

NAVAL MESSAGES

H.M.C.S. KIRKLAND LAKE

NAVAL MESSAGE

To:

GENERAL

From:

ADMIRALTY

1. Following instructions relate to Naval celebrations of end of hostilities in Europe.
2. Definition of terms used:-

VE-DAY. Homewaters. Day on which Prime Minister announces end of hostilities. Abroad. Day selected by local civil governments. Similar announcement.

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY. In U.K. First Sunday after Ve-Day or, if latter falls later than Thursday, second Sunday.
3. Local celebrations. Home Office have sent to local authorities circular number 97 dated 30th April on arrangements for celebrations of termination of hostilities in Europe, and are supplying copies to the press and B.B.C. Admiralty hope to send copies to addressees at Home.
4. General instructions on Naval celebrations. Requirements of

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operations, essential maintenance and essential training come first. Their Lordships are anxious that official Naval celebrations should be modest and coupled with full recognition of tasks still to be completed in the Far East. Commanders in Chief should exercise their discretion in applying detailed instructions below.

5. Routine on Ve-Day. Ships companies should be piped down after divisions. Special instructions are being issued about leave.
6. Dressing ship. H.M. Ships in port should dress with masthead flags on Ve-Day and Ve plus one from time of announcement of referred to in para. 2 (A).
7. Illuminations If the coastal lighting restrictions have been relaxed H.M. Ships in harbour may assist in local illumination on Ve-Day or Ve plus one.

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8. Special meals. No special meals to be provided.
9. Special parades. Between Ve-Day and thanksgiving Sunday, both dates inclusive, Commanders in Chief may arrange special parades both purely Naval and in conjunction with other services as they consider appropriate. Naval units may also participate in ceremonies arranged by local authorities. In deciding between competing claims Commanders in Chief should generally give preference to those localities with Naval associations. Admiralty will issue special instructions concerning Naval participation in national ceremonies on thanksgiving Sunday.
10. Foreign ports. Arrangements will be at the discretion of Commanders in Chief or Senior Naval officer present in consultation with local authorities.

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To:

From:

AIG 1

ADMIRALTY

His Majesty the King will broadcast at nine oclock on the evening of Ve-Day.

Their Lordships wish every endeavour to be made to enable all Officers and men in service quarters and other accomodations to hear the broadcast.

Special importance is attached to the provision of all possible steps to enable the broadcast to be heard by patients in hospitals.

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To:

From:

AIG 1

ADMIRALTY

Tuesday May 8th is VE-DAY

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To:

GENERAL

From:

C IN C CNA

On the occasion of the ending of hostilities with Germany, I am sending this special message of congratulations to everyone in the Canadian Northwest Atlantic Command.

2. Every Officer and man who has served at sea, or on shore at Canadian East Coast bases or in Newfoundland, servicing and training the ships at sea, can think with pride of his personal share in the hard and successful teamwork that will place the Canadian Navy amongst the headlines ~~in~~ the history of the war.

3. I wish those who presently will return to civil occupation all good luck in the future. To those will continue in the Navy, and especially to those who will fight at sea against Japan, I wish a very happy interval until they sail, and desire nothing better than that I may have the privilege of commanding them and of continuing to serve them as they have served me.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

To:

GENERAL

From:

N.S.H.Q.

Following from the Prime Minister to the Chief of Naval Staff begins:-

On this day of final victory over Nazi Germany to which the Royal Canadian Navy has made so magnificent a contribution, will you please convey to all Officers and men of the Canadian Navy the following message:-

In the name of the Government I desire at this hour to send to you, the Officers and men Of the Royal Canadian Navy wherever you are serving heartiest congratulations upon the victory over the armed forces of Nazi Germany to which you all have so greatly contributed . I wish to join to the thanks of the Government the heartfelt thanks of all the people of Canada for the long patient and efficient services rendered to organization training maintenance and direction of Canadas fighting ships and their gallant crews. Our country

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honours especially today those who have manned the ships at sea by your vigilance your skill your daring and your endurance you have had a large part in the destruction of the sea power of Nazi Germany. In tribute to those of your comrades who have made the supreme sacrifice, the whole nation reverently bows its head. The record of the achievements of Canadas fighting forces in the defeat and destruction of Nazi tyranny will constitute an immortal chapter in the history of our country.

W.L. MacKenzie King, Prime Minister.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

To:

From:

AIG 1

ADMIRALTY

The German High Command has surrendered unconditionally all German land, sea and air forces in Europe, effective from 0001B hours 9th May from which hour all offensive operations are to cease.

Due to difficulties of communication there may be some delay in these orders reaching enemy forces. Accordingly, danger of attack by individual enemy surface craft, U-Boats and aircraft may persist for some time to come, The Fleet in all waters is to remain on a warfare footing and freighters a state of constant vigilance for the moment.

Surrender procedure for U-Boats will be promulgated separately. No release is to be made to the press pending an announcement by heads of Government.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

To:

From:

AIG 1

ADMIRALTY

Following message has been received by the first Sea Lord from Field Marshall Montgomery. Begins.

As C in C of the armies of the British Empire in Western Europe I would like today to salute you and the Royal Navy.

Throughtout our long journey from Egypt to the Baltic any success achieved by the British armies has been made possible only by the magnificent support given us by the Royal Navy. With unfailing precision we have been put ashore, supported and supplied. Our confidence has been such that the army has never questioned the certainty of a safe landing nor of the safe arrival of our reinforcements and supplies across the seas.

I want to thank you and all those gallant sailors who have supported us with such valour. We soldiers owe the Royal Navy a great debt of gratitude and we will never forget.

