

HMS RELENTLESS

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1960's SHIP'S LOGS

1966 - 1968

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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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| Pre-1951 | Do not exist | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1951 | Do not exist | | | | | | Done | Done | Done | Done | Done | Done | Do not exist |
| 1952 | Do not exist | Done | Do not exist | | | Do not exist | Coming Soon | Done | Coming Soon | Done | Done | Coming Soon | |
| 1953 | Done | Done | Done | Done | Done | Do not exist | Done | Done | Coming Soon | Done | Done | Coming Soon | |
| 1954 | Coming Soon | Done | Done | Done | Done | Do not exist | Done | Done | Done | Do not exist | Done | Done | |
| 1955 | Do not exist | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1956 | Do not exist | | | | | | | | Done | Do not exist | | | |
| 1957-1963 | Do not exist | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1964 | Do not exist | | | | | Done | Done | Done | Done | Done | Done | Done | Done |
| 1965 | Done | Done | Done | Done | Done | Done | Done | Done | Done | Done | Done | Done | |
| 1966 | Done | Done | Done | Done | Do not exist | Do not exist | Do not exist | Do not exist | Done | Do not exist | Do not exist | Do not exist | |
| 1967 | Do not exist | Done | Done | Done | Do not exist | Do not exist | Do not exist | Do not exist | Do not exist | Do not exist | Do not exist | Do not exist | |
| 1968 | Do not exist | Do not exist | Do not exist | Do not exist | Do not exist | Do not exist | Do not exist | Do not exist | Do not exist | | | | |
| Post 1968 | Do not exist | | | | | | | | | | | | |

HMS RELENTLESS – EXTRACT FROM SHIP’S LOG – 1966

| 1966 | Place / Position | Comments |
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| 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 C in C passes by car |
| 25 Jan | Devonport | No entries |
| 26 Jan | Devonport | 1425 Hands stood by to receive SCARBOROUGH 1445 SCARBOROUGH berthed alongside bows west |

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| 27 Jan | Devonport | 0802 AB Morcan (?) 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 |
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| 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 C in C 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 |

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| 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 |
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| 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>) 1620 Captain AG WATSON left ship on cessation of command |
| 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 st 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 Ship re-commissioned 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 |

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| | | 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 |
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| 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 nd 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 |
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| | | <i>May to August still to come</i> |
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| 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 |

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| | | 1035 Slipped for Devonport 1808 Secured No.8 wharf |
| 15 Sep | Devonport | |
| 16 Sep | Devonport | |
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| 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 | |
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| 30 Sep | Devonport | 1110 1 st leave party to muster |
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| | | <i>October to December still to come</i> |
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HMS RELENTLESS – EXTRACT FROM SHIP’S LOG – 1967

| 1967 | Place /Position | Comments |
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| | | <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? |
| Feb13 | 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 |

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| | | <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 ROBERTS 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 seaboard |
| 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 Seaboard 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 |
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| 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 |

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| 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 |

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| | | 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 |
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| 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 |

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| | | 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 |

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| | | 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 th May, then Piraeus |
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| | | <i>May to December still to come</i> |
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HMS RELENTLESS – EXTRACT FROM SHIP'S LOG - 1968

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