock
13 Nov	Greenock > Douglas IOM	1530 Slipped
14 Nov	DOUGLAS, IOM	1010 Anchored Ramsey Bay
16 Nov	Ramsey Bay	1150 Slipped Ramsey Bay 1200 Approached RADIO CAROLINE for interest
17 Nov	CORK	1423 Pilot embarked entering river for Cork 1622 Berthed alongside port side to John J Horgan Wharf
18 Nov	Cork	1030-1240 PO Jones to hospital in Cork 1400-1700 Ship open to visitors (278)
20 Nov	Cork	0920 "Lt Cdr Garnier joined for loan draft for exercise period from Buckingham Palace"
21 Nov	Cork > Londonderry	0803 Slipped Cork 0835 "12 shots fired from right bank. No damage sustained"
22 Nov	Londonderry	0844-0935 Refuelling at Lisahally 1011 Alongside RHYL
23 Nov	Londonderry	1150-1300 FO Flotillas onboard
24 Nov	Londonderry > Sea At 2000 5518N 0538W	0929 Slipped Londonderry 1200-1500 ASW exercise with CHICHESTER and RHYL
25 Nov	At 2000 5553N 0958W	Exercises with Chichester all day
26 Nov	At 1200 5523N 0648W	Exercises with Chichester all day plus RAS(L) OLNA
27 Nov	At 2000 5511N 0701W	1220 Chichester's tow parted exercise abandoned 1300 CO and Sp to anchor in Lough Foyle 1333 Came to stbd anchor in Magilligan anchorage
28 Nov	Londonderry	1000 LOFOTEN left harbour 1135 HARDY, CHICHESTER, SALISBURY, RHYL, LEANDER, RUSSELL, YARMOUTH left harbour 1250 Anchor aweigh 1426 Alongside 18 wharf
30 Nov	Londonderry > Sea	1543 Slipped Londonderry 1610-1716 Refuelled Lisahally then slipped to sea
01 Dec	At 2000 5731N0940W	0401-0630 Patrolling entrance to Loch Boisdale 0700 in company with TIDEFLOW
02 Dec	At 2000 56 2N 1055W	Still in company with TIDEFLOW
03 Dec	At 2000 54 9N 0520W	1218 SAU with DIAMOND 1425-1516 Anchored Lough Foyle then back to sea
04 Dec	Devonport	1145 came alongside YARMOUTH in 6 berth Devonport
06 Dec	Devonport	1020 1 rating joined from HMS Goldcrest 2100 Surg Lt McHugh joined ship

07 Dec	Devonport > Sea	1535 Slipped Devonport for Portsmouth 1630 Received distress message ( <i>MV Scantic in St Georges Channel, 50nm SE Cork</i> ) a/c 220 degrees best revs for weather approx. 12 knots
08 Dec	Portsmouth	0034 Sighted white flare 0050 Sighted Shackleton flare 0230 Survivors rescued by MV Arthur Allbright. Co & Sp as necessary to examine liferafts latter illuminated by Shackleton 0305 1 liferaft recovered empty 0320 Second liferaft recovered empty 0405 Third liferaft recovered empty 1105-1140 Full ahead both engines commenced full power trial 1454 Came alongside RHYL at Fountain Lake Jetty No 3 (FLJ3)
09 Dec	Portsmouth	
10 Dec		0835 AB Pengelly joined from DEVONSHIRE 1120 Clear lower deck on FX. Captain addressed ships coy 1655 ME Whittaker rejoined from HMS Drake
13 Dec	Portsmouth	1940 Lt Faulkner joined ship
15 Dec	Portsmouth	RHYL slipped then back alongside
21 Dec	Portsmouth	1103-1125 Rear Admiral Tribe onboard
28-31 Dec	Portsmouth	First leave party's leave expired Retard leave commences 1220 5 JROs joined from HMS Mercury

## HMS RELENTLESS – EXTRACT FROM SHIP’S LOGS - 1965

JANUARY 1965 - Distance run 3,413.1nm – Underway 236 hrs

FEBRUARY - Distance run 4,948.7nm – Underway 347 hrs

MARCH - Distance run 4,055.7nm – Underway 357 hrs

APRIL - Distance run 5001.8nm – Underway 330 hrs

MAY - Distance run 2467.6nm – Underway 205 hrs

AUGUST – Distance run 3291.1nm, Underway 277 hrs

OCTOBER - Distance run 4515.3nm, Underway 392.5 hrs

DECEMBER - Distance run 135.9nm, Underway 9 hrs

1965	Place / Position	Comments
01 Jan Friday	PORTSMOUTH	At Fountain Lake Jetty 3(FLJ3) 0745 Hands employed in preparing to shift berth 0820Gangway removed 0920 Secured outboard of TROUBRIDGE port side to
02 Jan	Portsmouth	0400 No.2 Boiler flashed up 0700 Turning main engines 0745 Hands employed POS prepare for sea and for Captain’s Messdeck Rounds 0900 Colours. Ship now Duty Destroyer (Channel Emergency Ship) at 3hrs notice for steam 0900 Captain’s Weekly Requestmen and Defaulters 1045 Captain’s Messdeck Rounds
03 Jan	Portsmouth	0930 Lower deck cleared. Hands mustered for prayers
04 Jan	Portsmouth	0845 One rating joined from HMS Dolphin 0900 Colours. Reverted to 24hrs notice for steam 0940 One rating joined form HMS Sultan 1150 PO GI joined from HMS Excellent
05 Jan	Portsmouth	No entries
06 Jan	Portsmouth	0750 Tug FORCEFUL berthed stbd side 0853 Singled up 0805 Slipped 0850 Re berthed alongside FLJ3 0900 TROUBRIDGE secured on stbd side 0935 LYNX berthed on TROUBRIDGE 1000-1630 Divers down port side forward 1600 PLOVER piped
07 Jan	Portsmouth	0830 Stores embarked from lighter stbd side forward 0850-1630 Divers down port side forward
08 Jan	Portsmouth	0915-0940 Captain of Fleet visits ship
09 Jan	Portsmouth	No entries
10 Jan	Portsmouth	No entries ( <i>Log signed O’Brian</i> )
11 Jan	Portsmouth	0815 MURRAY and DUNDAS proceeded to sea 1100-1130 CINC piped on board for LYNX
12 Jan	Portsmouth	0825-1550 Landing parties landed 0900-1330 Divers down port side forward
13 Jan	Portsmouth	0840 HARDY to sea
14 Jan	Portsmouth	0730 Main payment 0745 Hands employed cleaning and storing ship 1356 Divers down looking for lost plate from 4” gun 1500 Diving completed

15 Jan	Portsmouth	No entries
16 Jan	Portsmouth	No entries
17 Jan	Portsmouth	No entries
18 Jan Monday	Portsmouth > Portland	0740 SSD NBCD 2Y 0745 Singled up 0804 TROUBRIDGE slipped 0817 All wires slipped 0831 Motor whaler slipped 0833 Ship to buoy rope attached No.2 buoy 0837 Bridle attached 6¾ fathoms 0838 Fall out SSD 0847-1210 Ammunition lighter secured stbd side 0900-1141 Ammunitioning commenced 1245 Colours half mast 1310 SSD 1314 Secured by slip rope 1324 Slipped and proceeded to sea 1354 Fall out SSD 1355 Second boiler to 2hrs notice. Reduced to 12 knots to secure anchor 1448 Commenced AA tracking exercise 1545 Completed AA tracking exercise 1610 Naval Gunfire Support Control teams closed up 1750 Let go stbd anchor 1750-2009 Anchored Portland "2009 Weighed anchor and proceeded on passage for W.I."
19 Jan	Portland >Azores At 2000 46 35N 09 16W	0920 Exchanged IDs with Maria Althoff (Hamburg) 1355 Crossed 1000 fathom line, 4740N 0723W 1800-1900 Operating sonar 2145-2245 Operating sonar
20 Jan	Portland >Azores At 2000 43 12N 14 54W	0100-0200 Operating sonar 0500 Dome housed 1830 Chronometer retarded one hour 2012 Challenged German ship Ginnheim Tampa to Brunsbuttel
21 Jan	Portland >Azores At 2000 39 15N 22 30W	0900-1022 Action Stations 0940-0954 Shelter stations exercised 2200 Spoke Italian tanker PERSEL bound London from Porto Cabello
22 Jan	Ponta Delgada, AZORES At 2000 37 43N 27 18W Azores > Bermuda	0715 SSD Cable party close up 0721 GDP manned 0728 Embarked pilot 0745 Secured port side to 0915-1000 Captain called on? 1100-1115 Commodore Portuguese Navy paid call on Captain 1406 SSD fall out. <i>Left harbour en route Bermuda</i>
23 Jan	Azores >Bermuda At 1200 37 42N 32 12W	0130 Reduce speed to 14kts to maintain economical steaming 1030-1106 Gun functioning trials
24 Jan	Azores >Bermuda At 2000 37 14N 41 47W	0530 Passed through marked warm front extending 208°-020° 0615 Marked cold front extending 240°-060° (10 miles deep on radar) 0630-0645 Reduced speed to 12 kts commenced sound signals, visibility <1mile). Ship passing through series of cold fronts

