

SUN XITug (W.H.J. Alexander
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J.R. Lukes, Master.

30th May	2330	Left Tilbury, towing 3 sailing barges for Ramsgate.
31st May	1300	Arrived Ramsgate. Ordered to Dover.
	1530	Arrived Dover with barges. Sailed with a lighter, loaded with stores and cans of water, in tow.
	1730	Arrived Dunkirk. A M/B took over the lighter and beached her.
	1800	Proceeded.
	1900	Air attack. A drifter was sunk; the tug <u>Contest</u> picked up her crew.
	1930	Passed the tugs <u>Sun XV</u> , <u>Sun VIII</u> and <u>Sun IV</u> going in. "Sorry for them, glad to get out".
	2300	Arrived North Goodwin. <u>Anchored inside S. Brake at 2400.</u>
1st June	2130	Berthed a destroyer [the <u>Worcester</u>] which had been in collision inside Dover harbour.
	2155ca	Ordered to proceed to Dunkirk and pick up anything.
	2400	Off North Goodwin, there were seven tugs, in single line ahead, viz. the <u>Challenge</u> , <u>Ocean Cock</u> , <u>Crested Cock</u> , <u>Fairplay I</u> , <u>Sun VII</u> , <u>Sun XI</u> , <u>Sun XII</u>
	0200	Sighted small lights. Found a large Govt. lighter [<u>Y.C.63</u>] broken down and full of wounded and troops. Among them was " <u>Captain (D) of the 19th Flotilla whose destroyer [the Keith] had blown up</u> ".
2nd June	0230	Took <u>Y.C.63</u> in tow.
	0630	<u>Arrived Dover. Berthed lighter.</u>
	1400	Captain Fraser R.N. came on board.
	1500ca	Left Dover, towing 4 boats, (1) followed by tugs <u>Sun X</u> , <u>Fairplay I</u> and <u>Foremost 87</u> .
	[2115ca]	<u>Foremost 87</u> picked up 6 life boats full of wounded and survivors [from H/C Paris] and turned back.
	2245	<u>Anchored west of Dunkirk Mole. Sun X</u> alongside. Embarked troops from M/B'
	2330	Ordered inside the harbour to refloat a grounded transport. Too shallow. Transferred her troops by M/B's.
3rd June	0245	Went inside harbour again to assist a sloop. Low water, went aground. Had to back out.
	0330	Daybreak. Full of troops, proceeded, with a large life boat full of troops in tow and also one small one [the M/B <u>Skylark III</u>]
	0900	<u>Arrived Dover. Unloaded 188 troops.</u>

Total 188