

GS. 109/2/1

PROCEEDING TO

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It is requested that very early action may be taken to arrange for all Naval personnel and Royal Marines appointed or drafted to H.M. Ships Resolution, Harvik, or Messina, to have a blood examination before leaving the United Kingdom in accordance with C.A.F.O. 121/57.

2. This is a new requirement by Task Force Grapple arising from the considerable publicity which is being given to the death of an Army other rank who is alleged to have suffered from Leukaemia after a tour of duty at Christmas Island.
3. Separate action is being taken in respect of personnel who have already joined their units.
4. Similar action is being taken by Air Ministry and the [REDACTED].
5. Paper has been marked Yellow in view of the considerable number of ratings and ranks at present on draft as relief for H.M.S. RESOLUTION.
6. D. of M. and D.O.A. referred, requesting that the former will suggest the marking as necessary, with a copy of this minute to M.D.G., D. Mov., C.G.R.M., C.H.D. and D.O.P.A.R.

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