Box 37

Map Room

#27 - Allied Losses (Combatant Ships)
GURKA HANNA WAS SUNK OFF BENGHAZI ABOUT JAN 19TH BY A TORPEDO. THE TORPEDO STRUCK THE WARDROOM KILLING 7 OFFICERS, FOLLOWED BY EXPLOSION OF THE MAGAZINES.
| TEXT | TOTAL TONNAGE 36397. BY AIRCRAFT TWO SHIPS: ST. LEONARD NUMBER ONE; JAPANDEN TOTAL TONNAGE 789. BY MINE TWELVE SHIPS; BRITISH CAPTAIN, MACLAREN, GREENLAND, SEVERN TRANSPORT, WELSH PRINCE, FIREGLOW, KINCOURTH, DROMORE CASTLE, BENMACDHUI, MERCHANT, STANMOUNT, CORMEAD, TOTAL TONNAGE 41,297. BY CAUSE UNKNOWN TWO SHIPS GRELHEAD, HARELDWINS; TOTAL TONNAGE 9717. TOTAL BRITISH 23 SHIPS OF 73271 TONS. ALLIED BY SUBMARINE 11 SHIPS NORGHEIAN FJORD, HELLEN, ANNADORE HYDRA II. RUSSIAN VARLA AMAVANESO, AERIEAN EMIDIO, LAHAINA, MONTEBELLO, PRUSA, MANINI. POLISH-WARSAMA. TOTAL TONNAGE 52259. BY AIRCRAFT THREE SHIPS RUSSIAN PEREKOP, MAIKOP, AMERICAN ETHEL EDWARDS. TOTAL TONNAGE 4734. BY MINE TWO SHIPS AMERICAN CORREGIDOR, GREEK STYLIANOS CHANDRIS. TOTAL TONNAGE 7943. BY CAUSE UNKNOWN TWO SHIPS NORGHEIAN RAVANAA THEOGH MERCHANT TOTAL TONNAGE 9677 TOTAL ALLIED 18 SHIPS PF 73810. NEUTRAL BY SUBMARINE FOUR SHIPS EOBPTAIN STAR OF LUKOR SPANISH BADALONA, PORTUGUESE CASIQUEL, AMERICAN SAGADAHOCA. TOTAL NEUTRAL FOUR SHIPS OF 20026 TONS. |
Saratoga boiler rooms B 10 12 flooded. No water above 3rd deck.

Posit LAT 18-30 NORTH LONG 164-40 WEST; speed 16. List of 2 degrees being removed by ballast. Course 115. Will head for Pearl on removing list. Dry dock Pearl will be ready.

Note of black smoke coming from main motor room. Later an explosion occurred within boiler rooms of ship's electrical plant. The intensity of the damage is not yet known. More to follow.

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<td><strong>USING A TYPE OF HUMAN TORPEDO DESCRIBED AS PROBABLY SIMILAR TO THAT DESCRIBED IN ITALIAN NUMBER 11 OF 24TH MARCH 1941. AT 0547 19TH AN EXPLOSION OCCURRED UNDER THE STERN OF OILER SAGONA DAMAGING JERVIS WHICH WAS ALONGSIDE. 0609 ON THE 19TH AN EXPLOSION OCCURRED UNDER A TURRET OF VILLIANT. LATER AN EXPLOSION OCCURRED UNDER BOILER ROOMS OF QUEEN ELIZABETH. THE EXTENT OF THE DAMAGE IS NOT YET KNOWN. MORE TO FOLLOW.</strong></td>
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**MESSAGE FOR ACTION** OPNAV

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**TEXT**

following summary of admity far east situation report of 0900 gmt 11 dec. admiral philips, captain leach missing, capt tennant and many survivors landing singapore. repulse attacked by high level bombers from 11,000 ft. hits scored abreast mainmast. second attack by 9 torpedo bombers. 2 or 3 hits scored. repulse turned over and sank in few minutes. four attacks on price of wales. first by 9 torpedo aircraft. 1 or 2 hits causing extensive flooding putting time engineers out of action. second attack by 9 torpedo aircraft with 2 more hits. third by high level bombing from 19,000 ft. 1 hit probably 1000 lb. bomb. fourth attack by torpedo aircraft and one more hit scored. ship heeled over to port slowly and capsized in 25 minutes. seven attacking aircraft shot down during attack. enemy troops landed mauri.

**1945 9 dec. japs apparently landed but-aritari and tagawa gilbert islands. ocean islands bombed twice. enemy appears to be making little progress at hongkong and british position is satisfactory. one bb, 2 cl, 7 dd and several transports off kotaba at 1700 dec 16/**

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**TEXT**

SINGAPORE AERODROME BOMBED BY 11 BLENHEIMS, 5 BLENHEIMS LOST. 5 ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED SINGUEIBATAIN, FOUR BY AA FIRE. DUTCH FIGHTERS SQUADRON ARRIVED SINGAPORE. 7 ENEMY LIGHT TANKS DESTROYED. FRONTIER POSITION FAIRLY SATISFACTORY. SMALL ENEMY LANDINGS AT KUANTON BUT WERE DRIVEN OFF. MISIRAWAK OIL SCHEME COMPLETE.

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10 LONDON US GOVT FR 1220PM 46/45 URGENT
ON NAV WASH DC
CAPT. REPORT RECEIVED 18/11/45 FROM LONDON CENTRE FRENCH OF WALES
101112 NAVY HAVE MAID CONFIRMATION OF JAPANESE PRESS
REPORTS THAT PRINCE OF WALES AND REPULSE HAVE BEEN SUNK BUT
HAVE NO FURTHER DETAILS. JAPANESE PRESS STATES THAT
REPULSE WAS BOMBARDED BY SUBMARINES.

38-1944 LT. Bolderide

Red 1730 Dec 10
A.P. REPORT RECEIVED AT 0515, 12/10/41 FROM LONDON STATING PRINCE OF WALES AND REPULSE HAD BEEN SUNK OFF COAST OF MALAY PENINSULA X

G-2 LATER REPORTS CONFIRMATION BY BRITISH ADMIRALTY
Rec'd by Lieut. Dodderidge

FROM: SPENAVO LONDON
TO : OPNAV

ADMIRALTY HAS HAD CONFIRMATION OF JAPANESE PRESS REPORTS THAT PRINCE OF WALES AND REPULSE WERE SUNK BUT HAVE NO FURTHER DETAILS X THE JAPANESE PRESS STATES THAT REPULSE WAS BOMBED AND PRINCE OF WALES BOMBED AND TORPEDOED BY SUBMARINES

TOR 0640-12/10/41 - Lt.Dodderidge