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Box 41  
Map Room

## NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <b>COMTASKFOR 17</b>	FOR ACTION	<b>COMSOWSPACFOR CINCPAC</b>	<b>URGENT</b> PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE <b>8 MAY 1942</b>	INFORMATION	<b>(PASSED BY CINCLANT TO COMINCH FOR INFO)</b>	<b>URGENT</b> PRIORITY
TOR CODEBOOK <b>0635 / 0625</b>			ROUTINE DEFERRED
DECODED BY <b>PORTER / BUSH</b>			
PARAPHRASED BY			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

072356 CCR 3248

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TEXT

FROM COMTASKFOR 17

FIRST RYENY (ZENEMY) ATTACK COMPLETED NO VITAL DAMAGE  
OUR FORCE.

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## NAVAL MESSAGE

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>MURMANSK</u>		OPNAV	PRIORITY RRRRRRR
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE <u>3 APRIL 1942</u>		INFORMATION	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>1831</u>			PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>KAMEN</u>		INFORMATION	ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <u>F L THOMPSON</u>			DEFERRED

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TEXT

PRELIMINARY REPORT RESULTS AIR SURFACE AND SUBMARINE ATTACKS  
ON INBOUND CONVOY FROM TWENTY EIGHT TO THIRTY MARCH FROM  
POSITION EIGHTY FIVE MILES NORTH OF NORTH CAPE TOKO~~X~~  
INLET. BRITISH DESTROYER ECLIPSE DAMAGED BY GUNFIRE AND  
CRUISER TRINIDAD HIT BY GUNFIRE AND ONE TORPEDO BOTH SHIPS  
REACHING MURMANSK. AMERICAN STEAMER EFFINGHAM AND BRITISH  
EMPIRE RANGER PLUS INDUNA DEFINITELY SUNK, STEAMERS RACE-  
LAND AND BATTEAU UNACCOUNTED FOR FORMER SEEN BEING BOMBED.  
ONE LIFEBOAT FROM EFFINGHAM PICKED UP AFTER THIRTY TWO  
HOURS BY H M S HARRIER WITH SEVENTEEN SURVIVERS A.  
ADDITIONAL SIX HAVING DIED FROM EXPOSURE AND BURIED AT  
SEA. NAMES OF DEAD MAURICE G BLUE. JOSEPH DESILVA.  
ANATHA GREENIDGE. JAMES TURNER. MERWYN V. BIRNCE.  
CHARLES S. GUSCOTT. NAMES OF SURVIVERS ALL IN GOOD CON-  
DITION CHARLES H. HERLITT. LOUIS HATHAWAY. GORDEN BUTLER.  
RICARD BEST. FRANCIS BARRETT. CHARLES A. HUNNEFIELD.

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		DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM _____		
DECODED BY _____		
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TEXT

AJEA STERLING, JAMES WHITEENTON, FRANK LOOKE, WILLIAM J. B362 YOKUS, EDWARD BECK, PLUS FOLLOWING US NAVAL ARMED GUARD CEDOLEGO, SWAIN, TOMAS BUSHNER, CHARLES K. FLETCHER, W J GORGANUS, JAMES CLARK, JOHN GUTHRIE, ALL SEAMEN SECOND OF OTHER TWENTY MEMBERS OF CREW SEEN TO EMBARK IN OTHER LIFEBOAT WITH NO TRACE TO DATE. PANAMANIAN STEAMER BALLOT SUFFERED NEAR MISS AND SIXTEEN MEMBERS OF CREW ABANDONED AND TAKEN ABOARD INDUNA WHICH WAS LATER SUNK. BALLOT WAS NOT DAMAGED. MADE PORT. WILL TRANSMIT N-----\*HFER

*"HANDLE AS SECRET"*

\* FIVE LETTERS MISSING. HAS BEEN SERVICED.

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM SPENAVO LONDON	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE MARCH 12 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1903/1825	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY COWDEN/COWDEN			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

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121526 CCR 4485

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TEXT PART 1 OF 4 PARTS.

