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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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REAR ADM WEST AFRICA (LONDON)		OPNAV	RRRRR
RELEASED BY _____			PRIORITY
DATE _____	FOR ACTION INFORMATION		ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM _____			DEFERRED
DECODED BY KAMEN/GRAF			PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED PHILLIPS			ROUTINE
			DEFERRED

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TEXT  
 (FOC NORTH ATLANTIC STATION, 114, CINC AWI, RPT OPNAV,  
 NCSS ST. VINCENT, CAPE VERDE; ADMIRALTY, 597, SBNO AT  
 CURACAO, FROM REAR ADMIRAL WEST AFRICA)

ADMIRALTY MESSAGE 2023/1. TAIGETE (ITALY). THIS VESSEL  
 WILL ONLY BE IN MY AREA FOR SHORT TIME. SHOULD APPROACH  
 ST. VINCENT FROM DUE WEST FOR LAST 400 MILES AND LEAVE  
 STEERING DUE NORTH TO 021<sup>0</sup> NORTH. REQUEST YOU WILL ROUTE TO  
 CONFORM.

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 1 1972

FROM STATE DEPARTMENT FOR OPNAV  
FOLLOWING RECEIVED 9:09 P.M. FROM  
DAKAR DATED MAY 6, 1942  
NO. 143

AT 1335 G.M.T. MAY 6 A FURTHER ALERT WAS SOUNDED CONCERNING  
APPEARANCE OVER DAKAR OF NON-FRENCH PLANE. THERE  
WAS A BRIEF ACTION OF CAPE MANUEL ~~AND~~  
AND RICHELIEU ANTI-AIR BATTERIES.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DESCRIPTION IN MY TELEGRAMS  
OF APRIL 16 AT POSITION MOLE ONE A TORPEDO NET WAS PLACED  
AROUND THE GEORGES LEYGUES AND MONTCALM CRUISERS TODAY.

(SGD) FLEXER  
SENT TO DN 211P 5/7/42 (HJ)

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FROM STATE FOR OPNAV

FOLLOWING RECD FROM ALGIERS 4:55 PM

DATED MAY 4 1942

NO 288

ONLY THE COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE OF THE ARMY AIR CORPS IS TO BE  
TRANSFERRED TO THE NAVY ACCORDING TO INFORMATION NOW RECEIVED  
WHICH SUPPLEMENTS OUR NO 266.

SGD COLE

TOD 630 PM MAY 5 1942

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FROM STATE DEPT. TO OPNAV

FOLLOWING RECEIVED MAY 2 1942, 602PM

FROM CASABLANCA DATED MAY 2 NOON, NO. 315

APRIL 25

THE FOLLOWING FIVE FRENCH VESSELS ARRIVED AT CASABLANCA FROM MARSEILLE, ESCORTED BY THE ALGEROISE AND SETOISE; PARAME, CARRING 2530 TONS COAL: OUERGHA, WITH 2300 TONS COAL BOUND FOR DAKAR; SIMON DUHAMEL 11, SALT; FAUZON, 3008 TONS COAL: AND OUED TIFLET. PESCAGEL, FRENCH, ALSO ARRIVED FROM UNKNOWN PORT, BRINGING ICED FISH TO MARSEILLE.

APRIL 27

FOLLOWING ARE FRENCH ARRIVALS: BELLE ISLE, WITH TWO NAVAL OFFICERS, 101 RATINGS, 9 ARMY OFFICERS AND 76 MEN, FOR CASABLANCA: AND CARRING 770 TONS PALM NUTS AND 1054 TONS PEANUTS TO MARSEILLE: LE TRAIT, WITH WOOD, FROM LISBON: KERMARIA, WITH FISH FOR MARSEILLE, FROM PORT ELIENNE: SAINTE MAXIME, WITH 4920 TONS PEANUTS FOR MARSEILLE, FROM DAKAR. THE BELLE ISLE AND SAINTE MAXIME ESCORTED BY DUMONT DURVILLE.

