unceasingly without relief or rest, exposed to incessant air attacks, for seven days. The work of these officers and men was of the greatest value and contributed largely to the success of the undertaking.

113. As regards the bearing and behaviour of the troops, British and French, prior to and during the embarkation, it must be recorded that the earlier parties were embarked off the beaches in a condition of complete disorganisation. There appeared to be no Military officers in charge of the troops, and this impression was undoubtedly enhanced by the difficulty in

DEVONIA ... (" 31st ")

GRACIE FIELDS ... (" 28th ")

distinguishing between the uniforms of such officers as were present and those of other ranks. It was soon realised that it was vitally necessary to despatch Naval Officers in their unmistakable uniform with armed Naval beach parties to take charge of the soldiers on shore immediately prior to embarkation. Great credit is due to the Naval officers and Naval ratings for the restoration of some semblance of order. Later on when troops of fighting formations reached the beaches these difficulties disappeared.

Dover,

18.6.40.

APPENDIX I TO F.O. DOVER'S DESPATCH

List of H.M. Ships, Personnel Ships and Hospital Carriers taking part, showing those lost or damaged

(by bomb, gunfire, mine or collision) A.A. Cruiser CALCUTTA Destroyers BASILISK ... (sunk 29th May) HAVANT (sunk 1st June) GRAFTON ... (" ") KEITH ... (" ") GRENADE ... (,, ,,) WAKEFUL ... (,, ,, ,, ANTHONY (damaged 30th May) (damaged 30th May SABRE **EXPRESS** and 2nd June) 31st GALLANT 29th May) 29th SALADIN GREYHOUND 29th SCIMITAR 31st HARVESTER **VENOMOUS** ist June) 31st **ICARUS** VIMY3ISt Ist ••• **IMPULSIVE** VIVACIOUS ... 31st Ist ") INTREPID 29th WHITEHALL Ist ") IVANHOE 28th May) ist June) WINDSOR JAGUAR WOLFHOUND 29th May) 29th MALCOLM 31st May WOLSEY 31st and 2nd June) WORCESTER 30th MONTROSE 29th May) BLYSKAWICA (Polish) MACKAY WHITSHED CODRINGTON SHIKARI WILD SWAN ESK VANQUISHER WINCHELSEA **JAVELIN** VERITY Total 41, of which 6 were sunk and 23 damaged. Sloops and Gunboats BIDEFORD ... (damaged 1st June) MOSQUITO (sunk 1st June) LOCUST Corvettes KINGFISHER ... (damaged 1st June) GUILLEMOT Guardships and Armed Boarding Vessels KING ORRY (damaged 27th May and sunk 30th May) LLANTHONY MONA ISLE (" 27th May and 1st June) LORMONT Minesweepers BRIGHTON BELLE (sunk 28th May) SKIPJACK ... (sunk 1st June)

WAVERLEY

... (,, 29th May)