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K. P. 95441

From:

Would it be possible for you to convey the gratitude of myself and all those serving under me to all your Flag Officers and Captains and to all ranks and ratings of the Royal Navy. We wish the Royal Navy the best of luck. Ends.

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S. 1320 H
15000M-11-43 (2671-2-3)
N. S. 213-9-1329-H
R. P. 85441

From:

The First Sea Lord has replied as follows. Begins.

On behalf of all officers and men of the Royal Navy. Thank you for your generous message.

Ever since the summer of 1940 the Royal Navy has been eagerly looking forward to the day when we could land the armies of the British Empire once again on the continent of Europe.

We sailors never doubted that when the day came the soldiers would however hard the struggle achieve ultimate victory in battle.

We have watched with profound admiration the progress of your operations which have now inflicted on the enemy an overwhelming and decisive defeat.

Our warmest congratulations and best wishes to you and to all ranks serving under your command.

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ADMIRALTY

Splice the main brace.

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To:

From:

AIG 138

N.S.H.Q.

Tuesday 8th May 1945 has been officially proclaimed a national holiday. All ships are to splice the main brace on that day vide Naval Order 3315 paragraph 4.

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To:

From:

AIG 32

C IN C WA

On Ve-Day, while the battle for which the Western Approaches Command was created to fight, draws to a victorious close, I send this personal message of gratitude and admiration to all of you who have so faithfully and nobly borne the brunt of the long drawn out struggle.

In winter gales of the North Atlantic, and every kind of weather the littleships of this command have kept continual close touch and faith with those they had to guard. But this alone was not enough. High technical skill reached only by intense training added to that seaman's eye, and judging with long experience at sea under the hardest conditions given, producing the polish which earned your great but still unnumbered successes.

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From:

The standards you have set and maintained in anti-submarine warfare are in my opinion quite unsurpassed by any of the combattant nations, and your standards in all other respects have been a source of pride and joy to me.

Your losses have been heavy indeed and our thoughts at this time must constantly turn to our comrades and friends who have paid the price of victory.

In thanking you for your unfailing loyalty and support and wishing you good luck, remember it is still too early to relax. Utmost vigilance is necessary until the last German U-Boat is surrendered.

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To:

From:

AIG 1

ADMIRALTY

To the civilians of all grades in the Royal dockyards, maintenance and supply depots, medical and scientific establishments and all other auxiliary services in the Naval organisation, the board of Admiralty wish to pay tribute for their indispensable contribution to the success of the fleet which has been made in circumstances of unparalleled urgency and pressure and often of great physical danger. The fine spirit which has animated them will be needed still in the things which are before us and the board are sure that it will be forthcoming.

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From:

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ADMIRALTY

For the second time since the Battle of Trafalgar sea power, relentlessly applied, has preserved and sustained our nation and commonwealth and led to the decisive defeat of Germany and her European associates. The Board of Admiralty congratulates all Officers and men upon their share in this great victory, confident that the fortitude, skill and tenacity which have made it possible will be displaced with the same distinction and effect in the task yet to be completed in the Far East.

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From:

GENERAL

N.S.H.Q.

The following has been received at Naval Service Headquarters:

"The Board of Admiralty desire to convey to the Canadian Naval Board their high appreciation of the magnificent part played by the Royal Canadian Navy in the war at sea. They recall with special pride the contribution made by the Royal Canadian Navy in the battle of the Atlantic and their magnificent response when the need for escort vessels was so great. They desire to congratulate them on the destruction and damage inflicted on so many units of the U-boat fleet.

2. They wish also to express their gratitude to the Canadian Naval Board for their constant help and ever-ready cooperation.

3. The Board of Admiralty and the Officers and men of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines look forward to the continued cooperation

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of the Royal Canadian Navy in bringing about the early defeat
of Japan by the Allies and the liberation of the world from the
fear of aggression.

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GENERAL

N.S.H.Q.

Following from the Minister.

On this great day I send to every Officer and rating of the Royal Canadian Navy and its reserves my personal congratulations. The part you have all played to help accomplish this results has been valiant now we can look forward to an end to the tedious work in the convoys, to the hazardous hunting in the support groups, to the fights by night in the destroyer flotillas, to the strikes from the carriers, the assaults in the MTBs and to the patrols in the minesweeping groups. All have helped to accomplish the common aim. Germany is beaten again. In this moment of victory I know you will be saddened when you think of those who have given their lives that we all might live once more in peaceful homes. This is their great day too and while they are not with us to rejoice we must see to it and we will see to it that their memory is kept

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N.S.H.Q.

The following has been received by the Ministry of National Defence for Naval Services begins:-

On the occasion of todays grand news of the surrender of the German Nation to the victorious arms of the Allies I send you and through you to the splendid Officers, Petty Officers and men who form the Royal Canadian Navy my warmest congratulations on the valuable contribution they have made towards the satisfactory conclusion of the war in Europe. Their courage and endurance has been beyond all praise.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

To:

From:

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COMM. (D) WA

Goodbye, good luck and a good leave to you all. We shall miss you at Londonderry where your cooperation has made it a pleasure to have you in the port. With your departure we shall relapse into a slightly more respectable but very much duller existence. Your salute on leaving was much appreciated.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

To:

S.O. BG16 CHARLOTTETOWN KIRKLAND LAKE
STETTLER ANTIGONISH MATANE

From:

C IN C WA

On saying goodbye to you, I wish to express again my warm appreciation of your loyal and highly efficient services in Western Approaches. The work has necessarily been strenuous and often monotonous but our aim has been achieved in a grand manner. My thanks and best wishes to you for the future.

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To:

From:

KIRKLAND LAKE ANTIGONISH (R) E.C.16 COM.D WA C IN C PORTSMOUTH

Thank you for the good work done in this Command.

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