APRIL 23

FOLLOWING FOUR FRENCH ARRIVALS FROM MARSEILLE: BRITTIA; AUGUSTE DENISE; KITA, CARRYING 837 TONS SUGAR: PROVIDENCE WITH 12 NAVAL OFFICERS, 386 RATINGS, 6 AVIATION OFFICERS, ONE MAN, 26 ARMY OFFICERS AND 226 MEN, FOR DAKAR. THESE SHIPS ESCORTED BY ASPIRANT BRUN AND SIMOUN.

APRIL 29

PORTUGUESE NYASSA ARRIVED FROM LISBON.

RUSSEL, AMERICAN CONSUL GENERAL.

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FROM STATE FOR OPNAV  
FOLLOWING RECD 10:35 PM FROM ALGIERS

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By R. H. Parks Date SEP 1 1972

DATED APRIL 27 1942

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ON APRIL 24 THE FOLLOWING NAVAL SHIPS WERE IN ORAN: THE SIMOUN, A DESTROYER, REPAIRS FINISHED PRESENT ~~XXX~~ ARMA (X) RR ONE HUNDRED THIRTY MILLIMETER GUNS, 2 THIRTY SEVEN MILLIMETER ANTI AIRCRAFT, 8 THIRTEEN POINT TWO AND TWO ADDITIONAL MACHINE GUNS, 6 TORPEDO TUBES 550 MILLIMETER AND SIXTEEN DEPTH BOMBS ALSO. PATROLLING ADJACENT WATERS ARE SUBMARINES DANAE ORPHEE AND ARIANE AND TWO ADDITIONAL ONES OF SAME STYLE. SEVERAL MONTHS WILL BE REQUIRED TO FINISH THE OVERHAULING AND REPAIRS BEING MADE ON THE OREADE AND PSYCHEE NOW IN DRYDOCK. THE DEPARTURE OF THE ORPHEE FOR MADAGASCAR IS RUMORED. ALSO HERE ARE 4 SMALL ARMED ESCORT VESSELS AND THE SMALL NAVAL TANKERS BRESCOU AND BENZENE. DEPARTURE SOON OF THE MERCHANT TANKER FRIMAIRE FOR PORTUGAL IS REPORTED BY 2 FAIR SOURCES OXXX IN ORAN, WHICH ALSO REPORT THAT ALL AIR SERVICES ARE TO BE TRANSFERRED RIGHT AWAY TO NAVY ACCORDING TO CONFIDENTIAL CIRCULAR TO COMMANDING OFFICERS IN MOROCCO AND FRENCH WEST AFRICA FROM DARLAN. NAVY AIR PERSONNEL IS TO REPLACE ALL PILOTS, MECHANICS AND WIRELESS OPERATORS OF ARMY AIR FORCE.

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TOD 637 PM MAY 5 1942

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DATE <b>26 APRIL 1942</b>	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
TOR CODEROOM <b>2210</b>			ROUTINE
DECODED BY <b>H. CURTIS</b>			DEFERRED
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**261730 NCR 6426**

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GERMAN STATION FOR FUELING AND SERVICING SUBMERSIBLES  
 AND MT BOATS ESTABLISHED IN ENSENADA BAY BEHIND PEREGIL  
 ISLAND OPPOSITE GIBRALTAR. NOBODY ALLOWED NEARBY.  
 TWELVE GERMANS ON DUTY THERE.

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**261730 NCR 6486**

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FROM <b>ALUSNOB TANGIERS</b>	FOR ACTION	<b>OPNAV</b>	<b>PRIORITY</b>
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DATE <b>26 APRIL 1942</b>	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <b>2348/26</b>			PRIORITY
DECODED BY <b>SHEA</b>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <b>HEINE</b>			DEFERRED

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TEXT **INFORM DONOVAN, URGENT.**

**CASA BLANCA HARBOR CLEARED FOR ACTION. URIMAUGUET, GLOIRY AND DESTROYERS SHIFTED TO PERMIT CLEAR FIRE TO COVER HARBOR ENTRANCE.**

**LDEBARAN AND ILEDERE HAVE BEEN MOVED FROM OUTER JETTY. SUBMARINES SHIFTED TO FACILITATE DEPARTURE. EMPTY INTERNED DANISH SS SHIFTED INSIDE PORT TORPEDO NETS OF SS JEANBART TO PROTECT HER MAGAZINES.**

