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Dear [REDACTED]

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence dated 3rd February 2017 requesting the following information:

'I am requesting Survivor lists of the following ships which includes their Christian names, surnames and serial numbers for Historical purposes:

HMS Algerine 15/11/1942, HMS Capel 26/12/1944, HMS Charybdis 23/10/1943, HMS Galatea 15/12/1941, HMS Gloucester 22/05/1941, HMS Greyhound 22/05/1941, HMS Hebe 22/11/1943, HMS Hollyhock 09/04/1942, HMS Ibis 10/11/1942, HMS Janus 22/01/1944, HMS Kelly 23/05/1941, HMS Laforey 30/03/1944, HMS Marigold 09/12/1942, HMS Puckeridge 06/09/1943, HMS Samphire 30/01/1943, HMS Quorn 03/08/1944 HMS Vervain 20/02/1945, HMS Vimiera 09/01/1942, and HMS Worcester 12/12/1942.

I have found many such lists at the National Archives under ADM 358 for example; and the detail I have requested is available online at the National archives and Ancestry.com/Find my past as well for information. To date those listed above are missing or incomplete.'

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

An extensive search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence and I have been unable to locate any information in relation to Survivors Lists for those ships listed in your original request.

Under Section 16 of the Act – 'Duty to Provide Advice and Assistance', what the Naval Historian has been able to provide is the approximate number of men that were lost and that survived each of the sinkings along with where references can be found within ADM 358. This information is summarised in the annex attached to this letter (Annex A/FOI2017/01805/February2017).

In addition to the Annex, you may find it useful to know that some of the references within ADM 358 contain files of correspondence between the Admiralty and family members who had enquired

whether service personnel were lost in the various sinkings which could possibly be misconstrued as survivor lists. There is one reference to a 'survivors list' for HMS Vervain however this was not produced officially by the Admiralty, but instead was compiled on board the Rescue Ship Bury, presumably as a means of administering the RN personnel who had been taken on board. There are several operational reports generated by the Rescue Ship Bury in ADM 199 that may provide further information on the sinkings which you might find useful and can be located at the National Archives.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, Zone D, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely

Navy Command Secretariat – FOI Section

HMS Algerine	15/11/1942	Approx 32 survivors landed as Bougie from the complement of 85. There are 3 references within ADM 358.
HMS Capel	26/12/1944	Approx 80 survivors from a complement of approx. 156. There are 3 references within ADM 358.
HMS Charybdis	23/10/1943	Approx 107 survivors and 462 lost during the sinking. There are 2 references within ADM 358.
HMS Galatea	15/12/1941	Approx 150 survivors and 470 lost during the sinking. There are 2 references within ADM 358.
HMS Gloucester	22/05/1941	82 survivors were taken as German POWs. There are 11 references within ADM 358.
HMS Greyhound	22/05/194	Approx 60 survivors and 80 lost during the sinking. There are 3 references within ADM 358.
HMS Hebe	22/11/1943	Approx 120 survivors and 37 lost during the sinking. There is 1 reference within ADM 358.
HMS Hollyhock	09/04/1942	There is 1 reference within ADM 358.
HMS Ibis	10/11/1942	4 survivors, one of whom died of wounds and 107 lost during the sinking. There is 1 reference within ADM 358.
HMS Janus	22/01/1944	Approx 93 survivors. There is 1 reference within ADM 358.
HMS Kelly	23/05/1941	281 survivors. There are no references within ADM 358.
HMS Laforey	30/03/1944	69 survivors. There are no references within ADM 358.
HMS Marigold	09/12/1942	Approx 40 survivors and 45 lost during the sinking. There is 1 reference within ADM 358.
HMS Puckeridge	06/09/1943	129 survivors and 62 lost during the sinking. There are no references within ADM 358.
HMS Samphire	30/01/1943	Approx 40 survivors and 45 lost during the sinking. There is 1 reference within ADM 358.
HMS Quorn	03/08/1944	Approx 16 survivors and 130 lost during the sinking. There is 1 reference within ADM 358.
HMS Vervain	20/02/1945	Approx 36 survivors. There is 1 reference within ADM 358.
HMS Vimiera	09/01/1942	Approx 14 survivors and 96 lost during the sinking. There is 1 reference within ADM 358.
HMS Worcester	12/12/1942	Only 2 men killed in action. There is 1 reference within ADM 358.