		accompanied by squalls 0930 Prayers held in wardroom (!)
25 Jan	Azores >Bermuda At 0800 36 31N 44 35W	0100 Stbd navigation light U/S. Emergency light rigged 1100 Navigation lights serviceable
26 Jan	Azores >Bermuda At 2000 35 08N 53 30W	0030 Port navigation light U/S. Emergency light switched on. 0722 Speed 13 0810 Reduced to slow ahead to secure foc'sl and check steaming light on Foremast <i>(1400-2400 waves 12-16ft)</i>
27 Jan	Azores >Bermuda At 2000 32 57N 60 57W	1115 Sirens tested
28 Jan Thursday	Ireland Island BERMUDA	0550 Sighted Bermuda by radar 270°29' 0800 Co & Sp for entering harbour 0845 Hands fall in Procedure Alfa 0910 Secured to Flagship berth Bermuda, stbd side to. Keep steam at 4 hours notice 1008 Fuelling commenced 1130 Duty watch turned to de-storing ship 1715-1745 Divers down
29 Jan	Bermuda	0935 Captain piped ashore to visit the Governor
30 Jan	Bermuda	0950-1445 Captain ashore to the Memorial Service of the late Sir Winston Churchill
31 Jan	Bermuda	0745-0953 Divers down 1050 CofE Church Parties proceeded ashore 1130 RC Church Parties proceeded ashore 2130 REA Downer Joined
01 Feb Monday	Bermuda > Bahamas Patrol At 2000 29 40N 66 34W	0751 Slipped from Flagship berth Ireland Island commenced passage to open sea 0900-0955 Action stations. Exercised DC parties and armament 1023 Sp 12 to secure port cable and remove jackstaff 1959 7 cruising nozzles fully opened. Sp22
02 Feb	Bermuda >Bahamas Patrol At 2000 23 23N 71 45W	0900 Captain's Requestmen 1015 Stopped both engines to lower Gemini 1043 Sp various to keep Gemini alongside (Slipped at 56 Revs) PM Further Gemini trials
03 Feb	GREAT INAGUA  At 2000 21 07N 74 47W	0645 SSD 0650 Log raised and commenced run into anchorage. Ran across shoal (uncharted) 0700 Anchored at Great Inagua 1000-1115 Captain DECOY paid official call 1145-1240 Captain on official call to DECOY 1558 Anchor aweigh Co & Sp to leave anchorage <i>RELIEVED DECOY, NOW ON BAHAMAS PATROL</i>
04 Feb	AT 1200 22 44.5N 78 21.5W ANGUILLA CAY	0640 Co & Sp as necessary to remain stopped off Lobos Island 0700-0730 Landed Gemini crew of the watch 0935 Sighted Guinchos Cay 1025 Manoeuvred to look at 2 fishing boats 1100 a/c to investigate Guinchos Cay suspect inhabitants on it 1124 Cay investigated no people seen 1450 Anguilla Cays 327° 18' 1600 Came to stbd anchor at ANGUILLA CAY. 15mins for steam <i>(Anguilla Cay was our banyan island)</i>

		1615 Swimming parties landed 1730 Ships divers swam around ship 2020-2040 Gemini inshore 2100 Anchor aweigh Co & Sp for leaving harbour
05 Feb	BAHAMAS PATROL At 0800 24 24N 81 43W KEY WEST	0815 SSD Cable party. 0920 Secured in Naval Base KEY WEST, stbd side to 1034-1120 Captain ashore to visit Rear Admiral Christopher 1325-1555 Fuelling
06 Feb	BAHAMAS PATROL At 1200 24 36N 80 45W	0730 SSD Cable Party NBCD 2Y 0750 Slipped and proceeded to sea 0825 Cleared channel buoy 1630 Co & Sp as required to find Bimini anchorage 1710-1823 Stopped ship. Launched Gemini. Gemini inshore for mail
07 Feb	BAHAMAS PATROL At 2000 25 13N 79 14W	0805 Came to stbd anchor off South Bimini 0915 Hands to Divisions 1010 Hands to Church 1055-1115 Free swimming 1312 Weighed anchor 1740 Launched Gemini investigate fishing boat 1800 Investigating Cuban fishing vessel Julia J Maura in Bahamian territorial waters. 1845 Fired 5 shots from Bren 40 yds astern
08 Feb	BAHAMAS PATROL At 1200 23 57N 80 29W NORTH ELBOW CAY CAY SAL	0720 Exchanged IDs with USS CAMP 1028-1210 Anchored 136° North Elbow Lt 4.2' 2 x Geminis sent ashore to investigate NORTH ELBOW CAY 1355 Anchored at CAY SAL 1400-1430 Gemini inshore 1445-1510 Gemini ashore with Captain 1600 Read Warrant 14 (cleared lower deck of young ratings) 1825 Exchanged ID with USS CLAUDE JONES
09 Feb	BAHAMAS PATROL At 2000 23 40N 80 16W	0600 Weighed 1650-1830 OOW manoeuvres
10 Feb	BAHAMAS PATROL KEY WEST	0815 SSD Cable Party NBCD 2Y 0830 Passed sea buoy at entrance to Main Ship Channel Key West 0905 Secured alongside stbd side to Pier B Key West Naval Base 1045-1120 Admiral of Key West visited Captain 1130-1230 Party of American Officers visited ship 1730-1908 Captain ashore 1930-2330 Captain ashore
11 Feb	BAHAMAS PATROL At 2000 23 42N 80 33W	0715 Hands to Action Stations 0730 SSD 0745 Slipped from Pier Bravo US Naval Base Key West and proceeded to sea 0815 Cleared channel 1010 Arrived in Area 15. Command aircraft tracking exercise
12 Feb	BAHAMAS PATROL At 1200 22 22.7N 77 36.5W	0700-0735 Stopped to investigate GUINCHOS CAY 1120-1201 Stopped to investigate LOBOS CAY
13 Feb	BAHAMAS PATROL At 1200 22 48N 74 21W	0655-0815 Stopped to investigate FISH CAY 0950-1756 Anchored CROOKED ISLAND
14 Feb	BAHAMAS PATROL	0702 In contact with ROTHESAY on TCP

	At 1200 23 58N 71 26W	<i>HANDOVER BAHAMAS PATROL TO ROTHESAY</i> 1405 Overflown by USN Neptune aircraft No. L3580. Arrived from and departed to Southwest 2330 Advanced clocks 1hr
15 Feb	Bahamas Patrol > Bermuda At 2000 30 58N 66 03W	"FROM MAYAGUANA IS TO BERMUDA"
16 Feb	Ireland Island BERMUDA	0900 Hands clean into No. 3s 0901 Entered 'Narrows' 1010 Secured alongside Ireland Island. Knuckle berth. 1058-1143 Captain left to pay official call on SNOWI 1215-1309 Commodore Dannreuter ( <i>SNOWI</i> ) on board
17 Feb	Bermuda	1000 VERULAM sailed 1315-1800 Divers down 1600 Warrant Nos 17 & 18 read 1625 ERA Manning joined ship from HMS Caledonia
18 Feb	Bermuda	0815 Divers down 0845-1330 Captain leaves ship calls on Commodore
19 Feb Fri	Bermuda	2115 Ships wires doubled up, hurricane hawsers rigged
20 Feb	Bermuda	1200 Come to 4 hours notice for steam 1830 Escort (L/S Baker) returned onboard 2152 Escort & prisoner left ship to Portsmouth DQs
21 Feb	Bermuda > Halifax At 1200 32 27N 64 33.5W	0945 SSD State 2Y 1000 Singled up 1014 Slip from jetty ( <i>en route HALIFAX, Nova Scotia</i> ) 1710 Increased to 7 nozzles open throttles stbd engine
22 Feb	Bermuda >Halifax At 2000 41 10N 64 09W	0310 Sea water temperature increases (from 68F at 0300 to 72F at 0310) on entering Gulf Stream 0815-0855 Visibility reduced. Commenced sound signals ( <i>Sea water temp at 1200/59, 2000/54, 2100/39</i> ) 1645 a/c to secure foc'sl and boat deck 1745 Assumed NBCD 2Y
23 Feb	At 1200 44 31N 64 30W  HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA	0020 Revs 152 stbd shaft, port shaft trailing 0030 Spray beginning to freeze on Upper Deck 0100 Ice forming on guardrails and Bridge windows. Kelvin screens free but other windows completely blocked 0200 Snow flurries 0300 Port Kelvin screen blocked by ice. Stbd still going ( <i>Temp at 0800/20F</i> ) 0805 Hands employed chipping ice off the upper deck 1335 OOG embarked 1404 Came alongside HMCS NIPIGON, at Halifax 33 Berth 1440-1502 Captain proceeded ashore to pay an official call on "COMFLAGLAND" 1510 OOG ashore 1730 Fresh water barge slipped from stbd side 1910-1915 Fire reported No.1 Boiler Room. Extinguished 2120 HMCS ASSINIBOINE berthed ahead
24 Feb	Halifax	(1200/21F) 0715 Fuel lighter and fresh water barge slipped 0730 Hands preparing to shift berth 0740 Tugs secured stbd side



