

APPENDIX III TO F.O. DOVER'S DESPATCH

Summary of Aircraft Data concerning R.N.

Naval Aircraft Employed

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| Squadron No. 801 | } "Skuas" |
| " No. 806 | |
| Squadron No. 815 | } "Swordfish" |
| " No. 825 | |
| Squadron No. 826 | "Albacore" |

These aircraft were the only available British "dive bombers," the R.A.F. possessing none at the time.

These squadrons operated under the orders of Coastal Command and carried out attacks on tanks, transport, batteries, gun emplacements and enemy positions in the Calais and Dunkirk areas as well as attacks on E-Boats.

In spite of their relative inadequacy for the purpose the "Skuas" were also detailed for fighter-escort of ships.

Enemy Aircraft Destroyed by Ships' fire off Dunkirk

(between 0300/27th May and 2000/1st June)

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| 27th May | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| 28th " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| 29th " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| 30th " | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil* |
| 31st " | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11 |
| 1st June | ... | ... | ... | ... | 13 |
| TOTAL | | | | | 35 |

In addition over the same period 21 others were heavily damaged by ships' fire and seen in distress but not seen to crash definitely.

Notes.—* On 30th May flying conditions were bad and few enemy aircraft operated. After 1st June evacuation proceeded only between evening dusk and dawn.

APPENDIX IV TO OPERATION "DYNAMO"—NARRATIVE OF EVENTS

Co-operation of the French Navy

(a) The following French warships and other vessels wearing the French flag were employed evacuating French troops from Dunkirk harbour, and on the last three nights, from the beach 1½ miles eastward from Dunkirk :—

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| <i>Destroyers</i> (9) | BRANLEBAS | INCOMPRISE | SIROCCO |
| | BOUCLIER | BOURRASQUE | CYCLONE |
| | FLORE | FOUDROYANT | MISTRAL |

Avisos (4) AMIENS BELFORT ARRAS AMIRAL MOUCHEZ

Fast Motor Boats ... 3

Sub Chasers 3

Auxiliary Minesweepers 6

Small Cargo Vessels ... 3 or 4 carrying munitions to Dunkirk returning with troops.

Trawlers, Drifters and other small craft. 167 concentrated from the French coast between Boulogne and Cherbourg, and employed mainly off the beach. In addition the French mail packets COTE D'ARGENT, COTE D'AZUR, NEWHAVEN and ROUEN were transferred to the orders of the Vice-Admiral, Dover, and were employed as required side by side with the British personnel vessels.

(b) The French losses included :—

Destroyers : BOURRASQUE and FOUROYANT sunk by bomb, and SIROCCO by torpedo. CYCLONE badly damaged by torpedo, and MISTRAL by bomb.

Trawlers, etc. : EMILE DESCHAMPS and DUPERRÉ, the drifter PIERRE MARIE and 15 other small craft were sunk, including the Dutch yacht DEMOG I under French orders.

French packet : COTE D'AZUR sunk by bombs before her first trip.

(c) Covering patrols, mainly in the Dyck, were provided by the two small cruisers LEOPARD and EPERVIER, and when not employed evacuating troops, the four avisos acted as escorts along "X" Route.