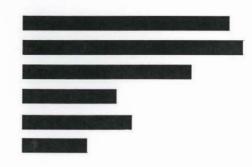


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9 December 2021

Dear ______,

Release of Information

Further to our interim correspondence of 22 November 2021, I am now in a position to provide you with a substantive response to your request for the following information:

'I would like to know the movements and activities of HMS York for the following dates if at all possible.

January 1996 - June 1997

February 1999 - May 1999

March 2001 - November 2001'

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 recorded information held on ship movements for HMS YORK for the specified time periods can be found at Annex A to this letter.

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

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-

<u>FOI-IR@mod.uk</u>). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely

Navy Command Secretariat - FOI Section

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HMS YORK Ship Movements

28 June – 5 July 1996: Dubai, UAE

5 July 1996: Passage

10-22 January 1996: Alongside to fit enhancements for Armilla patrol 22-26 January 1996: Recovery training period in the South Coast Exercise Areas 26 January – 10 February 1996: Alongside to fit enhancements for the Armilla patrol 11-16 February 1996: Shakedown in the South Coast Exercise Areas 17-18 February 1996: Alongside Devonport 19-22 February 1996: Pre-deployment training in the South Coast Exercise Areas 22-26 February 1996: Passage 26-28 February 1996: Gibraltar 28 February – 2 March 1996: Passage 2 March 1996: Logistic stop Souda Bay 2-4 March 1996: Passage 5 March 1996: Southbound transit of the Suez Canal 6-8 March 1996: Passage 8 March 1996: Djibouti 8-13 March 1996: Passage 13 March 1996: Cochin (Kochi) India 18-21 March 1996: Passage 18-21 March 1996: Alongside Singapore for pre-exercise briefs 21-30 March 1996: Five Power Defence Agreement exercise 30 March – 15 April 1996: Singapore for Self-maintenance period 15-16 April 1996: Passage 16-20 April 1996: Lumut, Malaysia 20-24 April 1996: Passage 24-27 April 1996: Chittagong, Bangladesh 27 April – 2 May 1996: Passage 2 May 1996: Cochin (Kochi) India 2-9 May 1996: Passage 9-15 May 1996: Alongside Bahrain 12-18 May 1996: Gulf Exercises 19-20 May 1996: Passage 21-24 May 1996: Sharjah, UAE 25-27 May 1996: Passage 27 May - 3 June 1996: Maritime Interdiction Operations 3-4 June 1996: Passage 4-5 June 1996: Bahrain 6-10 June 1996: Maritime Interdiction Operations 10-12 June 1996: Passage 12-15 June 1996: Doha, Qatar 16 June 1996: Passage 17-20 June 1996: Jebel Ali, UAE 20-22 June 1996: Passage 22-26 June 1996: Maritime Interdiction Operations 26-28 June 1996: Passage

6 July 1996: Wudam, Oman

7-10 July 1996: Exercise with the Royal Omani Navy

10-11 July 1996: Passage 11-21 July 1996: Dubai, UAE

21 July 1996: Passage 21-22 July 1996: Fleet Trial 22-24 July 1996: Passage

24-27 July 1996: Al Jubail, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

27 July 1996: Passage 28-30 July 1996: Bahrain

31 July - 1 August 1996: Maritime Interdiction Operations

1-4 August 1996: Kuwait

4-9 August 1996: Maritime Interdiction Operations

9-10 August 1996: Passage

10-14 August 1996: Abu Dhabi, UAE

14-20 August 1996: Southern Arabian Gulf Patrol

20-24 August 1996: Dubai, UAE

24-28 August 1996: Southern Arabian Gulf and Gulf of Oman Patrol

28 August – 1 September 1996: Muscat, Oman

1-3 September 1996: Gulf of Oman patrol

3-10 September 1996: Passage

11 September 1996: Northbound transit of the Suez Canal

12 September 1996: Cyprus

12-14 September 1996: Passage

14 September 1996: Souda Bay

14-16 September 1996: Passage

16-20 September 1996: Malta

20-23 September 1996: Passage

23 September 1996: Gibraltar

23-27 September 1996: Passage

27 September 1996: Arrival in Portsmouth

- 21 August 2001: Portsmouth, Commanding Officer's supersession and re-commencement of reporting
- 21 August 24 September 2001: trials period, weapon training and support to PWO syllabus training
- 24 September December 2001: Deployment operational sea training, Sea Dart high seas firing, ACT (AAW) training (no specific dates).