

SOUTH AFRICAN NAVAL PERSONNEL SECONDED TO THE ROYAL NAVY DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR 1939-1945

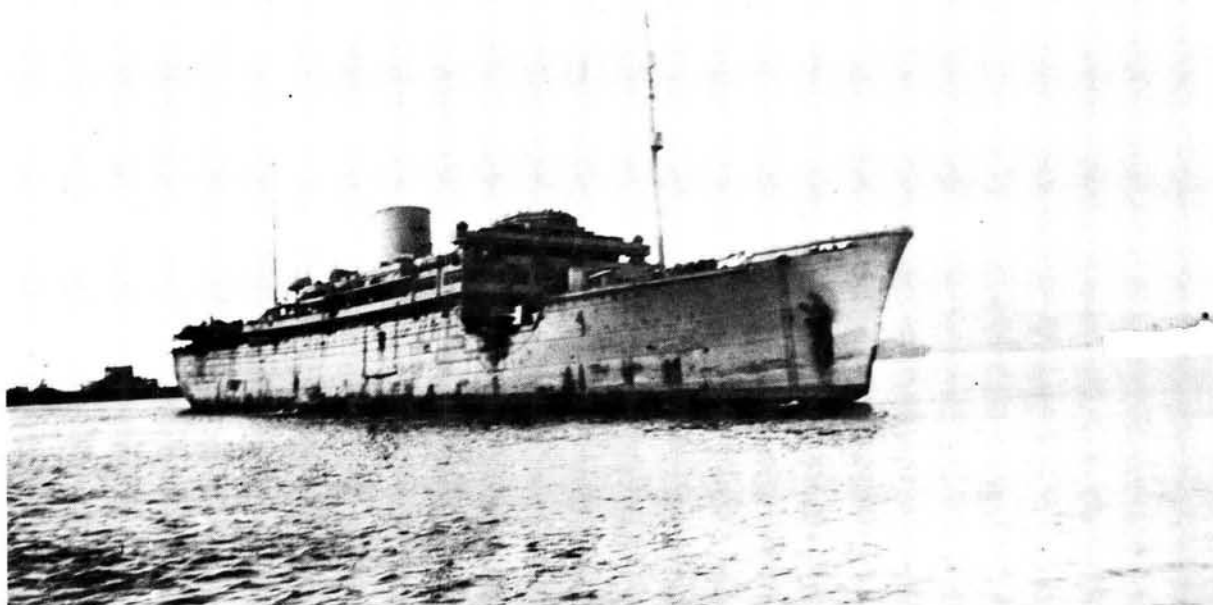
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Cdr H. R. Gordon-Cumming has written that in the early days of the Second World War large drafts of RNVR (SA) officers and ratings were taken by the few British Warships which called at Simonstown and Durban to make up their war complements and that later on 'Union nationals took part in nearly every major naval operation and also performed all manner of obscure duties, from minesweeping in the Faroe Islands to nautical surveying up the West River in China. Even the explosion of one of the atomic bombs in Japan was witnessed by a South African prisoner of war — a young RNVR seaman who had served in *HMS Exeter*, sunk after the Battle of the Java Sea.' This fascinating statement leaves the reader wanting to know the full story of our seconded naval personnel since it is clear that it is a particularly interesting and proud record of service.

Although South Africa's first naval volunteer unit,

the Port Elizabeth Naval Volunteer Brigade was raised in 1861 and our volunteer sailors served ashore during the South African War of 1899-1902, Zulu Rebellion of 1906 and the First World War 1914-1918 and although our sailors also served afloat in the Great War and acquitted themselves well, it was not until the Second World War that the most glorious deeds in our naval history were performed. Whilst the actions fought by our sailors in our own ships will inevitably mean more to South Africans than those fought in Royal Navy ships, it is important to notice that our volunteer sailors and wartime volunteers quickly learnt the ropes in the battleships, aircraft carriers, cruisers, destroyers, submarines and the other ships in which they served.

It is clear that a full account of the service of our seconded naval personnel during the Second World War and the 78 members of the Union



HMS Carnarvon Castle after her engagement with the German raider Thor.

Defence Forces who were seconded to the Royal Marines would entail a very considerable amount of research in the SA Defence Force Archives and elsewhere. However some fascinating accounts of the actions in which some of our seconded personnel took part have been published and since some of these are in books in which one might not expect to find them and since some new archive material has come my way, this article has been written in the hope that it will facilitate the task of someone who is able to tackle the topic comprehensively.

This offering covers only South Africans seconded to the Royal Navy. Those South Africans who joined the RN, RNR, and RNVR direct merit a separate article.

The most important yardstick of the operational involvement of our seconded naval personnel is probably the *Union of South Africa Roll of Honour 1939-45* which fortunately lists the ship or shore establishment in which those who lost their lives served. *War in the Southern Oceans* also provides some helpful information on this topic. Early in the Second World War 82 RNVR (SA) ratings, most of whom were seamen gunners, were drafted to the Armed Merchant Cruisers *HMS Carnarvon Castle*, *Bulolo*, *Comorin* and *Esperance Bay*.²

CPO H. Heynes, a RNVR (SA) rating who served in *HMS Carnarvon Castle* during the action with the German raider *Thor* on 5 December 1940 has recorded that some of the 27 (28 according to Gordon-Cumming et al) injured and wounded were 'very badly burnt when cordite went up.' He adds that Cdre F. H. Pegram gave them 'high praise on the morning of 6 December'. CPO Heynes records that *Carnarvon Castle* scored '17 hits approximately and that *Thor* scored approximately 23 hits.³ In fact, the official history records that *Carnarvon Castle* scored no hits,⁴ Captain S. W. Roskill, RN has written 'the big lightly-armed British ship was outranged and seriously damaged.'⁵ Mr D. A. James who was drafted as gun crew from the RNVR (SA) Base at Durban to *HMS Carnarvon Castle* in September 1939 has written an account of the engagement with *Thor* which has been published in *The Outspan*.

Mid (now Cdre) E. W. Jupp and 19 other members of the RNVR (SA) served in *HMS Asturias* an Armed Merchant Cruiser. Cdre Jupp has described the pursuit and capture of the Vichy French ship *Mendoza* off Punta del Este in

January 1941 in an article in the *SA Yachting 1979 South Atlantic Race Brochure*.⁶

Although the loss of the Armed Merchant Cruiser *HMS Comorin* was caused by a fire on board in the North Atlantic on 6 April 1941 and not by enemy action, the descriptions of her end leave one in no doubt that this was a terrible nightmare. Sir Peter Scott (Lt Cdr MBE, DSC, RNVR during the Second World War) who was Executive Officer of *HMS Broke* the destroyer which effected the extremely hazardous rescue of most of the *Comorin* survivors has written an enthralling account of this episode in Chapter 9 of his autobiography, *The Eye of the Wind*, entitled 'Fire at Sea.'⁷ The book includes a photograph of a painting by the author of *Hms Comorin* sinking by the bows with *HMS Broke* standing by.

