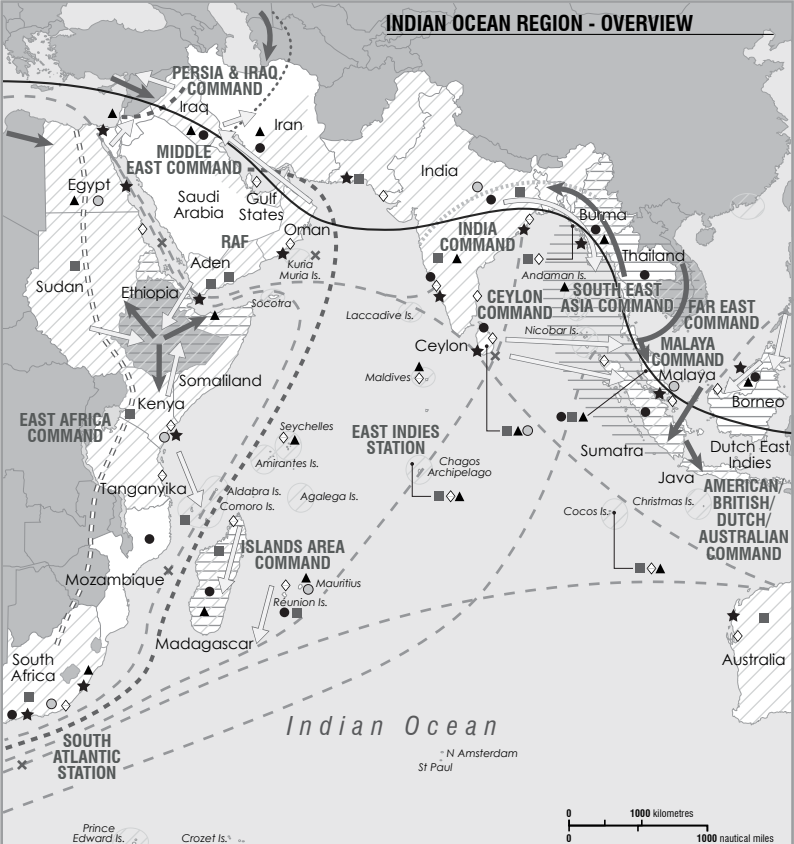


INDIAN OCEAN REGION - OVERVIEW



* 400 UK/Allied vessels sunk across the Indian Ocean

** Apart from war goods and troop convoys, these routes were vital for the normal trade on which imperial survival depended