

HMS RELENTLESS

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1950's SHIP'S LOGS

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INTRODUCTION

The information contained in the following pages has been transcribed directly from the official SHIP'S LOGs of HMS RELENTLESS which can be viewed 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	
Pre-1951	Do not exist												
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Post 1968	Do not exist												

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

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

		1825 HM s/m ALLIANCE entered harbour
27 Feb	Londonderry	1145 Lower deck cleared. Ships company addressed by Captain
28 Feb	Londonderry	1150 1 rating joined ship loan draft
01 Mar	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	<i>Monday (George Symonds, Commander in Command)</i> 1445 Slipped and proceeded 1513 Disperse 1530 Secure for sea 1650 On a line of bearing 120° RELENTLESS, LOCH RUTHVEN, ROCKET, TENACIOUS,3000x 1710 LOCH RUTHVEN stationed on stbd beam 3000x. ROCKET and TENACIOUS detached to cooperate with A/C 2140 Arrived at 18 Berth
02 Mar	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0750 Slipped Londonderry in company with TENACIOUS, ROCKET, LOCH RUTHVEN 1730 anchored (?)
03 Mar	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	Weighed (<i>between 0830 -0951 in company as above</i>) 0951 Lost Bathy thermograph No. 167 whilst streaming 1700 Up spirits 1815 Alongside Lisahally 18254 ROCKET arrived alongside TENACIOUS alongside 1835 1 rating joined from SAFEGUARD
04 Mar	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0745 TENACIOUS slipped 0900 ROCKET slipped 0820 SNONI arrived on board 1110 ROCKET and TENACIOUS detached 1915 Secured alongside ROCKET port side to in Londonderry 1945 4 ratings joined form RNB Chatham
05 Mar	Londonderry	1335 2 ratings on draft to RNB Chatham
06 Mar	Londonderry	0915 Hands to divisions 0925 Captain D started inspection of ship 1125 Captain D left ship
07 Mar	Londonderry	Sunday 0945 Lower deck cleared. Ship's company addressed by Captain
08 Mar	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0745 1 rating on draft to HMS Sea eagle, 4 ratings to RNB Chatham 0755 Ship proceeded to sea 1745 Came to stbd anchor (<i>Magilligan</i>)
09 Mar	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0800 Weighed and proceeded 1537 s/m surfacd
10 Mar	Londonderry and Exercise Areas At 1200 55°29'N 06°23'W	0015 Run 30 completed, course 230° 0735 Anchored at Magilligan D3 berth 0815 Weighed. In company with ROCKET,LOCH RUTHVEN, S.M SUBTLE and TRUNCHEON 1740 Anchored D1 berth 1840 VOLAGE weighed 2345 USS MEREDITH and USS JOHNSON anchored
11 Mar	Londonderry and Exercise Areas	0555 Weighed and proceeded 1040 Secured to A berth Lisahally 1312 Slipped and proceeded to Londonderry 1340 Secured alongside ROCKET stbd side to

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

	5737.7 0655W	Vessel hove to, wind & sea on Port beam. Drifting approx. 035° at 1½ kts 2300 Vaternish Pt Lt 143° Glas Eilean Lt 027° Vessel setting approx. 030° at 1.7 kts"
29 Oct	Stornoway	0010 Underway Co 040° Revs 60 Prosperous in company 0618 Ship hove to off Stornoway 0730 BWH prepared for entering harbour 0840 Secured starboard side to at Stornoway 1021 HM Tug Prosperous slipped from alongside 1500 Captain's Requestmen & Defaulters mustered 1645-1915 Free gangway open
30 Oct	Stornoway	(0700) ER Dept patching up hole in bow 1030 Captain's mess deck rounds 1030 Stbd anchor removed from FX and stowed amidships 1115-1158 Captain called on Provost 1750 HMS M1112 entered harbour 1908 HMS M1111 entered harbour 1910 HMS M1101 entered harbour 1912 HMS M1114 entered harbour 1945 3 ratings on draft to M1111 2200 Sur Lt Bamwell RNVR left ship to join URCHIN with 3 Telegraphists for passage to Loch Ewe. Motor cutter left ship for URCHIN 2245 Motor cutter returned and secured for the night
31 Oct	Stornoway > Greenock	0800 Hoisted motor cutter 0810-0844 M1101, M 1114, M1111, M1112 left harbour 0837 PROSPEROUS secured alongside port side 0902 Slipped & proceeded Position at 1100: 57°58.9'N 06°19.4'W 1144 Altered course to 242° to avoid trawler. FD44 reprimanded by light for not taking earlier action and not obeying Rule of the Road 1545 Visual Fix – Neist Pt Lt bore 038°/8.5nm Very slight suggestion of swell. One Shackleton sighted on a southerly course Position at 2000 56°41.4'N 07°17'W
01 Nov	Stornoway >Greenock Position at 0800 5517N 0559W 1200 5527N 0501.5W	1100 Ground haze fairly thick. Viz about 5 miles 1225 Passed TERMAGENT on port beam 1 mile 1548 Secured alongside Deepwater jetty Greenock
02 Nov	Greenock	1000 Pre docking conference held on board 1003 PROSPEROUS slipped and left harbour 1009 M1116 BURNASTON left harbour 1020-1245 RNO Clyde on board 1145 Lower deck cleared for issue of tobacco coupons 1315 Boys training class mustered 1545 Clear lower deck hand mustered for talk by Captain 1600 Jetty sentry posted for safe custody
03 Nov	Greenock	0645 Jetty sentry stood down 0900 Candidates training class (Boatwork) 1300-1630 Whaler left ship sailing 1330 One tarpaulin (Rate Book Value £26) lost overboard 1630 One rating on draft to VIGILANT