FOLLOWING IS CCCF 0123Z/10 TO ADMIRALTY AND IS BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACTION WHICH TOOK PLACE IN EAST JAVA SEA ON FEB 27TH. IT IS BASED ONLY ON A REPORT MADE BY THE PERTH AND INFO OBTAINED FROM SURVIVORS OF THE JUPITER. ON FEB 26TH AN EASTERN STRIKING FORCE WAS FORMED AT SOURABAYA UNDER COMMAND OF ADMIRAL DOORMAN IN DE RUYTER. ORDER OF BATTLE WAS DE RUYTER EXETER HOUSTON PERTH JAVA SCREENED BY ELECTRA JUPITER AND ENCOUNTER AND FOLLOWED BY KORTENAER PLUS ONE DUTCH AND FOUR US DESTROYERS. CONTACT WAS MADE AT ONE SIX ONE FOUR GEORGE HYPO SLANT TWENTY SEVEN IN APPROXIMATE POSITION ZERO SIX DEGREES TWO EIGHT MINUTES SOUTH ONE ONE TWO DEGREES TWO SIX MINS. EAST AS RESULT OF AN ENEMY REPORT RECEIVED AT ONE FOUR TWO SEVEN GEORGE HYPO. ENEMY FORCE CONSISTED OF TWO SENDAI CLASS FOLLOWED BY TWO NATI CLASS AND 13 DESTROYERS IN TWO GROUPS.

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RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>12 MARCH 1942</u>	INFORMATION	DECLASSIFIED OSD Letter, 8-3-78 DEC 22 1972	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>1945/1834</u>			PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>BERRY/BERRY</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

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121528 CCR 4490

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TEXT

PART TWO OF 121528 XX FIRE WAS OPENED AT THIRTY THOUSAND YARDS OPPOSING SHIPS ON PARALLEL COURSES X JAPANESE LAUNCHED A DESTROYER ATTACK SOON AFTER ACTION COMMENCED AND WAS DRIVEN OFF BY GUNFIRE X ONE DESTROYER WAS HIT BY PERTH X SECOND JAPANESE DESTROYER ATTACK TOOK PLACE AT 1707 GEORGE HYPO X ARRIVAL OF TORPEDOES SYNCHRONIZED WITH EIGHT INCH HIT ON EXETER WHICH FORCED HER OUT OF LINE X KORTENAER WAS STRUCK BY A TORPEDO AND SANK X ALLIED LINE WAS THROWN INTO CONFUSION XX AT 1725 GEORGE HYPO LINE WAS REFORMED WITHOUT EXETER X BRITISH DESTROYERS WERE ORDERED TO COUNTER ATTACK X ELECTRA DISAPPEARED IN A SMOKE SCREEN AND WAS NOT SEEN AGAIN X JUPITER SAW ONLY TWO DESTROYERS AND ENGAGED THEM

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DATE 12 MARCH 1942	DECLASSIFIED OSD Letter, 8-8-78 DEC 22 1972	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 945/1834		PRIORITY
DECODED BY BERRY/BERRY		ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____		DEFERRED

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TEXT

PART THREE OF 121526 XX AT 1745 GEORGE HYPO ALLIED CRUISERS EMERGED CLEAR OF SMOKE AND ENGAGED ENEMY AT ABOUT TWENTY ONE THOUSAND YARDS X AT 1812 GEORGE HYPO ENEMY CRUISERS WITHDREW UNDER COVER OF SMOKE REAR CRUISER HAVING BEEN HIT AFT AND HEAVILY ON FIRE XX NIGHT ACTION AS FOLLOWS X DE RUYTER LED TO NORTHEAST UNTIL 1927 GEORGE HYPO WHEN FOUR ENEMY SHIPS WERE SIGHTED TO PORT AND ENGAGED AT NINE THOUSAND YARDS X AN ATTEMPT TO WORK AROUND THESE SHIPS AND GET AT CONVOY FAILED X DE RUYTER THEN REVERSED COURSE AND STEERED FOR NORTH COAST OF JAVA X AT ABOUT 2100 GEORGE HYPO WHEN FOUR MILES FROM COAST IN VERY SHALLOW WATER DE RUYTER TURNED TO WESTWARD AND PROCEEDED ALONG COAST X SHORTLY AFTERWARDS JUPITER WAS BLOWN UP BY AND UNDERWATER EXPLOSION ABREAST FORWARD ENGINE ROOM BULKHEAD IN POSITION 06-45 SOUTH 112-05 EAST AND FOUR HOURS LATER SANK X IT IS PROBABLE THAT MOST OF HER SURVIVORS REACHED JAVA COAST XX FROM 2100 GEORGE

