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Blood Examinations

It is requested that a T.P.S. Minute on the following lines may be inserted in T.P.S. Docket 46/58 :-

"It is noted that C.A.F.O. 81/58 para 5 requires personnel appointed or drafted to ships attached to the Grapple Squadron to be given blood examinations.

2. The expression "ships attached to the Grapple Squadron" is however ambiguous as whilst some ships are permanently attached (H.M.S. NARVIK and H.M.S. MESSINA) others are only temporarily attached for relatively short periods (e.g. H.M.S. SCARBOROUGH and H.M.N.Z.S. FUKAKI are temporarily attached at present).

3. Quite apart from the considerable difficulty involved in blood testing the crews of ships which are detached for temporary duty with the Grapple Squadron such ships spend most of their time in the Grapple Area on weather duties at sea many miles from Christmas Island.

4. It is recommended therefore that C.A.F.O. 81/58 para 5 should be amended by adding the following "(this does not include ships temporarily attached to Grapple Squadron)".

5. M.D.C. referred".

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