Papers of RAdm GIM Balfour, CB, DSC (b 1912)

RAdm George Ian Mackintosh Balfour was educated at the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, joining the RN in 1925. He served in China, 1930-1932 and South Africa, 1935-1937. He commanded Destroyers during WWII on various stations. Following the War, he served in the Mediterranean, 1948; Far East, 1949-1950 and USA, 1951-1953. He was Capt (D), 2nd Destroyer Flotilla, 1956-1958, Director of Officer Appointments, 1958-1959 and Senior Naval Member, Imperial Defence College, 1960-1963. He retired in 1963.

The papers comprise photocopies of the papers of Balfour, then Lt Cdr and Commanding Officer in HMS SCOURGE, relating to Operations Overlord and Neptune.

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1	1944 Jun	Notes used by Balfour (then Lt Cdr) in briefing officers and ship's company on naval Operation Neptune as part of Operation Overlord, including guidance on sailing and passage, assault and bombardment, and the air attack. With timetable of 'Fire Plan'. 4pp
2	1944 Jun 13	Report submitted to Capt of HMS SAUMAREZ by Balfour as Commanding Officer, HMS SCOURGE relating to Operation Overlord, 4 to 11 Jun 1944, including account of Operation Neptune. With appendix, 'Details of targets engaged'. 5pp
3	1944 Jun 18	Report submitted to Naval Commander in HMS SCYLLA, Eastern Task Force by Balfour, relating to Operation Overlord, 12 to 17 Jun 1944. 3pp
4	1944 Jun 26	Report submitted to Naval Cdr, HMS SCYLLA by Balfour, relating to Operation Overlord, 18 to 25 Jun 1944. With appendices, 'Details of targets engaged', and 'Damage defects and repairs'. 6pp

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Report submitted to Naval Cdr, Eastern Task Force by Balfour, relating to Operation Overlord, 26 Jun to 8 Jul 1944. With a timetable for each of the three likely dates, 4, 5 or 6 Jun, proposed for D-Day. 3pp