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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM COM 14		CINCLANT, COM 16, OPNAV	ROUTINE XXXXXXXX
RELEASED BY		COMINCH, CINCPAC, CINCAF, ALL TASKFOR	ROUTINE PRIORITY DEFERRED
DATE 1 FEB 1942			
FOR CODEROOM 0949/71			PRIORITY
DECODED BY BERRY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY BERRY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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TEXT

TWELVE VESSEL AT RABAUL NIGHT OF TWENTY EIGHT X ON THIRTIETH
 FOUR CRUISERS PROBABLY CRUDIV EIGHT AND EIGHTEEN X SIX DESTROYER
 OF DESIGN SIX PLUS SMALLER VESSELS AND THIRTEEN TRANSPORTS AT
 SAME PLACE & X SALAMOA PARE NEW GUINEA PAREN ATTACKED ON THIRTY
 FIRST X TABAR PAREN NEW IRELAND PAREN SHELLED ON TWENTY EIGHT X
 RECONNAISSANCE HOWLAND BAKER DISCLOSED MANY BOMB CRATERS AND
 HOUSES DESTROYED PROBABLY BY ENEMY PLANES FROM KAKMO SOME
 PREVIOUS DATE X BULLETIN SEVENTEEN X INDICATIONS THAT TWO
 SUBRONS BEING TRANSFERRED TO SECONDFLEET X BASE HAS BEEN
 ESTABLISHED KENDARI PAREN CELEBES PAREN X COMBINED AIR X AIRON
 SIX X SEVEN X TWENTY THREE AND FIRST AIR ATTACK FORCE ACTIVE IN
 KENDARI AREA X CARDIV ONE SOLOMON BISMARCK AREA X SORYU IN
 CELEBES REGION X HIRYU AT PALAO X CARDIV THREE IN MALAYA X
 KORYU ENROUTE TRUK X SHOKAKU IN TRUK AREA X ZUIKAKU PROBABLY
 ENROUTE PALAO X NO SUBS KNOWN EAST OF ONE EIGHTY DEGREES X
 DIRECTION FINDER AND ROGER ITEM STATIONS PARTICULARLY MANDATES
 VERY ACTIVE

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM ABDA AFLOAT		OPNAV P P P P	PPPPPP
RELEASED BY JANUARY 27, 1942			ROUTINE
DATE 29 JAN 42			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM 1420/29			PRIORITY
DECODED BY E. C. ALLEN			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY GLUCKER			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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TEXT FROM COM-SUSSAPS 280546 TO CINCPAC, THE FOLLOWING IS QUOTED TO OPNAV:-

SS ATTACKS MADE USING 140 TORPEDOES, FIGURES APPROXIMATE AS SOME SUBS STILL OUT. DEFINITE 20 ATTACKS SUCCESSFUL, MUCH ADDITIONAL DAMAGE WOULD HAVE RESULTED EXCEPT FOR MALFUNCTIONING TORPEDOES. 3 MISSES WITH MARK 14 TORPEDOES WITH SIGHTING (GARBLE) SHOTS PRIOR RECEIPT INFO THAT THEY RUN 4 DEEPER THAN SET. CORRECTED DATA FOR CURVED FIRE SHOTS DATED 23 OCTOBER JUST RECEIVED. ITS LOSS NOT CHIEF CAUSE OF MISSED AS SUBS AVOID THIS TYPE OF SHOT DUE PRESENT INCORRECT DATA AND FAILURE WARD TO SUPPLY IT EARLIER DESPITE REPEATED REQUESTS PAST YEAR. 2 DEFINITE, 1 PROBABLE PREMATURE EXPLOSION WITH MARK 0 EXPLODER. AFTER 1 PREMATURE, 1 SUB INACTIVATED MAGNETIC FEATURE THEN MISSED 7 SIMPLE STRAIGHT AT CLOSE RANGE WITH 12 AND 15 FOOT DEPTH SETTINGS. THESE TORPEDOES HEARD RUNNING. IN THESE AND OTHER CASES FEEL MOST LIKELY MARK 14 AND MOD TORPEDOES RUNNING REPEAT MOD TORPEDOES RUNNING DEEPER THAN SET. SIMILAR MISSES IN BOTH SQUADRONS INDICATE FAULT BASIC AS TORPEDOES OVERHAULED BY DIFFERENT TENDER PERSONNEL. REQUEST IMMEDIATE TEST MARK 14'S AND MODS WITH 830 POUND WARHEAD AND AFTERBODY CIPHERS IN PLACE. ADVISE IN ANY DOUBT OF PERFECT FUNCTIONING EXPLODERS DUE AVERAGE PERSONNEL CHECKING ANTI-COUNTER MINING DEVICE, IF SO WILL DISCONNECT IT AND MAKE 5 SECOND TORPEDOES FIRING INTERVAL MANDATORY. UNQUOTE.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM CINCPAC	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	P P P P
RELEASED BY			PRIORITY
DATE JANUARY 27, 1942	INFORMATION		ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 0221			DEFERRED
DECODED BY BELL			PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY BELL			ROUTINE
			DEFERRED