		0825 Ship entered Dry Dock 0930 Commenced docking down 1030 Main Payment 1230-1600 Captain left ship for official call on Chief of Staff 2100 Escort returned onboard
25 Feb Thursday	Halifax	(1200/28F) 1110 Commenced flooding dock 1240 Ship off the blocks 1405 Dock opened 1420 Ship undocked 1515-1730 Alongside Imperial Oil jetty for fuelling 1815 Berthed port side to on HMCS NIPIGON 1900 Duty watch employed securing berthing wires and as stores party
26 Feb	Halifax	1150 Water barge secured alongside
27 Feb	Halifax > Nassau  At 2000 44 26N 63 30W	(1200/39F) 0830 HMCS ANNAPOLIS sailed 0900 Floating crane alongside embarked evaporator pump unit 0910 Pontoon cast off 1343 Slipped from alongside HMCS NIPIGON 1400 Secured alongside HMCS OTTAWA No. 4 Jetty 1710 HMCS ANNAPOLIS entered harbour 1815 SSD NBCS 2Y assumed 1820 Singled up 1834 Slipped from HMCS OTTAWA ( <i>en route Nassau</i> )
28 Feb	Halifax > Nassau At 2000 37 56N 68 30W	1100 Ice not melting but being knocked off Focsl by heavy spray. No ice forming (1200/35F)
01 Mar	Halifax > Nassau At 2000 31 10N 73 05W	(1200/63F) 0900 Hands to Action Stations. Exercised main and blue systems 1000 Started D/C exercise. Multiple damage sustained. Many casualties. Steering gear out of action 1050 Exercised Emergency Stations 1100 Finished D/C Exercise
02 Mar	NASSAU	1030 Captains Weekly Requestmen and Defaulters 1150 Raised GREAT ABACO island on radar 1405 a/c to investigate sailing ship 1800-2200 Anchored Nassau 1800 Police launch alongside & 2 policemen joined ( <i>in Comms mess</i> )
03 Mar	Bahamas Patrol FREEPORT  AT 2000 26 08N 79 22W	0740 SSD Cable party NBCD 2Y 0755 Stopped for pilot 0815 Jack hoisted 0818 Secured alongside main wharf Freeport, Grand Bahama 1330 Slipped Freeport 1715 a/c 200° to investigate small contact 1733 Stopped in position 26 07.5N 79 09.5W alongside civilian submarine HYDRONAUT. Gemini despatched to render assistance 1855-2043 Secured submarine astern 2050 Co & Sp to remain in vicinity of submarine 2130 USCGC CAPE KNOX joins from NW



		2145 CAPE KNOX relieves us of our escort duties
04 Mar	Bahamas Patrol ANGUILLA CAY	1055-2006 Anchored ANGUILLA CAY
05 Mar Friday	Bahamas Patrol KEY WEST	1430 SSD 1505 Alongside B jetty KEY WEST 1540 Commenced fuelling
06 Mar	Key West	0730 Hands employed preparing for Captains Upper Deck rounds 0900 Guard to drill 1045-1200 Captain's Upper Deck rounds
07 Mar	Key West	0705 Duty part spread awnings, uncover guns 1130-1230 Ships divers down to clear hull and fire inlet 1645 US submarine TROUT entered harbour 1930 RADM Christopher arrives for Sunday evening prayers
08 Mar	Key West>Bahamas Patrol	Ships left harbour: 0805 US submarine MACKEREL, 0810 US submarine MARLIN, 0840 USS DESOTO COUNTY, 0847 USS DEALEY, 0855 USS BROUGH, 0905 USS JOHN F Perry, 0912 USS PIETERSEN, 0922 US submarine TROUT, 0947 US submarine SEA POACHER 0930-1150 Captain left ship to visit Sonar School 1315 SSD NBCD 3X 1328 Under way 1700 Super Constellation a/c sighted on barrier (?) patrol 2250 Exchanged IDs with USCG cutter ARIADNE
09 Mar	Bahamas Patrol ALL DAY 23 29.4N 79 32.2W	0740 Anchored ANGUILLA CAY 0915-1015 Sounded round ship 1300 Bathing parties landed 1430 Exchanged IDs with USCGC ARIADNE
10 Mar	Bahamas patrol ANGUILLA CAY	0830-0955 Captain ashore in Gemini 1030 Machinery rounds 1615-1717 Captain ashore
11 Mar	Bahamas Patrol ANGUILLA CAY	0930-1115 Captain ashore 1330-1545 Diving on sea bed 1857 Weighed 2205 Exchanged IDs with USS CALCATERRA
12 Mar	Bahamas Patrol FREEPORT	1033-1158 Exercised man overboard, OOW manoeuvres, swimmer of watch 1450 Embarked pilot 1501 Alongside No.1 jetty port side to FREEPORT GBI 1620-1650 Commissioner GBI paid official call on Captain 1830-2030 Captain ashore
13 Mar	Freeport	0800 Colours. Flags at half mast for funeral of Queen Louise of Sweden 0910-1020 Commenced fuelling (148 tons) 0930-1100 Guard to drill 0950 Captain left ship to call on Administrator 1130 Warrant No.? read 1330-1600 Ship open to visitors 1830 Official Cocktail Party held on Bofors Gun Deck
14 Mar	Freeport	1000-1230 Guard landed for rehearsal 1330-1600 Ship open to visitors 1515-1729 Guard landed 1555-1728 Captain left to meet Governor 1835-2300 Captain ashore

15 Mar	Freeport	0933-1325 Captain ashore for official visit to open Cement Company 1330-1600 Ship open to visitors 1330 Shipwright Fleming from HMS Lochinvar joins ship 1345-1755 Guard landed 1355 Motorcade of cars passed ship. The late Governor of Bahamas leading 1410-1815 Captain proceeded ashore to official ceremonial opening of Ranfurly Circus 1800-1815 Ships divers down inspecting ship's hull 2200 Two police motor cycles embarked
16 Mar	Bahamas Patrol At 2000 25 43N 77 35W	0740 SSD Cable party NBCD 2Y 0750 Slipped No 1 jetty FREEPORT 0900 Exercised Bofors gun break-up shot 1125 Clear lower deck for address by Captain 1310 Gemini away towing TART. Practiced sonar attacks on TART 1600 Recover Gemini and TART 1615-1645 Hands to bathe 1645-1715 OOW Manoeuvres
17 Mar	Bahamas Patrol NASSAU	0805 Anchored NASSAU 1115 Motorcycles disembarked
18 Mar	Bahamas Patrol At 2000 25 50.6N 77 38.5W	0743 Anchor aweigh 0845 a/c to return to Nassau 09xx Gemini sent inshore to collect rating who missed ship 10xx Gemini and rating recovered
19 Mar	Bahamas Patrol At 2000 22 38N 73 41W	0920 Lost RUM CAY and S.SALVADOR on radar 1250 Both anchors ready for letting go 1332 Investigating boat on shore of PLANA CAY 1400 Gemini inshore 1445 Second Gemini inshore with landing party 1530 Gemini recovered. Landing party remain inshore to search PLANA CAY WEST ISLAND 1540 Underway. Co as required to investigate island coast 1803 Co & Sp various to investigate EAST PLANA CAY
20 Mar	Bahamas Patrol	0810 Co & Sp to recover landing party 0827 Gemini launched 0906 Landing party returned onboard 0910 Gemini inboard. Both anchors secured for sea
21 Mar	Bahamas Patrol ANGUILLA CAY	0930 Upper deck rounds 1015 CofE Service on the Focsl. RC Service on the Boat Deck 1312 Anchored ANGUILLA CAY 1400-1545 Captain sailing 1410-1815 First Lt ashore
22 Mar	Bahamas Patrol ANGUILLA CAY	0900-1145 Divers down inspecting ship's bottom 1030 Captains Requestmen and Defaulters 1300-1530 Gemini left ship (Lt Shaw) to investigate South Anguilla 1405-1700 Captain left ship in Bosun 1805-1831 Captain left ship to inspect camp 1900 Weighed and proceeded
23 Mar	Bahamas Patrol KEY WEST	0815 SSD Cable party NBCD 2Y 0830 Passed main ship channel buoy 0900 First line