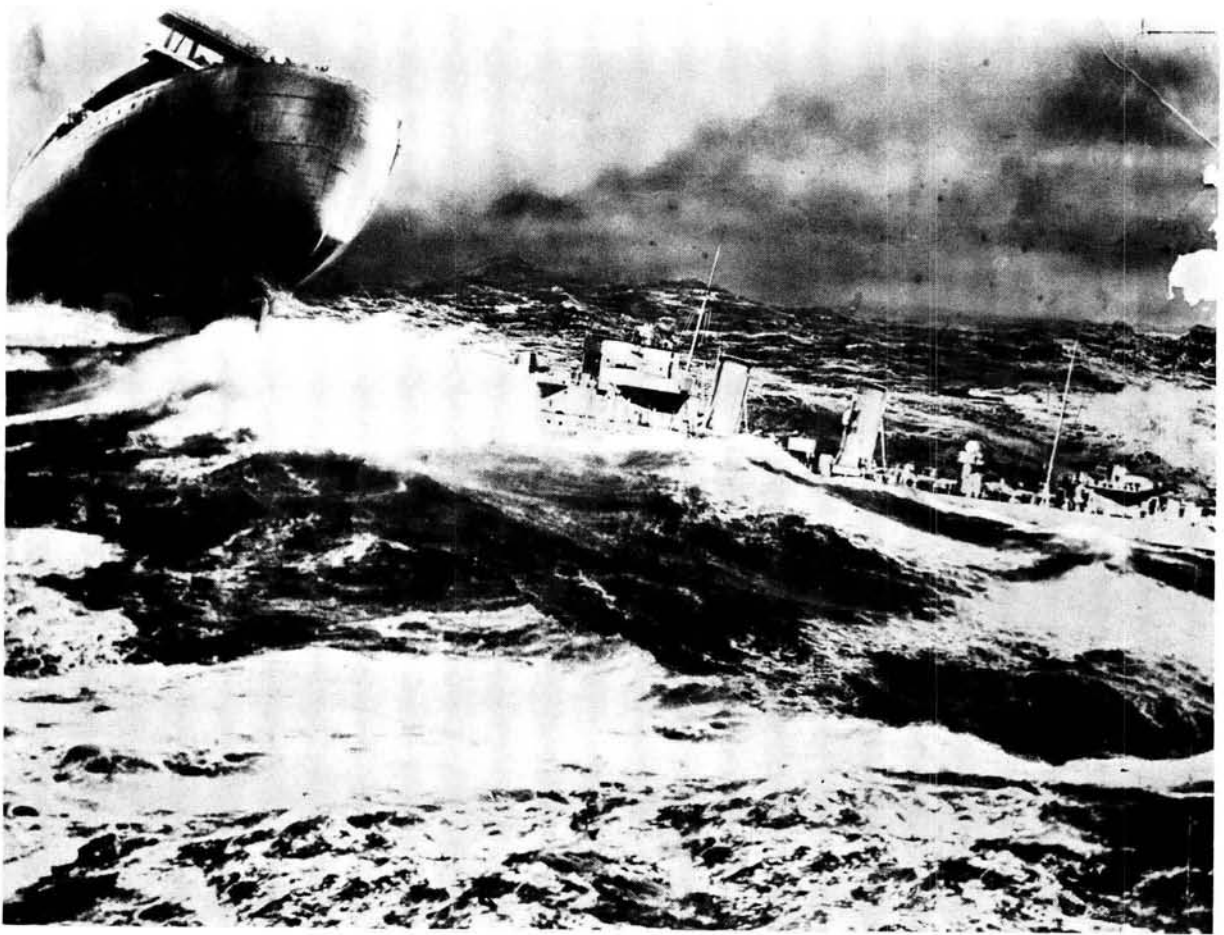
Although lifeboats and rafts were successfully launched some lives were lost before the rescue ships could be reached and the mountainous waves (between fifty and sixty feet from trough to crest) made it seem impossible to go alongside *Comorin*.⁸

Sub Lt R. M. Maud, who was then one of the RNVR (SA) ratings serving in this ship and was later commissioned, described his ordeal in a letter to his father part of which is published below with his kind permission:

'I was on the upper deck when a signal came through from the newly arrived destroyer. I was standing next to the Captain when the signalman gave him the message which said, 'Attempting to reach your stern'. I heard the Skipper say it couldn't be done. Never the less I decided to get as far aft as possible and if a chance presented itself I would jump for it. By this time it was totally dark and the ship roaring for all it was worth. Thank goodness the magazines were flooded.

The destroyer did crash alongside (thirty times) I jumped with Aubrey and a stoker on the second time she came near enough. When I landed safely I believe I said a silent prayer. Everyone said afterwards we were mad to do it. It was our only hope though and instinct told me the distance I could manage with a big enough spring. I could have jumped the first time only I was fouled with the sheepskin coat I had picked up to wear again as it was so cold.

Eventually — thank God, everyone had left our ship, not however without a few fellows misjudging the jumping distance and falling between the



HMS Comorin and HMS Broke.

two ships. One, only a fellow of seventeen was picked up. One CPO was going mad so our Commander socked him and he was thrown on board the destroyer.

When we had all left our old ship the destroyer torpedoed her and she was left sinking.

From crashing alongside so many times the ship we were now on had stove in practically the whole of her port side with big holes in several parts of the fore deck.

For three days we were onboard this craft, crowded together on the starboard side. One was very lucky if room was found to sit down, if you did your feet would still get wet. Fellows, many of them had broken limbs. Water was rushing through the holes and every able bodied man was kept busy for all he was worth, bailing the water out night and day to stop her from flooding. The two foremost compartments were flooded altogether and shaws had to be rigged to stop the bulkheads giving in.

No one had any sleep for these three nights and

days except a few of the injured who were given hammocks.

Food was scarce but tins of ship's biscuits were opened which satisfied everyone. It reminded me at the time of Dad's bedtime stories 'Fire in the stoke hold' — ship's biscuits and water, etc.

Water was very short so we were unable to wash and a pretty sight we looked, when with old clothes on, we marched up the street to a Naval Canteen, when we landed to get food and clothing. This was at Greenock. Many sympathetic remarks were passed by civilians who saw the sixty odd of us.⁹

In the Mediterranean the record of the ships in which our seconded sailors served was impressive. *HMS Gloucester*, a Southampton class cruiser, first visited Cape Town in April 1940 and RNVR (SA) sailors were drafted to the ship then.¹⁰ While returning from picking up survivors from *HMS Greyhound* South of Kithera on 22 May 1941, the *Gloucester* was crippled by bombs from enemy aircraft and later sank. 49 Officers and 673 ratings perished.¹¹ Admiral of the Fleet Viscount Cunningham of Hyndhope has written of *HMS Gloucester* 'she had endured all things, and no

