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<u>Wed. 24th.</u>	Derry. Slipped at 0900 and oiled at Malville. Long Foyle very pretty in the morning sun. The last sight of the British Isles we will have for some time. Left Malville 1400, bound for Iceland & the Russia. In company with AA ships Palomares, + Logarica & corvettes, Poffy, Lotus, + Diamella. Weather fine, sea smooth.		
<u>Sat. 27th</u>	Anchored in Seidisfjord to await rest of escort & convoy. Town on water's edge very picturesque against background of snow capped towering hills. Streaked with mountain streams & waterfalls. Weather not too cold. "Sun baked" at midnight.		
<u>Sun</u>	On patrol midnight till 0800. A bit misty. Took mail ashore at 1700. Icelanders don't appear to be very friendly. I suppose we have wounded them anyway. London, Manchester & destroyers arriving.		
<u>Mon. 29th</u>	Midnight till 1100 on patrol again. Back to Gort. - did a 5 hour morning watch. Warped along side Derry. Shipper aboard London for conference. 11400 left for Russia steering N.N.E. Escort: - Kessel, Logarica, Derry, Off, Hedberg Wilton, Lamington, Dett - Lotus, Poffy, Diamelline		

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	<i>Blamella</i> Lord Middleton, Lord Adrian. <i>Argentine</i> northern gun, also was <i>Argentine</i> <i>Station</i> Brit smart, <i>Salamanca</i> Empire <i>Riddle</i> Sub P 615 & P 614. Rescue ship <i>2</i> <i>Argentine</i> <i>Zemelich</i> <i>Ratin</i>. 36 m/ship in <i>convoy</i>. <i>C.S.I. covering force</i>. <i>London</i> <i>Norfolk</i> <i>Tuscaloona</i> <i>Sutcliffe</i>. <i>off</i> <i>Donkey</i> <i>down</i> <i>to</i> <i>support</i>. <i>First few days</i> <i>very quiet</i>. <i>see</i> <i>front</i>. <i>Very</i> <i>quiet</i> <i>until</i>, <i>not</i> <i>as</i> <i>quiet</i> <i>in</i> <i>front</i>		. 15

Wed. 1st July

Submarine sighted. Aircraft shadowing.

Thurs. 2nd

Aircraft still shadowing & apparently
 coming w. boats. Picked up fish left
 dropping depth charges. At action
 stations 1000. 1400. 1600. 1800.

Blame up by our own depth charges,
 dropped while at half speed. In " "
 magazine, & thought ship had been hit by
 heavy A/c. 1800. 6 torpedo bombers
 attack, dropped tin fish, but
 unsuccessful we claimed one plane
 shot down, a *Heinkel* picked
 up rubber dinghy.

Thurs. 3rd

Quiet day. 3 aircraft shadowing.

Sat. 4th

0230. Torpedo bomber missed in attack.

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1200 - 74° 46' N 27° 40' E.

Handwritten report
 + sunk 1 ship. Suddenly shot us fired.
 Action stations. Aircraft shadowing during
 forenoon. Action stations in afternoon.

1630. 25 Torpedo bombers launched attacked.
 Saw squadron leader approach from rear of convoy.
 He went right through, turned & dropped his
 torpedoes. His undercarriage abuzz. Finally
 washed in sea. Waves attacked from all
 angles. I was definitely shot down, but
 few could have retreated to their base. 2
 ships were sunk.

Had last boy - served from action stations
 1915. Received 4 "O-U" messages. *St. Trifinity*
 & *Hepper* out. 2:00. Convoy ordered to
 scatter. Destroyers withdrew to rear
 1 1/2 to make for nearest Russian ports.
 went to Leningrad & Archangel. *Poyaria*
Lotus *Katherine* *Poffy* *Lord Middleton*
 2 *Infantry* in company, 11 boats to N.E.

June 5th

Luftwaffe & U-Boats apparently picking off
 M/S. between 1600-1800. 1st distant
 signals received. 1725 - 2 BS. 8 DR 71° N 27° E -

To 065°. Did these ships intend to
 attack convoy? According to Admiralty, yes.

What happened to our Destroyers & C.S.I.,
 C.S. Co. C.S. 18. Submarine *Washington* & *Victorious*
 the "covering force".

Russian submarines registered 2 hits *St. Trifinity*.

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	overhead in middle of ice field. & half way missing. attempting to round up ships. Bleak blue sky - Sun shining brightly. I can see life boat in a starboard side, about 25 yards away. There but 12 hours or less been quite drifting. We have been going dead slow head, astern, stopping. led to starboard, led to port. I have felt ice scraping the ship's sides. Large ice have come in board. Made me think of Titanic. 0330. Picked up 23 survivors of U.S. M/S John Witherspoon torpedoed by U-boat on 5/7. U-boat let crew take to boats & asked if they had sufficient food & water & directed them to nearest land - Norway Zemlya. 3 yards mess with us. Two have bad feet due to exposure. Turned in 0700. Only 2 M/S with us. Swenson will rest. Have afternoon watch. Weather fine. Shadowed by enemy aircraft - if only mist would come down again. Have first watch. 2150. Action stations. Attack by dive bombers in waves of 5. US M/S Roosevel (Black Eagle) had near miss. brow abandoned ship. Steam valves must have burst. We went alongside & took off lot. Enemy aircraft still in offing. U-boat on horizon. M/S sunk by our gunfire, & the boats who had picked up survivors.		

