ADMIRAL NORTH.

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- 1. ADMIRAL'S HOUSE.
- 2. INTERIOR. Admiral and B.S. on sofa
- S. C.U. Dog on lap.
- 4. Photograph of Admiral in uniform
- 5. First part of interview
- 6. Map of Gibralta area from being drawn Complete what
 Ca Closer may shot get are.
 - 8. Gib from land.
- 9. Group shot Admiral Sommerville and two others.

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- / 11. Oran warships under bombardment Sequence.
- 12. French warship escaping from Oran
 - 13. Map showing Oran and Toulon Pare
- 14. Two or three shots of French warships in Toulon harbour 142 MAP. Fan Toulon Sel.
- 15. Air shot; French ships at sea. Short Sequence
- √ 16. Two shots Churchill and Pound in London
- ✓ 17. Closest shot available General De Gaulle on warship ×
- ✓ 18. In board scenes: of French troops and sailors on way to Dakar >
- ✓ 19. L.S. Ships of expedition at anchor off Dakar
- 20. Motor boat leaves with De Gaulle 's representatives
- 21. Another shot of De Gaulle on board
- ✓ 22. Motor boat returns and representatives come aboard war ship >>>
- ✓ 23. Short Sequence in Toulon, French war ships on fire and scuttled
 - 24. Admiral North's home. New material.
 - 25. Admiral concludes interview
 - 26. Wind up, Silent material Admiral's home.

ADMIRAL MORTE

In Uniform at Gibralter, pro-war or early war. } curfact anything

North after command taken away

Gibraltar, both from see and from land, looking out at sea.

Marchips steaming through.

Toulon with Fronth warships: also after Frach souttled warships after Petain quarrelled with Hitler. Oran with French fleet in. Ships that got through.

De Gaullo's expedition against Daker.

Adm. Sir Dudley Pound (First Sea Lord in 1940)

Adm. Darlam. Harly in War At Vichy In North Africa minum just before and just after U.S. landings. His funeral.

French warship Goorges Leygues, which was flagship of Adm. Bourrague.

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ADMIRAL. OFF SCREEN VOICE C. U. "DO YOU STILL WANT AN EMQUIRY SIR?"

"NO I DON'T THINK AN ENQUIRY IS NECESSARY, I HAVE MADE MY ANSWERS OUT QUITE CLEARLY AND THAT SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT". 20 ft.

24 ft.

C.U.

ADMIRAL. OFF SCREEN VOICE:

"DID YOU AT ANY TIME CONSIDER ENGAGING THIS FRENCH FORCE SIR?"

ANS.

"ADMIRAL SUMMERVILLE AND I HAD DECIDED HEFORE DERECTIVELY DECIDING THAT WE WOULD NOT ENGAGE THEM UNLESS WE GOT THE ADMIRALTY'S INSTRUCTIONS TO DOSO.

ADMIRAL. OFF SCREEN VOICE: G.U.

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" HOW LONG AFTER YOU SENT YOUR FIRST SIGNAL TO THE AIMIRALTY DIDYOU RECEIVE ANY INSTRUCTIONS?"

"WELL ABOUT SEVEN OR RIGHT HOURS THE OCHOCH INCHES THE ANS. RENOWN WAS ENDERED TO GO TO SEA WAYCHED BY (SOMETHING) ABOUT FOUR DESTROYERS AND (CANNOT UNDERSTAND) THE RENOWN THEY WERE PUT TO SEA ..

OUESTION

QIF YOUR FORCE THERE SIR HAD GONE OUT TO ATTACK ON YOUR OWN INNICIATIVE ? To you think you cance have

"PERFECTLY CERTAIN WE SHOULD HAVE LOST IT".

C.U.

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BILL SYMON: "DID YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF BOUND BY THE

EXISTING ADMIRALTY INSTRUCTIONS NOT TO ATTACK THE FRENCH

LEAVING TOULON ?".

13 ft.

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Admiral North's house

North and W.S. Interior on couch

Dog on N's lap

INTERVIEW NORTH

Gibraltar from sea

Gib, in; land,

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BATTLE OF ORAN SEQUENCE.

SHOTS OF TOULON WITH FRENCH WARSHIPS AT ANCHOR.