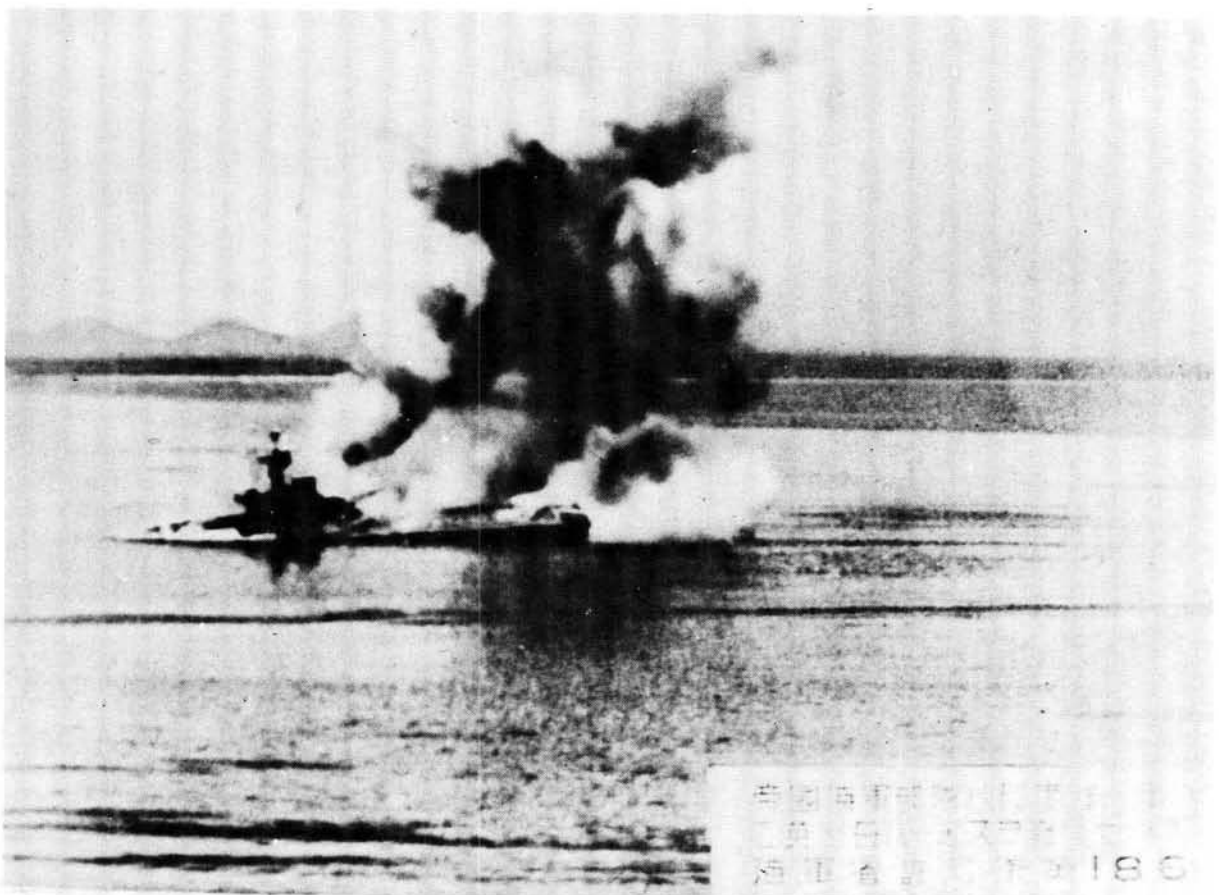
ship had worked harder or had had more risky tasks. She had been hit by bombs more than any other vessel and had always come up smiling'.¹²

Even more tragic was the loss of *HMS Neptune*, a Leander class cruiser, on 19 December 1941. The ship first visited the Africa Station in 1937. After successively striking four mines some twenty miles east of Tripoli the ship capsized. Although Capt R. C. O'Connor, RN, commanding the *Neptune*, had made the signal 'Keep away', *HMS Kandahar* gallantly attempted to go to her aid until a mine blew off her stern. Capt A. D. Nicholl, commanding *HMS Penelope*, then gave the order to return to Malta. Although many members of *Neptune's* ship's company got away from the sinking ship, only one of the sixteen who were still alive at daybreak survived the four day ordeal on a raft which followed.¹³

Four South African-built whalers, *Syvern*, *Kos XXI*, *Kos XXII*, and *Kos XXIII* were commissioned as British anti-submarine whalers in the Mediterranean. Two of these ships were commanded by seconded South African officers: *HMS Syvern* (Lt A. R. J. Tilston, RNR who took command when

her captain was wounded) and *HMS Kos XXI* (Lt Cdr I. F. H. Wilson, RNVR (SA)). *HMS Syvern* survived an attack by enemy aircraft on 21 May 1941 in which her ammunition locker was ignited and another on 23 May 1941 in which she was hit by fourteen bombs. On 27 May, 1941, *Syvern* and *Kos XXII* were discovered lying up beneath some cliffs and were bombed and sunk by enemy aircraft. The survivors trekked overland to Sphakia.¹⁴ Lt Tilston was later decorated with the Distinguished Service Cross and promoted temporary acting lieutenant-commander.

At 13h40 on 5 April 1942 (Easter Sunday) Japanese dive bombers of Vice-Admiral Kondo's force sank two County class cruisers, *HMS Dorsetshire* and *HMS Cornwall* which were steaming in company some 400 miles from Ceylon. The fascinating autobiography of Capt Augustus Agar, VC, DSO, RN, *Footprints in the Sea*, contains a moving description of the loss of the *Dorsetshire* and some information concerning the South Africans who served in this ship. Although Capt Agar states that there were 50 South Africans in the *Dorsetshire*¹⁵ it is possible that some of them had joined the RN, RNR or



HMS Hermes



Survivors: HMS Hermes.

RNVR direct and were not seconded RNVR (SA) personnel.

The illustrations in this book include some remarkable photographs of the sinking ship and survivors. For 30 hours after the *Dorsetshire* and *Cornwall* had gone down survivors waited in the water on overcrowded Carley floats, wood or in the case of the fortunate minority in a motor boat or whaler. In shark and barracuda invested waters the feelings of the shocked and in some cases wounded survivors can be imagined. A seconded South African, Lt Cdr Geoffrey Berlyn was one of the officers who swam between the groups of survivors of the *Dorsetshire* in the water to boost their morale.¹⁶ Lt K. G. Dimpleby has written a valuable account of the loss of the *Cornwall* in *Hostilities Only* which describes his wartime service career, much of which was spent as a RNVR (SA) rating in this ship.¹⁷

Sixteen seconded South Africans were lost in *HMS Hermes*, a Courageous class aircraft carrier, and five in *HMS Hollyhock*, a Flower class corvette on 9 April 1942. Both ships had put to sea to evade a Japanese air attack but were spotted returning to Trincomalee. 'Forty bomb

hits in ten minutes sank the *Hermes*'. Fortunately a nearby hospital ship rescued over 600 survivors from these two ships *HMS Vampire* and two tankers.¹⁸

Able Seaman E. H. Little's censored wartime account of his service on secondment to the RN, *The Luck of HMS Dragon*, describes his experiences in this singularly fortunate 'D' Class cruiser and includes an account of the torrid time he spent in *HMS Edinburgh Castle*, then a naval depot ship, in Freetown where the temperature was well over 100 degrees in the shade.¹⁹ The book contains a roll of the South Africans who served in *HMS Dragon*: Lt (later Cdre) J. J. Rice and 45 ratings.²⁰

Two seconded South Africans were lost in *HMS Edinburgh*, a Southampton class cruiser, when two torpedoes from U-456 blew off her stern on 30 April 1942 whilst she was covering convoy QP11 from Russia. The story of her painfully slow attempt to reach Murmansk and her spirited engagement with three German destroyers in the Barents Sea in which she and her escorts *Forester* and *Foresight* succeeded in sinking one

of her attackers makes enthralling reading. Fortunately the German destroyers over-estimated the strength of the RN force and withdrew. Damage inflicted on the *Edinburgh* forced *HMS Foresight* to sink her but despite the heavy weather all save 2 officers and 56 ratings were rescued.²¹

The story of the seconded South Africans who served in X-craft has been told by Capt W. R. Fell, CMG, CBE, DSC in *The Sea Our Shield*,²² and by C. E. T. Warren and James Benson in *Above us the Waves*.²³

Lt Aubrey Staples, a product of the *Sats General Botha*, was entrusted with the extremely hazardous task of training men in midget submarine warfare. The calm and collected manner in which he attempted to save his doomed X-craft when it collided with a surface vessel and he and two of the five men on board perished was an inspiration to all.