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FOR COOEROOM _____		DEFERRED
DECODED BY _____		PRIORITY
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TEXT

HYPO ONWARDS AIRCRAFT SHADOWED OUR FORCE DROPPING FLARES

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NAVY SYSTEMS DIVISION, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20340

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DATE: 12/22/72

BY: [illegible]

FOR: [illegible]

FROM: SPENAVO LONDON

TO: COMINCH

DATE: MARCH 12 1942

FOR CODER ROOM: 1945/1834

DECODED BY: COWDEN/PITKIN

PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY

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RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE MARCH 12 1942	FOR INFORMATION		DEFERRED
FOR CODER ROOM 1945/1834			PRIORITY
DECODED BY COWDEN/PITKIN			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

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121531 CCR-4458

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TEXT PART 4 OF 121526. AT 2330 GEORGE HYPO MADE CONTACT WITH TWO CRUISERS ON PORT BEAM. HITS WERE SCORPED ON ENEMY AND ONE SHELL HIT DE RUYTER X DE RUYTER TURNED NINETY DEGREES AWAY REMAINING SHIPS FOLLOWING WHEN JAVA AND DE RUYTER BLEW UP ALMOST SIMULTANEOUSLY AND SANK XX THERE WERE NO ALLIED DESTROYERS THEN IN COMPANY X PERTH AND HOUSTON WITHDREW TO TANJONG PRICK XX THE FOLLOWING SIGNAL IS OF INTEREST QUOTE TO CCF COMSOWESTPAC ALL NAVAL RADIO STATIONS FROM CAST ZED MIKE X MINES WILL BE LAID THIS NIGHT TWENTYSEVENTH OFF REMBANG IN TWO ZERO METERSX TWO ONE TWO FIVE SEVEN SLANT TWO SEVEN UNQUOTE X

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FROM <u>CINCPAC</u>		COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE RRRRRRR DEFERRED
DATE <u>11 MARCH 42</u>	FOR ACTION	UNCLASSIFIED EXC 11100, 4-2-77 DEC 22 1972	PRIORITY
TOR CODEROM <u>1654/1514</u>			ROUTINE
DECODED BY <u>EGGEMAN/EGGEMAN</u>			DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY _____	INFORMATION		

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CCR 4367

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TEXT

AMPLIFYING REPORT FROM MIDWAY TWO ~~RE~~ PLANES DETECTED BY  
 RADAR TO WESTWARD. FOUR FIGHTERS INTERCEPTED ONE  
 FOUR-ENGINE SEAPLANE AT 45 MILES AND SHOT IT DOWN  
 ONE US PILOT WOUNDED AND PLANE DAMAGED BUT REACHED BASE.  
 OTHER RADAR TARGET NEVER SIGHTED BUT BELIEVED DEPARTED  
 ON BEARING 260.