L.S. GIBRALTA M.S. DITTO

1.v. SEA FROM GIBRALTA, SHOWING FRENCH WARSHIPS AT SEA.

SHORT SEQUENCE OF ABOVE.

TWO OR THREE SHOTS OF EHURCHILL AND DUDLEY POUND. IN LONDON.

At country home in Dorset is Adm North, now in spotlight as demand grows for enquiry into cricumstances of his dismissal from wartime command of North Atlantic Fleet.

Admiral North had his Head Quarters at Gibralta in 1940. His standing orders were not to melest any French Warships them stationed in Toulem. Political reason for that was that strong Anti-British feeling existed in French Naval circles resulting from British bembardment of French Warships in Oran, M.Africa. Two months previously, soon after fall of France

This action was necessary as the French Commander refused to place his ships under British protection. Admiralty feared the Germans might take over the warships and thus endanger out naval position in Med. Mecessary though it was the action was one that many Frenchmen mever forgave.

In French naval base of Toulon were several Warships, including some that escaped from Intelligence reached us that six vessels (three cruisers, three destroyers) were in September, 1940 under French orders to sail. Destination uncertain to us. Maingminim Knowing this Admiral North notified Admiralty in London, but received no reply

When the six Warships passed through Straits of Gibralta on morning of Sept. 11, 1940 North, still without reply from London let them pass, regarding himself as bound by above mentioned Standing Orders. Some hours later he received Admiralty's signal to mental make contact with the Frenchmen . They might be allowed to go to Casablanca, but neither to Dakar nor to Bay of Biscay Spanish ports, where they might be under German control.

Those instructions came with authority of Churchill and Dudley Pound, who was then First Sea Lord. No explanation has yet been made why the signal was sent too late for North to act upon it. Thus the French ships sailes un-molested to Dakar

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C.SHOT: GEN. DE GAULLE ABOARD SHIP.

SEQUENCE OF FLEET ON WAY

TO DAKAR .

L.SHOT: DAKAR AS SEEN BY
DE GAULLE'S FREET, NOW
AT ANCHOR.
TWO OR THREE OTHER

SHOTS OF SHIPS OF THIS

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L. SHOT: MOTOR BOAT RETURNING AT

SPEED FROM DAKAR

M.L.S. MOTO BOAT SHOWING COFFIN SHOTS OF DEGAULLE'S REPRESENTATIVES LEAVING MOTOR BOAT AND BOARDING MAN OF WAR TO REPORT TO DE GAULLE

SEQUENCE IN TOULON OF FRENCH WARSHIPS SCUTTLED.

SEQUENCE AT NORTH'S HOME; MEDALS, PHOTOGRAPHS ETC.

MEANWHILE, by coincidence, free French Commande De Gaulle was on way with free French warships and British Naval escort to Dakara. That French West African port would, it was hoped, agree to join the Free French. If so it would be of immence value to Britain. If not it was feared the Germans would use it as a base. Ex

When De Gaulle and his fleet anchored off
Dekar the French War ships that escaped through
the Straits of Gibralta had reached this
port. Dakar is Capitel of French West Africa
and was at that time under control of the
Vichy French. That is, the French Government which has surrended to Hitler and which
was very hostile to England. British belief
that the Dakar authorities would agree
to come under De Gaulle was completely
unfounded. indeed D e Gaulle's representatives
returned with all possible speed, reporting
that they had been threatened with arrest.
Two of them had been wounded when the Dakar
French fired on them. By this time Dakar
shore guns were firing on British men of war.

The expidition had turned out to be fiasto. There was nothing for it but to give it up and come home. Many experts thought that the result might have been quite different but for the previous arrival of the ships from Toulon. For their escape Admiral North was held responsible

Towards the end of the War the Vichy French Government itself sambhand scuttled the Warships in Toulen, so Germany's dream of Operating the French Navy never became reality.

Souttled also was the reputation of Admiral North. Unlike every other Admiral Every relieved of Command, North was not Court Martialed nor made the subject of an inquiry. M.P.'s and others believed that this gallant Admiral should be accorded common justice.

PERHAPS A CLOSING SENTENCE FROM NORTH:

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