

#80 (a) ATTACKS ON SUBS (POSITIVE SINKINGS)

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FROM USS BROOME	FOR ACTION	COM 6	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			RRRRR
DATE 3 MAY 1942			DEFERRED
TOB CODEROOM 2012/1745	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY EDWARDS/BERRY			ROUTINE
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PLEASE PASS TO COMINCH CINCLANT OPNAV COMEASTSEAFRON

INITIAL SUB CONTACT LONG 70-15-30 LAT 33-50-45 AT
1023 QUEEN MAY SECOND RANGE 2300 YARDS X DEVELOPED
CONTACT AND DELIVERED SUCCESSIVE ATTACKS X PROPELLOR
SOUNDS HEARD AT 1105 LARGE QUANTITY OF OIL AND MANY AIR
BUBBLES SIGHTED FROM THEN ON CONTINUOUS WAKE OF AIR
BUBBLES AND OIL ENABLED TRACKING FROM SUB MANEUVERED
CONTINUOUSLY CUTTING INSIDE OUR TURNING CIRCLE AND HEAD-
ING BACK THROUGH DEPTH CHARGE PATTERN TURBULENCE 1134
SIGHTED PERISCOPE AND OPENED FIRE 1143 SUB TRIED TO
SURFACE HEARD PROPELLOR NOISES CONTINUED ATTACKS SUB
WAKE PLAINLY VISIBLE BUT MOVING SLOWER ABOUT THREE
KNOTS 1154 INCREASED OIL DISCHARGE SHOWING IN WAKE
1347 AFTER ATTACK NOTICED LARGE GUSHES OF AIR AND SMALLER

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GUSHES LASTING FORTY MINUTES SUB REMAINING STOPPED
 THERE AFTER VERY LARGE OIL SLICK FORMED X BUOYED SPOT
 AND SOUNDED TWENTY FATHOMS LATER HMS LE TIGRE DROPPED
 BOTTOM SET CHARGES AND OBTAINED ADDITIONAL OIL SMALL
 BUBBLES RISING VISIBLE UNTIL DARKNESS FINAL LOCATION
 LONG 77-14-00 LAT 33-55-30 BY OBSERVATION X PATROLLED
 AREA UNTIL 0300 QUEEN MAY THIRD LARGE OIL SLICKS
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FROM COMEASTSEAFRON	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	OP POP TOP
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 1 MAY 1942	FOR INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 2307/2249			PRIORITY
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FOLLOWING FROM ARMY LANGLEY BOMBER MISSION REPORT NUMBER 301 MAY 1. AT 1035 QUEEN CONTACT BY INSTRUMENT AND VISUAL AT 3 1/2 MILES BEARING 300 DGS PORT BOW OF PLANE SURFACED DECKS AWASH COURSE 060 TRUE SPEED 4 KNOTS. DROPPED FOUR MK 17 DC 25 FOOT SETTINGS 10 FEET APART 45 DGS HEAD ON FROM 500 FEET SPEED 128 KNOTS. SUB WAS SUBMERGED 8 SECS AT TIME OF DETONATION OF ALL CHARGES. RESULTS OIL AND AIR BUBBLES IMMEDIATE AFTER DETONATIONS THEN EIGHT MINUTES LATER SAME POSITION LARGE AIR BUBBLE APPEARED AND SAME 13 AND 28 MINUTES AFTER ATTACK SAME POSITION. ONE HOUR AFTER ATTACK BLACK OILY SUBSTANCE CLEARLY VISIBLE AT POSITION OF ATTACK. PLANE LEFT SCENE ONE HOUR AFTER ATTACK DUE ENGINE TROUBLE. DESCRIPTION OF SUB 740 TON TYPE NO GUN SEEN CONNING TOWER BLuish GREEN. NOTE SUB CONTACT BY INSTRUMENT FOLLOWED BY VISUAL. CAUGHT EMERGING AND DUE RELATIVELY SLOW RATE SUBMERGING APPARENTLY TRIMMED TO SURFACE.

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FROM HQ EDC AND 1ST ARMY	FOR ACTION	G-2 WAR DEPT WASH DC.	PPPPPPPP
RELEASED BY		COMINCH	ROUTINE
DATE 1 MAY 1942	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
FOR CODEROM 1857 /			PRIORITY
DECODED BY PORTER / BUSH			ROUTINE
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AIR REPORT ENDING NOON GMT ONE MAY COLON THREE ATTACKS ON SUBMARINES COLON BY ONE B DASH ONE EIGHT AT 2145 GMT ON PERISCOPE AND WAKE AT 423Ø NORTH 69-35 WEST WITH FOUR CHARGES SET AT 25 FEET EFFECT OIL CAME TO SURFACE, BY ONE B DASH ONE EIGHT BASH B AT 235Ø GMT ON SUB SEEN BUT SUBMERGED BEFORE ATTACK AT 34-16 NORTH 73-53 WEST WITH ONE CHARGE SET 25 FEET EFFECT UNKNOWN, BY ONE L. B. THREE NAUGHT AT Ø31Ø GMT ON SUBMARINE ON SURFACE AT 34-29 NORTH 74-27 WEST WITH THREE CHARGES SET 25 FEET SUBMARINE BELIEVED DESTROYED STOP MISSIONS RECONNAISSANCE 72 OBSERVATION 116 CIVILIAN 64 STOP EXCEPT FOR EARLY MORNING HAZE AND FOG IN NEW YORK DASH PHILADELPHIA AREA FLYING CONDITIONS GOOD OVER ENTIRE AREA.