**SOURCE USUALLY RELIABLE BUT NOT YET CONFIRMED STATES THAT GENERAL WEYGAND IS IN RABAT.**

**TODAY AT GIBRALTAR, I SAW USS LANG AND MADISON. CAN ONE OF OUR WARSHIPS MAKE COURTESY CALL CASA BLANCA? X**

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FROM <u>ALUSNA CAIRO (COOPER)</u>	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
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DATE <u>17 APRIL 1942</u>	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM _____			PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>YOUNGDALE / SUPPLE</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <u>HUTCHINSON</u>			DEFERRED

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 151748 NCR 1846  
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TEXT

PART 2 OF MY 150314.

THERE ARE AT LEAST 100 AA BATTERIES IN CONSTANZA, SHOWING GREAT IMPORTANCE ATTACHED POSSIBLY FROM A VIEW POINT RELATING TO THE REFINING OF PRESENT AND ANTICIPATED CAPTURED OIL SUPPLIES.

POOR FOOD DISTRIBUTION AND UNCONTROLLED FOOD SPECULATION IS CREATING DISSATISFACTION AMONG POPULACE IN SYRIA.

ITEM 1. GERMANS CONTROL ALL HARBOR INSTALLATIONS IN SALAMIS AND PIQAHDB. SALAMAS IS RAPIDLY BECOMING AN IMPORTANT SS BASE FOR OPERATIONS AGAINST EGYPTIAN AND LIBYAN COASTS. XXXX AXIS IS ALSO USING SALONIKA FOR LARGE SHIPMENTS OF PETROLEUM SOUTH, MAINLY TO CRETE.

ITEM 2. GERMANS HAVE SENT OVER 160,000 TONS OF SHIPPING TO CRETE IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS COMPLETING CHANGING AROUND OF GARRISON. ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT AND AIRCRAFT PERSONNEL MOVEMENTS ARE EXTENSIVE FROM ATHENS TO CRETE.

ITEM 3. RHODES AND LEROS HAVE BEEN RECEIVING LARGE REINFORCEMENTS IN AIRCRAFT (100 PLANES AND 1,000 PERSONNEL ARE SAID TO BE IN REPORT OF LOW RELIABILITY IN RHODES DURING LAST WEEK). A CONVOY FROM PIRAEUS CONSISTING OF 19 VESSELS, 30,000 TONS WAR MATERIAL RECENTLY ARRIVED AT LEBOS. REPORT GRADE B-2.

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ITEM 4. AT PATRAS, SALONIKA AND PIRAEUS GERMANS ARE IN COMPLETE CONTROL OF ALL AA DEFENSES. SMALL ISLES ARE GARRISONED BY ITALIANS, EXCEPT LEMNOS, CHIOS, MITYLE, NEWIICH HAVE SMALL GERMAN GARRISONS. AT THE MOMENT THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE TURKISH COAST.

COMMENT ON ITEMS 1 THROUGH 4.

THERE IS NO UNDUE CAUSE FOR ALARM BUT ABOVE MOVEMENTS INDICATE THAT AXIS IS PREPARING BASES IN GREEK ISLANDS FOR JUMPING OFF POINTS FOR ATTACK ON SOUTH EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN, SHOULD MAIN CAMPAIGN WARRANT IT, OR FOR DIVERSION.

ITALIAN SUBS ARE NOW REPORTED TO BE HUNTING ~~KKX~~ IN FOUR SQUARE FORMATION IN CONJUNCTION.

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By R. H. Parks Date \_\_\_\_\_ By R. H. Parks Date SEP 1 1972

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FROM STATE DEPARTMENT FOR OPNAV

FOLLOWING RECEIVED 4-16-42, 9/XXXXX

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FOLLOWING RECEIVED 4-16-42, 9:27 P.M. FROM

DAKAR DATED 4-16-42, 10 A.M.

NO. 107.

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REFERENCE IS MADE TO MY TELEGRAM OF APRIL 15, 11 P.M.,

NO. 106. OFF RUFISQUE, THE NAVAL UNITS MENTIONED IN

MY TELEGRAM UNDER REFERENCE ARE IN SIGHT, NO UNUSUAL  
MOVEMENT BEING INDICATED. THEY ARE FULLY FOUND,

ACCORDING TO REPORTS.