		1715 2 ratings travelling to Londonderry on duty
04 Nov	Greenock > Gareloch	0830 1 Officer – Lt Melhuish RN – and three ratings on draft 0920 Hoisted in gangway 0910 Whaler left ship and sailed for Gareloch4 0930 Slipped from Deepwater Pier Co & Sp to enter Gareloch 1030 Secured alongside Reserve Fleet Group at Deep Water wharf Gareloch 1315 Both watches employed boxing ammunition preparing to de-ammunition ship 1630-1730 Duty part employed de-ammunitioning ship
05 Nov	Gareloch	0843 BWH employed deammunitioning ship 1500 Stokers football team left ship 1545 Cleared lower deck for fortnightly payment 1645 Deammunitioning completed
06 Nov		1200 Libertyment fall in 1215 Free gangway 12341 Rating joined ship 1300 MUP mustered 1730 Whaler towed in and secured
07 Nov	Gareloch	1048 Clear lower deck 1100 2 mins silence 1102 Carry on
08 Nov	Gareloch > KG V Dock Glasgow	1200 Slipped. Vessel commenced turning. Tug Flying Swordfish for'd, Flying Spitfire aft 1310 Hoisted whaler 13418 Vessel turned and proceeded 1606 Arrived off berth. Lines ashore fore and aft 1612 In position. 1625 Securely fast fore and aft to River Wall, King George V Dock
09 Nov	Govan	0840 Two tugs secured Port side 0845 Pilot boarded 0900 Tugs Flying Hurricane & Flying Meteor in attendance 0918 Left quay. 0925 Vessel turning at entrance to KG V Dock 0928 Vessel turned & proceeded Stern first up river 0952 Whiteinch Ferry. 1005 Govan Wharf Lt 1039 Arrived off No. 2 Dry Dock Govan 1047 Bow wires ashore let go For'd tug. 1049 Entered dock. Let go stern tug. 1106 Vessel in Dock. 1107 Caisson in place 1230 Two ratings joined ship. Two ratings returned from Londonderry on duty 1430 One rating returned on board from Hospital
10 Nov	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	0940 Medical stores left ship 1140 TEVIOT entered No.3 dry dock 1145 Cleared lower deck 1415 Captain's Requestmen & Defalters mustered
11 Nov	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	No entries
12 Nov	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	1055 1 Rating on draft to HMS Dolphin
13 Nov	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	1030 Mess deck rounds
14 Nov	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	No entries
15 Nov	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	1322 PICKLE entered No. 1 dry dock 1400 CLAN MACTAVISH entered No.1 dry dock 1700 1 Rating on draft

16 Nov	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	0740 Captain arrived on board 0900 1 Rating on draft 1525 ATTACKER (L3010) entered No.1 dry dock
17 Nov	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	0845 1 Rating on draft to RNB(C) 0945 Captain's Requestmen & Defaulters mustered 1145 Lower deck cleared for talk by Captain 1145 ATH arty returned on board 1815 Captain of PICKLE came on board
18 Nov	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	0842 Captain returned on board with Captain R B Jowitt 1120 1 Rating joined ship from RNB(C) 1600 Lower deck cleared for Main 'F' payment "1700 Capt Jowitt left ship.(sigh)"
19 Nov	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	1000 2 Ratings on draft 1245-1452 Captain ashore to lunch 1504 Captain to Clyde Navigation Trust
20 Nov	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	1030 Captain's mess deck rounds
21 Nov	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	0845-1000 RC Church party landed 1820 PICKLE left dry dock
22 Nov	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	0925 PINCHER left harbour 0955 1 Telegraphist draft to RNB Devonport 1030-1215 Captain to see Lord Provost Glasgow
23 Nov	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	1015 1 Rating (Steward) joined 1140 ATH returned on board 1300 Surg Lt Bamwell RNVR joined ship
24 Nov	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	1200 Hands to make and mend clothes
25 Nov	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	0900-1150 & 1315-1550 ATH party landed 0930 Captain's Requestmen & Defaulters mustered 1700 One Rating on draft to RNB Portsmouth
26 Nov	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	No entries
27 Nov	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	No entries
28 Nov	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	No entries
29 Nov	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	0855 1 rating on draft (Temp) to BMH Cowglen 1145 Lower deck cleared for talk by Captain
30 Nov	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	1700 2 Ratings on temporary draft to Devonport
	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	
01 Dec	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	0900 BWH to PT on jetty 0920 2 Ratings on draft 1145 Clear lower deck for issue of tobacco coupons 1400 Naval Stores and cases for life rafts arrived alongside
02 Dec	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	0830 Yeoman of Sigs + 5 ratings lent draft RNB Plymouth for Court Martial 1600 Clear lower deck for fortnightly payment
03 Dec	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	1400 1 Rating joined from RNB Chatham
04 Dec	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	No entries
05 Dec	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	0930 Prayers on Quarterdeck
06 Dec	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	0900-1145 ATH party landed
07 Dec	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	0750 1 Rating rejoined from RNB Devonport 0830 1 rating rejoined from RNB Devonport 2040 1 Rating RNSQ Abbotsinch for observation
08 Dec	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	1020 1 Rating discharged RNSQ Abbotsinch for observation 1730 1 Rating rejoined ship from RNH
09 Dec	Govan, in No.2 dry dock	0800 Candidates for Seamanship exam left ship

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

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