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ADMIRALTY FLEET ORDER

TRAVELLING ARRANGEMENTS FOR NAVAL PERSONNEL

Admiralty, S.W.1, 24th December, 1942.

The following Order having been approved by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty is hereby promulgated for information and guidance and necessary action.

By Command of their Lordships,

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To all Commanders-in-Chief, Flag Officers, Senior Naval Officers, Captains and Commanding Officers of H.M. Ships and Vessels, Superintendents or Officers in Charge of H.M. Naval Establishments, and Admiralty Overseers concerned.

Note:—The scale of distribution is shown in the Admiralty Fleet Order Volume, 1941, Instructions, paragraph 10.

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(P.R.T.O./D.P.S. 624/42/P.-24.12.1942.)

Railway Transport Officers.—The Principal Railway Transport Officer is at the Admiralty, London. The Naval Railway Transport Officer for Scotland is at Edinburgh (Waverley Station). In addition Naval Railway Transport Officers are stationed at Plymouth, Newcastle, Liverpool, Glasgow, Edinburgh and Perth. Naval staffs consisting of Naval or Marine personnel are attached to the Army R.T.Os, at principal stations. These men wear distinctive armlets bearing the letters N.R.T. Naval personnel travelling by rail and requiring assistance at stations at which no Naval R.T.O; is stationed should apply to the Army or R.A.F. R.T.O.

2. The following are details of the transport officers concerned:—

Principal Railway Transport Officer, Admiralty, London:

... ... Whitehall 9000, Ext. 498 or 1276.

Telegraphic Address ... P.R.T.O., Admiralty.

Naval Railway Transport Officer (Scotland), Edinburgh, Waverley Station:

Telephone ... Post Office line—Edinburgh 26832; via N.O.I.C., Leith-Ext. 155;

via Scottish Command-Ext. 86.

Telegraphic Address ... Naviarto, Edinburgh.

Stations at which Naval Railway Transport Officers are stationed :-

... Post Office line-Newcastle 25111; Newcastle

via F.O.I.C. Tyne, Ext. 136 and 74.

Liverpool (Lime Street) Post Office line—Liverpool Royal 4035, Ext. 147.

Glasgow (Central) ... Post Office line-Glasgow Central 4950; via F.O.I.C., Glasgow, Ext. 175.

Post Office line-Edinburgh 33805; Edinburgh (Waverley) Edinburgh 23081, Ext. 356.

Perth Post Office line-Perth 2193;

via Movement Control, East Scotland Area.

Plymouth (North Road) Post Office line-Plymouth 61381: via Dockvard, Ext. 974.

These Officers deal with the movement by rail of Naval personnel and baggage only. Movement of all stores by rail is dealt with P.R.T.O., Admiralty.

Stations at which Naval or R.M. personnel are attached to the staff of Army Railway Transport Officer :-

London.

Paddington (Controls, Marylebone).

Euston.

Kings Cross.

Victoria.

Charing Cross (Controls, Cannon Street and Holborn).

Waterloo.

Liverpool Street (Controls, London Bridge and Fenchurch Street).

St. Pancras.

Provinces.

Birmingham (New Street). Bristol (Temple Meads).

Inverness.

Manchester (Victoria) Cardiff. Manchester (London Road).

Carlisle. Peterboro (North) (R.A.F. R.T.O.). Chatham.

Portsmouth and Southsea.

Crewe. Preston. Exeter (St. Davids and Central).

Reading. Salisbury.

Fareham. Fleetwood. Inverkeithing*.

Taunton. York.

* Note.—There is no Army R.T.O. at Inverkeithing, the naval staff at this station being under the control of R.N.R.T.O., Edinburgh.

3. R.N., F.A.A., R.M. (except when travelling under Army Command Operational moves), W.R.N.S. and V.A.D. personnel travelling on duty:

The Drafting or Transport Officer is responsible for making train arrangements at the point of departure with the N.R.T.O. concerned. (See paragraph 2). If no N.R.T.O. is stationed within the Command, train arrangements are to be made with the local railway officials. If any difficulties are experienced or assistance is required application should be made to P.R.T.O., Admiralty.

When arrangements are made direct with local railway officials, P.R.T.O. or R.N.R.T.O., Scotland, should be informed in accordance with paragraphs 4 and 5.

In either case the necessary advices so far as the rail journey is concerned will be forwarded, but establishments and ships will be responsible for informing the necessary authorities at the destination.

Meals are not to be arranged, but the requisite meal orders are to be issued.