Seconded South African Naval Forces personnel served in the Fleet Air Arm and two officers Lt Cdr F. C. Nottingham and Sub Lt M. J. Macquet, are numbered among the twenty one seconded members of the Union Defence Forces entitled to the Air Crew Europe Star which was awarded for operational flying over Europe from British bases from 3 September 1939 to 5 June 1944. Lt Cdr Nottingham was seconded to the Royal Navy (Fleet Air Arm) on 1 May 1943 and was decorated with the Distinguished Service Cross and mentioned in dispatches.

The South African Roll of Honour for the Second World War, four statistical returns of SANF (V) personnel seconded to the Royal Navy for service in H.M. Ships kindly provided by Lt W. A. Dorning of the Military Information Bureau SADF and

information published in Volume III of *The Navy List* October 1945 (corrected to 29 September, 1945) have made it possible to compile the two lists below. Since the return for November 1943 is so similar to that for the following month, it has not been used. The few ships listed in the November 1943 return which are not shown elsewhere have been included. Although no numbers are shown opposite their names, one seconded South African was serving in the ship or shore establishment in that month.

Although this offering still does not tell the full story, it does give some indication of the extent of the contribution made by South Africa's seconded naval personnel during the Second World War.

In a press statement released by the Director of the SA Naval Forces on 23 May 1945 it was disclosed that more than 2 000 of the 2 737 SANF personnel seconded to the Royal Navy were then serving in the Far East. Seconded SANF personnel had been 'represented in practically every naval action of the war and had acquired a wide experience that would prove of the utmost value to the South African Navy of the future.'

From what has been written above we have seen that South African naval personnel seconded to the Royal Navy established an enviable reputation as sailors and naval airmen in all manner of ships during the Second World War. In doing so they helped write some important chapters in the history of the Royal Navy. They showed that they were as good as and sometimes better than the best sailors in the world and have made the South African Navy the heir to a glorious fighting tradition.

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Annexure A

SOUTH AFRICAN ROLL OF HONOUR 1939-45 SHIPS IN WHICH SECONDED NAVAL CASUALTIES SERVED

NAME	TYPE AND CLASS	DETAILS OF LOSS OR DAMAGE WHERE APPLICABLE	NO	DATE LOST
HMS ADAMANT	Submarine depot ship		1	
HMS ADRIA	Base and accommodation ship		2	
HMS AFRIKANDER I	Parent Ship Simon's Town		7	
HMS ALDENHAM	Hunt class destroyer	Mined in NE Adriatic	1	14.12.44
HMS ASSEGAI	RN Gunnery School Pietermaritzburg		2	
HMS BARHAM	Queen Elizabeth class battleship	Sunk by U-331 off Sollum	7	25.11.41

NAME	TYPE AND CLASS	DETAILS OF LOSS OR DAMAGE WHERE APPLICABLE	NO	DATE LOST
HMS BIRDLIP	Hills class trawler	Sunk by U-547 off West Africa	1	13.6.44
HMS BIRMINGHAM	Southampton class cruiser		2	
HMS CANOPUS	Training establishment at Alexandria		1	
HMS CARNARVON CASTLE	Armed Merchant Cruiser and Troopship (1944)		1	
SS CERAMIC	Passenger liner	Sunk by U-515 West of the Azores	1	6.12.42
HMS COPRA	Shore establishment Scotland		1	
HMS CORNWALL	Kent class cruiser	Sunk by Japanese dive bombers in the Indian Ocean	25	5.4.42
HMS DAEDALUS	RN Air Station Lee-on-Solent		1	
HMS DORSETSHIRE	Norfolk class cruiser	Sunk by Japanese dive bombers in the Indian Ocean	16	5.4.42
HMS DRAGON	'D' class cruiser		1	
HMS DUNEDIN	'D' class cruiser	Sunk by U-124 between West Africa and Brazil	1	24.11.41
HMS DURBAN CASTLE	Troopship		1	
HMS EDINBURGH	Southampton class cruiser	Torpedoed by U-456 and German destroyers in Barents Sea and sunk by RN on 2 May 1942	2	30.4.42
HMS EXPRESS	'E' Class destroyer		1	
SS EMPRESS OF CANADA	Passenger Liner	Sunk by U-boat off Sierra Leone	1	13.3.43
HMS ENCOUNTER	'E' class destroyer	Sunk by surface craft in the battle of the Java Sea	1	1.3.42
HMS FALMOUTH	Falmouth class sloop		1	
HMS FIDELITY	Special service vessel (Decoy 'Q' Ship)	Sunk by 5 torpedoes from U-435 off the Azores	1	30.12.42
HMS GLOUCESTER	Southampton class cruiser	Sunk by German aircraft off Crete	30	22.5.41
HMS HECLA	Destroyer depot ship	Sunk by U-515 west of Gibraltar	4	12.11.42
HMS HERMES	Courageous class aircraft carrier	Sunk by Japanese aircraft off Ceylon	16	9.4.42
HMS HIGHFLYER	Base at Trincomalee		1	
HMS HOLLYHOCK	Flower class corvette	Sunk by Japanese aircraft east of Ceylon	5	9.4.42
SS HOMEFORD	Admiralty supply ship		1	
HMS JAGUAR	'J' class destroyer	Sunk by U-652 off Libya	1	26.3.42
SS KHEDIVE ISMAIL	British troopship	Sunk by Japanese submarine	1	12.2.44
HMS KONGONI	Parent Ship Durban		1	
SS LACONIA	Troopship	Sunk by U-156	1	12.9.42
HMS LANDRAIL	RN Air Station at Strabane		1	
HMS LANKA	RN shore establishment Colomb		1	
SS LLANDILO		Sunk by U-172, South Atlantic	1	2.11.42
HMS MACAW	Minesweeping trawler		1	

NAME	TYPE AND CLASS	DETAILS OF LOSS OR DAMAGE WHERE APPLICABLE	NO	DATE LOST
HMS MALAGAS	RN Air Station Wingfield		1	
HMS NEPTUNE	Leander class cruiser	Mined off Libyan coast	18	19.12.41
HMS NIGER	Halcyon class minesweeper	Mined off Iceland	1	6.7.42
HMS NORTHERN DUKE	Armed boarding vessel		1	
HMS ORION	Leander class cruiser		1	
HMS PEMBROKE IV	Parent Ship Chatham (Small Vessels Pool)		1	
HMS PHOEBE	Dido class cruiser		2	
HMS PRESIDENT III	Naval establishments London Area		3	
HMS PRINCE CHARLES	Landing ship infantry (small)		1	
HMS RELENTLESS	'R' class destroyer		1	
HMS REPULSE	Repulse class battlecruiser	Sunk by Japanese aircraft off the east coast of Malaya	1	10.12.41
HMS RULER	Smiter class escort carrier		1	
HMS ST ANGELO	Parent Ship Malta		1	
HMS SAUNDERS	Combined Operations Base, Canal Zone		1	
HMS SHAH	Smiter class escort carrier		1	
HMS SOTRA	Minesweeping trawler	Torpedoed and sunk by U-431 off Bardia	1	29.1.42
HMS SYVERN	Anti-submarine whaler	Bombed and sunk by enemy aircraft off Crete	1	27.5.41
HMS TEST	River class frigate		1	
HMS THORN	'T' class submarine	Sunk by the Italian TB PEGASO off Tobruk	1	6.8.42
HMS TITANIA	Submarine depot ship		1	
HMS TRITON	'T' class submarine	Sunk by the Italian TB CL10 in the Adriatic	1	18.12.40
HMS VARBEL	Midget, submarine Experimental Station, Isle of Bute		1	
HMS VICTORY I	Parent Ship Portsmouth		1	
HMS WOOLWICH	Destroyer depot ship		1	
HMS HDML NO 1163	Harbour defence motor launch	Torpedoed, probably by surface craft Mulat Island, N.E. Adriatic	1	5.1.45
HM MGB NO 91	Motor gunboat		1	
HM MTB NO 29	Motor torpedo boat	Collided during action with E-boats in North Sea and sank	1	6.10.42
		TOTAL	191	

NOTES

The fate of HMS SOTRA is unclear. One Admiralty source dated 1956 gives the information shown. Another dated 1947 States that the ship was sunk by enemy aircraft off Bardia. The ship is shown as HMS SORTA on the *Roll of Honour*.