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TEXT

Page
OFFICER NUMBER 20 NOMINATED IN PRESENT RANK OF VICE ADMIRAL; APPOINTMENT ACCEPTABLE TO HIM; REFERENCE PARAGRAPH 2 COMINCH 241740; BECAUSE OF LARGE PERCENTAGE OF ANZAC SHIPS, LOCATION OF AREA AND POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS RECOMMEND AREA COMMANDER OPERATE UNDER COMINCH DIRECT; AREA ASSIGNMENT SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AS RESTRICTING OPERATIONS OF TASK FORCES WITHIN SUCH LIMITS AFTER DUE NOTICE; RECOMMEND LIMITING POSITION IN LATITUDE 20 DEGREES SOUTH BE LONGITUDE 172 WEST IN ORDER TO INCREASE DISTANCE TO ~~NO~~ LIMITING LINE FROM SUVA AND TONGAMABU; PRESPECTIVE AREA COMMANDER REQUESTS OFFICER NUMBER 45 BE ASSIGNED TO HIS FORCE IN WHICH CINCPAC CONCURS; BECAUSE OF HAVING GREATER STAFF ACCOMODATIONS ^{AND} AGD RADAR RECOMMEND 1 CA BE INCLUDED IN U S CONTRIBUTION

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>A.C.N.B.</u>	FOR ACTION	DIGEST	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE RRRRR DEFERRED
DATE <u>23 JAN 42</u>	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
TOR CODEROOM _____			ROUTINE
DECODED BY <u>MAIL</u>			DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY <u>GLTUCKER</u>			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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TEXT

(ADMIRALTY, CINC EASTERN FLEET, CINC EAST INDIES, CHIEF OF STAFF
INTELLIGENCE SINGAPORE, NEW ZEALAND NAVAL BOARD, OPNAV, CINCPAC,
CINCAF FROM A.C.N.B.)