P.R.T.O. or R.N.R.T.O., Scotland, will arrange for suitable meals to be provided and, depending on the length of the journey and facilities for providing food, will, if necessary, instruct depots and ships to provide bag meals before departure.

Officers and Chief Petty Officers (on draft) and all personnel on leave are advised to enquire whether food can be obtained on the journey, and if not to provide themselves in advance with such food as is necessary.

Any information may be obtained from R.N.R.T.Os., who will advise the stations that libertymen are travelling and may be requiring meals. C.P.Os. may be allowed to claim subsistence allowance or be included in the Meal Order arrangements at the discretion of the Routeing Authority.

When parties of civilian personnel are required to undertake long journeys by rail in the course of their employment, notification of their requirements for the provision of meals is to be sent as early as possible to the Principal Rail Transport Officer, Admiralty, or R.N.R.T.O., Scotland.

The men for whom it is desired that such provision should be made are to be required to make written application for meals to be provided on the understanding that the cost of the meals will be recovered from them.

4. Movements of all drafts of six or more men on duty and all moves of offenders and escorts are to be advised as under :-

Drafts moving from Stations in England and Wales.-To P.R.T.O., Admiralty by teleprinter or telephone.

- * Drafts moving from Stations in Scotland .- To R.N.R.T.O., Scotland. by signal, teleprinter (via N.O.I.C., Leith) or telephone.
- 5. In all cases the following details are to be given:—
- (a) Strength of party and quantity of baggage.
- (b) Time, date, and station of departure.
- (c) Destination.
- (d) Whether road transport is required between stations.
- (e) Meals required en route, stating value of meal orders, and stations at which required.
- 6. When sent by teleprinter or signal it is only necessary to quote the letters (a), (b), (c), etc., as shown below:-Example :-

From "Ganges" to P.R.T.O., Admiralty:

- (a) Two Officers, 3 C.P.Os., 45 ratings, 50 cwts. baggage.
- (b) 1100 July 14th Ipswich.
- (c) Devonport.
- (d) Yes.
- (e) 45-1s. 6d. Liverpool Street. 45-1s. 6d. Exeter.
- 7. The maximum possible notice is to be given. In view of delay in telegraph services, details should be given by telephone when 48 hours' notice is not possible.
- 8. Advice of all drafts travelling will be given by P.R.T.O., London, or R.N.R.T.O., Scotland, to the Naval or Military R.T.Os, concerned at stations at which meals are required and at principal junctions. Any queries or difficulties on the journey should be referred to the R.T.O. at the station concerned by the officer or rating in charge of the draft.

- 9. Officers or Ratings in charge of drafts must report with their drafts complete to the R.T.O, or his representative on arrival at each station at which they have to change trains (including the London termini stations) and at stations at which meals have been ordered. It is of paramount importance that this should be done, as any alteration in train service or diversions is communicated to the R.T.Os. concerned.
- 10. Leave Parties; Train arrangements are to be made in accordance with paragraphs 3 and 7. When the leave party exceeds 50 movements are to be reported as in the case of the drafts referred to in paragraph 4 and details furnished in accordance with paragraph 5 omitting (d) and (e).

The time and date of expiration of leave should be given and when special leave trains are arranged the times of return trains must be promulgated prior to departure of the outward train. To ensure that return special leave trains will not be run unnecessarily and avoid overcrowding of the ordinary trains, it is most important that libertymen be instructed to return by the special trains.

11. The following information in regard to routes to the less accessible Naval bases is promulgated as a guide to drafting authorities. All times shown are liable to variation, and should be verified by local enquiry.

Certain of the places named are within Protected Areas, and attention is directed to A.F.Os. 847/42, 3847/42 and 4834/42. Particular care must be taken to ensure that intending passengers' identity documents are in order and complete in all respects including photograph partly overstamped with the ship's stamp.

H.M.S. "ARARAT"

Officers and ratings joining H.M.S. "Ararat" for training should be routed to arrive Glasgow so as to catch the 0930 train from Central Station to Wemyss Bay Station, arriving there at 1027.

AULTBEA (LOCH EWE)

Personnel are to be routed to Achnasheen, L.M. & S. Railway, and are to be directed to report to the R.T.O. at Inverness by whom arrangements will be made for onward transport from Achnasheen.

Road transport is provided from Achnasheen to Aultbea, and all personnel are to be provided with a railway warrant to Achnasheen and a separate warrant from Achnasheen to Aultbea payable to the Achnasheen Hotel Company to cover this part of the journey.

