

3. The German Authority will cause:—

(a) All such surface warships, auxiliaries and merchant vessels as are under his command or control, at sea at the time and date of surrender, wherever they may be, to return to their normal port or base. Armaments of these ships are to be trained fore and aft.

(b) All ocean-going U-boats at sea to surface and fly a black flag or black pendant by day and to remain undarkened by nights and show navigation lights. All ocean-going U-boats at sea to be ordered to proceed to Gibraltar, reporting on 500 kilocycles to the nearest Allied wireless station their estimated time of arrival at Europa Point. Small enemy submarines at sea in the Adriatic or Ligurian Seas are to be ordered to return to Pola or Genoa respectively.

(c) All such warships, including submarines of all types, auxiliaries, and merchant vessels as are under his command or control, which are in harbour, to remain there.

(d) All ships and vessels of the United Nations, whether or not title has been transferred as the result of prize court or other proceedings, which are at the disposal of or under German control at the time of surrender, to proceed at the dates and to the ports or bases specified by the Supreme Allied Commander's representatives.

4. The German Authority will at once cause all such warships, surface or submarine, auxiliaries, merchant ships and other craft in harbour, as are under his command or control, to comply with the following orders:—

(a) No ship, vessel or craft of any description including harbour craft, whether afloat, under repair or construction, built or building, is to be damaged or scuttled, nor is any damage to be done to its hull, machinery or equipment.

(b) Ammunition is to be retained on board until further orders.

(c) Armaments are to be rendered inoperative by removal of essential portions of the firing mechanisms, but such mechanisms, and the armament in general are not to be damaged or destroyed. Fire control equipment is to be maintained on board fully efficient. All weapons are to be trained fore and aft.

(d) All small arms are to be landed, and safeguarded.

(e) Ships are to remain undarkened by night.

(f) Colours are to be struck and not rehoisted.

(g) With the exception of minesweepers and harbour tugs and vessels, all warships, surface and submarine, and auxiliaries, are to be reduced to 20 per cent of their complement of officers and men, except such ships or craft as are required to remain in operation to comply with the instructions in paragraph 7 (h) (1). The officers and men removed are to be placed in shore barracks where they are to remain under naval discipline. The crews of merchant vessels are to remain on board their ships.

(h) Minesweepers are to be subjected to the degree of disarmament prescribed in sub-paragraph (c) above, but are to be prepared immediately for mine-sweeping service under the orders of the Supreme Allied Commander's representatives, and are to be complete with fuel.

(i) Wireless transmitting apparatus is to be rendered inoperative by removal of essential parts, but no wireless apparatus is to be damaged or destroyed.