

# HMS RELENTLESS

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## 1950's SHIP'S LOGS

### 1953

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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.

The status of transcribed Ship's Logs is as follows: **Do not exist** - **Done** - **Coming Soon**

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
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<b>1954</b>	Coming Soon	Done	Done	Done	Done	Do not exist	Done	Done	Done	Do not exist	Done	Done	
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<b>Post 1968</b>	Do not exist												

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

1953	Place / Position	Comments
		<b>First entry 26 Jan</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 up river 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, LIX11 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 Rigged 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 Lishally  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
		<b>September still to come</b>
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		0810 Secured alongside Lisahally jetty 0915-1050 Captain ashore on official visit to SNONI

	Londonderry	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
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	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( <i>Magilligan</i> )
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
1 Dec 53	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	1615 Slipped from E berth Lisahally Came to stbd anchor in C1 anchor berth Magilligan
		<b>December still to come</b>

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