		0907 Secured Pier B NAVSTA Key West stbd side to, bows north 0930-1200 Fuelling 1310-1800 Bosun and Gemini lowered Ships entered harbour: 1535 USS SEA POACHER, 1745 USS SEDONA, 1753 USS JOSEPH K TAULSIC, 1805 USS MACKEREL, 1815 USS CHARLES F ROAN, 1819 USS QUILLBACK, 1840 USS BARRACUDA
24 Mar	Bahamas Patrol	0745 Slipped KEY WEST 1530 Raised Anguilla on radar 1731 Came to stbd anchor ANGUILLA 1805 Landing party returned on board. Recovered Gemini and seaboat with landing party. Proceeded to sea.
25 Mar	Bahamas Patrol At 2000 21 06N 74 15W	0325 Stopped 6 cables SW of Lobos Cay. Lowered Gemini to investigate LOBOS 0355 Gemini returned to ship 0405-0445 Gemini dispatched to shore with LREM Speight to repair radio ashore 0450 Gemini dispatched to shore with MO to give medical assistance 0540 Gemini returned to ship with both MO and LREM Speight 2200 Co & Sp as requisite for entering harbour 2205-2300 Postman ashore to Mathew Town, GREAT INAGUA for mail
26 Mar	Bahamas Patrol At 1200 20 15N 71 24W	0856 Mortars fired. Co & Sp various to recover bombs 0910 Swimmer of watch recovered, 6 bombs recovered 0937 Gemini lowered to tow TART 1028 Completed exercise runs on TART 1030 Recovered Gemini and TART 1250 Exchanged IDs with USS GEARING 1305 Exchanged IDs with USS JONAS INGRAM 1440 Exchanged IDs with USS ROBERT K HUNTINGTON
27 Mar	Bahamas Patrol > Montserrat At 0800 19 58N 67 39W At 2000 18 09N 64 52W	0623 RV ROTHESAY 0623-0647 Captain ROTHESAY on board 0652 N.O. returned after delivering CBs <i>HANDOVER BAHAMAS PATROL TO ROTHESAY</i> 1358 Exchanged IDs with USS NEPTUNE
28 Mar	MONTSERRAT At 2000 13 46N 61 07W Montserrat > Barbados	0600 Anchored <i>Plymouth</i> MONTSERRAT ( <i>Plymouth is now buried under the lava from the 1995 volcanic eruption</i> ) Commenced embarking Montserrat Defence Force; 3 Officers, 3 WOs, 1 SGT, 53 ORs 0740 Weighed anchor MDF embarked
29 Mar	BARBADOS Barbados > Trinidad TRINIDAD	0540 SSD Cable party NBCD 2Y 0605 Alongside BARBADOS NW Fuelling jetty. Disembarked MDF 0630 Slipped Fuelling Jetty 1030 Captains Weekly Requestmen and Defaulters 1730 SSD Cable party NBCD 2Y Co & Sp to pass through BACADES MUNOS ( <i>OOW Jackson</i> ) 1745 Passed through Narrows 1835 Alongside Naval Base Jetty CHAGUARAMAS, TRINIDAD
30 Mar	Chaguaramas	0930 Fuel lighter alongside 0945 Guard mustered on the jetty 1000-1055 Vice Admiral Gralla USN called on Captain, inspected Guard

		1010-1215 Fuelling 1130-1415 Captain piped ashore to visit Captain of Naval Base 1230 Lighter slipped
31 Mar	Chaguaramas	No entries
01 Apr		Missing
02 Apr		Missing
02 Apr		Missing
04 Apr		Missing
05 Apr	Trinidad >Great Inagua	0750 Slipped and proceeded
07 Apr	Bahamas Patrol GREAT INAGUA	1358-1557 Anchored Mathew Town, GT INAGUA 1559 SALUTED SNOWI En route BAHAMAS PATROL
08 Apr	Bahamas Patrol	1250-1855 Anchored ANGUILLA
09-11 Apr	Bahamas Patrol KEY WEST	0517-0623 Gemini ashore to investigate ELBOW CAY 1410 Alongside No. 1 jetty Pier D2 KEY WEST
12 Apr	Bahamas Patrol	0748 Slipped KEY WEST 1920 Anchored N ANGUILLA CAY
13 Apr	Bahamas Patrol	1833 Weighed ANGUILLA CAY
14 Apr	Bahamas Patrol	1130-1240 Whaler lowered 1210-1856 Anchored S ANGUILLA CAY 1405 1 <sup>st</sup> Lt and landing party landed on South Anguilla 1650-1750 Captain ashore swimming 1826-1845 Captain ashore in Gemini
15 Apr	Bahamas Patrol	1425 Alongside KEY WEST
16 Apr	Bahamas Patrol	0919 Slipped KEY WEST
17 Apr	Bahamas Patrol	1144-1415 Anchored ANGUILLA CAY
18 Apr Sun	Bahamas Patrol	EASTER SUNDAY. 0957-1205 Anchored GREAT ISAAC anchorage Two Geminis sent inshore. 4 Cuban activists brought back to ship. Quantity of arms and ammunition found 1145 Cuban's speedboat hoisted inboard 1415-1805 Alongside FREEPORT
19 Apr	Bahamas Patrol AT 1200 2252N 7424W	EASTER MONDAY 1235-1845 Anchored CROOKED ISLAND
20 Apr	Bahamas Patrol > San Juan 1200 1954N 7025W	From Crooked Island to San Juan
21 Apr	SAN JUAN	0935 Came alongside "USS RUCHAMKIN" at Tender Pier
22 Apr	San Juan> Bermuda	1559 Slipped SAN JUAN
25 Apr – 15 May	BERMUDA	0910 Secured alongside Flagship Berth, II, BERMUDA
16 May Sun	Bermuda > Nassau	0905 Slipped from IRELAND ISLAND
18 May	NASSAU	0916-1410 Anchored NASSAU 1205 ROTHESAY anchored astern 1950 FORM F ROTHESAY guide 2202 Parted company with ROTHESAY (SNOWI)
19 May	Nassau > Bahamas Patrol	1005-1340 Anchored NASSAU
21 May	Bahamas Patrol FREEPORT	0804 Alongside at FREEPORT
22 May	Bahamas Patrol	0749 Departed FREEPORT

23 May	Bahamas Patrol ANGUILLA	Anchored ANGUILLA
25 May	Bahamas Patrol	1856 Weighed ANGUILLA
26 May	Bahamas Patrol	0900-1330 Alongside KEY WEST
27 May	Bahamas Patrol	0724 Anchored S ANGUILLA
28 May	Bahamas Patrol	1828 Weighed ANGUILLA
29 May	Bahamas Patrol FREEPORT	1625 Alongside FREEPORT
31 May	Bahamas Patrol	1110 Slipped FREEPORT
01 Jun	Bahamas Patrol	0015-0304 Escorted two small boats in distress into BIMINI
02 Jun	Bahamas Patrol	0630 RV HMS URSA, proceeded in company into NASSAU 1055 Dressed ship 1058-1430 Anchored NASSAU 1200 21 gun salute on the occasion of Coronation Day
05-13 Jun	BERMUDA	0820 Secured alongside Flagship Berth, II, BERMUDA
14 Jun	Bermuda > Gt Inagua	1101 Slipped II with SNOWI onboard
16 Jun	GREAT INAGUA	Anchored GT INAGUA with URSA 0925-1520 Captain to URSA with EO and SDO for board of enquiry
17 Jun	Gt Inagua > Jamaica	0727 Weighed
18 Jun	JAMAICA Jamaica > Grand Cayman	0759-1259 Secured alongside at Texaco Oil jetty KINGSTON, JAMAICA
19-20 Jun	GRAND CAYMAN	0800 Anchored GEORGETOWN, GRAND CAYMAN
21 Jun	Grand Cayman > San Andres	0744 Weighed
22-24 Jun	SAN ANDRES At 2000 1231N 8144W	1400 Anchored SAN ANDRES ISLAND ( <i>120 miles E of Nicaragua but belongs to Colombia which itself is 470 miles to the SE</i> )
25 Jun	San Andres > Panama	0848 Weighed
26-28 Jun	CRISTOBAL, PANAMA	0714 Alongside No.9 jetty CRISTOBAL, PANAMA
29 Jun	Panama > Curacao	0742 Slipped Cristobal
01-04 Jul	WILLEMSTAD, CURACAO	0845 Berthed port side to ADM Briom wharf WILLEMSTAD, CURACAO, Netherlands Antilles
05 Jul	Curacao > Carriacou	0755 Slipped and proceeded
06-07 Jul	CARRIACOU	1405-1615 Stopped Hillsbrough, CARRIACOU ( <i>in the Grenadines</i> ) 1430-1504 Administrator, Chief Minister & Commissioner onboard
08 Jul	Carriacou > Grenada GRENADA	1901 Weighed. Proceeded to GRENADA 2130-2200 Anchored GRENADA
09-11 Jul	Grenada > Trinidad PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD	0825 Berthed port side to No. 1 Kings wharf, PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD
12 Jul	Trinidad > St Vincent	1104 Slipped PORT OF SPAIN
13-15 Jul	ST VINCENT	0803 Berthed alongside Kingstown, ST VINCENT
16 Jul	St Vincent > Dominica	0834 Slipped ST VINCENT
17-19	DOMINICA	
20 Jul	Dominica > Puerto Rico	0556 Weighed
21 Jul	SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO Puerto Rico > Bermuda	0829-1146 Alongside fuelling jetty San Juan, PUERTO RICO
23 Jul to 11 Aug	BERMUDA	0835 Alongside Knuckles ( <i>Knuckle berth jetty</i> ) II, BERMUDA
02 Aug	Bermuda	1840 1 rating on draft to HMS VICTORY for discharge SNLR