(SGD) FLEXER

SENT TO DN 1213 P 4/18/42 (HJ)

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FROM <b>ALUSNOB TANGERS</b>	FOR ACTION	<b>OPNAV</b>	<b>PRIORITY</b>
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DATE <b>12 APRIL 1942</b>	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <b>0346/12</b>			PRIORITY
DECODED BY <b>NEUMEYER</b>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <b>HEINE</b>			DEFERRED

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TEXT **SEE MY TELEGRAMS TO COORDINATOR, INFORMATION, NUMBERS 24 AND 27 AND PASS THIS TO COI.**

**FRENCH COMMAND EXPECTS EARLY ATTACK ON MOROCCO BY GERMANS THRU TUNIS AND PROBABLY ALSO BY SPANISH ZONE. FRENCH ARE TODAY WITHDRAWING ROLLING STOCK FEZ RAILROAD FROM SPANISH ZONE. SPANISH RUSHING FOOD SUPPLIES TELWRACHEAYD ALCAZAR.**

**GERMAN ADMIRAL NOW ENROUTE TO TANGIER.**

**(NCR HAS NOT PASSED)**

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FROM STATE DEPT TO OPNAV

FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM LAGOS DATED APRIL 1 3PM RECD APR  
1 916 PM BRITISH VESSELS, AS FOLLOWS HAVE BEEN TORPEDOED  
OF THE COAST OF LIBERIA: MARCH 12, BALUCHISTAN, MARCH 17  
BARN NEWLANDS AND SCOTTISH PRINCE, MARCH 20, ONE SIMILAR  
VESSEL, NAME NOT KNOWN.

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645AM APRIL 2.

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FROM <u>OPNAV</u>		ALUSNOB FREETOWN	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY <u>R E SCHUIRMANN</u>			ROUTINE <b>DDDD</b> DEFERRED
DATE <u>31 MARCH 42</u>	FOR ACTION		PRIORITY
TOR CODEROOM <u>1844/31</u>			ROUTINE
DECODED BY _____			DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY <u>GILKER</u>	INFORMATION		

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TEXT

YOUR 311235 STATE ON RECOMMENDATION OF WAR HAS URGED LIBERIA TO AUTHORIZE OPERATION SUNDERLAND FROM FISHERMAN LAKE X NO INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER REQUEST ~~XXXXXX~~ GRANTED.

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DATE <u>31 MARCH 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>1635/31</u>			PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>BIRNBAUM BALL</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <u>HARDEY</u>			DEFERRED

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TEXT

ROYAL AIR FORCE TO OPERATE A SUNDERLAND OUT OF FISHERMANS LAKE *Liberia*  
 BEGINNING LATER TODAY. HAS PERMISSION BEEN GRANTED BY STATE  
 AND WAR. MY UNDERSTANDING SUCH ACTION WILL JEOPARDIZE COLONEL  
 MCBRIDE'S LIBERAL NEGOTIATIONS WHICH ARE ALMOST CONCLUDED.  
 MOST IMMEDIATE REPLY THIS CIPHER AND CHANNEL REQUESTED AS  
 SUNDERLAND NOT YET LEFT FREETOWN.

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DATE <u>31 MARCH 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>2217/31</u>	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>BALL</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <u>HARDEY</u>			DEFERRED

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ROONEY 311745 NCR 1951

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TEXT

FRENCH NAVAL FORCES AT MADAGASCAR. ENGLISH AND FREE FRENCH INTELLIGENCE REPORT TODAY THAT SLOOPS IDERVILLE AND ENTRE CASTEAUX AND THREE SUBS OF HEROS CLASS ARE PROBABLY IN VICINITY OF DIEGO SUAREZ. SLOOP ADMIRAL CHARVER <sup>CL</sup> ~~THREE~~ GLOIRE TYPE CRUISERS ONE ARMED THREE THOUSAND TON BANANA BOAT AND TWO SUBS OF PEGASE CLASS ARE POSSIBLY THERE ALSO.

