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H.M. Naval Offices,

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Milford Haven...

27th December, 1940.

MEMORANDUM.

You are to assemble ~~on board H.M.S. "SKIRMISHER"~~ H.M. Naval Offices, Milford Haven
1000 on the 28th December, 1940,
as a board of inquiry whereof Commander N. A. K. Money, OBE., R.N. (Ret'd)
H.M.S. "SKIRMISHER" is to be the president and
to add a full and careful investigation into the circumstances attending the loss
of H.M. Paddle Minesweeper "MERCURY",

calling before you such witnesses as are necessary to enable you to form a correct conclusion.
Recommendations should be put forward, if appropriate, which might prevent similar occurrences
in the future whether on account of failure of personnel or matériel.

2. The inquiry is to be conducted in accordance with the directions contained in King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions, Chapter XI.
3. The report of the board is to be accompanied by the minutes of evidence taken, and is to contain an expression of opinion on the merits of the case as disclosed by the evidence, including a statement of the causes of the occurrence.
4. The questions in the minutes are to be numbered consecutively, and the name and rank or rating of each witness are to appear at the head of each page of his evidence.
5. The report and minutes are each to be signed by the members of the board, and are to be in triplicate.
6. The original report is sent herewith for the purpose of the inquiry, and is to be returned with the report of the board, together with this memorandum.
7. The Commanding Officer, H.M.S. "Skirmisher" has been informed and directed to afford the board all the necessary facilities.
8. Unless the president has something to communicate he is to send the reports when completed, not to bring them.
9. A shorthand writer has been detailed ~~XXXX~~

Commander N. A. K. Money, OBE., R.N.
(Ret'd)
H.M.S. "SKIRMISHER".

Lt. Cdr. J. McLinden,
R.N.R.
H.M.S. "SCAFFELL".

(Signature)

A. E. Mills

REAR ADMIRAL

Lt. A. J. Cole, R.N.
(Ret'd),
H.M.S. "SKIRMISHER".

(Rank) FLAG OFFICER-IN-CHARGE,

MILFORD HAVEN.