03 Aug	Bermuda	1420 HMCS NIPIGON and HMCS KOOTENAY entered harbour
09 Aug	Bermuda	0730 Warrant No.30 read on the jetty 1540 1 rating joined from TARTAR 1840 1 rating departed for DQs Portsmouth
11 Aug	Bermuda > Nassau	0810 Slipped and proceeded to sea
Friday 13 Aug		0550 In company TARTAR <i>Note from a personal diary: off Nassau.</i> <i>OA Clive ASHWORTH loses finger(s) in 4" gun accident</i>
	Nassau	1620 Anchored Nassau
14 Aug	Nassau> Bahamas Patrol	1600 Weighed and proceeded to sea TARTAR in company <i>(guess we relieved Tartar on patrol)</i>
15 Aug	Bahamas Patrol	0400 Stopped Gt Isaac Is. Landed technician to investigate generator defect at lighthouse. Swimming leave during day <i>(Sunday)</i> 1900 Weighed anchor
16 Aug	Bahamas Patrol	1000 Secured alongside Pier Bravo, Key West
17 Aug	Bahamas Patrol	0745 Slipped and proceeded 1515-1700 Anchored Elbow Cay
19 Aug	Bahamas Patrol	0800 Alongside Freeport 1330 Mids Reeves and Smith join ship 1350 1ME, 1AB, 1 LSBA rejoin ship
20 Aug	Bahamas Patrol	0750 Slipped Freeport
22 Aug	Bahamas Patrol	1540 <i>(vicinity of S Anguilla)</i> Embarked 15 Cuban refugees from small fishing boat. No arms
23 Aug	Bahamas Patrol	0105 <i>(vicinity of Cay Lobos)</i> Embarked 1 male, 2 female, 2 children Cuban refugees. MO inshore to attend to Mrs lighthouse keeper. 1435-1852 Anchored Cay Sal <i>Notes from a personal diary:</i> <i>0220 "Bikini Queen" threatened by Cuban gunboat. BQ sighted and boarded. All OK. Proceeded Cay Sal.</i> <i>1100 Off Cay Sal. Sighted Cuban gunboat - moves off over reef</i>
24 Aug	Bahamas Patrol	0858-1400 Alongside Pier Bravo, Key West 1000 Refugees ashore
25 Aug	Bahamas Patrol	0727-1900 Anchored Lobos Lt Gemini to Lobos Lt Hse to render assistance for radio repairs
26 Aug	Bahamas Patrol	0736 Anchored S Anguilla. 0805-0950 Gemini inshore to recce N Anguilla beaches
27 Aug	Bahamas Patrol	1720 Warrant Nos.31, 32, 33 read 1740 Weighed Anguilla 2115-2203 Gemini lowered to collect 3 refugees
28-31 Aug	FORT LAUDERDALE	0910 Secured alongside Ft Lauderdale
31 Aug	Bahamas Patrol	0758 Slipped Ft Lauderdale 1000 Clear lower deck. Articles of War read. Captain addressed Ship's Company
01 Sep	Bahamas Patrol	1302-1945 Anchored Crooked Island 1328 Whaler inshore with 2 policemen
02 Sep	Bahamas Patrol	0530-0610 Stopped and investigated French and Plana Cays
03 Sep	Bahamas Patrol	1420-1807 Secured alongside Key West
04 Sep Sat	Bahamas Patrol	0730 Anchored S Anguilla 1045 Captain's Rounds – best mess 13 Mess
05 Sep	Bahamas Patrol	1210 USCG aircraft dropped newspapers



		1855 Weighed S Anguilla
06 Sep	Bahamas Patrol	1130 Proceeding down Old Bahama Channel to avoid Hurricane Betsy which had recurred to the SW towards Cay Sal
07 Sep	Bahamas Patrol	0847 Betsy reports indicate a position near Nassau moving SW speed slow. Our movements proceeding anti clockwise around Bahamas to the North to finish up in the wake of Betsy
08 Sep	Bahamas Patrol	0130 Investigate small light. 0150 Found small boat with 9 survivors of 'Miss Shell Factory' in position 2421.5N 7516W 0200 Commenced square expanding search for second boat. 0225 Second boat found 0250 Survivors recovered from second boat. Total of 11 men, 3 women 1037 Stopped off Spanish Wells 2.2nm ( <i>Northern tip of Eleuthera Island</i> ). Contact by radio. Reports no casualties. Surf too great for Gemini 1501-1855 Anchored ( <i>where?</i> ) 1510-1755 Gemini away with Captain 1525 Whaler leaves with survivors
09 Sep	Bahamas Patrol	0610 Gemini landed (Lt Shaw) investigating Rocky Point ( <i>Abaco</i> ) 0645 Gemini reports lack of fresh water, bedding and radio U/S 0715 Second Gemini (Lt Cdr Welby) inshore with fresh water and Medical Officer 0810-0910 Shore boat alongside. Commenced loading stores and water on boat for relief ashore 1030 Co & Sp various to maintain position off Rocky Pt 1920-2130 Anchored at Hole in the Wall ( <i>lighthouse, southern tip of</i> ) Abaco. Geminis inshore 1945 Gemini returned for water. None ashore. Radio u/s 2040 Gemini returned for second load of water
10 Sep	Bahamas Patrol	0805 Alongside Freeport 1515 Sub Lt Roddis joined ship 1800 1 <sup>st</sup> Lt and party left for Eleuthera 1930 ERA Derbyshire left for 'Lucayan Queen' 2311 'Lucayan Queen' departed
11 Sep	Bahamas Patrol	0752 Slipped Freeport 1030 Clear lower deck of Leading Ratings. Warrant No. 37 read for de-rating to steward
12 Sep	Bahamas Patrol	0050 Exchanged IDs with HMS WHIRLWIND 1747 Alongside Nassau 1900 WHIRLWIND alongside
13 Sep	Nassau > San Juan	Handed over Bahamas Patrol to WHIRLWIND 1542 Slipped Nassau
14 Sep		1100 Clear lower deck. Address by Captain
16 Sep	San Juan, Puerto Rico	1100 -1645 Alongside San Juan, refuelling 2350 Exchanged IDs with USS Franklin D Roosevelt
17-21 Sep	St THOMAS, Virgin Is	0805 Alongside Charlotte Amalie
21 Sep	St Thomas > Chaguaramas	0755 Depart St Thomas
23 Sep - 03 Oct	Chaguaramas	0805 Alongside US Naval Base Chaguaramas Trinidad
24 Sep	Chaguaramas	2335 Sub Lt DJ Harding (SD)(G) joined

26 Sep	Chaguaramas	1000 Divisions on the jetty. Ship's Company photo on completion of Divisions
01 Oct	Chaguaramas	2150 Commodore Dannreuther ( <i>SNOWI</i> ) joined
02 Oct	Chaguaramas	0930 Divisions. Commodore's inspection of Ship's Company plus Lower and Upper Deck rounds
03 Oct	Chaguaramas > Antigua	0958 Slipped Chaguaramas
04 Oct	UNION ISLAND	1050-1157 Anchored Union Island, GRENADINES
05 Oct	ANTIGUA	0807 Anchored St John's, Antigua
08 Oct	Antigua > St Kitts	1001 Weighed St John's 1130-2240 Anchored English Harbour
09 Oct	ST KITTS	0805 Anchored Basseterre, ST KITTS
12 Oct	St Kitts > San Juan  San Juan > Bermuda	0502 Weighed St Kitts 1525 Alongside Tender Pier port side to, San Juan 1700 SNOWI and Staff depart ship 1828 Slipped San Juan
15 Oct	Bermuda	0830 Secured alongside Bermuda 1000 Fwd and Aft Hurricane Hawsers out 1700 Warrant No.39 read 1950 1 L/H escort & prisoner departed to UK. Air passage to DQs
16 Oct	Bermuda > Azores	0800-0815 Captain of WHIRLWIND onboard 1452 Slipped Ireland Island for Azores
17 Oct		1000 Divine Service held in the Wardroom. Banns of Marriage for 2 persons for 2nd time of asking
24 Oct	Ponta Delgada	2104 Anchored PDG harbour
25 Oct	PDG > Devonport	0730-1145 Alongside for refuelling
27 Oct		2100 Crossed 100 fathom line 4747N 0858W
28 Oct	Plymouth	2043 "Passed breakwater, Devonport Harbour" 2055 Anchored Jennycliff Bay
29 Oct – 23 Nov	Devonport	0805 Customs Officers onboard 1000 "Grog Issued" 1040 Families embarked from MFV 1130 Berthed alongside stbd side to at 7 Wharf 1315 Retard leave party fall in 1710 ME Day joined
01-23 Nov	Devonport	1045 Colours half-masted for the funeral of CPO Vissenga 1737 3 ratings joined from HMS Mercury
05 Nov	Devonport	0910 Shift berth to South Wall south side 1015 Entered 4 basin 1510 CID onboard investigating loss of £7 from FMU rating
19 Nov	Devonport	0900 Move to No 1 Wharf 1500 "Long weekend liberty men mustard"
21 Nov	Devonport	1920 Midshipman Lewis joins
22 Nov	Devonport	1145-1228 CinC Plymouth onboard
23 Nov	Devonport > Rotterdam	0957 Slipped Devonport
24 Nov		1400 Join HMS CHICHESTER
25-30 Nov	ROTTERDAM	1140 Secured alongside Rotterdam
27 Nov	Rotterdam	1400-1700 Ship open to visitors
30 Nov	Rotterdam > Plymouth	0809 Slip Rotterdam
01 Dec –	Devonport	0915 Alongside Devonport