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From: M/A Cairo to War Department  
 Time filed at source: March 30, 1942  
 TOR MIS: March 31, 1942  
 TOR ONI: April 011805 1942

In view of available facilities and the length of time the ferry service of Pan American Airways has been operating, this service is remarkably efficient. An outstanding fact, however, is the vulnerability of this important supply route across AFRICA from KANO to EL GENEINA to ground and air operations because of its proximity to and bordering on VICHY French territory. In addition, it has been reported by pilots of the ferry service that the French are constructing landing fields to the north of the airfields on the ferry route along the southern boundary of French Equatorial AFRICA.

An outstanding defect in the ferry service is the absence of personnel accommodations at the ports of TAKORADI, LAGOS, and ACCRA in WEST AFRICA for passengers who are awaiting air transportation. Captain Stephen L. Gumpert, M. C. of the Air Corps Ferry Command, West African Sector and pilots of Pan American have reported that, as a result of this unsatisfactory housing, 256 persons out of a total of 500 awaiting transfer in these ports had contracted malaria.

It is recommended strongly by Captain Gumpert that quarters be constructed at these West African ports to accommodate 1000 persons. It would only be necessary to provide a few construction foremen and the building supplies, since labor is both plentiful and cheap.

Major General C. L. Scott made the above observations upon his trip to CAIRO where he arrived on the 23rd of March, having left NEW YORK on February 17th. The voyage to LAGOS, AFRICA was made aboard the S. S. FAIRFAX going by way of SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO and RECIFE, BRAZIL arriving to LAGOS on March 20. General Scott left LAGOS the next day by Pan American ferry service for CAIRO by way of KANO, DUGURI, EL FASHER and KHARTOUM.

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From: M/A Cairo to the War Dept.  
 Time filed at source: March 29, 1942.  
 TOR MID - March 30, 1942.  
 TOR ONI 310035.

1. According to the British estimate, there are now 20,000 German troops in LIBYA. The number of troops recently sent to LIBYA by the Germans is causing apprehension among the British. As far as the British are concerned, there are no indications of a large concentration of Axis troops in SICILY.

2. Apparently, Axis units in the forward areas in LIBYA are being reshuffled. This is indicated by interrogation of Axis prisoners taken on March 21. HQ., Italian Pavia Division is west of CARMUSA. The Italian Trieste Division has been moved from EL MECHILLI. The Italian Trento Division is in a very weak condition.

3. The Axis tank strength in medium tanks in LIBYA is expected to reach at least 420. Three hundred of these will be German tanks. Eighty-five German medium tanks were observed moving east on the EL AGHEILA road by British desert observers on March 22.

4. Units of German assault artillery (Sturm Artillerie) are now in NORTH AFRICA. These units are armed with 75-mm. guns on Mk.III tanks from which the turrets have been removed.

5. The number of antitank weapons for German forces in LIBYA is being continuously increased in spite of the fact that these forces are already well supplied with these guns. Known strengths in antitank guns are:

German antitank guns	- 225
German 88-mm. dual purpose guns	- 36
French antitank guns	- 24
Russian 7.62 antitank guns	- 9

In addition there are between 4 and 8 more Russian 7.62's on field mount.

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**INCOMING MESSAGE** 201 P. M.

From: Accra  
To: Milid War Department

No. 30, March 28, 1942

British report of March 26 recieved from Takoradi today gives submarine situation as follows: one off Liberian Coast and two off Cape Palmas area towards Takoradi A one.

Dawson

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DATE <u>22 MARCH 1942</u>	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>0839</u>			PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>WHITTAKER</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <u>LELAND</u>			DEFERRED

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 NY 121055.

THREE MORE MER SHIPS SUNK LAST 2 DAYS ALL NEAR CAPE PALMAS.  
 THIS MAKES TOTAL 7 SHIPS SUNK OFF LIBERIA LAST 17 DAYS.

NO US SHIPS LOST TO DATE FOR I HAVE BEGGED AND OBTAINED  
 ESCORT FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL AMERICAN SHIP CALLING LIBERIA OUTWARD.

