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**NAVAL MESSAGE**

**FROM:** COMTASKFORCE 17

**RELEASED BY:**

**DATE:** 8 MAY 1942

**TO CODE ROOM:** 0625 / 0625

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**FROM ADDRESSES:** CINCPAC

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**TEXT:**

FROM COMTASKFOR 17

FIRST RYENY (ENEMY) ATTACK COMPLETED NO VITAL DAMAGE TO OUR FORCE.
Naval Message

Drafter:  Kourjanik

Released by:  3 April 1942

Address:  OPHAV

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**TEXT**

A. J. S. STERLING, JAMES W. JOHNSON, FRANK LOKE, WILLIAM J.
E. R. YOKOS, EDWARD BECK PLUS FOLLOWING US NAVAL ARMED GUARD
CELEDON, SHAIN, TOMAS BUSHER, CHARLES K. FLETCHER, W. J. COR-
GANUS, JAMES CLARK, JOHN GUTHRIE. ALL SEAMEN SECOND OF OTHER
TWENTY MEMBERS OF CREW SEEN TO EMBARK IN OTHER LIFEBOAT
WITH NO TRACE TO DATE. PANAMERICAN STEAMER BALLOT SUFFERED
NEAR MISS AND SIXTEEN MEMBERS OF CREW ABANDONED AND TAKEN
ABOARD INDUNA WHICH WAS LATER SUNK. BALLOT HAS NOT DAMAG-
ED. MADE PORT. WILL TRANSMIT N---"HFER

"HANDLE AS SECRET"

*FIVE LETTERS MISSING, HAS BEEN SERVICED.

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Sounds gunfire report off Zalenwue three PM LCT March 25th.

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PART 1 OF 4 PARTS.

FOLLOWING IS CCCF 1237/10 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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PART TWO OF 121528 XX FIRE WAS OPENED AT THIRTY THOUSAND YARDS OPPOSING SHIPS ON PARALLEL COURSES. JAPANESE LAUNCHED A DESTROYER ATTACK SOON AFTER ACTION COMMENCED AND WAS DRIVEN OFF BY GUNFIRE. ONE DESTROYER WAS HIT BY PERTH. SECOND JAPANESE DESTROYER ATTACK TOOK PLACE AT 1707 GEORGE HYPO XX. ARRIVAL OF TORPEDOES SYNCHRONIZED WITH EIGHT INCH HIT ON EXETER WHICH FORCED HER OUT OF LINE. KORENIAK WAS STRUCK BY A TORPEDO AND SANK. ALLIED LINE WAS THROWN INTO CONFUSION. XX AT 1725 GEORGE HYPO LINE WAS REFORMED WITHOUT EXETER. BRITISH DESTROYERS WERE ORDERED TO COUNTER-ATTACK. XX ELECTRA DISAPPEARED IN A SMOKE SCREEN AND WAS NOT SEEN AGAIN. JUPITER SAW ONLY TWO DESTROYERS AND ENGAGED THEM.
PART THREE OF 21529 XX AT 1745 GEORGE HYPO ALLIED CRUISERS EMERGED CLEAR OF SMOKE AND ENGAGED ENEMY AT ABOUT TWENTY ONE THOUSAND YARDS X AT 1912 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 2145 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 2155 GEORGE
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HYPO ONWARDS AIRCRAFT SHADOWED OUR FORCE DROPPING FLARES

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PART 4 OF 121526. AT 2330 GEORGE HYPO MADE CONTACT WITH TWO CRUISERS ON PORT BEAM. HITS WERE SCORED 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 PRIK 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 METERS XX TWO ONE TWO FIVE SEVEN SLANT TWO SEVEN UNQUOTE X
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM CINCPAC

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AMPLICIFYING REPORT FROM MIDWAY TWO SEAPLANES 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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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 EFFECTIVITY NESS X PARAGRAPX X NO REPORT FROM BROWN BUT ENEMY RADIO INDICATES CONTACTS BEGINNING 9º3º2 HU05 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 234º2/1ºTH X FURTHER DETAILS WHEN RECEIVED

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CONTINUING MY 271737, THAT FIGHT IS OVER. LANDING NOT
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FAIR SHAPE BUT WITH PRACTICALLY NO TORPEDOES. BRITISH
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PLACE. PERTH IS AT PRIÖK. 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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IS IN SIGHT. SURFACE FORCES REMAINING NEGLIGIBLE AND WITHOUT AIR PROTECTION BUT DETERMINATION PREVAILS RESIST WITH ALL FORCES AVAILABLE. INDICATIONS ATTEMPT AT LANDING WEST OF SOURABAYA WILL BE REPEATED BY ENEMY TONIGHT. THIS FROM COMSOWESTPAC TO COMINCH AND OPNAV.