01 Jan 66		1400 PO Morrish joined
02 Dec	Devonport	0825 1 RO joined ship 0915 3 ratings on loan draft 0950-1055 7 ratings joined ship 1115 First Leave party departed 1145 1 rating joined ship 1400 HMS URSA to W.Indies
03 Dec	Devonport	0900 Ratings left on draft - 5 POs, 33 Ratings
04 Dec	Devonport	0730 Escort into HMS Drake for AB Morgan
06 Dec	Devonport	1340 Cold move 1 Wharf to Willoughby Dry Dock, Millbay 1450 Entered Willoughby Dock
08 Dec	Devonport	Warrant No.46 read. Prisoner plus escort to RNB Devonport for onward transmission to DQs Portsmouth
09 Dec		0815 1+2 to DRAKE to escort offender to RNDQ Portsmouth
13 Dec		0830 Dock flooded cold move to 6 Wharf
15 Dec		0932 Cold move to South Slip Jetty
16 Dec		0845 "FRESHPOOL master Mr Jeel damaged ships side port amidships when coming alongside"
17 Dec		1330 1 rating joined from HMS Collingwood
20 Dec		1400-1500 Cold move to 5 basin east wall
30 Dec		0900 Main Leave expired 1100 Captain addressed Ship's Company on FX 1130 Retard Leave party proceeded on leave

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1966	Place / Position	Comments
01 Jan	Devonport	1010 1 rating joined
02 Jan	Devonport	2040 1 PO joined
03-04 Jan		No entries
05 Jan	Devonport	1215-1307 Captain of SCARBOROUGH called on Captain 1230-1535 Captain F20 returned Captains call
06 Jan	Devonport	1240-1430 Captain calls on YARMOUTH 1345-1405 Basin trials
07 Jan	Devonport	1030 4" Gun crews to Drill 1610-1700 Shift berth 5 Basin E wall North to 7 Wharf Outer on ZEST stbd side to Under sailing orders
08 Jan	Devonport	0920-1035 Gemini lowered
09 Jan	Devonport	0820-0855 Gemini lowered 0910 BRINTON to sea
10 Jan	At 2000 5015N 0227.5W	1326 Slipped Devonport 1355 passed Smeaton’s tower 1405 Passed breakwater
11 Jan	At 2000 5026.2N 0217W	1212-1435 Exercising with OPPORTUNE and OLYNTHUS?
12 Jan	Portland	1240-1317 RAS BROWN RANGER <i>Approx 1700 Alongside at Portland. Q12 on VERULAM</i>
13 Jan	Portland sea areas	0742 Slipped. ASW Exercises with MOHAWK MURRAY and TALENT, 2 x H/Cs and LRMP a/c 2301 Anchored
14 Jan	Portland > Devonport	0729 Weighed AM Further ASW EX with MURRAY and TALENT 1647 Berthed Devonport 6 Berth on TORQUAY stbd side to
15 Jan	Devonport	0910-0944 Moved by tug to No.5 dry dock 130-1145 Captains defaulters
16 Jan		No entries
17 Jan	Devonport	1445-1510 Moved out of dry dock to 4 Basin on ASHANTI Lt Shaw and 1 PO to HMS Sea Eagle for pre-exercise briefing
18 Jan	Devonport	0920 Shifted berth to No 4 basin 0955 Secured alongside ASHANTI bows west 1032-1120 Admiral Superintendent visits ASHANTI 1400-1430 Captain of ASHANTI calls
19 Jan	Devonport	0950-1030 Captain calls on Admiral Superintendent ( <i>Rear Admiral Arthur J Cawthra</i> ) 1130 Clear lower deck muster on FX
20 Jan	Devonport	10-1030 Captain to ASHANTI 1100 CARYSFORT shifted berth to No. 7 Wharf 1215 3 JRs on draft to HMS Mercury 1255-1345 Captain J A R Troup DSC on board
21 – 22 Jan	Devonport	No entries
23 Jan	Devonport	1910 1 rating joined from HMS Collingwood
24 Jan	Devonport	1050-1530 Captain ashore to FEARLESS 1145 & 1220 CinC passes by car
25 Jan	Devonport	No entries
26 Jan	Devonport	1425 Hands stood by to receive SCARBOROUGH 1445 SCARBOROUGH berthed alongside bows west

27 Jan	Devonport	0802 AB Morgan Warrant No. 47 read 0800 Ratings for the Musketry Course to muster 0820 1 rating discharged to cells 1545 Trevol party returned all rifles checked
28 Jan	Devonport	0805 Escort returned from RNB with offender 1515 Mid Lewis returns to RNC Greenwich
29 Jan	Devonport	0700 Gangway slipped 0840-0850 Cold move by tug to (4 basin) south wall 0855 Gangway secured
30 Jan	Devonport	2330 Escort to RNB for one rating
31 Jan	Devonport	0005 Escort returned with one rating 1005 SCARBOROUGH slipped
01 Feb	Devonport	1050-1210 Captain calls on Chief of Staff ( <i>Captain John GB Morrow</i> )
02 Feb	Devonport	0800-1015 Commenced diving 1020 Captains defaulters
03 Feb	Devonport	1005 One senior rate returned to RNB P HMS Excellent draft 1235-1440 Commander of HMS Cambridge calls on Captain
04 Feb	Devonport	0745 Both watches mustered for Warrant No. 50 for 28 days detention 1030 Prisoner and escort 1+2 to RNB Portsmouth 1035 Midshipmen Smith and Reeves draft to Portsmouth 1455-1525 Shifted berth to alongside VENUS 1625 Berthed alongside ASHANTI
05 Feb	Devonport	No entries
06 Feb	Devonport	0900 Dressed hip overall on the occasion of the anniversary of the accession of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
07 Feb	Devonport	0800 Disembarked NAAFI stores 0827-1820 De-fuelling lighter alongside 12-1205 Dressed foremast for firing of salute for accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II
08 Feb	Devonport	0930-1500 Captain ashore to Raleigh 1415 1 rating returned from RNH Stonehouse
09 Feb	Devonport	1930-2325 Captain calls on YARMOUTH
10 Feb	Devonport	0745 Clear lower deck for fortnightly payment
11 Feb	Devonport	1145-1240 CinC Plymouth visits ASHANTI 1325 3 ratings on loan draft to HMS Raleigh 1525-1605 Escort to Flagstaff for 1 rating
12 Feb	Devonport	No entries
13 Feb	Devonport	1340 4 ratings on loan draft to HMS Raleigh
14 Feb	Devonport	0910-1220 & 1305-1555 Captain ashore to CARYSFORT
15 Feb	Devonport	0750 Slipped from alongside ASHANTI at 4 Basin 0810 Secured alongside No 1 Wharf 0840 Ammunition lighters secured alongside 1510 De-ammunitioning completed
16 Feb	Devonport	1025 Captain's weekly Requestmen & Defaulters 1555 Lower deck cleared of JRs. Warrant No. 51 read
17 Feb	Devonport	0920-1140 Officers to refit conference
18 Feb	Devonport	1500 Tug 'Sea Giant' alongside 1505 Cold move to 5 basin 1525 Alongside

19 Feb	Devonport	0740-0820 Escort lands to RNB to collect one rating
20 Feb	Devonport	No entries
21 Feb	Devonport	0830 Slipped, move to No. 8 dock 1000 Commenced pumping out dock 1410 Docked down
22 Feb	Devonport	No entries
23 Feb	Devonport	0745 Clear lower deck for main payment 1925 Dance patrol landed
24 Feb	Devonport	1545 Clear lower deck for Warrant No. 52
25 Feb	Devonport	0715-0820 Escort leaves ship for one rating
26 Feb	Devonport	1754 1 rating discharged to RNB sickbay HMS Drake
27 Feb	Devonport	No entries
28 Feb	Devonport	1440 1 rating returned from sick on shore
01 Mar	Devonport No.8 dry dock	0745 Hands employed returning loan clothing 0900 Hands employed packing kit for move to RNB 1030 Baggage by lorries to RNB 1130 Lower deck cleared Crew accommodation moved to RNB
02 Mar	Devonport	0900 Clear lower deck for tobacco coupons
03 Mar	Devonport	1100 Watch on board to dinner in RNB 1145 Secure. Hands to RNB 1640 Hands secured returned to RNB
04 Mar	Devonport	1305 S/Lt Harding leave and draft
05-06 Mar		No entries
07 Mar	Devonport	0900 Colours. Lieutenant Commander Dalton arrives to take command 0930 Lt Cdr Dalton departs for CB muster at RNDA 1015 Captain's Requestmen to muster 1040 Clear lower deck. Captain's address 1150-1220 Commodore Bailey on board ( <i>Commodore, RNB</i> ) <b>1620 Captain AG WATSON left ship on cessation of command</b>
08 Mar	Devonport	1000 Captain ashore to call on Admiral Superintendent ( <i>Rear Admiral Cawthra</i> )
09 Mar	Devonport	No entries
10 Mar	Devonport	1120-1135 Admiral Superintendent onboard 1130 Main payment
11-13 Mar	Devonport	No entries
14 Mar	Devonport	2200 Dockyard workmen started to remove SLA lagging from around funnel
15 Mar	Devonport	No entries
16 Mar	Devonport	0800 1 <sup>st</sup> phase ratings turned to employed chipping and scraping 0945 Old commission list 5A/3 ratings proceeded on leave Pm New commission phase 2 ratings join barracks
17 Mar	Devonport	Am Phase II commissioning complement arrived on board <b>Ship re-commissioned</b> 1625 Lower deck cleared on FX
18-23 Mar	Devonport	No entries
24 Mar	Devonport	1530 Senior Rates payment 1545 Junior Rates payment 1605 Clear lower deck for Captain's address
25 Mar	Devonport	0315 MCO worker injured on board taken to North Yard surgery