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Annexure B

SECONDED SANF PERSONNEL DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR 1943-1945

SHIP OR SHORE ESTABLISHMENT	TYPE AND CLASS	DEC	OCTOBER	1944	MAY	SEP
		1943 RATINGS	OFFICERS	RATINGS	1945 RATINGS	1945 OFFICERS
ABDIEL	Manxman class minelayer	1				
ADAMANT	Submarine depot ship	6	6	8	6	7
ADRIA	Base and accommodation ship	54		2	1	
AFRIKANDER and Tenders	Parent Ship, Simonstown	207	54	146	250	32
AFRIKANDER (Missing)		22	1	22		
AFRIKANDER (POW)		27	2	26	26	
AGGRESSIVE	Coastal Forces Base, Newhaven		1			
AJAX	Leander class cruiser		1			
ALACRITY	Modified Black Swan class sloop					1
ALBATROSS	Repair ship	11	1	3		
ALCANTARA	Armed merchant cruiser/troopship (1943)	8		4		
ALLINGTON CASTLE	Castle class corvette					1
AMARANTHUS	Flower class corvette	2				
AMEER	Smiler class escort carrier			1		
ANDERSON	W/T Station, Ceylon					1
ANTELOPE	'A' class destroyer		1			
ANTIGUA	Colony class frigate		1			
ARCHER	Archer class escort carrier					4
ARCTIC EXPLORER	Anti-submarine vessel		2			
ARRAN	Isles class trawler				1	
ARROW	'A' class destroyer	3				
ARTIFEX	Heavy repair ship				1	
ARUM (HMSAS)	Minesweeper (shown as RN vessel in <i>The Navy List</i>)					1
ASBURY	Accommodation Barracks, Ashbury Park, New Jersey, USA					2
ASSEGAI	Training Establishment, Wentworth-Merebank, Natal	194	16	112	94	13
ASTRAEA	Base at Lagos		4			
ASTURIAS	Armed merchant cruiser	1				
ATHENE	Aircraft transport	1				
ATTACKER	Attacker class escort carrier		1	1	1	
AURORA	Arethusa class cruiser		1			
AYLMER	Captain class frigate		1			
BALLINDERRY	River class frigate					1
BAMBARA	RN Air Station, Trincomalee		4	1	3	2
BANFF	Lulworth class escort					5
BANN	River class frigate					2
BARHAM (EX)	Queen Elizabeth class battleship	1				
BATTLER	Attacker class escort carrier			15	12	
BAY	Tree class trawler					1
BEACHY HEAD	Escort repair ship					1
BEAVER	Parent Ship, Humber	1				
BEGUM	Smiler class escort carrier		3			
BHERUNDA	RN Air Station, Colombo		2	3	3	1
BIDEFORD	Shoreham class sloop					1
BIRMINGHAM	Southampton class cruiser	15	1	10	5	
BLACKCAP	RN Air Station, Stretton		1			
BLLENHEIM	Destroyer depot ship			3	1	1
BONAVENTURE	Midget Submarine depot ship					2
BOREAS	'B' class destroyer	2		2	2	

SHIP OR SHORE ESTABLISHMENT	TYPE AND CLASS	DEC	OCTOBER	1944	MAY	SEP
		1943 RATINGS	OFFICERS	RATINGS	1945 RATINGS	1945 OFFICERS
BOSCAWEN	Parent Ship, Portland		1	1	1	
BOXER	Fighter direction ship					2
BRAGANZA	RN Office Bombay	28	11	73	57	14
BRECON	Hunt class destroyer		1			
BRIDGEWATER	Bridgewater class sloop	2				
BRITTANY	Auxiliary netlayer		1			
BULOLO	Armed merchant cruiser/landing ship headquarters (Large)	6	1	5	4	
BURDOCK	Flower class corvette		1			
HMAS BURNIE	Bathurst class fleet minesweeper		1	1	1	
BUITERMERE	Lake class trawler					4
BYARD	Captain class frigate				1	
BYRSA	Depot ship, Mediterranean		7			4
CALENDULA	Flower class corvette					
CALLIOPE	Parent Ship, Tyne		2			1
CALPE	Hunt class destroyer		1			
CANADA	RN Base North West Atlantic, Halifax		1			
CANOPIUS	Training establishment, Alexandria					1
CANTON	Armed merchant cruiser/troopship (1944)	3		1		
CAPE SABLE	Decoy vessel, Armed Merchant Cruiser (Feb 1941), Ministry of War Transport (March 1942)	2		1		
CAPE WARWICK	Anti-submarine vessel		1	1		
CARADOC	Caledon class cruiser	24		12	11	1
CARLISLE	(Ex-cruiser) accommodation ship, Alexandria		1			
CARNARVON CASTLE	Armed merchant cruiser/troopship (1944)	15		8	3	
CAROLINE	Parent Ship, Northern Ireland	1			1	
CAVENDISH	CA class destroyer					1
CERES	Ceres class cruiser	35		8	3	
CEYLON	Uganda class cruiser		1	1	18	
CHALLENGER	Surveying vessel		1			1
CHARLOCK	Modified flower class corvette					1
CHESHIRE	Armed merchant cruiser/troopship (1943)	1				
CHESTERFIELD	Town class destroyer		1			
CHINTHE	Tug/minesweeper					1
CHITRAL	Armed merchant cruiser/troopship (1944)	5		4		
CLAVERHOUSE	Parent Ship, Leith		1			
CLEOPATRA	Dido class cruiser	1	1	1	1	
CLIO	Parent Ship, Barrow					1
CLOUDBURST	Whaler					1
COCHRANE II	Depot ship, Rosyth	1			1	
COCKADE	'C' class destroyer					1
COCKBURN	Cockburn Sound Base, Western Australia (?)		1			
COLLINGWOOD	Training Establishment, Fareham		13	1	4	
COLOSSUS	Colossus class aircraft carrier					1
CONDOR	RN Air Station, Arbroath					1
COPRA	Shore establishment, Scotland		7			14
CORFU	Armed merchant cruiser/Troopship (1944)	7		5	4	
CORINTHIAN	Ocean boarding vessel/training ship (1943)					
CORMORANT	Parent Ship, Gibraltar				1	
CORREDINI	S/M(?)		1			
COTTON	Captain class frigate					1
COVERLEY	Dance class trawler		1			
CUMBERLAND	Kent class cruiser	5	2	4	37	2
CUMBRAE	Isles class trawler					1
CYCLOPS	Depot and repair ship				1	
DABCHICK	Bird class controlled minelayer					1
DAEDALUS	RN Air Station, Lee-on-Solent	1	1	2	2	3
HMS DALHOUSIE	Naval Base, Bombay		1			
DART	River class frigate		1			
DARTMOUTH	Naval Base, Dartmouth		2			
DAUNTLESS	'D' class cruiser	3			2	
DEFIANCE	Torpedo School, Devonport				1	
DELHI	'D' class cruiser	1				
DERG	River class frigate		1	2	5	1
DEVERON						1
DEVON CITY	Boom carrier	1		1	1	