The 1920 train from Euston daily, except Saturdays, will arrive at Inverness in time to connect with 1145 train therefrom on the following day. There is so train service available between Inverness and Achnasheen on Sunday, and the last connection is the 1155 ex Perth on Saturday.

BLYTH, NORTHUMBERLAND

Personnel travelling to Blyth, Northumberland, should proceed by L. & N.E.R. main line train to Newcastle-on-Type and thence as follows:—

Weekdays-

By electric train from Newcastle Central Station to Monkseaton, then by steam train to Blyth.

Sundays-

- By electric train from Newcastle Central Station to Manors North (Newcastle); then by steam train to Newsham and from there by bus to Blyth.
- (2) Officers appointed for courses in H.M.S. "Elfin" should proceed from Blyth to Naval quarters by bus (Nos. 8, 53, 59) leaving their heavy luggage at the station for collection later by Service transport. Drafts of ratings arriving for H.M.S. "Elfin" will be met at the station.
- (3) Notification of other personnel travelling to Blyth should be made to the Naval Officer-in-Charge at least 24 hours before the time of arrival if transport is required.
- (4) No accommodation or meals are available in H.M.S. "Elfin" for Officers and ratings joining new construction vessels commissioning in the port. Arrangements should be made for drafts for ships at Blyth not yet in commission to be provided with breakfast and a bag dinner at Newcastle. Addresses of lodgings in the town can frequently be supplied on application to the naval quarters.

CAMPBELTOWN

Personnel are to be routed to Tarbert via steamer from Wemyss Bay. The connecting train leaves Glasgow (Central) at 0827. The 2115 train from Euston to Glasgow frequently arrives too late to make connection with this service and personnel travelling via London should proceed by the 1900 train from King's Cross, connecting with 0435 or 0625 train from Edinburgh (Waverley) to Glasgow (Queen Street).

H.M.S. "DUNDONALD"

Personnel are to be routed to Troon. Attention is directed to the necessity for distinction between H.M.S. "Dundonald" and Dundonald town in Northern Ireland. Confusion has arisen owing to draft notes being made out to Dundonald with the result that ratings have travelled to Northern Ireland in error.

FORT WILLIAM, CORPACH & GLENFINNAN

Personnel for Fort William (St. Christopher), Corpach and Glenfinnan are to travel by or connect en route with the following service:—

London (King's Cross)		***	dep.	1900
Edinburgh (Waverley)	***		arr.	0410
Edinburgh (Waverley	***	· ···	dep.	0435
Glasgow (Queen Street)		***	arr.	0535
Glasgow (Queen Street)			dep.	0550
Fort William		-	arr.	1022
Corpach			arr.	1043
Glenfinnan (Loch Shiel)		114	arr.	1109

Breakfast will be arranged in the train leaving Glasgow (Queen Street) at 0550 provided that P.R.T.O. is given 48 hours notice of requirements in the case of ratings travelling from England, or R.N.R.T.O. Scotland is given 24 hours notice in the case of ratings travelling from Scotland.

INVERARY

Personnel are to be routed via Dalmally from which point road transport is arranged to Inverary.

In the case of large drafts, however, the maximum possible notice should be given to enable special alternative routing arrangements being made.

INVERGORDON

Owing to limited accommodation in the Services special trains, personnel must travel by ordinary booked services.

The 1920 train from Euston daily, except Saturdays, will arrive at Inverness in time to connect with 1155 train therefrom on the following day. There is no train service available between Inverness and Invergordon on Sunday, and the last connection is the 1545 ex Perth on Saturdays.

ISLE OF MAN

Personnel are to be routed via Fleetwood. The sailing times and days vary from time to time and particulars are given separately in Admiralty Fleet Orders. In case of doubt, details can be obtained from P.R.T.O. London, R.N.R.T.O. Liverpool or N.O.I.C. Fleetwood. Personnel must, however, arrive at Fleetwood not later than 1210 hours on sailing days.

To Isle of Man

Details of drafts are to be reported to P.R.T.O., London or R.N.R.T.O., Scotland, as the case may be, in accordance with paragraphs 5 and 6. Railway warrants are to be issued through to Douglas, Isle of Man. Officers or ratings in charge of drafts, if ordered to proceed as far as Fleetwood only, are to remain with their drafts until the steamer leaves, after which they must report themselves at the Naval Rail Transport Office at Fleetwood before returning to their depots. The new combined leave and rail tickets are not available for journeys to the Isle of Man.