R.A.A.F. AIRCRAFT CARRIED OUT FURTHER ATTACKS ON KAPINGAMARANGI
18TH JANUARY. RESULTS JETTY HIT 1 T-97 KANAWAISHI FLYING BOAT AND SEVER-
AL LAUNCHES DESTROYED FUEL FIRES OBSERVED AT END OF JETTY. UNIDENTIFIED
AIRCRAFT OVER VILA 0235Z/18TH. A T-97 FLYING BOAT ALSO SIGHTED EMIRAU
ISLAND KAVIENG TABAR ISLAND AND ANIR ISLAND (NEW GUINEA) CARGO VESSEL
PFBY EN ROUTE FROM TJILATJAP FOR AUSTRALIA REPORTED 19TH JANUARY THAT
SHE WAS BEING FOLLOWED BY A SUBMARINE 300 MILES SOUTH OF TJILATJAP AND
LATER THAT SHE WAS FIRED ON. NOTE: ABDAFLOAT AND AUSTRALIAN N.L.O.
NOUMEA ARE BEING INCLUDED IN THIS AND FUTURE DIGEST SIGNALS. AUSTRALIAN
N.L.O. NOUMEA TO PASS CONTENTS TO FRENCH HIGH COMMISSIONER PACIFIC. THESE
MESSAGES WILL BE NUMBERED SERIALY IN FU-TURE. THIS IS SERIAL NO. 1.
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NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>INDEFINITE CALL</u>	FOR ACTION	5385KCS RRXX DIGEST	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			PPPROR ROUTINE
DATE <u>23 JAN 42</u>	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>1445/23RD</u>			PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>KAMEN/MCKOWN</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <u>GLTUCKER</u>			DEFERRED

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TEXT

(ADMIRALTY, CINC EASTERN FLEET, CINC EAST INDIES, CHIEF OF STAFF INTELLIGENCE SINGAPORE, NEW ZEALAND NAVAL BOARD, OPNAV, CINCPAC, CINCAF FROM AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH NAVAL BOARD MELBOURNE)

SERIAL NUMBER 4.

17 WARSHIPS AND TRANSPORTS SIGHTED FROM ULUPUTUR (WEST COAST NEW IRELAND) 0630Z 22ND PROCEEDING TOWARD RABAU. IN ANTICIPATION EARLY ENEMY OCCUPATION RABAU COMMERCIAL WIRELESS STATION HAS BEEN DEMOLISHED AND TOWN EVACUATED. DURING AIR ATTACK ON MORNING OF 22ND JANUARY FIXED DEFENSES AT PRAED POINT RABAU HAD BEEN PUT OUT OF ACTION. GAVUTU (SOLOMON IS) BOMBED BY TYPE 97 FLYING BOATS NO DAMAGE. X

NUMBER TO ADMIRALTY 676.

38W.....ACT.

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January 22, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR CAPTAIN McCREA

Colonel Peck furnished the following information with respect to the New Caledonia convoy:

Leave New York 23 January. One reinforced brigade, including antiaircraft, total force about 15,000. All Army.

Very respectfully,

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F. J. TERRY

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By Deputy Archivist of the U.S.

By W. J. Stewart Date AUG 31 1972

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM COMINCH		CINCAF	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY ADM E J KING			ROUTINE RRRRRR
DATE 18 JANUARY 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM _____	FOR ACTION	DECLASSIFIED JCS memo, 1-4-74, By RHP, NLR, Date MAY 1 1974	PRIORITY
DECODED BY _____			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY SLADE			DEFERRED

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TEXT				

FROM COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF TO SUPREME COMMANDER, ABDA AREA. MESSAGES DISPATCHED TO YOU BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES ON JAN 16 IN REPLY TO YOUR NO. 00048 ARE APPROVED BY THE ABDA GOVERNMENTS.

THE PHILIPPINES WILL BE INCLUDED IN YOUR COMMAND FROM THE START. THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCES NOW ASSEMBLING IN THE ABDA AREA WERE INITIALLY DISPATCHED TO AUSTRALIA FROM THE PHILIPPINES AND FROM THE UNITED STATES

WITH THE SOLE MISSION OF SUPPORTING THE PHILIPPINE GARRISON. THE COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF REALIZE THAT COMPREHENSIVE OPERATIONS LOOKING TOWARD THE IMMEDIATE RELIEF OF THE PHILIPPINES ARE NOT FEASIBLE AT PRESENT.