NUMBER ESCORT VESSELS ROYAL NAVY VERY LIMITED AND  
 WITH VOLUME AMERICAN SHIPPING THIS <sup>C</sup>AST INCREASING RAPIDLY  
 ANTICIPATE DIFFICULTY IN FUTURE OBRAINING PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT  
 GIVEN ME TO DATE. HAVE EVEN HAD MASTER US MER SHIP AGREE  
 PROVISION ESCORT OFF LIBERIA & AS MEANS OBTAINING RETURN OF  
 ESCORT TO FREETOWN. NOT MUCH MORE CAN BE DONE. BELIEVE WE  
 ARE APPROACHING POINT WHERE WE WILL HAVE TO DO JOB OURSELVES  
 OR HELP ROYAL NAVY WITH SUB CHASERS OR OTHER & ESCORT CRAFT  
 THERE. LITER FOLLOWS.

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FROM STATE FOR OPNAV  
FOLLOWING RECD FROM MADRID  
DATED MAR 14 1942  
SECRETARY OF STATE, WASHINGTON.  
264, MARCH 14, 1 PM.

FRENCH AMBASSADOR ADDRESSED A LETTER TO THE EMBASSY YESTERDAY OF  
RUMORS CONCERNING JAPANESE INFILTRATION INTO MADAAXX MADA-  
GASCAR. HE SAID HE WAS AUTHORIZED TO DENY THEM AND SAID THE  
AMERICAN CONSUL IN MADAGASCAR HAD BEEN ABLE TO ESTABLISH THAT  
NO JAPANESE MISSION HAD ARRIVED THERE AND THAT THERE ARE ONLY  
TWO JAPANESE RESSORTISSANTS ON THE ISLAND.

SGT BUXXXX SGT BEULAC

TOD 955 PM MAR 14 1942

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## NAVAL MESSAGE

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TOR COOEROOM <u>1417/11</u>	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
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PARAPHRASED BY <u>V TUGKER</u>			DEFERRED

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT RELIABILITY BAKER PRESUMABLY A FREE FRENCHMAN REPORTS VICHY HAD ARRANGED FOR ARRIVAL IN MADAGASCAR OF THREE SEPARATE JAPANESE MISSIONS WHOSE PURPOSE WAS TO COMPLETE PLANS FOR CLOSING THE STRAIT BETWEEN MADAGASCAR AND MOZAMBIQUE TO ALLIED SHIPPING. TWO OF THESE MISSIONS ALREADY ARE REPORTED ON MADAGASCAR AND A THIRD IS EITHER ON THE MOZAMBIQUE MAINLAND OR ON AN ISLAND IN THE STRAIT KNOWN (PHONETICALLY) AS "LAURENCE" OR "LAURENZE". THIS INFORMATION FOR DMI FROM 3RD NAVDIST.

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FROM STATE DEPT FOR OPNAV

FOLLOWING RECEIVED MAR 9 1154PM FROM DAKAR DATED MAR 9 1PM NO 52

THE NAVAL SQUADRON HAS RETURNED TO FORT  
ON THE EVENING OF MARCH 7 THE ILE DE BREAT  
AND THE MEDIE 11 DEPARTED NORTHWARD.

(8&39)XXXX (SIGNED) FLEXER

746AM MAR 10 1942 TR

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RELEASED BY <u>CAPT WICKHAM</u>			
DATE <u>6 MARCH 42</u> <del>XXXX</del>	FOR ACTION		
TOR CODEROOM _____			
DECODED BY _____			
PARAPHRASED BY <u>GLUCKER</u>	INFORMATION	<p>CINCLANT ADMIRALTY</p> <p>CINCSA; COM CARIBBEAN</p> <p>SEA FRONTIER.</p> <p>COMTASKFOR 23</p> <p>COM EASSEAFRON CINCAW.</p>	<p>PRIORITY</p> <p>ROUTINE</p> <p>DEFERRED</p>

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LT. BLOUIN

Ø51315 NCR 5482

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SAIL WAKEFIELD WHEN READY VIA GREAT CIRCLE COURSE TO (F) Ø6-5Ø S 33-ØØ W  
 (G) Ø6-25 S 34-Ø5 W (H) Ø4-37 S 34-45 W (J) Ø1-25 S 4Ø-45 W  
 (K) ØØ-ØØ 41-ØØ W (L) Ø5-ØØ N 44-ØØ W THENCE 1ØØ MILES EASTWARD  
 OF BERMUDA TO NEW YORK. INFORM OPNAV (1) TIME OF SAILING (2) SPEED  
 OF ADVANCE (3) ESTIMATED TIME PASSING POINT (F).