From Isle of Man

Details of drafts in accordance with paragraphs 5 and 6 are to be reported

to P.R.T.O., London, N.O.I.C., Fleetwood and E.S.O., Douglas.

Details of personnel travelling on leave are to be advised to N.O.I.C., Fleetwood in order that the necessary accommodation can be provided on the trains. Large leave parties are also to be reported to P.R.T.O., London, in accordance with paragraph 10.

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Officers or ratings in charge of drafts, on arrival at Fleetwood, are to report to the Naval Rail Transport Officer and muster their drafts on the quayside, whence they will be directed to the trains.

General

A check of those travelling in the steamer to and from the Isle of Man is to be kept as follows:—

(a) Personnel on Draft.—Duplicate draft notes are to be prepared and one copy handed in by the Officer or Rating in charge of the draft at the Naval Rail Transport Office at Fleetwood or Embarkation Staff Office at Douglas, as the case may be. Any discrepancies in the Draft Note or details of any ratings absent from the draft should be reported.

(b) Personnel on Leave.—Embarkation cards are to be obtained from the Naval Rail Transport Office at Fleetwood or from the man's depot in the Isle of Man, for surrender on embarkation. Personnel domiciled in the Isle of Man and returning therefrom after leave will obtain embarkation cards from the Embarkation Staff Office, Douglas. (See also paragraph 12b.)

Dinner meals can usually be provided in the steamer in both directions. For drafts to the Isle of Man arriving at Fleetwood in the morning, breakfast meals can usually be arranged.

LERWICK (SHETLANDS)

A steamer service operates from Aberdeen, but sailings are intermittent and no definite schedule is observed.

A fortnightly steamer service for military personnel between Invergordon and Lerwick and vice versa is run by the Scottish Command, but accommodation by this service for naval personnel is very limited. Application for accommodation by this service should be made to P.R.T.O., Admiralty or R.N.R.T.O., Scotland, as far in advance as possible, but this is no guarantee that accommodation will be available.

Ratings proceeding on leave from Lerwick by the service should be warned that there is no guarantee that they can be accommodated for the return journey.

A daily air service (Sundays excepted) is in operation between Inverness and Lerwick, leaving Academy Street at 0930 and arriving Lerwick at 1350. Application for accommodation by this service should be made direct to Scottish Airways Ltd., from whom details re fares, baggage, etc., can be obtained.

H.M.S. "LOCHINVAR" (PORT EDGAR)

- (1) Personnel for Port Edgar and H.M.S. "Lochinvar" establishment are to be routed to Dalmeny (L. & N.E.R.).
- (2) Officers appointed to H.M.S. "Lochinvar" for courses, however, should be routed to Edinburgh and not Dalmeny.
- (3) Limited accommodation is now available in "Lochinvar" for these officers, but they should be instructed to report to the R.N.R.T.O., Edinburgh, who will telephone "Lochinvar" to ascertain whether accommodation is available. If none is available, he will advise them where to seek accommodation, although it should be understood that he is not responsible for securing it. If accommodation is available in "Lochinvar," the officer concerned should proceed by rail to Dalmeny, having previously telephoned to the Duty Officer, "Lochinvar" (South Queensferry 381) who will arrange transport from Dalmeny Station.
- (4) Officers should report to the Administrative Block, Port Edgar, at 0845 on the date shown on their appointments, or as soon after as possible. There is a very adequate 'bus service between St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh, and South Queensferry.
- (5) The above does not apply to the routine courses of sub-lieutenants, R.N.V.R., who proceed to H.M.S. "Lochinvar" from H.M.S. "Excellent."

NORTHERN IRELAND

To Northern Ireland

Personnel from England and Wales are to be routed via Strangaer and Larne, with the exception that personnel from North Wales and Lancashire may be routed via Heysham and Belfast if a more expeditious journey is thereby secured. Owing to the irregular sailings the route from Liverpool to Belfast is not to be used unless

special authority has been obtained. Personnel from Scotland are to be routed via Glasgow (Broomielaw Quay) and Belfast. Details of drafts are to be reported to P.R.T.O., London, or N.R.T.O., Scotland, as the case may be in accordance with paragraphs 5 and 6. Actual destinations must be included; "Northern Ireland" is insufficient.