HOWEVER AN IMPORTANT REASON FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF UNITY OF COMMAND IN THE ABDA AREA WAS THE REALIZATION THAT UNCOORDINATED ALLIED EFFORT IN THAT REGION COULD NEITHER SAVE THE PHILIPPINES NOR BLOCK THE JAPANESE

ADVANCES THAT THREATEN THE SECURITY OF THE MALAY BARRIER. IF THE PHILIPPINES SHOULD BE EXCLUDED EVEN TEMPORARILY FROM YOUR COMMAND THE BASIS OF THE ABDA AGREEMENT WOULD BE DESTROYED. NO RESTRICTIONS AS TO

TIME AND LOCALITY ARE PLACED UPON YOUR EMPLOYMENT OF FORCES TO ACCOMPLISH THE PURPOSES SET FORTH IN YOUR DIRECTIVE. IT IS INTENDED THAT YOU WILL UTILIZE YOUR FORCES TO CARRY OUT THE MISSION LAID DOWN IN YOUR DIRECTIVE

IN A LOGICAL SEQUENCE TO BE DETERMINED BY YOU IN THE LIGHT OF THE CHANGING SITUATION.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
ABD AFLOAT		13454 KCS	
FROM	FOR ACTION	CZM FLAG OFFICER J FLAG OFFICER OR COMMODORE MALAYA	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE	FOR INFORMATION	OPNAV COMINCH CINCPAC, CINCEI, ADMTY, CINC FAR EASTERN FLEET ACNB, NZNB, FLAG OFFICER COMMANDING ROYAL INDIAN NAVY.	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM			PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			

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TEXT

CZM, FLAG OFFICER J, FLAG OFFICER OR COMMODORE MALAYA, INFO OPNAV, COMINCH
CINCPAC, ADMTY, ACNB, NZNB, CINCEI, CINC FAR EASTERN FLEET, FLAG OFFICER
COMMANDING ROYAL INDIAN NAVY FROM ABD AFLOAT. BEGIN:- ADMIRAL HART HAS
ASSUMED CONTROL OF ALLIED NAVAL FORCES IN ABDA AREA. ADDRESS ABD AFLOAT
BATAVIA.

CZM IS CINC DUTCH EAST INDIES.

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FROM ADMIN OFF CINCAF	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 15 JAN 42	INFORMATION	OPNA9	DEFERRED
FOR CODER ROOM 1203/15			PRIORITY
DECODED BY BELL			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY CLTUCKER			DEFERRED

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TEXT

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

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FROM COM 14		5385 KCS	
RELEASED BY		COMINCH OPNAV CINCPAC CINCAF COM 16TH	PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE 14 JANUARY 1942			
TOR CODEROOM			PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED
DECODED BY J ALLEN			
PARAPHRASED BY PURDY			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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TEXT

CHIEF OF STAFF COMBINED SENT THREE PART MSG TO COFS OF ALL MAJOR COMMANDS FOR HIS ONLY ACTIVITY OF DAY NO INDICATION HIS WHEREABOUTS OR THAT OF FIRST FLEET. EXCEPT FOR CONVOY MENTIONED ABOVE TRAFFIC OF SECOND AND THIRD FLEET COMMANDERS YIELDS LITTLE INFO SINCE THEY ADDRESS ONLY THE MAJOR COMMANDS. AN UNIDENTIFIED COMMAND IN THIRD FLEET WHOSE BOSS NOW ON FLAGSHIP ADDRESSED HIS UNIT INFO CINC SECOND COMBINED AIR FORCE AND NUMBER TWO BASE FORCE. RESEARCH UPON THIS COMMAND UNDERWAY. AIRRON 22 HIGH ACTIVITY DURING PAST FEW DAYS NOW PARTIALLY EXPLAINED BY ASSOCIATION TODAY WITH CRUDIV 7 AND A SUBMARINE UNIT. APPEARS THAT THIS AIRRON AUGMENTED BY SOME UNITS FROM TAKAO IS NUCLEUS OF NEW TASK FORCE FOR NEW OPERATIONS. MORE LATER.

Formosa

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