FROM OPNAV

ACTION ALUSNA CAPETOWN

INFO CINCLANT ADMIRALTY CINCSA COM CARIBBEAN SEA FRONTIER, COMTASKFOR 23,  
 COM EASTERN SEA FRONTIER, CINCAWI BERMUDA.

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RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE 5 MARCH 1942	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM _____ 2106/4			PRIORITY
DECODED BY _____			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

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ROONEY 041003 NCR 5673  
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TEXT

WAKEFIELD HAS 337 MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN AMERICAN EVACUEES FROM BOMBAY AND CREWS SS FLORENCE LUCKENBACH AND SS ALBERT HILL. BRITISH DESIRE TO EMBARK HERE 84 WHITE AND 167 LASCARS FOR RELIEF CREWS BRITISH SHIPS IN U.S. CO ON WAKEFIELD HAS INFORMED BRITISH THAT WHITE CREW CAN BE EMBARKED BUT HAS NOT FACILITIES FOR SEGREGATION BERTHING AND MESSING LASCARS. DECK GALLEYS ARE USED BY BRITISH FOR LASCARS. THIS PRACTICE NOT APPROVED BY WAKEFIELD AND NO DECK SPACE AVAILABLE. HAS PREVIOUS APPROVAL BEEN GIVEN FOR TRANSPORTATION OF LASCARS.

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FROM _____	FOR ACTION	<b>OPNAV</b>	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY <b>MAR 3, 1942.</b>			ROUTINE
DATE _____	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM _____			PRIORITY
DECODED BY <b>ROBINSON</b>			ROUTINE
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FROM STATE FOR OPNAV

FOLLOWING RECD FROM AM CONSUL GENERAL ALGIERS  
DATED MAR 3 1942

NO 137

ON FEBRUARY 27-28 THE SAGITTAIRE ARRIVED AT ORAN LOADED WITH WAR MATERIAL ESPECIALLY SUPPLIES FOR SUBMARINES. THESE WERE BATTERIES AND BATTERY ELEMENTS. ~~THESE~~ THE SAGITTAIRE WILL SOON GO ON TO CASABLANCA AND DAKAR. SHE HAD LEFT ~~MAR~~ MARSEILLE ON FEBRUARY 25. VICE CONSULS ROUNDS AND KNIGHT REPORT THAT WAR MATERIALS AND PARTICULARLY ~~WAR~~ PARTICULARLY MACHINE GUN BULLETS ARE BELIEVED TO BE ON BOARD THE JEANNE SCHIAFFON WHICH LEFT ORAN ON FEBRUARY 26. THE SHIP CARRIED AN ARMED GUARD AND WAS ESCORTED ~~BY~~ ESCORTED BY AVISO ENGAGEANTE. OSTENSIBLY THE SHIP CARRIED WHEAT FOR CASABLANCA AND DAKAR BUT IT IS UNUSUAL FOR WHEAT TO BE SHIPPED FROM ORAN TO THOSE PORTS AT THIS TIME OF YEAR. THE DESTROYER SIMOUN (T-61) IS AT ORAN INSTEAD OF THE FRONDEUR (T-21) AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.  
SGD COLE

TOD 1010 PM MAR 3 1942

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DATE <u>2 MARCH 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM _____	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>FIELD</u>			ROUTINE
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 LT SHELLABARGER \*021302 NCR 4325

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 TEXT (OPNA-V CINCUS FLEET RPTD SPENAVO FROM ADMTY)

REF CINCEI'S 0700/1 . USS MARBLEHEAD WILL DOCK AT SIMONSTOWN ABOUT 23/3.