From Northern Ireland

Personnel for England and Wales are to be routed via Larne and Stranraer, with the exception that personnel for North Wales and Lancashire may be routed via Belfast and Heysham if a more expeditious journey is thereby secured. The route from Belfast to Liverpool is not to be used without special authority. Personnel for Scotland are to be routed via Belfast and Glasgow (Broomielaw Quay). Details of drafts and personnel travelling on leave are to be reported to F.O.I.C., Belfast, who will make the necessary arrangements in conjunction with Army Movement Control, Belfast. The latter will advise N.R.T.O., Scotland.

General Remarks

A check of those travelling in the steamers to and from Northern Ireland is to be kept as follows:—

- (a) Personnel on draft.—Duplicate draft notes are to be prepared and one copy handed over by the Officer or rating in charge of the draft to the Embarkation Officer. Any discrepancies in the draft note or details of any ratings absent from the draft should be reported.
 - (b) The following requirements must be complied with :-
 - (1) Naval Officers travelling to Northern Ireland must carry their Naval Officer's Identity Cards (Form S.1511). They must also carry a certificate from their Commanding Officer to the effect that they have permission to proceed on leave to their homes in Northern Ireland. Officers proceeding to Northern Ireland on duty must produce satisfactory evidence, usually in the form of a note from their Commanding Officer, that they are authorised to proceed to Northern Ireland on duty.

(2) Naval ratings must carry their Sailor's Pay and Identity Books (Form S.43a) and in addition a leave ticket which must contain a statement that a man is proceeding on authorised leave to his home in Northern Ireland.

It is essential that the above documents should be in order and in the case of Form S.1511 and Form S.43a, complete with photograph

of the bearer, overstamped with the ship's stamp.

The above documents, provided they are in order, will, on production to the immigration officer at the embarkation port, serve in lieu of a travel permit card or passport.

(3) Care is to be taken that the certificates referred to above carried by officers and the leave tickets carried by ratings do not bear the name of the holder's ship nor the place where he is to rejoin on the expiration of his leave.

(4) It is pointed out that in order to avoid delay and possible disappointment, personnel should be warned not to carry any documents that cannot be censored in a few minutes on the spot at the port of embarkation. Documents which cannot be so censored will be removed from the intending passenger before he is allowed to embark.

Naval personnel joining or taking passage in H.M. ships at Belfast are to report at the office of the Commanding Officer, H.M.S. "Caroline", 47, Queen's Square, Belfast.

Note.—Personnel proceeding on leave to Eire.—Naval personnel proceeding to Eire are to proceed in plain clothes. The leave ticket in such cases should contain a statement that the man is authorised to wear plain clothes.

The instructions given above in regard to Northern Ireland are also to be strictly adhered to.

H.M.S. "OSPREY"

Drafts should hold tickets and baggage warrants through to Dunoon.

ORKNEYS

The Orkneys come within Protected Area No. 2, and attention is directed to A.F.Os. 847/42, 3847/42, and 4834/42. All identity documents must be in order and complete with photograph partly overstamped (vide A.F.O. 2347/42).

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Northbound

The railhead for the Orkneys is Thurso.

(a) From Landon (Freston) Sandare excented

Personnel proceeding to the Orkneys should travel by the Services train which runs between London (Euston) and Thurso, Mondays to Saturdays inclusive. Connections with this train are provided from all important centres of the United Kingdom as set out in the time-tables quoted. These train services are liable to minor alterations and personnel should therefore verify train times by local inquiry.

Railway Services

(a) From L	ondon (Eust	on)—.	undays	except	ed			
1	Euston	***	1.44	474	1002	dep.	1005	
	Rugby		***	***		dep.	1151	
	Crewe	***				dep.	1334	
	Carlisle	224	***	411	448	arr.	1636	
	Carlisle	***		***	***	dep.	1643	
	Perth	2.1	11.6	111	***	arr.	2030	
	Perth	4.1	***			dep.	2305	
	Thurso			22.5		arr.	0750	
(b) From E	Bristol							
(0) 11000	Bristol (T	emple	Meads)		100	dep.	0750	
	Cheltenha							
	Birmingha							
	Crewe					arr.	2422	
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(d) From A						7	0000	
	Mancheste							
	Carlisle					arr.		
	Carlisle	112						
	Connects	with t	he 1005	ex Eu	ston a	it Car	lisle.	
(e) From E	dinburgh							
	Edinburgh	n (Wa	verley)	444	244	dep.		
	Dunfermli	ine (Lo	ower)	***	***	dep.		
	Perth		***	***		arr.	2058	
	Perth	444	***	444	444	dep.		
	Connects	with t	he 1005	ex Eu	ston a	at Per	th.	
(f) From G	lasgow							
	Glasgow (Bucha	nan Str	reet)		dep.	1810	
	Perth						1947	

Note.—W.R.N.S. personnel for Kirkwall should travel by the Military Special leaving Perth at 2230 (Fridays excepted) and are to report to R.T.O., Perth in order that accommodation may be reserved.

