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Dear [Redacted],

Release of Information

Thank you for your correspondence of 25 June 2021 in which you requested the following information:

'I am researching the career histories of the Royal Navy's Type 42 destroyers. Is it possible to know the activities of HMS MANCHESTER between February 1997 and December 1999, please.'

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

A search for the information has been completed within the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held. The ship movements for HMS MANCHESTER for the specified dates can be found at Annex A to this letter.

However, I should advise that no recorded information is held on ship movements for HMS MANCHESTER for the period 17 March to 31 December 1997.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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Yours sincerely

Navy Command Secretariat – FOI Section

**HMS MANCHESTER Ship Movements**

12 August 1996 – 12 January 1997: Docking and Essential Defect Period  
12 January – 7 March: Maintenance and Sea Trials  
1-14 January 1998: Portsmouth  
15-17 January: Passage and High Seas Firing  
19-26 January: Deployed on NATO Standing Naval Force Atlantic (SNFL). Integration into Force in Lisbon  
26 January – 4 February: SNFL Integration training  
5-9 February: Port Visit Malaga  
9-11 February: Exercise with Spanish Forces  
12-16 February: Port Visit Bordeaux  
16-20 February: Exercise with French Forces  
20-24 February: Port Visit Antwerp  
27 February – 2 March: Port Visit Rotterdam  
2-6 March: Exercises with Dutch and German forces  
6-9 March: Port Visit Bodo  
9-21 March: Exercise Strong Resolve 98  
21-24 March: Port Visit Trondheim  
27 March – 14 April: Port Visit Den Helder and Maintenance Period  
14-19 April: Work up and exercises with Dutch, Belgian and German Forces  
20-24 April: Passage  
24-27 April: Port Visit Reykjavik  
27 April – 7 May: Exercises and passage  
7-11 May: Port Visit St John's Newfoundland for Battle of the Atlantic commemorations and parade  
11-15 May: Exercises with Canadian Forces  
15-18 May: Port Visit, Quebec  
18-22 May: Port Visit Montreal  
26 May – 8 June: Port Visit and Maintenance, Halifax  
8-18 June: Exercise Marcot  
19-23 June: Port Visit Halifax  
23-25 June: Passage  
25-29 June: Port Visit Boston, depart SNFL, handing over to HMS LANCASTER  
29-30 June: Passage  
1-3 July: Logistics stop in St John's Newfoundland  
3-10 July: Passage  
10 July: Arrive Portsmouth  
13 July – 27 August: Portsmouth, maintenance and leave  
28-31 August: International Festival of the Sea, Portsmouth  
1-21 September: Portsmouth, maintenance  
21-24 September: Recovery training period  
28 September – 5 October: Self maintenance, Portsmouth  
6-8 October: Passage  
8-17 October: Port Visit Liverpool and Manchester. Freedom of the City of Manchester  
17-18 October: Passage  
20-25 October: Support to Submarine Command Course  
26 October – 5 November: Joint Maritime Course exercise

6-9 November: Port Visit Faslane  
9-10 November: Passage  
10-12 November: Pembroke Dock  
12-13 November: Passage  
13-23 November: Portsmouth  
23-27 November: Support to Principal Warfare Officers Training  
27 November – 10 January 1999: Alongside in Portsmouth  
11-15 January 1999: ASW Exercise, South Coast Exercise Areas  
15-18 January: Devonport  
18-22 January: Weapon training  
22-25 January: Passage  
25 January – 7 February: Maintenance in Portsmouth  
8-12 February: Passage  
12-15 February: Port Visit Bodo  
15-27 February: Exercise Battle Griffin  
27 February – 2 March: Passage  
2-4 March: Port visit Amsterdam  
5-22 March: Assisted maintenance period in Portsmouth  
22-26 March: Recovery training period  
26 March – 6 April: Easter leave, Portsmouth  
7-12 April: Self maintenance period, Portsmouth  
12-15 April: Shakedown  
15 April – 5 May: Devonport and Operational Sea Training  
7-9 May: Weapon training  
11 May – 2 June: Portsmouth, main summer leave  
2 June – 11 July: Maintenance and emergency docking  
14-16 July: Recovery training period  
16-31 July: Self Maintenance Period, Portsmouth  
1-16 August: Summer leave, Portsmouth  
16-22 August: Self Maintenance Period, Portsmouth  
23-25 August: Recovery training period  
27-30 August: Navy Days in Plymouth  
2-3 September: passage  
3-7 September: Port Visit Hull  
7-8 September: Passage  
9-12 September: Port Visit Faslane  
13-24 September: Exercise Northern Lights  
25-29 September: Port Visit Falmouth  
29-30 September: Passage  
1-3 October: Portsmouth  
4-8 October: Support to Staff College Sea Days  
9 October – 14 November: Assisted Maintenance Period in Portsmouth  
15-19 November: Recovery training period  
20 November – 3 December: Pre-deployment training  
6-10 December: Support to Principal Warfare Officer Training  
11-17 December: Self maintenance period in Portsmouth  
18-31 December: Christmas leave