		1710 Small fire extinguished stbd side gearing room
26-27 Mar	Devonport	No entries
28 Mar	Devonport	Fleet Instructor officer called
29 Mar	Devonport	0505 Ordered to set watch harbour intercom (HIC) 0505 Duty RO to MHQ Plymouth SUBMISS 0645 Duty RO returned from MHQ Plymouth
30 Mar	Devonport	No entries
31 Mar	Devonport	1015 CPOs & POs to payment 1030 Clear lower deck for payment & issue tobacco coupons
01 Apr	Devonport No, 8 dry dock	1000 First Leave Party secured proceed to barracks
02-06 Apr	Devonport	No entries
7 Apr	Devonport	1040 Dockyard pumps stopped slow flood from north lock 2310 Ordered to set watch Harbour Intercom (HIC)
8 Apr	Devonport	0010 ZEST assumed Guard on HIC
09-20 Apr	Devonport	No entries
21 Apr	Devonport	0800 CPOs + POs & Junior Rates to payment 0815 Hands turned to normal daily refit routine 1100 2 <sup>nd</sup> Leave commenced 1330 stbd watch turn to
22-28 Apr	Devonport	No entries
29 Apr	Devonport	0900 Lower deck cleared for issue of tobacco coupons
30 Apr	Devonport	No entries
		<b><i>May to August still to come</i></b>
01 Sep	Devonport	Alongside in Devonport at 1 Wharf on LLANDAFF
02 Sep	Devonport	0855 Clear lower deck of JRs for reading of Warrant No.1 1920 Slipped
03 Sep	At 0800 5009.1N 0122W Portsmouth	1440 Secured South Wall tidal basin, Portsmouth
05 Sep	Portsmouth > Portland	0823 Slipped 2145 anchored T1 Portland
06 Sep	Portland day running	0557 Anchor aweigh Calibrations and noise ranging Moored D20 buoy overnight
07 Sep	Portland day running	1248 Slipped D20 Sonar exercises
08 Sep	Portsmouth	0940 Secured SW Wall tidal basin on NAIAD
09 Sep		
10 Sep		
11 Sep		
12 Sep	Portsmouth day running	0831 Slipped 1755 Alongside SW Wall tidal basin on NAIAD
13 Sep	Portsmouth > Portland	0900-1230 Rear Admiral WISE on board for Main Inspection 1352 Slipped. Various exercises 2330 anchored Portland
14 Sep	Portland > Devonport	0750 Anchor aweigh 0810 Secured alongside Q7, Portland

		1035 Slipped for Devonport 1808 Secured No.8 wharf
15 Sep	Devonport	
16 Sep	Devonport	
17 Sep	Devonport	
18 Sep	Devonport	
19 Sep	Devonport	0930-0955 Moved from 8 Wharf to 4 Basin, South Wall port side to
20 Sep	Devonport	
21 Sep	Devonport	0900-1700 Board of Enquiry onboard
22 Sep	Devonport	
23 Sep	Devonport	1400 divisions
24 Sep	Devonport	
25 Sep	Devonport	1800 S/Lt Lewington joined from HMS Mercury <i>Same entry again at 2130</i>
26 Sep	Devonport	
27 Sep	Devonport	
28 Sep	Devonport	
29 Sep	Devonport	
30 Sep	Devonport	1110 1 <sup>st</sup> leave party to muster
		<b><i>October to December still to come</i></b>

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1967	Place /Position	Comments
		<i>January still to come</i>
Feb 12	Position at 2000 11 49.5S 40 56E	En route Beira Patrol from Mombasa 1945 Spoke with Dutch ship STREEFKER from Beira to Miwara?
Feb 13	Position at 2000 1747S 3827E	No entries
Feb 14	Position at 2000 2028S 3509E	0555 a/c to 135 sp 12 commenced RAS with SIRIUS 0625 Completed Jackstay transfer a/c 220° sp 24 0731 Astern of TIDEREACH commenced replenishing 0805 Completed jackstay forward 0843 Completed refuelling 0936-1226 Small arms firing on QD 1159-1226 RAS with DIANA Approx 1600 Patrol Line JOY course varied to maintain patrol line 2210 Spoke SS STRAAT MALACCA bound Lourenco Marques
Feb 15	Position at 2000 2006S 3513½E	1133 a/c 235° after getting no answer from SS DIPLOMAT 1530-1635 Stop both engines for fishing
Feb 16	Position at 2000 2010S 3518E	0119 Investigated contact (fishing trawler) 0845 Patrol line HOPE 1037 Away port watch boarding party 1107 a/c 110° course and Sp various to close Merchant Ship 1120 Set course 245° sp 18 to resume Patrol
Feb 17	Position at 2000 2029S 35 12E	0900-0947 Machinery breakdown trials 1027 Commenced COOPX with Shackleton 1030 Stbd watch to muster 1050 Away seaboat 1110 Mail dropped stopped both engines 1115 Seaboat hoisted 1545 Closed TIDEREACH for RAS 1635 Connected hose with TIDEREACH 1725 Disconnected from TIDEREACH 1935 Ship stopped for repairs to hull 2125 Come to stbd anchor in 11 fathoms with 5 shackles out
Feb 18	Position at 2000 2000S 3515E	0955 Weighed 1335 JOY buoy 229° 5.5
Feb 19	Position at 2000 2000S 3515.5E	1130 stopped both engines for fishing (CBs SINGLETON S/Lt (TAS))
Feb 20	Position at 2000 1957S 3512E	0237 Spoke with SS CLAN MACINNES by light bound Lourenco Marques 0845 Co & Sp varied to maintain patrol line. Patrol line JOY 115° -295° 1430 Exchanged Identities with Portuguese war ship “Vesco Gadama” (Vasco Da Gama?)
Feb 21	Position at 2000 2031S 3516½E	0515 Progressing deterioration in the weather. High winds, heavy rain, poor visibility. 0805-0830 Co and SP as nec for RIX 0900-0947 Speed 10 carry out light jackstay with NUBIAN

		<i>(CBs M HADLEY)</i>
Feb 22	Position at 2000 2029S 3518E	1010 Speed 15 taking up course to refuel with TIDEREACH 1035 connected with TIDEREACH 1140 Disconnected from TIDEREACH <i>(CBs S ROBERTSON LT)</i>
Feb 23	Position at 2000 1957S 3510E	1445 JOY buoy 260° 4
Feb 24	Position at 2000 2000S 3511.5E	0825 course various to maintain JOY patrol line 115-295 1400 OOW manoeuvres with NUBIAN 1755 Co & Sp as req to intercept MVs MORMACTRADE and STRAAT SINGAPORE 1830 Co & Sp various manoeuvring alongside NUBIAN 1915 Hoisted seaboat
Feb 25	Position at 1200 1956S 3531.5E	0445 Exchanged identities with RFA TIDEREACH 0515 Exchanged identities with RFA FORT DUNVEGAN? 0555-0617 Light jackstay with RFA FORT DUNVEGAN 0725 Co & Sp as req for mail transfer by boat with NUBIAN 1110-1155 RAS with TIDEREACH 13xx-15xx RAS(S) FORT DUNVEGAN fwd and aft positions 1725 Transfer medical cases to NUBIAN by boat 1915-1935 Jackstay transfer TIDEREACH "2201 a/c 067° (BIRO by ORD/SMN COMPANY)" <i>(Former written in pen, latter in pencil)</i>
Feb 26	Position at 2000 2030S 3515E	Nothing of note
Feb 27	Position at 2000 2031.7S 3515E	0720 Seaboat transfer completed 0752-0845 RAS PEARLEAF 1000-1020 RAS NUBIAN 1615-1650 Bofors firings 1651-1659 Brengun?firings
Feb 28	Position at 2000 2030S 3518E	0750 Co & Sp as req for boat transfer with NUBIAN 1030 Co & Sp various for light mortar firing 1105 Three salvoes fired 1110 Fring completed 1525 Co & Sp various for transfer with MINVERVA 1706 Co & Sp as necessary for RAS with RFA PEARLEAF 1840 Disengaged from RFA PEARLEAF
01 March	Beira patrol (1)	0815 Co & Sp as necessary for RAS with MINERVA 1047 Co & Sp as necessary for RAS with RFA PEARLEAF At 2000 17°33'S 38°42'E
02 Mar	Beira patrol (1) Position at 0800 14°08'S 40°59'E 1200 12° 51'S 40°48'E 2000 10°06'S 40°37'E	No entries
03 Mar	Position at 0800 05°27'S 39°29'E 1200 04°08'S 39°42'E Mombasa	1225 Co & Sp various for entering harbour 1300 Secured at Shimanzi jetty 1510 Commenced fuelling 1825 Stopped pumping
04 Mar	Mombasa	0715 Slip. Co & Sp to shift berth <i>(Hunt Trot)</i> 1910 One rating joined from RNDQ