Connects with the 1005 ex Euston at Perth.

... dep. 2305

The 1005 ex Euston is a public train from Euston to Carlisle, special coaches and a baggage van being provided for the conveyance of H.M. Forces on draft and also for the use of libertymen. These coaches are normally formed immediately behind the engine. At Carlisle these coaches are detached and run non-stop to Perth. A buffet car, staffed by the Salvation Army, is attached at Carlisle for the provision of light refreshments and runs through to Thurso. From Carlisle to Thurso the train is exclusively a Services train.

Sleeping Berths

Third class sleeping berths are available for Officers between Perth and Thurso. Applications for reservations should be made to R.N.R.T.O., Perth on arrival at that station. Sleeping berth tickets must be held, and these can only be purchased at Perth after a berth has been obtained. The charge is 7s. 7d., and is payable in

cash at the booking office. Applications for sleeping berths may be made in advance to R.N.R.T.O. Perth, but this is no guarantee that a berth will be available. Money must not be sent in advance.

The following are allowed to travel on the Services train :-

- Personnel of H.M. Forces (Officers and men, and members of the Nursing Services and Women's Services).
- (2) All holders of D.R. Form 1.
- (3) Civilian personnel in Admiralty or Air Ministry Service in possession of D.R. Form 12 or D.R. Form 7—in the latter case supported by photographic identification (British Passport or green National Registration Identity Card).
- (4) Royal Fleet Auxiliary and Merchant Navy Personnel joining or rejoining ships in possession of N.R.110 (National Registration Identity Card with photograph).
- (5) Admiralty Dockyard employees in possession of N.R.107 (National Registration Identity Card with photograph) and letter of authority from Superintendent of Dockyard.
- (6) Admiralty Dockyard employees in possession of ED.227 with accompanying letter signed by the Head of a Dockyard Department.

Note.—Wives and families of Naval personnel are not permitted to travel by this train.

The margin of time available at Perth is provided in order that meals can be provided for Naval ratings and that Officers may obtain a meal at the local hotels.

The Y.M.C.A. canteen will be cleared by the military police at 2200.

At Perth, barriers are placed in position at 2030 and all drafts and ratings returning off leave are to report to the N.C.O. in charge at the barrier by 2200 (provided the London train is on time). Ratings in charge of drafts must report at the barrier with their drafts complete in order that they may be entrained together. The allocation of seating accommodation will be controlled by R.N.R.T.O. or his representative. The military police attached to the R.T.O. at Perth will examine the Identity Cards of all Naval personnel before they proceed on the train from Perth.

Officers on arrival at Thurso are requested to give their names to N.O.I.Cs. representative who meets the train. This officer will give all information regarding times of embarkation, etc. Officers can obtain breakfast at one of the hotels, which also provide transport from the station.

Ratings on arrival at Thurso, whether on draft or returning from leave are sent to the Town Hall where they can obtain breakfast and are afterwards conveyed to Scrabster by bus. Baggage will be loaded at Thurso railway station on to lorries and conveyed direct to Scrabster.

Personnel for intermediate stations between Perth and Thurso will not be permitted to travel by this train.

Southbound

On arrival at Scrabster, personnel will be conveyed by bus to the Town Hall at Thurso where a supper meal will be provided for ratings on draft. Libertymen will be responsible for payment for a meal if taken at Thurso. Ratings are to make their own way from the Town Hall to the station.

Baggage will be conveyed by lorries from Scrabster to Thurso station.

Railway Services

Two special trains are run from Thurso, Mondays to Fridays inclusive, the first train (train "A") leaves at 1930 and runs non-stop to Perth conveying passengers for Scottish stations and East Coast of England. Priority will be given to these passengers but the train will be filled to full seating capacity. On Sundays one train only is run, leaving at 1930.

The second train (Train "B") leaves at 2000 and has a through portion for London attached. This train will convey passengers for Carlisle and beyond.

Personnel must entrain at least 15 minutes before the departure of these trains.

A buffet car is attached to each train and will run through to Carlisle on Train

B."

