PT-41 torpedoed ship about 5,000 tons off Subic Bay last night in spite of heavy fire several shore batteries machine gun fire from ship and improvised net or boom defense. No casualties. Ensign George Cox commanding officer. Also present Lieutenant Buxley squadron commander and Lieutenant Delong squadron engineer. Mariveles bombed yesterday slight material damage not personnel casualties.

Naval battalion Mariveles continued engage Jap raiding party. Total casualties one officer two men wounded four men killed.
NUMBER 31 AND 34 MOTOR TORPEDO BOATS, CONDUCTED A NIGHT SEARCH AND ATTACK ON ENEMY VESSELS REPORTED OFF SUBIC BAY. NUMBER 34 SUCCESSFULLY ENTERED BONANGA BAY UNDER FIRE MACHINE GUN AND 3 INCH SHORE BATTERY, TORPEDOED 1 VESSEL UNIDENTIFIED TYPE OF A-BOUT 5,000 TONS. NUMBER 31 FAILED TO RETURN AS YET. LIEUT. JOHN D. BUSKELEY COMMENDED FOR SKILLFUL EXECUTION OF DIFFICULT MISSION.

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MY 221556. DIARY JAP PRISONER RECORDS SEEING WHITE CAPTIVE SAID TO BE LIEUT (JG) USN NOON JANUARY 21ST. MAY BE ENLISTED W.H. PLANT, USNR, MISSING IN ACTION SINCE JANUARY 16TH FROM PT-31. NO OTHER NAVAL OFFICER MISSING THIS AREA. NOW WORD OF THE ENLISTED MEN MISSING FROM SAME BOAT.
Commander 59 Talbot John D Ford with Parrott Pope and Paul Jones in night attack on enemy convoy off Balikpapan made 5 or 6 torpedo hits also close range gun hits on destroyers and transports x one large ship blew up another sunk and one was seen listing heavily x visibility low x Ford hit by one shell four wounded one seriously no other casualties

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**DAILY SERIAL NUMBER 30.**

FLORENCE LUCKENBACH TORPEDOED AT 0430 YESTERDAY (AMERICAN SHIP)
POSITION THIRTY MILES OFF NADARS.

MARPA (BRITISH) DAMAGED AND SET ON FIRE JAN 27TH POSITION MAIN SINGAPORE STRAIT.

NO ACTIVITY KING GEORGE 4 S YESTERDAY.

TIRPITZ AT TRONDHEIM AT 1355 YESTERDAY AT HEAD OF AASFIORD.

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IN ADDITION TO THOSE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, 2 LARGE CARGO SHIPS, 2 LARGE
AND 1 MEDIUM TRANSPORT WERE SUNK.

16......ACT.

RECORD COPY....12....38W....38....COMINCH....38M....OPDO....
FILES...WARDIARY...SENAV...PTA...OP-23....FILE.
THE LOSS OF AXIS MERCHANT SHIPPING IN THE ENTIRE MEDITERRANEAN FOR DECEMBER: 53,000 TONS SUNK, 45,000 TONS DAMAGED.

TRAFFIC BETWEEN ITALY, GREECE, CRETE, AND LIBYA FOR DECEMBER: STARTING TONNAGE 56,000, OF WHICH 35% SUNK. ABOVE DOES NOT INCLUDE SUPPLIES CARRIED BY CRUISERS OR DESTROYERS. ROYAL NAVY REPORTS CONVOYS TO LIBYA ESPECIALLY HEAVILY ESCORTED DURING MONTH.
POMPAKO REPORTS STRIKING OFF HOTJE LARGE SHIP OF KARNAKURA OR YANATA CLASS.
SWORDFISH ARRIVED SURABAYA TODAY. HAD BEEN OUT MOST OF TIME
SINCE 8 DECEMBER. HER TOTAL BAG 3 FREIGHTERS ABOUT 10,000 TONS
EACH AND 1 TRANSPORT. THOSE RESULTS APPEAR IN PART IN ONE PREVIOUS
REPORT. LT.COMDR CC SMITH COMMANDS.
THE MS MARCONI MY $4172$ HAS BEEN RELEASED OWNER HAVING SHOWN PANAMANIAN CITIZENSHIP.