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February 25, 1942.

TO THE PRESIDENT

DIGEST FROM COMMANDER SOUTHWEST ATTACK FORCE: JAVA FIGHT OVER.

LANDING NOT REACHED NOT EFFECTED. TRANSPORTS RETRIED BUT ENEMY COVERING FORCE PREVENTED OUR STRIKING FORCE REACHING THEM LAST NIGHT. NOW IN RETREAT. NOT BELIEVED SERIOUSLY DAMAGED HOUSTON AND PERH. IN SORABABA HURRICANE DAMAGED; IN SAME PLACE ENCOUNTER AND ALL FIVE US DESTROYERS FROM STRIKING FORCE PAIR SHAP ES BUT LOW ON TORPEDOS. LOSERS IDENTIFIED

US ELECTRA AND JUPITER, DUTCH DO KONINK LA SUNK, DE KUTTER AND JAVA RAINLY DAMAGED WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN. LIMIT OF JAVA RAISED OPERATIONS IN SIGHT DUE TO FUEL SHORTAGE THERE, SURFACE FORCES WITHOUT AIR PROTECTION BUT WILL CONTINUE TO RESIST VIGOROUSLY. ADDITIONAL LANDING ATTEMPT NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATIONS ENEMY LOST.

EXPECTED TONIGHT, PARAGRAPH DIGEST FROM CHIEF DESTROYER JONES (OLD) SUNK BY TORPEDO OR MINE. TWELVE SURVIVORS PICKED UP FROM LIP KAPT BEING Brought IN BY Nautilus. THE KAPT WAS LOCATED ABOUT TWENTY-SIX MILES SOUTHEAST OF CAPE HAY. PLANES AND PATROL VESSELS SEARCHING FOR ADDITIONAL SURVIVORS AND SUBMARINES.

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* Phoned by Captain Danabrook 13.15.28

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By Deputy Archivist of the U.S.

By:_

Date DEC 22 1972

Send letter 10.3.72 DEC 22 1972

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Continuing my 272737, that fight is over. Landing not effected. Enemy transports last reported retreating 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-36. 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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MY 250753 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 RABaul 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 COM TASKFOR 11 X FOR ACTION CINC PAC AND COM ANZAC X INFORM OTHER INTERESTED COMMANDS

EDWARD HYPO OHARE

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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 ANTIAIRCRAFT FIRE FROM CARRIER 1000 YARDS FROM SHIP X SECOND ATTACK FIVE PLANES REACHED RELEASE POINT X SALVO LANDED ASTERN CARRIER ON PORT QUARTER NEAREST 1000 FEET SOME FRAGMENTS LANDING ON SHIP X BOTH GROUPS CIRCLED FORMATION AND MADE FINAL APPROACH UP WIND FROM ASTERN IN TIGHT VEE FORMATION X RELEASE POINT AT ABOUT ELEVEN TO TWELVE THOUSAND FEET ALTITUDE X PLANES CAMOUFLAGED MOTTLED GREEN AND CLAY COLOR TYPE 97 X ANTIAIRCRAFT FIRE INACCURATE IN FUZE RANGE PROBABLY DUE TO CHANGE OF ALTITUDE DURING FIRST PART OF FINAL APPROACH X THIS IS PART TWO OF CURRENT FOR 24 FEB 1942 232416

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FROM CONTACTFORCE 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 FLATTE ARRIVING THERE 1200 FEBRUARY 22ND. CINCPAC TRANSMIT TO COMMANDER AUSTRALIAN FORCE AND COMANZAC.

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R-5 REPORTS UPON SURFACING TUESDAY 19TH 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. DEFERED FOR BASE 4 HOURS LATER AS SCHEDULED DUE TO LACK OF COMMUNICATIONS. BY HAND TO COMAIRLANT AND NOB BERMUDA.

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