Sleeping Berths.—Third class sleeping berths are available for officers between Thurso and Perth on Train "B." Sleeping berth tickets must be held and these can only be purchased at Thurso after a berth has been obtained. The cost is 78. 7d. and is payable in cash at the booking office.

Train "A"

Thurso	***	 11 11 11 11 11	 dep.	193
Perth	***	 VI. 11	 arr.	

Connections at Perth are available for Edinburgh, Inverkeithing (for Rosyth), Glasgow, Dundee and Aberdeen :-

(i) Perth	***	***	dep.	0615)	€ 0820
Dunfermline (Lower)	1115	200	arr.		or \ 0920
Inverkeithing	113355	1,000	arr.	0752	Dr 5
Edinburgh (Waverley)	***			0817	0953

... arr. 0903

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Connects with 1010 train ex Waverley for East Coast Stations.

Aberdeen ...

(11)	Pertn	***			dep.	0550
	Glasgow (Bucha	nan St	reet)	10, 200	arr.	0801
(iii)	Perth	36.07	and troly	17.3.	dep.	0655
	Dundee (West)	444	1-9711	11.0	arr.	0732
(iv)	Perth	110			dep.	0713

Train " B"

Thurso	****	4.4	444	14.10	dep.	2000
Perth		***	1000	1.00	arr.	0550
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Carlisle		199471		1442	arr.	1141
Carlisle	lete et a maria	***		m 44.7	dep.	1242
Crewe	(Illian	LAKE OF		****	arr.	1550
Crewe	of Bearing		144	200	dep.	1556
London	(Euston)			170	arr.	1905

Connections at Carlisle are available for Manchester and Liverpool:

(i) Carlisle	***		dep.	1312
Preston	1074	***	arr.	1545
Manchester (Victoria	a)		arr.	1652
(ii) Carlisle	***	444	dep.	1312
Liverpool (Exchange)		arr.	1658

Connections are available at Crewe for Birmingham, Cheltenham, Gloucester, Bristol, Bath and the West of England :-

(i) By L.M.S. route Crewe to Bristol:-

Crewe		dep.	1603
Birmingham (New Street)	111	arr.	1742
Birmingham (New Street)		dep.	1921
Cheltenham	***	arr.	2104
Gloucester		arr.	2120
Bristol (Temple Meads)		arr.	2226

Bristol (Temple Meads) ... dep. 2130

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)	By G.W.R. route Crew	e to	Bristol:				
	Crewe		of all p	dep.	1607		
	Shrewsbury		***	arr.	1658		
	Shrewsbury			dep.	1710		
	Bristol (Temple Meads)	1200		arr.	2030		
	Bristol (Temple Meads)			dep.	2140		
	Exeter	222	444	arr.	2340		
	Plymouth (North Road)	1 100	arr.	0140	(second d	lay)
	Penzance		4.0	arr.	0835	anny so	.,
)	Bristol (Temple Meads)	144		dep.	2300		
ĺ	Bath			arr.			
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A connection for Devonport is available with Euston and Paddington, as under :-

London (Paddington)	 	dep.	2150
Exeter (St. David's)	 	arr.	0335
Plymouth (North Road)	 1	arr.	0518

Breakfast will be provided at Perth for drafts and on arrival, Officers or ratings in charge of drafts must report to the R.N.R.T.O. or Military R.T.O., who will direct them to the refreshment room at which meals have been prepared.

Dinner meals can be provided at Carlisle (or Newcastle for East Coast drafts). Supper meals can be arranged at Euston. Previous notice must be given. Meal orders are to be issued to cover these meals (see paragraphs 3 and 5).

Personnel for intermediate stations between Thurso and Perth will not be permitted to travel by this train, nor will personnel be allowed to join the train at intermediate stations.

General Remarks

Train arrangements-

- (a) The Naval or Military R.T.O. is in charge of personnel and the train whilst standing in the station. He will be entirely responsible for the allocation of seating accommodation.
- (b) Officer Commanding Train.—On all the above trains an Officer will be nominated as O.C. Train by R.N.R.T.O. or Military R.T.O.

He will be the Senior Officer of the three Services, excluding Commanders, Lieutenant-Colonels, Wing Commanders, and above.

He would take charge in the event of emergency and be responsible for the general discipline of the train. Any cases of misconduct will be reported to him by the C.P.O. or N.C.O. Train Conductor.

