OPERATION PEDESTAL
9-15 AUGUST 1942

THE 'SANTA MARIJA' CONVOY WS 21S

Seventy-one Royal Navy Ships were directly involved,
Force 'X':17 Force 'Z':28 Force 'R':7 Malta Escort:19

CLOSE ESCORT (45 ships)

FORCE 'X'

10th. Cruiser Squadron (Rear Admiral Sir Harold M. Burrough)

(4)

H.M.S. MANCHESTER (Flagship)	Sunk
H.M.S. KENYA	
H.M.S. NIGERIA	Damaged, returned to Gibraltar
H.M.S. CAIRO	Sunk

6th. Destroyer Flotilla (Commander R.G. Onslow)


Hunt class Escort Destroyers

(12)

H.M.S. ASHANTI	F17	
H.M.S. BICESTER	L34	Escorted HMS NIGERIA back to Gibraltar
H.M.S. BRAMHAM	L51	
H.M.S. DERWENT	L83	Escorted HMS NIGERIA back to Gibraltar
H.M.S. FORESIGHT	H68	Sunk
H.M.S. FURY	H76	
H.M.S. ICARUS	D03	
H.M.S. INTREPID	D10	
H.M.S. LEDBURY	L90	
H.M.S. PATHFINDER	G10	
H.M.S. PENN	G77	
H.M.S. WILTON	L128	Escorted HMS NIGERIA back to Gibraltar

Ocean Rescue Tug

H.M.R.T. JAUNTY	W30

FORCE 'Z'

Note: detached from convoy as planned at Skerki Channel betweeen Tunisia and SW Sicily at 1900 hours on 12 August and returned to Gibraltar.

Battleships

(2)
H.M.S. NELSON **(**Flag S.O. Vice Admiral Sir Neville Syfret**)**
H.M.S. RODNEY

Aircraft Carriers

(3)
H.M.S. EAGLE Sunk
H.M.S. INDOMITABLE
H.M.S. VICTORIOUS
Note: Taking advantage of the protective cover, Operation Bellows combined with Operation Pedestal,
H.M.S. FURIOUS (Flew off 38 Supermarine Spitfires for delivery to Malta and turned back on 12 August to return to Gibraltar with four-destroyer escort.)

Escorts to Force 'Z' (Light Cruisers)

(3)
H.M.S. CHARYBDIS F75
H.M.S. PHOEBE F42
H.M.S. SIRIUS F40

19th. Destroyer Flotilla

(12)
H.M.S. ANTELOPE H36
H.M.S. ESKIMO F75
H.M.S. ITHURIEL H05
H.M.S. LAFOREY G99
H.M.S. LIGHTNING G55
H.M.S. LOOKOUT G32
H.M.S. QUENTIN G78
H.M.S. SOMALI F33
H.M.S. TARTAR F43
H.M.S. VANSITTART D64
H.M.S. WISHART D67
H.M.S. ZETLAND L59

Distant Cover Force Destroyers

(8)

H.M.S. AMAZON	D39	
H.M.S. KEPPEL	D84	Escorted HMS FURIOUS back to Gibraltar
H.M.S. MALCOLM	D19	
H.M.S. VENOMOUS	D75	Escorted HMS FURIOUS back to Gibraltar
H.M.S. VIDETTE	D48	
H.M.S. WESTCOTT	D47	
H.M.S. WOLVERINE	D78	Escorted HMS FURIOUS back to Gibraltar
H.M.S. WRESTLER	D35	Escorted HMS FURIOUS back to Gibraltar

FORCE ‘R’

Fleet Oilers (7 ships)

(2)
R.F.A. DINGLEDALE A144
R.F.A. BROWN RANGER A169

Escorts to Force ‘R’ (Corvettes)


Flower class Corvettes

(4)
H.M.S. COLTSFOOT K140
H.M.S. GERANIUM K16
H.M.S. JONQUIL K68
H.M.S. SPIRAEA K08

Ocean Rescue Tug
H.M.R.T. SALVONIA W43

MALTA ESCORT VESSELS (19 ships)

17th. Minesweeping Flotilla (Cdr. Doran)

(4)
H.M.S. SPEEDY J17 (Flagship)
H.M.S. HEBE J24
H.M.S. HYTHE J194
H.M.S. RYE J76

3rd. Motor Launch Flotilla (Lieutenant Commander E.J. Strowlger RNVR)


Motor Launch

(7)
ML 121
ML 126
ML 134
ML 135
ML 168
ML 459
ML 462

10th. Submarine Flotilla (Malta) (S.O. Captain G.W.G. Simpson)



(8)

H M.S. SAFARl	P211
H.M.S. UNBROKEN	P42
H.M.S. UPROAR	P31
H.M.S. ULTIMATUM	P34
H.M.S. UTMOST	N19
H.M.S. UNRUFFLED	P46
H.M.S. UNITED	P44
H M.S. P.222	

Diversionary Operation in Sicily

H.M.S. UNA	N87

Note: Taking advantage of Operation Pedestal distraction, Force ‘Y’, two destroyers HMS BADHAM and HMS MATCHLESS escorted SS Orari and SS Troilus in the opposite direction from Malta to Gibraltar 10 – 14 August.

Fourteen Merchant Ships were directly involved.

	Year Launched	Gross Tonnage	
ALMERIA LYKES	1940	7,773	Sunk
BRISBANE STAR	1937	1,937	Reached Malta
CLAN FERGUSON	1938	7,347	Sunk
DEUCALION	1930	7,516	Sunk
DORSET	1934	10,624	Sunk
EMPIRE HOPE	1941	12,688	Sunk
GLENORCHY	1939	8,535	Sunk
MELBOURNE STAR	1936	11,076	Reached Malta
OHIO	1940	9,624	Reached Malta
PORT CHALMERS	1933	8,535	Reached Malta
ROCHESTER CASTLE	1937	7,795	Reached Malta
SANTA ELISA	1941	8,379	Sunk
WAIMARAMA	1938	12,843	Sunk
WAIRANGI	1935	12,436	Sunk