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DATE <u>11 MARCH 1942</u>		DECLASSIFIED OBD Letter, 5-3-78 DEC 22 1972	PRIORITY
TON CODEROOM <u>1038/1012</u>			ROUTINE
DECODED BY <u>SMITH/SLADE</u>			DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY			

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(SHEET 1 OF 2) 110321 CCR 4328

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TEXT HALSEY IN THIS MORNING X WELL EXECUTED ATTACKS AGAINST WAKE 24TH MARCUS 4TH LOCAL DATES FOUND NO SHIPPING AND FEW AIRCRAFT PRESENT X AT WAKE 3 LARGE SEAPLANES ONE PATROL BOAT ALL DESTROYED 4 PRISONERS TAKEN FROM LATTERX SHORE INSTALLATIONS INCLUDING LANDING FIELD DAMAGED BY THIRTY SEVEN-FIVE HUNDRED POUND BOMBS ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY TWO-ONE HUNDREDS HEAVY STRAFING AND BY BOMBARDMENT NORTHAMP-TON SALT LAKE CITY BALCH AND MAURY X OUR LOSS ONE VSB CREW APPARENTLY CAPTURED X AT MARCUS TWO DIVE BOMBER SQUADRONS ATTACKED AT DAWN X NO ENEMY AIRCRAFT PRESENT X FIELD IS ONLY PARTIALLY DEVELOPED BUT USABLE X CONSIDERABLE BUILDING INCLUDING PIER ON SOUTH SIDE X DAMAGE DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE AS HEAVY TYPE MACHINE GUN FIRE WAS ACCURATE X THIRTY TWO-FIVE HUNDREDS AND SIXTY FOUR ONE HUNDREDS DROPPED ON BUILDINGS, TANKS, AA GUNS, AND RUNWAY X ONE VSB SHOT DOWN BUT CREW SEEN IN RUBBER BOAT TEN MILES FROM ISLAND X PARAGRAPH X

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(SHEET 2 OF 2) CINCPAC 110321 CCR 4328

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TEXT UNLESS ENEMY ACTION PREVENTS WILL KEEP FORCE SIXTEEN AT PEARL AT LEAST TEN DAYS TO ACCOMPLISH NECESSARY UP-KEEP AND URGENT ALTERATIONS TO INCREASE COMBAT EFFECTIVENESS X PARAGRAPH X NO REPORT FROM BROWN BUT ENEMY RADIO INDICATES CONTACTS BEGINNING 0030Z 10TH ON TENTH X TRITON RETURNING FROM AREA NORTH OF FORMOSA REPORTS SINKING THREE FREIGHTERS AND ONE PASSENGER CARGO SHIP X MIDWAY REPORTS CONTACT WITH ENEMY PLANES AT 2340Z/10TH X FURTHER DETAILS WHEN RECEIVED

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FROM COMSOUWEST PACFOR	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY		COMINCH	ROUTINE
DATE 28 FEB 42	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1544 / 1319			PRIORITY
DECODED BY BERRY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY GANNING			DEFERRED

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280757 CCR 3186

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CONTINUING MY 271737. THAT FIGHT IS OVER. LANDING NOT EFFECTED. ENEMY TRANSPORTS LAST REPORTED RETIRING TO NORTH BUT ENEMY COVERING FORCE KEPT OUR STRIKING FORCE FROM REACHING THEM LAST NIGHT. HOUSTON IN PRIOK NOT BELIEVED SERIOUSLY DAMAGED. ALL 5 US DESTROYERS IN STRIKING FORCE NOW IN SOURABAYA FOR FUEL AND ARE IN FAIR SHAPE BUT WITH PRACTICALLY NO TORPEDOES. BRITISH EXETER BADLY DAMAGED AT SOURABAYA. ENCOUNTER AT SAME PLACE. PERTH IS AT PRIOK. LATTER TWO BELIEVED IN GOOD CONDITION. ELECTRA AND JUPITER SUNK SURVIVORS BEING SENT SOURABAYA 53 ON US SUB S-38. DUTCH DE RUYTER AND JAVA BADLY DAMAGED WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN. KORTENAER SUNK. NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ENEMY LOSSES. AIR ATTACKS AS FAR SOUTH AS CHRISTMAS ISLAND. FUEL SITUATION APPROACHING POINT WHERE END OF OPERATIONS BASED ON JAVA

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February 28, 1942.