SHIP OR SHORE ESTABLISHMENT	TYPE AND CLASS	DEC		MAY		SEP	
		1943 RATINGS	OCTOBER OFFICERS	1944 RATINGS	1945 RATINGS	1945 OFFICERS	1945 OFFICERS
DEVONSHIRE	London class cruiser	3	1	2			
DIDO	Dido class cruiser	1					
DIPPER	RN Air Station, Henstridge		1				3
DINOSAUR	Landing ship and landing craft base		4				8
DIOMEDE	'D' class cruiser		1				1
DOLPHIN	Submarine base, Gosport		1		1		3
DRAGON	'D' class cruiser	6		2	1		
DRAKE	Parent Ship, Devonport		8		2		2
DRANGEY	Anti-submarine vessel						2
DRYAD	Navigation School, Portsmouth		1				1
DUKE OF YORK	King George V class battleship						3
DUNCTION	Hills class trawler			1	1		
DUNDERRY							1
DUNKERY	Hills class trawler			2	2		
DURBAN	'D' class cruiser	14		4			
EAGLET	Parent Ship, Liverpool			1	1		
EDINBURGH (EX)	Improved Southampton class cruiser	1					
EDINBURGH CASTLE	Depot ship	6					
ELAND	Naval Base, Freetown	3	4	1			2
EMERALD	'E' class cruiser		1	3	2		
EMPEROR	Smiter class escort carrier						1
ENTERPRISE	'E' class cruiser	1					
EPPING	Base ship		1				
EREBUS	Erebus class monitor	4		3	3		
ERICA	Flower class corvette	1					
ESKIMO	Tribal class destroyer						1
EUPHRATES	Depot Basra	7	5	2	1		
EUROPA	Patrol Service base, Lowestoft		2		1		1
EXCALIBUR	Training Establishment, Stoke on Trent			2	1		
EXCELLENT	Gunnery school, Portsmouth				1		
EXCELLENT II	Overflow tender to HMS EXCELLENT		2				
FABIUS	Naval Base, Taranto		3				3
FALMOUTH	Falmouth class sloop		2	10	11		3
FANDANGO	Dance class trawler						1
FARAWAY	HQ of Flag Office Carrier Training Large						1
FAULKNER	'F' class destroyer		1				
FERRET LAUDERDALE	Base at Londonderry	1					1
FESSONIA	Yacht/boom petrol vessel		1				
FINDHORN	River class frigate		1				
FISHGUARD	Lulworth class escort	1	1	2	11		3
FLAMINGO	Black Swan class sloop		2	1			
FLEETWOOD	Aberdeen class sloop			1	1		
FLINT CASTLE	Castle class corvette						1
FLYCATCHER	RN Air Station, Middle Wallop						1
FOINAVON	Yacht used as accommodation ship						1
FORMIDABLE	Illustrious class aircraft carrier				1		1
FORTH	Submarine depot ship		2				1
FOX	Naval base at Lerwick		1				
FOLIOT	Base Ship, Plymouth		1				
FOXHOUND	'F' class destroyer	1		1			
FRANKLIN	Halcyon class minesweeper						1
FRASERBURGH	Bangor class minesweeper		1				1
FREESIA	Flower class corvette		3	5	7		2
FROBISHER	Hawkins class cruiser	13	1	16	11		
FURIOUS	Fleet aircraft carrier			1	1		
FURNEAUX	RN Depot, Brisbane						1
GAMBIA	Fiji class cruiser	1	1				
GANGES	Boys' training establishment, Shotley		2				
GARUDA	RN Air Station, Coimbatore India		1	3	2		
GAVOTTE	Dance class trawler		1				1
GENISTA	Flower class corvette		4	4			
GNU and Tenders	Naval Liaison Officer, Cape Town	153	10	53	35		15
GOLDEN HIND	RN Barracks, Sydney						8

SHIP OR SHORE ESTABLISHMENT	TYPE AND CLASS	DEC	OCTOBER	1944	MAY	SEP
		RATINGS	OFFICERS	RATINGS	RATINGS	OFFICERS
GOOD HOPE	RN Officers' Training Establishment, Port Elizabeth	60				2
GORLESTON	Lulworth class escort				1	
GOSHAWK	RN Air Station Piarco Trinidad					1
GREBE	RN Air Station, Dekheila, Egypt					1
GREGALE	Coastal Forces Base, Malta		4			1
GREY FOX	Steam gunboat					1
GUARDIAN	Netlayer	2			1	
HAITAN	Depot and repair ship	1		2	1	
HAMILCAR	Combined Operations Base and NOIC, Bougie, Algeria		1			1
HANNIBAL	Base at Algiers	14	4	1		
HASDRUBAL	Senior British Naval Officer Tunisia, Taranto and Tripoli		5			
HAWKINS	Hawkins class cruiser	54		26	21	
HELDFORD	River class frigate			9	16	1
HELICON	Base at Aultbea		1			
HERON	RN Air Station, Yeovilton		2			
HERTFORDSHIRE	Anti-submarine vessel		4			
HIGHFLYER	Base at Trincomalee		6	14	35	7
HOLDERNESS	Hunt class destroyer					1
HOLMES	Captain class frigate		1			
HONESTY	Modified Flower class corvette					1
HOTSPUR	'H' Class destroyer	1				
HOWE	King George V class battleship				1	
HOXA	Isles class trawler	1				
HYDERABAD	Flower class corvette		1			
ILLUSTRIOUS	Illustrious class aircraft carrier			10	19	
IMPALA	Anti-submarine vessel	2		1	1	
INDEFATIGABLE	Implacable class aircraft carrier		1		1	
INDIAN STAR	Anti-submarine vessel		1			
INDOMITABLE	Illustrious class aircraft carrier	2			2	2
INKPEN	Hills class trawler		1			
INMAN	Captain class frigate		1			
IRONCLAD	NOIC, Diego Suarez, Madagascar	4		4	3	
ISIS	'S' class destroyer	4				
JACKDAW	RN Air Station, Crail, Fife					2
JANUS	'J' class destroyer	6		2		
JASPER	Gem class trawler					1
JONQUIL	Flower class corvette		1			
JUFAIR	NOIC, Bahrain			7		
KALE	River class frigate			5	10	1
KEDAH	Auxiliary patrol vessel/Accommodation ship (1943)					1
KENNET	Axe class trawler	1		1	1	
KENT	Kent class cruiser		1			1
KENYA	Fiji class cruiser	5		23	17	
KEREN	Landing ship Infantry			2	1	
KESTREL	RN Air Station, Worthy Down					2
KILELE	RN Air Station Tange, East Africa		1			
KIMBERLEY	'K' Class destroyer		1	21		
KING ALFRED	Training Establishments, Hove and Lancing, Sussex		4	4	3	
KING GEORGE V	King George V class battleship					1
KIPANGE	Office of Commodore RN Air Stations, East Africa		2			
KIRRIEMOOR	Boom carrier	1				
KONGONI and Tenders	Naval base Durban	147	27	93	82	29
KORONGO	RN Air Station, Nairobi (?)	1	1	1		1
LADY ELSA	Anti-Submarine vessel		3			1
LADY ROSEMARY	Anti-Submarine/auxiliary patrol vessel		1			
LAGOS	Battle class destroyer					1
LANDRAIL	RN Air Station, Strabone		1			
LANDGUARD	A coastguard station in Suffolk/Commander-in-Chief, East Indies		1	9	11	
LANKA	East Indies Station, Colombo	72	39	201	147	29
LARGS	Landing ship Headquarters, Large	1				
HMAS LEEUWIN	Base Staffs Fremantle, Albany, Geraldton and Port Hedland	1				