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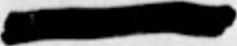
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FROM STATE DEPT FOR OPNAV

FOLLOWING RECEIVED FEBY 28 927 PM FROM

LAGOS DATED FEBY 28 4 PM NO 43

REPORTS RECEIVED BY THE CHIEF OF FREE FRENCH MISSION AT LAGOS  
NOT YET CONFIRMED ALTHOUGH FROM A GOOD SOURCE STATE THAT ON OR  
ABOUT FEBRUARY 12 TWO VESSELS DEPARTED FROM DAKAR FOR FRENCH  
INDO-CHINA THE VESSELS HAD BEEN LOADED IN GREAT SECRECY AT NIGHT  
IT IS SIMILARLY REPORTED THAT THE CONDE ~~7000~~ TONS DEPARTED FOR  
DAKAR FOR MADAGASCAR ABOUT FEBRUARY 12 ALTHOUGH CARGO NOT  
EXACTLY KNOWN BELIEVED TO CONSIST OF WAR MATERIALS

(SIGNED) JESTER

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MESSAGE.

From: War Office MO 5.  
To : British Army Staff Washington.  
NO : 72653. 24/2.

IN  
Received:  
Time: 2341  
Date: 25/2  
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Personal for General Wemyss from D M O and P. In continuation of my 71101 (MO5) of 16/2.

One. On 14th February air activity over our forward troops was intensified and three enemy columns containing in all some 108 tanks began to advance towards position held by 13 Corps. Fighter aircraft covering enemy's columns suffered heavily at hands of R A F but advance continued on 15th February. Northern column shelled our advanced positions about Gazala while central column was engaged by mobile columns which had been despatched to attack it. On morning of 16th February however without having established contact with our main position all three enemy columns turned about and withdrew to their former concentration areas north west of line Tmimi and Mekill where they have since remained.

Two. General Auchinleck has suggested that Rommel may have undertaken operation with one of following objects. (A) to carry out reconnaissance in force. (B) to launch Blitz attack aimed at breaking through to Tobruk. (C) to entice our armoured forces out of supporting range of Gazala position and to attack them on ground favourable to him. His unexpected withdrawal before his columns became heavily engaged is however difficult to explain. In any event there seems little doubt that whatever his object may have been he failed to achieve it.

Three. Latest information discloses increased enemy air activity and resistance to our patrols during last two days while a considerable movement of M T and tanks southward from Martuba towards Tmisi has been observed. The inference to be drawn from

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position is being/...

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position is being steadily strengthened while our administrative problem has been eased by extension of the western desert railway to Capuzzo. Plans are in hand for resumption of offensive by 8th Army as soon as requisite tank superiority can be attained. Impending despatch of further reinforcements for India and Burma from Middle East may however compel General Auchinleck to some extent at least to modify these plans.

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TOR CODEROOM			PRIORITY
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 AMER CONSUL CAPETOWN "CHIEF OF MARITIME DEPARTMENT STATES THAT  
 ARMED FORCES OF BELLIGERANTS MAY BE INTERNED IF ASHORE IN UNIFORM.  
 BRIT CONSUL GENERAL HAS INFORMED MEN OF BRITISH NAVAL FORCES LEAVE  
 SHIPS IN UNIFORM AT PORTS OF PORTUGUESE EAST AFRICA"  
 REQUEST ALL ARMED GUARD CREWS ON US MERCHANT SHIPS WHICH WILL  
 TOUCH AT PORTUGUESE EAST AFRICAN PORTS BE INFORMED. I AM INFORMING  
 ALL ARMED GUARD CREWS ON SHIPS NOW IN SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

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FROM STATE FOR OPNAV  
FOLLOWING RECD 1114AM  
FROM ALGIERS

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DATED JANUARY 30 1942  
NO 69 (CORRECTED COPY)

THE TRANSFER OF 400,000,000 GOLD FRANCS FROM TUNIS TO THE BANK OF  
ALGERIA VAULTS AT CONSTANTINE IS REPORTED BY ~~KNOW~~ XXXX BY KNOX AND  
BOYD ON JANUARY 24 THE STEAMER MAYENNE DEPARTED PHILAE FROM MAR-  
SEILLE CARRYING 12 TONS OF CRUDE RUBBER

SGD COLE

TOD 924PM

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