

The Court was then cleared and proceeded to frame the sentence.

Sentence

The Court having found that the charges against the accused are proved, adjudges him the said acting Temporary Lieutenant Commander Bertrand Aubrey Palmer, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, to be reprimanded.

Therence H. Moore

H. J. A. Noble

M. E. S. Boissier

M. Swan

T. S. S. S.

Archived books

The { Officiating Deputy Judge-Advocate }
{ Clerk of the Court }

(Date) 7th January 1941 .

The Court was re-opened; the Accused brought in; the Prosecutor, Witnesses and Audience were admitted; and Sentence was pronounced accordingly.

The President directed the Accused to be removed, and declared the Court dissolved.

Archibald Cooper
The { ~~Officiating~~ Deputy Judge-Advocate }
 { ~~Clerk of the Court~~ }
(Date) 7th February 1941.

SECRET.

MESSAGE.

1533/7 February.
IN.

FROM: F.O.I.C. Milford Haven.

Date: 7/2/41.

Recd: 1550.

P/L BY T/R.

Addressed:

Admiralty C. in G. Western Approaches.

Acting Temporary Lieutenant Commander Bertrand Aubrey Palmer R. N.V.R. of H.M.S. SKIRMISHER tried by court martial 6th and 7th February on charge of losing and stranding H.M.S. MERCURY. Both charges proved. Sentenced to be ~~xxx~~ reprimanded.

1533/7.

2nd S.L.

G.W.(2)

~~N.I.~~

D.N.I.(4)

A.C.R.

N.A. 2nd S.L. (2)

SECRET

MESSAGE

1734/7 Feb.

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From F.O.I.C.Ex
Milford Haven.

Date 7.2.41.

Time 1849

P/L BY T/P

Addressed

Admiralty, C. in C. Western Approaches.

My 1533/7 for "stranding" read "hazarding".

2nd S.L.

C.W. (2)

~~N.L.~~

~~XXXXX~~

D.N.I. (4)

A.C.R.

N.A. to 2nd S.L. (2)

1734/7

/ Court Martial of
Lt. Cdr. Palmer.

SECRET.

The Flag Officer in Charge,
Milford Haven.

To the Secretary,
Admiralty,
London S. W. 1.
(Through the Commander in Chief,
Plymouth.)

25th. February, 1941. No. 061/3.

For use at the Admiralty.

SUBMITTED TO :-

Subject

Court Martial on Temporary Lieutenant,
(Acting Lieutenant Commander), Bertrand Aubrey
Palmer, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

H.M.S. "SKIRMISHER".

held on 6th. and 7th. February, 1941.

<u>Charges</u>	<u>Finding</u>	<u>Sentence</u>
1. Losing H.M.S. "MERCURY".	Proved.	} To be reprimanded.
2. Hazing H.M.S. "MERCURY"	Proved.	

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Corner.

SUBMISSION AND MINUTES

Senior Officer, 11th. Minesweeping Flotilla
has been instructed to forward Exhibit D - Large
Scale diagram from Chart No. 2049 - direct to
Admiralty.

REFERRED TO :-

P. E. Phillips

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
28 FEB 1941
* PLYMOUTH *

REAR ADMIRAL.
FLAG OFFICER IN CHARGE
MILFORD HAVEN.

4071
1941

SECRET

D-51. (Revised—June, 1933.)

FROM WHOM *C. C. Plymouth.* DATE *440. 8.3.41.*

MARKINGS TO BOARD. SUBJECT. *Loss of (two) "Mercury" 25/12/40. B/E 28/12/40.*

FORMER *2018/4*
NU3904/41 *A/K-Cas. B.A. Palmer was responsible*

Referred to	Date	Referred to	Date	NOTATION ONLY	
				Referred to	Date
<i>UK</i>					
<i>DTT</i>	<i>12 MAR 1941</i>				
<i>DMS</i>	<i>20/3/41</i>				
<i>DAC</i>	<i>20 MAR 1941</i>				
<i>D.A.L.D.</i>	<i>8 APR 1941</i>				
<i>M. Auc.</i>	<i>11 APR 1941</i>				
<i>UK</i>					
<i>DMS</i>					

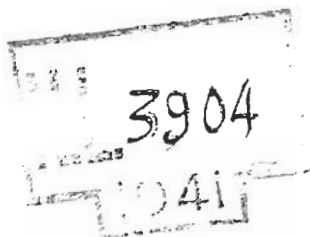
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COURT MARTIAL ON LIEUTENANT
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER) B.A.
R.N.V.R. (LATE H.M.S. "MERCURY")
"SKIRMISHER" 6/7TH FEBRUARY, 1941.)
icer-in-Charge, Milford Haven's
of 25th February, 1941.)



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S OF H.M.S. "MERCURY". -
REPORT OF BOARD OF INQUIRY.
(Officer-in-Charge, Milford Haven's
3105/MH. of 30th December 1940.)



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of Lordships.

Minutes of the Trial by Court
of Acting Lieutenant-Commander
[Name], R.N.V.R. were forwarded
over of Plymouth No.357/P.240
March 1941.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. H. [Name]".

ADMIRAL
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

1941.

Noted.

G. C. Kirkinson.
for D.T.M.
24. 3. 41

Noted.

2. D.M.S. would prefer to wait for the result of the Court Martial before commenting on this loss.

3. Will Head of N.L. please note that D.M.S. is the operational authority for all minesweepers and not D.T.M. as might appear from the markings.

for R.O. [Signature]
D. M. S.
27. 3. 41.

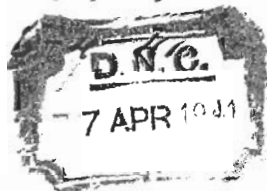
M/S 4

Noted. There is a possibility that the so called "bullet marks" on the recovered piece of mine case may have been "detonation cuts" from the mine explosion.

S. J. [Signature]
P. S. N. C.

Registers - noted

Will Cross
for Ad. [Signature]
16. 4. 41



The court-martial papers are now attached.

[Signature]
Head of N.L.
21. 4. 41

D.M.S. has no further remarks.