TO THE PRESIDENT [REDACTED]

DIGEST FROM COMMANDER SOUTHWEST ATTACK FORCE; JAVA FIGHT OVER,  
LANDING NOT REPEAT NOT EFFECTED. TRANSPORTS RETIRING BUT ENEMY COVERING  
FORCE PREVENTED OUR STRIKING FORCE REACHING THEM LAST NIGHT. NOW IN  
FRONT <sup>REPEAT NOT</sup> BELIEVED SERIOUSLY DAMAGED HOUSTON AND PERTH. IN SOURABAYA  
EXETER BADLY DAMAGED. IN SAME PLACE ENCOUNTER AND ALL FIVE US DESTROYERS  
FROM STRIKING FORCE PAIR SHAPE BUT LOW ON TORPEDOES. LOSSES BRITISH  
USS ELECTRA AND JUPITER. DUTCH DD KORTENHAAR SUNK. DE KUYTER AND JAVA  
BADLY DAMAGED WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN. LIMIT OF JAVA BASED OPERATIONS IN  
SIGHT DUE TO FUEL SHORTAGE THERE. SURFACE FORCES WITHOUT AIR PROTECTION  
BUT WILL CONTINUE TO RESIST VIGOROUSLY. ADDITIONAL LANDING ATTEMPT  
EXPECTED TONIGHT, <sup>NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ENEMY LOSSES.</sup> PARAGRAPH DIGEST FROM CNO \* DESTROYER JACOB JONES (OLD)  
SUNK BY TORPEDO OR MINE. TWELVE SURVIVORS PICKED UP FROM LIFE RAFT  
BEING BROUGHT IN BY EAGLE BOAT. THE RAFT WAS LOCATED ABOUT TWENTYSEVEN  
MILES SOUTHEAST OF CAPE MAY. PLANES AND PATROL VESSELS SEARCHING FOR  
ADDITIONAL SURVIVORS AND SUMMARIES.

LEAHY

\* Phoned by  
Captain Denebrink  
1315/28

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FROM COMSOUWEST PACFOR	FOR ACTION	OPNAV COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 28 FEB 42	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM 1944 / 1919			PRIORITY
DECODED BY BERRY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY GANNING			DEFERRED

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FROM COMSOWESTRACEOR	FOR ACTION	COMINCOM	PPPP PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 27 FEBRUARY 1942	INFORMATION	OPNAV	DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM 2159/2123			PPPP PRIORITY
DECODED BY PORTER			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY SLADE			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

271737 OCR 3120

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TEXT			

ENEMY ATTEMPTING LANDING IN FORCE ON NORTH COAST OF JAVA X  
 MAJOR ACTION NOW IN PROGRESS BETWEEN DUTCH BRITISH US COMBINED  
 STRIKING FORCE OF TWO CA THREE CL TEN DDS AND THE ENEMY  
 DISPOSITION CONSISTING OF ABOUT FORTY TRANSPORTS COVERED  
 AND ESCORTED BY APPROX NINE CRUISERS NINE DDS AND TWELVE  
 DDS RESPECTIVELY X FRAGMENTORY REPORTS INDICATE MOGAMI AND  
 THREE ENEMY DDS OUT OF ACTION X ONE DUTCH DD SUNK X EXETER  
 DAMAGED AND RETURNING SURABAYA X NO REPORTS IN REGARD  
 HOUSTON AND DESDIVS FIVE EIGHT AND FIVE NINE X THE FIGHT  
 CONTINUES X MORE LATER

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FROM COMTASKFOR 11 (PAC)	FOR ACTION	COMANZACFORCE CINCPAC	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 24 FEB. 1942	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
FOR CODE ROOM 1956/2018			PRIORITY
DECODED BY TIERS			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY GLUNT			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

232146 CCR 2803

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TEXT (PASSED BY CINCPAC TO COMINCH FOR INFO)