- (c) Train Conductors.—A Chief Petty Officer or Non-Commissioned Officer will travel on the trains between Carlisle and Thurso and vice versa. Any complaints or suggestions as regards the welfare of personnel should be made to the train conductor.
- (d) Buffet Cars.—It is not the intention that meals for drafts should be provided in the buffet cars and no meal orders can be accepted. Light refreshments only can be provided on payment in cash.

Accommodation at Thurso-

- (a) Officers.—Officers can obtain accommodation in the Royal Hotel and Pentland Hotel. Cars from both hotels meet trains and boats.
- (b) Ratings.—Ratings having to spend the night in Thurso are accommodated in the Town Hall where there is a service canteen, shower baths, writing and games
- (c) W.R.N.S.—W.R.N.S. officers can be accommodated at either the Royal Hotel or Pentland Hotel.

W.R.N.S. ratings should report at Naval Headquarters, Ormlie Lodge (two minutes' walk from railway station) where accommodation is available in the W.R.N.S. Hostel.

Whenever possible, notice should be given beforehand to First Officer, W.R.N.S., c/o N.O.I.C., Thurso.

Accommodation at Perth-

- (a) Officers.—Officers can obtain accommodation in the Station Hotel or Royal British Hotel, but it is advisable to report to R.N.R.T.O. and ascertain if accommodation is available.
- (b) Ratings,—Ratings having to spend the night at Perth should report to R.N.R.T.O., who will arrange for accommodation in either the Transit Camp or the Salvation Army Hostel. The charge at the Hostel for bed and breakfast is 1s. 9d., bath 6d. extra.
 - (c) W.R.N.S.—Officers. As for (a).
- (d) Ratings.—W.R.N.S. ratings having to spend the night at Perth should report to R.N.R.T.O., who will arrange accommodation at the W.R.N.S. Hostel, administered by the Salvation Army.

The Hostel is situated at the north end of Marshall Place and is about six minutes' walk from the station. The charge for bed and breakfast is 1s. 9d., bath 6d. extra.

H.M.S. "QUEEN CHARLOTTE"

Drafts are to be routed via Wigan and Southport, or via Preston and Southport (or vice versa). The route via Liverpool is only to be used if no other service is available, and R.N.R.T.O. Liverpool must be notified if transport across Liverpool is necessary.

ROSENEATH

Personnel are to be routed to Kilcreggan via steamer from Gourock (L.M. & S.) or Craigendoran (L. & N.E.R.), and drafts should travel by the night services from the South.

STORNOWAY

Personnel are now to be routed via Kyle of Lochalsh. The route via Mallaig is not now available.

The train for Kyle of Lochalsh connecting with the steamer for Stornoway is scheduled to leave Inverness at 1145 daily, except Sundays.

When train service approximates to normal, the 1920 train from Euston daily, except on Saturdays, will arrive at Inverness in time to connect with the 1145 train therefrom on the following day.

When considerable delay may be expected due to air raids or adverse weather conditions, it is advisable to route by the 1300 train from Euston daily, except Saturdays and Sundays. The attention of personnel travelling by this train should be drawn to the necessity of reporting to R.N.R.T.O. Glasgow.

The steamer service is as under :-

ne steamer s	, CI VICO	13 43	100			Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.	Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.
Kyle of Loc	halsh	***	***		dep.	1600	1600
Raasay				***	dep.	1715	
Applecross					dep.		1650
Stornoway	252	***		***	arr.	2145	2130
Stornoway	100				dep.	0300	0300
Applecross	***			***	dep.		0715
Raasay					dep.		
Kyle of Loc	halsh				arr.	0900	_ 0900

Passengers for Portree travel by ferry Kyle of Lochalsh to Kyleakin, thence by motor coach. Return by same route.

TOBERMORY (ISLE OF MULL)

Personnel are to be routed *via* Oban. The steamer service is as under:—Personnel should travel by or connect en route with the 1920 train from Euston (except Saturdays). A breakfast meal can be provided at Stirling.

		Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.		Wednesdays excepted.	Wednesdays only.	Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.
Oban		dep.	0700	1315	1500	The same of the sa
Tobermory	***	arr.	0945	1615	1840	
Tobermory		dep.		0745	0730	1115
Oban		arr.		1045	1030	1400

(A.F.Os. 1776/41 (not in annual volume), 847/42, 2347/42 and 3847/42.)

(A.F.Os. 829/41 (not in annual volume), 1276/41, 2253/41, 3806/41, 4041/41 (not in annual volume), 4265/41, 5640/41 (not in annual volume), 2470/42, 4503/42 are cancelled.)