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FROM... The Commanding Officer, H.M.S. "Prince Paulouin".

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TO..... Commander, Force "O", through the Commanding Officer, H.M.S. "Prince Charles".

Copies to:-

- Maintenance Captain J, H.M.S. "Squid".
- The Commanding Officer, H.M.S. "Prince Leopold".

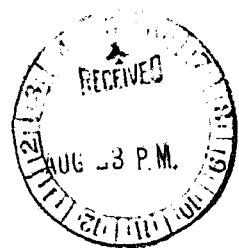
Subject: Report of proceedings during operation ^{Normandy} , H.M.S. "Prince Paulouin" in Force "O".

Enclosed are copies of Flotilla and L.C.S. Officers reports.

- Left Portland Area at 1647 on 5th June, 1944. No incidents of interest to report on the passage across, except that there were times when we appeared to be somewhat out of the buoyed channel.
- Anchored in Transport Area at 0534 on 6th June, 1944.
- Considering the crowded craft and the rough sea I think that the Flotilla did an excellent job of work, and credit for same should be given to all Officers and Coxswains concerned.
- Weighted anchor and closed beach at 0600 to pick up L.C.A.'s. Returned and anchored in Transport Area at 1125.
- L.C.A.'s which were to have gone to "Thurston" to take a second flight ashore were cancelled, and quite rightly, as the surf on the beaches was just a little too much for the L.C.A.'s. One L.C.A. had to be abandoned on the return trip to the ship, and L.C.S. (2) had also to be abandoned. There was no loss of life.
- L.C.A.'s picked up 15 U.S. Officers and men from a burning L.C.I. (91) and they were subsequently landed in the Isle of Wight Area.
- At 1630 weighed anchor, proceeded to the Isle of Wight area, and arrived there without incident at 2226 and anchored in Area 7, Cowes Roads.
- I would like to mention the high morale of the U.S. 5th Rangers and the cheerful way in which they left the ship and subsequently landed.

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