MY 200753 REVISED AND FINAL COUNT SHOWS FORCE ATTACKED FEBRUARY 20 BY 18 HEAVY BOMBERS IN TWO GROUPS OF NINE EACH X ONE OTHER GROUP AT TIME THOUGHT TO BE ENEMY TURNED OUT TO BE OWN PLANES RETURNING FROM SEARCH X FIRST ATTACK OCCURRED AT 1650 LOCAL CIVIL TIME WHEN FORCE WAS ON SOUTHWESTERLY COURSE 346 MILES BEARING 071 DEGREES FROM RABUL X SECOND ATTACK ONE HALF HOUR LATER X 16 ENEMY PLANES KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN DESTROYED AND POSSIBLY A SEVENTEENTH X TWO PLANES PREVIOUSLY DAMAGED BY FIGHTERS FINALLY BROUGHT DOWN BY SHORT RANGE ANTI AIRCRAFT FIRE X REMAINDER BROUGHT DOWN BY REPEATED ATTACKS BY FIGHTERS AND SCOUT BOMBERS X LIEUT. EDWARD HYPO OHARE CHIEFLY RESPONSIBLE FOR DESTRUCTION OF SIX PLANES X OWN LOSSES TWO VICTOR FOX AND ONE PILOT ENSIGN JOHN WOODROW WILSON USNR X PART TWO FOLLOWS X ORIGINATOR COMTASKFOR 11 X FOR ACTION CINCPAC AND COMANZAC X INFORM OTHER INTERESTED COMMANDS

ACTION  
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DEC 22 1972

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		ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	COMTASKFOR 11 (PAC)	COMANZACFOR CKNPAC	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE	24 FEB. 1942		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	2057/2114		PRIORITY
DECODED BY	TIERS		ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY	GLUNT		DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

232156 CCR 2812

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TEXT **Q** PASSED BY CINCPAC TO COMINCH FOR INFO)

CARRIER TARGET OF BOTH ATTACKS X BOMBING WILD IN FIRST  
 ATTACK DUE TO INTENSE FIGHTER ATTACK WHICH EARLY DAMAGED  
 LEADERS PLANE X ONLY THREE PLANES THIS GROUP REACHED  
 APPROXIMATE RELEASE POINT X RADICAL MANEUVER BY CARRIER  
 CONTRIBUTED TO LARGE ERROR X LEADING PLANE AFTER DAMAGE  
 APPEARED TO ATTEMPT CRASH LANDING ON CARRIER DECK BUT WAS  
 SHOT DOWN BY ANTI AIRCRAFT FIRE FROM CARRIER 100 YARDS  
 FROM SHIP X SECOND ATTACK FIVE PLANES REACHED RELEASE  
 POINT X SALVO LANDED ASTERN CARRIER ON PORT QUARTER NEAR-  
 EST 100 FEET SOME FRAGMENTS LANDING ON SHIP X BOTH GROUPS  
 CIRCLED FORMATION AND MADE FINAL APPROACH UP WIND  
 FROM ASTERN IN TIGHT V VEE FORMATION X RELEASE POINT AT  
 ABOUT ELEVEN TO TWELVE THOUSAND FEET ALTITUDE X PLANES  
 CAMOUFLAGED MOTTLED GREEN AND CLAY COLOR TYPE 97 X ANTI  
 AIRCRAFT FIRE INACCURATE IN FUZE RANGE PROBABLY DUE TO  
 CHANGE OF ALTITUDE DURING FIRST PART OF FINAL APPROACH X  
 THIS IS PART TWO OF COMTASKFOR 11 (PAC) ON 232146  
 ACTION. F-33

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CTF 11 PACIFIC	FOR ACTION	USS CHICAGO CINCPAC	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 20 FEB 1942	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM 0906/0908			PRIORITY
DECODED BY TIERS			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY TIERS			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

200753 CCR2317

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	SET
TEXT			

( PASSED BY CINCPAC TO COMINCH FOR INFO)

FROM COMTASKFORCE 11. HAVE BEEN HEAVILY ATTACKED BY APPROXIMATELY THIRTY HEAVY BOMBERS. NO DAMAGE TO SHIPS THIS FORCE. ABOUT TWELVE TO TWENTY ENEMY PLANES DESTROYED. OWN PLANE LOSSES SLIGHT. AM RETURNING TO RENDEZVOUS WITH PLATTE ARRIVING THERE 1200 FEBRUARY 22ND. CINCPAC TRANSMIT TO COMMANDER AUSTRALIAN FORCE AND COMANZAC.