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Friday 10th	0015 Action stations. (Sleamed only a few minutes ago) Waves of dive bombers attacking convoy which is now ahead. We engage at full speed ahead. Bomb just missed square & later. In 4" range. my action station every bomb sounds very near. Remaining m/s hit (near miss?) & abandoned.		
0220	Secure. All that remains with us, Polomares, Pozarica, Lotus, Luffy, Lord Middleton, & Rescue ship. We did our best. Messages for fighter protection had been sent, but no answer. Plans can only be defeated by planes. Pozarica certainly shot down 13. More must have been hit. After action friendly plane appeared.		
	Forenoon watch. Weather still fine. Reached land (just outside White Sea) 0900 joined by Russian gun boat. Halcyon with convoy attacked by enemy aircraft & calling for fighter protection. Messages apparently not heard in exchange. We went to sea again. Enter White Sea.		
1400-1500	Action stations. Aircraft attack not planes or ships hit. Remainder of convoy on horizon. Fleet awakes + 2 m/s + 7 m/s.		
1600-1645	Action stations. Aircraft attack again no ships hit.		
	Had last dog. Sleamed in 2200. Sun almost set. First time for many days.		

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	Not disturbed till I went on watch 0400.		
Sat. 11th. 0400.	Morning watch. Not far to go now. We should get in without further mishap. Approaching River Delta. Coastline covered with thick dense pine forest. Docks and/or wharves, river entrance. Soviet Pilot boat. 1500. Proceed up river. All the buildings on either side are made of wood. Riverside very primitive looking. No docks - banks built up with wood. Pass a few Russian ships. Women form part of crew. Water is of a dirty brown color. Streams of logs floating by.		
	1700. Go alongside at Maimakka (named after Maitsky). I have 1st dog. I buy one mass of logs. After supper go on petty & barter chocolate & cigarettes for rubles with the kiddies. 10 rubles a bag of pears "ky" (cocon) 15 rubles 20 cigarettes. I dress about 150 rubles. Lion from Yankee must be here since June, much better price in Archangel. Decide to lay on to my chocolate.		
	We brought in 406 survivors. Simella had also brought some in previously.		
	First night's sleep for 17 days. Every sense ages & goes.		
Sun 12th	These Russians seem to be starving, though they don't look too bad. Beg for food & ravenously eat grub from dinner. Have afternoon		

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+ First Watch Close down 2230.

Monday 13th

Walk around settlement with Frank.
 Roads + houses made of wood. go through
 barracks. Soldiers (mixed) playing net
 ball. Army sings as it marches. Not
 spontaneous, more free like our Tommies sing
 jumpy tunes, but it seems to be organized.
 Songs are martial, patriotic + stirring. One
 sings about a line + the rest join in,
 + in no half hearted manner at that.
 The girls seem happier than the
 men. Also tougher + keener. None of
 the army or navy are dressed in any flamboyant
 way. Every other soldier seems to be
 an officer. The girls are fairly smart
 in their skirts + jumpers + forage
 caps.

The children paste up all the time
 for chocolate + cigarettes. We learn to
 say "niwote." Freely distribute slips
 of biscuit which the kids enjoy. Smoking
 isn't allowed except in shelter arrangements
 which have sandbed floors.

Pass by "criche" + wave to ~~babies~~ babies
 who are just being turned in by nurses.

This seems to be the best building in the
 settlement + has a stretch of grass fenced off.
 There are many types of races here. However
 quite a number of girls are English looking + dressed

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fairly smartly at a bit & not ~~that~~ bad looking. We meet Vera, who is very pretty & carry on an animated "conversation" s/he is Russian, we in English.

We see two girls at a window & after making quite sure by the sign language go inside the dwelling & join the in the "cantina" room very bare. Table by window. Suvanor bed against one wall with highly coloured cushions. Day bed in "chair" form. (Just plain four legged stools.) Book about Stalin & revolution on table - even little children recognise & know names of Stalin & leaders. Leave for s/he about 11 p.m.

Tuesday 14th.

Red water get leave to Orangel.

In evening walk around settlement again with offh. Robinson, go to cinema. Lots of music in the film. Story of good against evil. Burning at stakes & sword fights. Lights come on every $\frac{1}{4}$ hour when the change the reels. No ventilation or very little. Air hot, oppressive & had heavy odour. Stunk it through 3 reels & came out. Liberty men back from Orangel by ferry at about 2400. Didn't seem to go much on the place. Couldn't get much to eat or drink. Place stunk & various complaints of road in bad repair - plants hitting one in the face. Everybody come back with more roubles

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Wednesday 15th. Duty. Aquine Russian sailors left for
Thursday 16th.

Ship under sailing orders. Leave
 cancelled. I was looking forward to going
 to be changed. Apparently it won't be bad.
 You & friends & drinks at International Club
 & some beds managed to get by late
 2200 to sea with Latnos & Poppy
 to pick up survivors & ships in Norway
 Langle.