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		1943 RATINGS	OCTOBER OFFICERS	1944 RATINGS	1945 RATINGS	1945 OFFICERS
LEONIDAS	Base at Takoradi		1			
LE TIGRE	Anti-submarine vessel		1			
LEWES	Town class destroyer		4	10	9	1
LIDDESDALE	Hunt class destroyer			1	1	3
LINARIA	Modified Flower class corvette				5	
HMAS LISMORE	Bathurst class fleet minesweeper			1	1	
LIZARD	Landing craft base, Shoreham		1			
LOCH LOMOND	Loch class frigate					1
LOCH QUOICH	Loch class frigate					1
LOCHY	River class frigate				9	
LONDON	London class cruiser		1	1	1	1
LOYAL	'L' class destroyer		1			
LUCIA	Submarine depot ship	2	1	7	8	1
LUCIFER	Base at Swansea		1			
LYNX	Parent Ship, Dover		2			
MACAW	RN Air Station, Bootle		7			
MAGNOLIA	Berberis class trawler					1
MAGPIE	Modified Black Swan class sloop					1
MAIDSTONE	Depot ship for submarines		3	2	3	
MALABAR	Parent Ship, Bermuda		2		1	
MALAGAS	RN Air Station, Wingfield	32	13	59	66	16
MALAYA	Queen Elizabeth class battleship		1			
MANCHESTER CITY	Controlled minelayer Base Ship	1		18	18	
MANDATE	Algerine class minesweeper					1
MARAGA	RN Air Station, Addu Atoll		4		1	
MARGUERITE	Flower class corvette		2	33	40	
MARSHAL SOULT	Ex-monitor: Trawler Base, Portsmouth		1		1	
MARYBOROUGH	Bathurst class Fleet Minesweeper				1	
MATCHLESS	'M' class destroyer	1				
MAURITIUS	Fiji class cruiser	8		4	1	
MAYINA	Base at Medway				24	12
MEDWAY	Submarine depot ship	3		7	8	
MEDWAY II	Base at Beirut 1942 and later at Malta/HMS MEDUSA 1943/44		1			
MERCURY	HM Signal School, near Petersfield	1	2	2		
MERCURY II	Admiralty Signal Establishment Haslemere					2
MERGANSE	RN Air Station, Rattray					1
MIDDLETON	Hunt class destroyer		1			
MILFORD	Falmouth class sloop	12		5	1	
MONARA	RN Aircraft Repair Yard, Colombo					1
MONTCLARE	Flag Officer, Fleet Train, British Pacific Fleet	1		1		
MORETA	SNO, Levant Area	1	2	3	2	1
MORRIS DANCE	Dance class trawler		1			
MOSQUITO	Coastal Forces Base, Eastern Mediterranean					5
MOUNSEY	Captain class frigate		1			
MYLONDON	Combined Operations Base (?)		1			1
HMAS NAIRANA	Escort carrier					1
NAPIER	'N' class destroyer			2		
NARBOROUGH	Captain class frigate		1			1
NELSON	Nelson class battleship	3				
NEWCASTLE	Southampton class cruiser	4	1	13	34	1
NIGELLA	Flower class corvette					1
NIGERIA	Fiji class cruiser				1	
NILE	Base at Alexandria	161	44	127	107	10
NIMROD	Anti-Submarine Training Establishment, Campbeltown			1	1	
NORMAN	'N' class destroyer	1				
NORTHERN CHIEF	Armed boarding vessel/Anti-submarine vessel		1			
NORTHERN DAWN	Anti-submarine vessel					1
NORTHERN DUKE	Armed boarding vessel/anti submarine-vessel		1			1
NORTHERN ISLES	Anti-submarine vessel		1			
NORTHNEY	Landing Craft Base (?)		4			1
NYASALAND	Colony class frigate		1			
OCEAN GAIN	Mobile wiping unit		1			1
ODYSSEY	Base Ship, London		1			
ORFORD NESS	Depot and repair ship					1
ORION	Leander class cruiser	3		2	3	1
ORLANDO	Parent Ship, Greenock		1		1	1

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		1943 RATINGS	OFFICERS	RATINGS	1945 RATINGS	1945 OFFICERS
OSPREY	Anti-Submarine Establishment, Dunoon	3	3			
OTUS	'O' Class submarine		1			
PALADIN	'P' Class destroyer		1	39	38	1
PANGKOR	Auxiliary minesweeper/Accommodation ship (1943)	1		1		
PARIS	French battleship commissioned 1940				1	
PATROLLER	Smiter class escort carrier		2			
PEEWIT	RN Air Station East Haven					1
PEMBROKE	Parent Ship, Chatham		8			1
PEMBROKE IV	Parent Ship, Chatham, Small Vessels Pool				1	1
PERSIMMON	Landing Ship Infantry (Large)					1
PETARD	'P' class destroyer	1		4	3	1
PHILOCTETES	Destroyer depot ship, Freetown 1942-1945	1	3		3	2
PHOEBE	Dido class cruiser	10	3	6		2
PHOENIX	'P' class submarine	1		1	1	
PIROUETTE	Dance class trawler					1
POOLE	Bangor class minesweeper					1
PRESIDENT III	Admiralty, London		13	49		4
PRETORIA CASTLE	Armed merchant cruiser/escort carrier (1943)	15			1	
PRINCE CHARLES	Landing ship Infantry (small)				1	
PROMETHEUS	Depot for local defence vessels (Mediterranean)	6	1	1	2	
PROSERPINE	Base, Lyness Orkney		2			1
PURSUIVANT	Base, Falkland Islands	2				1
QUADRANT } QUALITY }	'Q' class destroyer	4	1	10	11	1
QUEBEC	Base at Inveraray		3	12	14	
QUEEN ELIZABETH	Queen Elizabeth class battleship		3		17	
QUEEN OF BERMUDA	Armed merchant cruiser/Troopship (1943)	1		1	1	
RACEHORSE } RAIDER }	'R' class destroyer	2		11	14	
RAJALIYA	RN Air Station, Puttalam, Ceylon		1	1	1	1
RALEIGH	Training Establishment, Torpoint					1
RAMILLIES	Royal sovereign class battleship	14		6	2	
RANEE	Smiter class escort carrier				1	
RANPURA	Destroyer depot ship		1			
RAPID	'R' class destroyer		2	21	11	1
RAVEN	RN Air Station Eastleigh		1			
RATNALNA					1	
RAVAGER	Smiter class escort carrier					1
RAZORBILL	HQ Coastal Forces, Algiers		3			
REDOUBT } RELENTLESS }	'R' class destroyer		2	10	16	1
RENOWN	Repulse class battlecruiser			7	20	1
RESOLUTION	Royal Sovereign class battleship	1		1	8	
RESOURCE	Fleet repair ship	5		17	15(?)	
REVENGE	Royal Sovereign class battleship	10		1	1	1
REVLIS	Hellensburgh					1
RINGTAIL	RN Air Station Burscough		1			
ROBERTSON						1
ROCKET	'R' class destroyer		2		8	4
ROCKROSE	Flower class corvette		4			1
RODNEY	Nelson class battleship		1			
ROEBUCK	'R' class destroyer					2
ROOKE	Boom Defence Central Depot Rosyth				1	
ROSALIND	Shakespearian class trawler					
ROSEBAY	Modified flower class corvette				3	
ROTHERHAM	'R' class destroyer		1	9	13	1
ROYALIST	Improved Dido class cruiser		2			
ROYAL SOVEREIGN	Royal Sovereign class battleship	2			1	
ST ANGELO	Parent Ship, Malta		4	3	2	1
ST LOMAN	Anti-submarine vessel		1			
ST Mathew	Base, Thames (Combined Operations?)					1
ST VINCENT	Preliminary Air Training Establishment, Gosport		1		2	
ST ZENO	Anti-submarine vessel		2			
SAKER	British Naval Staff Washington, DC		3		1	2
SALSETTE	Combined Operations personnel base, India		6			3
SAMBUR	Barrage balloon vessel	1	1	1	2	
SANDERLING	RN Air Station, Abbotsinch		1			
SANDWICH	Bridgewater class sloop					1