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## NAVAL MESSAGE

## NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER		EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	COMTASKUNIT 5.4.2 (LANT)		COMVABGROUP 5.4 LANT	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY				ROUTINE
DATE	13 FEB 42		CINCLANT COMAIRLANT COMINCH	DEFERRED
TOR COORDOM	2026 / 0534 (14TH)			PRIORITY
DECODED BY	CANNING			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY	CANNING			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

R-5 REPORTS UPON SURFACING TUESDAY 10TH SIGHTED SUBMARINE HULL DOWN DISTANCE ABOUT 7 MILES. ANGLE ON BOW 90 PORT. LAT 35 LONG 65 45. SUBMERGED IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT HIS DISCOVERY AND FOR APPROACH. WHEN RANGE SHORTENED IDENTIFIED AS ENEMY. EXHAUSTED BATTERY AND DARKNESS COMPELLED FIRING 3 TORPEDOES MAXIMUM TORPEDO RANGE. ENEMY SPEED 6 COURSE WEST. MISSED. SURFACED. COMMENCED RELOADING. CHARGING. PATROLLING SCENE OF ACTION. OVERCAST BLACK NIGHT UNABLE REGAIN CONTACT. UNABLE RAISE ANYONE BY RADIO BUT CONTACT REPORT BROADCASTED ON NSS SHIP TO SHORE FREQUENCY AND NOB BERMUDA AREA FREQUENCY. DEPARTED FOR BASE 4 HOURS LATER AS SCHEDULED DUE TO LACK OF COMMUNICATIONS. BY HAND TO COMAIRLANT AND NOB BERMUDA.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRIORITY
FROM ADMIRALTY		8AD	
RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION	PRIORITY
DATE 13 FEBRUARY 1942		NOIC HOME	RRRRRR
TOR CODEROOM 1245/13		FOC SUBMARINES-80 HORGE	DEFERRED
DECODED BY 8AD		FOCNAS-CINCSAS-CINCAWI	
PARAPHRASED BY V TUCKER		FLAG OR SENIOR OFFICER 2ND	
		BATTLE 90DN-80 DESTROYERS	
		OPNAV - NOIC ICELAND	
		AIR OFFICER CINC CC	
		AIR OFFICER CINC BC	
		SR BR NAVAL OFFICER MURMANSK	

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME GCT

TEXT

SCHARNHORST, ONEISEMAU, AND PRINZ EUGEN ENGAGED BY AIRCRAFT, DESTROYERS AND OTHER LIGHT SURFACE FORCES SINCE 1200 TODAY BETWEEN BOULOGNE AND TEXEL. ATTACK CONTINUING. RESULT OBSCURE. BAD PASS TO OPNAV.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <b>ADMIRALTY</b>		<b>BAD 232 OPNAV</b>	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			<b>*****</b>
DATE <b>13 FEB 1942</b>		<b>SPENAVO</b>	DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM <b>1243/13</b>			PRIORITY
DECODED BY <b>BAD</b>			<b>*****</b>
PARAPHRASED BY <b>V TUCKER</b>			DEFERRED

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME GCT

TEXT

SCHARNHORST GNEISENAU AND PRINZ EUGEN ESCORTED BY DESTROYERS AND  
 NUMEROUS LIGHT CRAFT PROCEEDING UP ENGLISH CHANNEL EASTBOUND. ENEMY  
 ARE BEING CONTINUOUSLY ATTACKED BY AIR AND LIGHT SURFACE FORCES.  
 RESULTS ARE AT PRESENT OBSCURE. BAD PASS TO OPNAV.

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