

# H.M.S. PHOEBE CRUISER ITINERARY

As recorded and remembered by Sig. A. Hoyle 1943/44

1943		
Monday	27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Returned from leave and travelled overnight to Devonport
Tuesday	28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Joined H.M.S. Phoebe as relief for L/Sig Blakey. Sailed
Friday	1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Arrived Gibraltar went ashore Trocadero etc!!!!!!
Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Painted Ship with Med. Camouflage colours blue & grey
Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Departed Gibraltar.
Monday	4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Arrived Algiers - No shore leave.
Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Departed Algiers.
Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Passed Pantellaria arrived Malta. No shore leave.
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Departed Malta arrived Augusta Sicily
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Departed Augusta, through Straits of Messina pass Stromboli
Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	* Passed Capri and entered Naples.
Sunday	10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	* Albert's 21st birthday went ashore (shambles) no food much wine
Monday	11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Departed Naples for Alexandria.
Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	At sea
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Arrived Alexandria 1730 Lot of Italian ships in harbour Italy declared war on Germany -- had a run ashore.
Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	* Departed Alex for patrol off Leros, Dodecanese
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	* A.M. Returned South clear of islands
"	"	Patrolled off Cos and Leros came South passed Rhodes and Turkey to Cyprus.
"	"	Saw air raid on Rhodes.
Saturday	16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Returned to Alex. Met the Italian fleet proceeding to sea.
Sunday	17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Stayed alongside
Monday	18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Sailed 0550 Met SIRIUS Bombed - crater on Quarterdeck. To Kalimno with FURY - bombarded
Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	To Castelerisso, then bay off Turkish Coast to fuel destroyers. Went with destroyers to Dodecanese islands again.
Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Returned to Alex.
Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Departed Alex. 0630 to Kalimno to bombard. Cancelled in time.
Sunday	24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	* Returned to Turkish bay to re-fuel destroyers.
Monday	25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Arrived Limassol Cyprus
Tuesday	26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	* Took destroyers to Scarpanto Straits - Cruised S.E. of Rhodes all night, Enemy planes searched for us with flares.
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Met destroyers at Scarpanto straits - returned to Alex arr.1900
Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Went ashore.
Friday	29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	In harbour - SIRIUS left
Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Ashore - Recalled while at cinema -AURORA hit by Bomb..
Sunday	31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Depart Alex at 1600 with destroyers carrying troops to Leros.
Monday	1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Arrived Turkish coast, Left destroyers, returned to Alex.
Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Arrived Alexandria 0930 - Left again after oiling with 4 destroyers and troops.
Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Arrived Cyprus 1100 - Destroyers oiled, back to Alex.
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Left Alex with 2 destroyers -- Arrived Cyprus, oiled destroyers Then to Haifa..
Friday	5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Arrived Haifa; Fuelled. Met 2 destroyers and left to West of Rhodes.
Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Met 2 destroyers to escort back. Met 3 later on and returned.
Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Arrived Alex -- Cleaned 1 boiler.
Monday	8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	In harbour
Tuesday	9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	In harbour
Wednesday	10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	In harbour - Concert on board - Geraldo.
Thursday	11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Left Alex for Cyprus.
Friday	12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Arrived Cyprus
Saturday	13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Took 3 destroyers towards Leros where Germans started invasion. Then back to Limassol
Sunday	14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Arrived Limassol with 3 destroyers.

Monday	15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Departed with 2 destroyers for Leros. Left after dark.
Tuesday	16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Met 2 destroyers to escort to Cyprus - Oiled.
Wednesday	17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Arrived Alex
Thursday	18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	In Harbour.
Friday	19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	**** Sailed with 2 French destroyers - Attacked by large formation of Ju88s -- 2 attacks.
Saturday	20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Picked up 2 French destroyers and returned to Alex.
Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	In harbour
Monday	22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	In harbour
Tuesday	23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Sailed with 2 French destroyers to the islands.
Wednesday	24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Met Frenchies again and returned to Alex.
Thursday	25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	In harbour
Friday	26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	In harbour
Saturday	27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	In harbour Postman attacked by 3 Arabs.
Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	In Harbour.

No more records until 16<sup>th</sup> December.

Thursday	16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Proceeded to sea
Friday	17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Arrived Limassol
Monday	20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Departed Limassol
Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Arrived Haifa.
Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	In Haifa; Belt and Gaiters up Mount Carmel ???.
Thursday	23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Departed Haifa
Friday	24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Arrived Alexandria.
Saturday	25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	In harbour
Sunday	26 <sup>th</sup> Dec	In harbour
Monday	27 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Left Alex 0600 Patrol off Crete.

Record Ends.