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		1943 RATINGS	OFFICERS	RATINGS	1945 RATINGS	1945 OFFICERS
SANDRAGON	Naval base, Seychelles			1		
SANSOVINO	Empire class infantry landing ship					1
SAUNDERS	Combined Operations Base, Canal Zone	4	5	4	2	7
SCARAB	Insect class river gunboat					1
SCORPION	'S' Class destroyer		1			
SCOUT	'S' Class destroyer					1
SEABORN	RN shore establishments and Air Stations in Canada					1
SEAHAM	Bangor class minesweeper	1				
SENNEN	Lulworth class escort					1
SERAPH	'S' class submarine		1			
SERUWA	RN Aircraft Repair Yard, Ratmalana, Ceylon					1
SEYCHELLES	Colony class frigate					1
SEYMOUR	Captain class frigate		1			
SHAH	Smiter class escort carrier					1
SHEBA	Naval Shore Base, Aden	2	24	86	89	1
SHIPS UNKNOWN				22	10	
SHOREHAM	Shoreham class sloop	1	2	23	23	2
SHRAPNEL	Naval Base, Southampton	1		2	1	1
SHROPSHIRE	London class cruiser	4			1	
SILVIO	Empire class landing ship infantry					1
SIRIUS	Dido class cruiser	31	1	21	1	3
SIR WALTER RALEIGH	Examination Service, tender (1942)					1
SNOWFLAKE	Flower class corvette			1	3	
SONDRA	Anti-submarine vessel					2
SOUTHERN GEM			1			
SOUTHDOWN	Hunt class destroyer				1	
SPARROWHAWK	RN Air Station, Halesworth		1			
SPARTIATE	Parent Ship, Glasgow		4		1	1
SPEAKER	Smiter class escort carrier				1	
SPHENE	Anti-submarine vessel		1			
SPRINGTIDE	Mine destructor vessel					2
SPITEFUL	'S' class submarine		4			
SQUID	Landing Craft Base, Southampton					1
SQUIRREL	Algerine class minesweeper			1		
STAG	Naval depot, Port Said	16		8	8	1
STELLA POLARIS	Auxiliary Patrol/Anti-Submarine vessel		2			
STYGIAN	'S' class submarine		1			
SUFFOLK	Kent class cruiser	10	2	10	28	
SUSSEX	London class cruiser	14	1	7	4	1
SWIFTSURE	Swiftsure class cruiser				1	1
TAFF	River class frigate				4	
TALBOT	Naval base, Sardinia	1		2	1	
TANA	Flag Officer East Africa and Admiral Superintendent, Kilindini	110	23	100	126	3
TANGA	RN Air Station, Tanga, Tanganyika	2				
TAVY	River class frigate					1
TAY			1	9	8	
TENGRA	Base, Mandapam					2
TEST						
TEVIOT	River class frigate	2	2	10	12	3
THYME	Flower class corvette		1	1	9	
TORRINGTON	Captain class frigate		1			1
TRENT	River class frigate		1	5	6	1
TRIDENT	'T' class submarine		1			1
TROON	'T' class submarine		1			
TROUBRIDGE	'T' class destroyer					1
TROUNCER	Smiter class escort carrier					1
TUNA	'T' class submarine				1	
TURCOMAN	Anti-submarine vessel		1			
TURPIN	'T' class submarine					1
TYNE	Destroyer depot ship	1	2	1	8	
UKUSSA	RN Air Station Katukurunda, Ceylon		2	2	1	1
ULSTER MONARCH	Landing ship, infantry, (hand hoisting)	2		2	2	
ULSTER QUEEN	Auxiliary anti-aircraft vessel (sea going) Fighter Direction Ship (1943)					1
UNBENDING	'U' class submarine					1
UNICORN	Aircraft maintenance ship				2	

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		1943 RATINGS	OFFICERS	RATINGS	1945 RATINGS	1945 OFFICERS
UNRUFFLED } UNSWERVING } UPSTART	'U' class submarine		1			1
VAIRI	RN Air Station, Sollur, S. India		1			1
VALLIANT	Queen Elizabeth class battleship	3		2	1	
VALLURU	RN Air Station, Tambaram					1
VANITY	'V' class destroyer				1	
VARBEL	Midget submarine Experimental Station Isle of Bute		4			
VASNA	Hospital ship			1	1	
VENERABLE } VENGEANCE }	Colossus class aircraft carrier					1
VERITY	Modified 'W' class destroyer					1
VERNON	Torpedo School	1	1	2	1	1
VERNON II						1
VICTORY	Parent Ship, Portsmouth					2
VINDICTIVE	Fleet repair ship	6				
VIOLET	Flower class corvette					1
VIRGINIA						1
VIRULENT } VIVID }	'V' class submarine		1			
VOLAGE	'V' class destroyer					2
VULTURE	RN Air Station St Merryn		1		1	1
WALDEGRAVE	Captain class frigate		1			
WALKER	'W' class destroyer		1			
WARSPITE	Queen Elizabeth class battleship		1			
WASTWATER	Lake class trawler		1			
WAYLAND	Depot ship				2	1
WELLARD	Anti-submarine vessel					2
WESTCLIFF	Mine watching base, Southend on Sea (?)		2			
WHITSHED	Modified 'W' class destroyer		1			
WILDFIRE	Base Ship, Sheerness		4			
WOLFE	Submarine depot ship	1	1		2	1
WOOLWICH	Destroyer depot ship	24	1	37	33	2
WUCHANG	Depot ship for submarines		1			1
Miscellaneous						
BYMS 2006	Motor minesweeper					1
CT 37	Control and target boat					1
DEMS	Defensively Equipped Merchant Ships	53			39	
HDML 1082	Harbour Defence Motor Launch					2
HDML 1080, 1126, 1150 } 1155, 1199, 1202 } 1203, 1293, 1303, } 1336 }	1 each					10
LSE 1	Landing ship, emergency					2
LSE 2	Repair					1
LST 77, 304	Landing ship tank					1
337, 382, 401, 410, 426, } 3001, 3009, 3516: }	1 each					10
ML: 135, 194, 263, 830, } 838, 840, 853, 863, }	Motor launch					11
865, 895, 896	1 each					3
MTB 377, 410, 523	Motor Torpedo Boat					5
812, 841, 851, 896, } 1844 }	Naval Air Squadrons					1
NOIC,	1 each					5
RNB	Bone: Naval Officer in Command	1				
	Chatham Royal Naval		1	1		
	Devonport arracks	1			1	
	Lee-on-Solent	1		1		
	Portsmouth	40	13	76	93	
	RN Auxiliary Hospital Bombay					1
	RN Auxiliary Hospital Durban				7	
	Royal Hospital Simonstown					2
TF 11	Task Force					1
Total		1 942	678	1 995	2 137	543

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