**Distribution**

COMINCH...ACTION

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$20O\ldots$ WAR DIARY,$\ldots$ SECNAV,$\ldots$ FILE$\ldots$
IT IS ESTIMATED BY THE ROYAL NAVY THAT 37,000 TONS OF SHIPPING ARRIVED TRIPOLI FROM ITALY OR GREECE IN DECEMBER. 46,500 TONS AXIS SHIPPING SANK IN MEDITERRANEAN BETWEEN DECEMBER 6TH AND 21ST.

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RECORD COPY: 12-13-28-COMINCH...NAVAIDE...OPDO

FILES: CNO...WAR DIARY...200P...P1A
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: COMFIFTEEN
RECEIVED BY: COMINCH
DATE: 4 JANUARY 1942
TOR CODEROOM: 1843/4
DECODED BY: PORTER
PARAPHRASED BY: SLADE

INFORMATION FOR ACTION: COMINCH
INFORMATION FOR ACTION: OPNAV

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TEXT

M S MARCONI PANAMANIAN FLAG CAPTURED AND BROUGHT CRISTOBAL.
REPORTED ITALIAN OWNERSHIP. TURNED OVER TO COURTS FOR
ADJUDICATION.

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PIA...280...WAR DIARY...NAVADDE...

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IT IS ESTIMATED BY THE ROYAL NAVY THAT 37,000 TONS OF SHIPPING ARRIVED TRIPOLI FROM ITALY OR GREECE IN DECEMBER. 40,500 TONS AXIS SHIPPING STINK IN MEDITERRANEAN BETWEEN DECEMBER 8TH AND 21ST.

ACTION: 16

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FILES: CNO, WAR DIARY, 2/OP, P1A
TOOK OVER MARECHAL JOFFRE, COMPLYING WITH YOUR 128332, REMOVED
FRENCH SHIPS IN UNITED STATES PORTS HAVE BEEN TAKEN INTO
PROTECTIVE CUSTODY. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO MARCH SHIPS TO
THE EASTERN PACIFIC. I RECOMMEND THAT COMTASKFOR 5(PAC)
SELECT A SAFE PORT FOR THE SHIPS TO BE
SHUTTLED AT THE REQUEST OF THE ARMY. THE
COMMISSIONER, OFFICE AT MANILA BAY, HAS GIVEN
THE SHIPS TO THE FRENCH NAVY. I AM INTERESTED
IN TAKING THE SHIPS TO THE EASTERN PACIFIC. THE
SHIP, WHICH IS THE "SIKANG", IS 7014 TONS, A
FRENCH FREIGHTER.
FRENCH SHIPS IN UNITED STATES PORTS HAVE BEEN TAKEN INTO PROTECTIVE CUSTODY. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO TAKE SIMILAR ACTION AT YOUR DISCRETION.
CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS HAS DIRECTED COMMANDANT OF THE
COAST GUARD TO REMOVE THE CREWS FROM ALL FRENCH MERCHANT
SHIPS IN UNITED STATES PORTS FOR THE SAFETY OF THE CREWS AND THE
VESSELS EXCEPT THE BAHREIN NOW AT ST THOMAS.

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16/11...12...38...NAVAIDE...FILE 200P FILE.....

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SEE MY REPORTS 591 AND 561 REGARDING THE FOLLOWING:

CONSUL LAPAZ REPORTS JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS YOSHINO AND RYONO TAKEN OVER BY THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT ON DECEMBER 9TH AT CAPE SANLUCAS. BOATS TAKEN TO SAN JOSE DEL CABO. CREWS BEING BROUGHT TO LAPAZ, FOR INTERNMENT.

16....ACT.
1ψ/11....12....13....38....01A....P1A....OPDO....OP-2ψ....FIE....