05 Mar	Mombasa	No entries
06 Mar	Mombasa	No entries
07 Mar	Mombasa	1930 1 rating Silversands patrol landed
08 Mar	Mombasa	0012 Silversands patrol returned 0935 Diving commenced 1115 Diving completed 1830-1840 Fresh water lighter alongside
09 Mar	Mombasa	1440 Whaler returned from exped
10 Mar	Mombasa	0920 Kenyan naval ships SIMBA and NYALI left harbour
11 Mar	Mombasa	0015-0225 Waterboat alongside 0915 Commenced diving 1025 Whaler left ship on exped 1115 Diving completed 1900-2345 Silversands patrol landed
12 Mar	Mombasa	0850-0955 Fresh water lighter alongside 1010 SS STREAMBANK berthed between buoys astern 1900 Whaler returned from exped
13 Mar	Mombasa	0900-1250 Diving 0700-0950 Fresh water tug alongside
14 Mar	Mombasa	0615 RFA PEARLEAF left harbour 0715-0915 Fresh water barge alongside 0915 Whaler left on exped 0930-1230 Red Cross team on board for blood donations (55 pints of blood donated) 1025 MINERVA secured between buoys ahead 1300 Diving team left ship
15 Mar	Mombasa	0830 1 rating joined ship from BELLEROPHON 1100-1245 fresh water barge alongside 1517 Rhino ferry slipped
16 Mar	Mombasa	0945-1035 Fresh water barge alongside 1100 One rating admitted to hospital 1155-1300 Captain MINVERVA and officers arrive on board. Piping party 1615 Five ratings joined from HMS Mercury
17 Mar	Mombasa	0803 Slipped Hunt berth 0839 Secured stbd side to Shimanzi jetty 0915-1035 Fuelling
18 Mar	Beira patrol (2)	Saturday 0801 Slipped Shimanzi jetty Position at 1200 05°15'S 39°59'E At 2000 07°52'S 45°23'E
19 Mar	Beira patrol (2) Position at 2000 16°34.5'S 39°54.5'E	0750 Exchanged identities with Portuguese frigate FRANCESCO DE ALMEIDA
20 Mar	Beira patrol (2)	0615 Spoke MV STREAMBANK bound Beira 0802 Started SUTOF with SIRIUS 0825 Starshel I firings by SIRIUS 0845 SUTOF firings by SIRIUS 0910-0928 Light jackstay SIRIUS 1057-1217 RAS RFA TIDEREACH 1320-1410 Co & Sp various for transfer with NUBIAN 1700 Ship stopped

		1702-1740 Total steam failure
21 Mar	Beira patrol (2)	1045-1139 Action stations 1055 Rocket firings 1620-1735 Co & Sp for OOW Manoeuvres with NUBIAN
22 Mar	Beira patrol (2)	1120 Helicopter dropped mail 1140 Co & Sp various to fish up mortar bombs 1210 Away swimmer of the watch
23 Mar	Beira patrol (2)	0830 Co & Sp to RAS RFA TIDEREACH 0905 Connected 0940 RAS completed Co & Sp various for practice fast approaches 1030 Co & Sp as required for boarding exercise with RFA TIDEREACH 1145-1210 Motor whaler defective. Boarding party recovered by light jackstay 173-1830 OOW Manoeuvres with NUBIAN 2029 Co & Sp various Exercise crashed helicopter
24 Mar	Beira patrol (2)	No entries
25 Mar	Beira patrol (2)	1545-1830 Came to stbd anchor in 8 fathoms Joy Buoy 170° 4 s
26 Mar	Beira patrol (2)	1015-1225 Stopped both engines for fishing 1510 Exchanged identities with NUBIAN 1605-1830 Co & Sp as required to anchor stbd side of NUBIAN
27 Mar	Beira patrol (2)	1125 Co & Sp as requisite for Mail drop
28 Mar	Beira patrol (2)	0915 Co & Sp as required for boat transfer with NUBIAN 1211-1237 Co & Sp for boat transfer with NUBIAN 1930 Exchanged identities with FRANCESCO DE ALMEIDA
29 Mar	Beira patrol (2)	0725 a/c to close NUBIAN for boat transfer 0950 Co & Sp as nec for RAS with RFA TIDEREACH
30 Mar	Beira patrol (2)	0845 Co & Sp various to lay DANTART 0900 ditto for DANTART exercises 0955 ditto to recover DANTART 1350 Co & Sp as necessary for RAS with MINERVA
31 Mar	Beira patrol (2)	1040 Whaler lowered. Stbd boarding stations to practice
01 Apr	Beira patrol (2)	No entries
02 Apr	Beira patrol (2)	No entries
03 Apr	Beira patrol (2)	No entries
04 Apr	Beira patrol (2)	En route Patrol Area to Diego Suarez
05 Apr	Beira patrol (2)	En route Patrol Area to Diego Suarez
06 Apr	Diego Suarez	0905 Tied to buoy for'd 1045 Water lighter secured alongside
07 Apr	Diego Suarez	1620 55 children embarked for party 1815 Party finished. Children landed
08 Apr	Diego Suarez	0235 Motor cutter broke down 0600 Lost all a/c power in the ship 0700 Motor cutter repaired 0705 Whaler broke down ashore. Towed back by motor cutter 0725 Exped party inshore 0900 Gash barge slipped 0915-1000 Captain left ship to pay official call on COMAR Diego Suarez 1200-1300 French Naval officers called on board 1400 Ship open to visitors 1720 Last boat with visitors left ship. Total number of visitors 281

09 Apr	Diego Suarez	1400 Ship open to visitors 1725 Ship cleared of visitors (345)
10 Apr	Diego Suarez	No entries
11 Apr	Diego Suarez	1315-1800 Demolition party to shore for practice 1300 French officers called on Captain 1430-1745 Diving team away in whaler
12 Apr	Diego Suarez	1200 Ship underway Co & Sp various for leaving harbour
13 Apr	Beira patrol (2)	Position at 1200 18°13'S 41°59'E
14 Apr	Beira patrol (2)	0215 Exchanged identities with RFA TIDEREACH 0300-0410 Co & Sp for RAS with RFA TIDEREACH 0824 Jackstay complete 1147 Co & Sp for mail drop 1204-1214 Lowered seaboat to recover mail 2205-2210 Lost all a/c power
15 Apr	Beira patrol (2)	1307-1516 Ship stopped 1620 Co & Sp as req to transfer our mail by sea boat to CITY OF EXETER
16 Apr	Beira patrol (2)	<i>Joy patrol.</i> 1502 Co & Sp various for boat transfer with RFA TIDEREACH 1555 Stopped 1630 Transfer complete. Cutter hoisted
17 Apr	Beira patrol (2)	0925 Mail drop. Stopped to recover 0935 Mail recovered 0950 Co & Sp various for RAS with TIDEREACH 1010-1055 Pumping 1315 Co & Sp various to board TIDEREACH and tow her 1535 Lower deck cleared to recover the tow 1605 Tow recovered 1750 Co & Sp various for boat transfer with LYNX 1840 Co & Sp various to investigate contact 2135 Spoke to MV MADALEINE bound for Durban. Illuminated to search for'd cargo
18 Apr	Beira patrol (2)	0937 1 pattern of light projectiles fired 0950 1 pattern of light projectiles fired 0955 Mortar firings now completed Co & Sp as necessary to pick up bombs
19 Apr	Beira patrol (2)	0750 LYNX sighted 305° – 10m 0830-0920 OOW manoeuvres 1015 Boat transfer with LYNX
20 Apr	Beira patrol (2)	1557 Co & Sp various for RAS with TIDEREACH 1720 RAS complete
21 Apr	Beira patrol (2)	No entries
22 Apr	Beira patrol (2)	1105 Co & Sp various for boat transfer with NUBIAN 1125 <i>ditto</i> for RAS with TIDEREACH 1600 <i>ditto</i> to remain in the vicinity of NUBIAN 1819 <i>ditto</i> for light jackstay with NUBIAN
23 Apr	Beira patrol (2)	0605 Co & Sp various for transfer with NUBIAN 0720 <i>ditto</i> for transfer with TIDEREACH
24 Apr	Beira patrol (2)	1005 Co & Sp various for RAS with RFA PLUMLEAF 1225 <i>ditto</i> for RAS abeam with RFA PLUMLEAF 1320 Disconnected from PLUMLEAF 2015 293 radar defective. 277 switched on

		2250 293 repaired. 277 switched off
25 Apr	Beira patrol (2)	1136 Co & Sp various for boat transfer with NUBIAN 2225 Co & Sp various to close merchant ship 2230 Exchanged identities with GRAVILLE negat deck cargo
26 Apr	Beira patrol (2)	0205-0355 277 defective 0845 Laid the DANTART 1100 Lowered both boats to recover the danbuoy
27 Apr	Beira patrol (2)	0900 Co & SP various for boat transfer with NUBIAN 0931-1101 Hands to Action Stations 1135 Co & Sp various for boat transfer with NUBIAN 1315-1415 OOW Manoeuvres 1600 CO & SP for RAS with PLUMLEAF 1745 RAS completed 1955 Co & Sp various for boat transfer with NUBIAN
28 Apr	Beira > Mombasa	Position at 1200 18°11'S 37°52.5'E
29 Apr	Beira > Mombasa	1225-1330 Co & SP various for heavy jackstay transfer with FORT DUNVEGAN
30 Apr	Beira > Mombasa	0814 Exchanged identities with LEOPARD 0900 CO & Sp for jackstay with LEOPARD 1656-1755 Co & Sp various for RAS with OLEANDER Taking part in Exercise Dawn Patrol until 11 <sup>th</sup> May, then Piraeus
		<b><i>May to December still to come</i></b>

## HMS RELENTLESS – EXTRACT FROM SHIP'S LOG - 1968

1968	Place /Position	Comments
		NOT YET TRANSPOSED