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TOR CODEROM 2317/1914			PRIORITY
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COMINCH SERIAL 00109 X HAWAIIAN SEA FRONTIER X AFFIRM THREE X
 BAKER ONE X CAST NONE X DOG TWO X EASY ONE X FOX NONE X
 GEORGE THREE X HYPO ONE X INT TORPEDO OBSERVED TO HIT
SUBMARINE PLUS OIL AND DEBRIS ON SURFACE FEW MINUTES LATER X
 JIG NONE X KING NONE X LOVE NONE X MIKE SUBMARINE
 PERISCOPE SIGHTED X NO CONTACTS WITHIN FIVE HUNDRED MILES
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FROM HQ EDO & FA OOV 18	FOR ACTION	WAR DEPT WASH. COMINCH	PRIORITY
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DATE 1 MAY 1942	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM 4657/4634			PRIORITY
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ATTACK BY ARMY BOMBER ON SUB
 AT 0310 GMT, POSITION 32-49 N DASH 74-27 W .
 BOMBER DROPPED DEPTH CHARGES 100 FEET EITHER SIDE
 OF 200 FOOT HULL IN ATTACK FROM STARBOARD SIDE, CIRCLED
 AND DROPPED ADDITIONAL CHARGE ON DISAPPEARING CONNING
 TOWER. DESTROYED SUB. ABOVE INFORMATION FROM BOMCOMM.

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TOR CODEROM	0135/2015	INFORMATION	PRIORITY
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ACTION TO ADMIRALTY FOR OIC FROM COMINCH.

SUB ATTACK SUMMARY. TWO TORPEDOES MISSED 00 USS RAVEN 33-31N 76-57W AT 1025Z/25, INEFFECTUAL DEPTH CHARGE ATTACK MADE. PLANE ATTACKED SUB 40N 72-36W AT 1445Z/25, NO RESULT. TWO ATTACKS ON MOVING SOUND CONTACT 34-55N 75-45W AT 1915Z/25, RESULT LARGE QUANTITY OIL AND BUBBLES. TWO AIRCRAFT SIGHTINGS: 35-20N 75-25W AT 0032Z/26, 41-50N 69-30W AT 1110Z/26. WEST IMBODEN 41-14N 65-54W AT 0248Z/23, ONE TORPEDO AND APPROX 35 SHELLS, NO SUB DESCRIPTION DUE TO DARKNESS. UNCONFIRMED SIGHTING 02-43S 41-48W AT 1200Z/23. LARGE SUB SIGHTED 13-11N 72-33W AT 1410Z/21. TWO DIARIES RECOVERED FROM BODIES OF U-85 APPEAR TO ESTABLISH THE FOLLOWING. YEAR 1941. AUGUST 10 ARRIVED TRONDHEIM FROM OSLO, 29 SAILED FOR NORTH ATLANTIC FIRST WAR CRUISE. SEPT 2 DEPTH CHARGED BY AIRCRAFT, MET U-105, 4 SOUTH DEN-

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MARK STRAITS, 9 SOUTHEAST GREENLAND FOLLOWED CONVOY, 10 GUNNED BY DD, TORPEDOED TWO SHIPS 1720Z, HEAVILY DEPTH CHARGED SURFACED AT 1748Z, DEPTH CHARGED BY AIRCRAFT 1918Z, DAMAGE 000000 IMPAIRED ABILITY TO DIVE, RETURNED. OCT 16 LEFT NAZAIRE SECOND WAR CRUISE, 21 AND 22 CHASING CONVOY INEFFECTIVELY, 24 HUNTING CONVOY OFF NEWFOUNDLAND. YEAR 1942. JAN 1 LEFT LORIENT THIRD WAR CRUISE, 17 TRIED TO OPERATE AGAINST CONVOY WS16, COURSE 180, ORDERED TO AMERICA, 21 FIRED 4 AT STEAMER 1648Z, 24 SIGHTED VESSEL STOPPED SUBMARINE TRAP, 27 BAPTISM OF FIRE AIRCRAFT ATTACK, POSSIBLY 46N 51W 1230Z/27, 28 OFF NEWFOUNDLAND, BOMBED AND HIT 1848Z, INNER EXHAUST FLAP VALVE DAMAGED. FEB 8 OPERATED AGAINST CONVOY, TORPEDOED SINGLE SHIP POSSIBLY EMPIRE FUSILIER, RETURNED OWING TO FUEL, 23 REACHED NAZAIRE. MARCH 21 SAILED NAZAIRE, 28 SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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HEARD ABOUT BRITISH LANDING AT NAZAIRE. APRIL 7 POSITION
660 MILES FROM WASHINGTON, 10 STEAMER SUNK.

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SUBMARINE SUNK BY USS ROPER IDENTIFIED AS THE U-85 X
29 BODIES AT NOB X NO OFFICER BODIES.

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To President

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Taps nearing south coast Tava by
sea in addition to three landings
on north shore x Helfrich directs
withdrawal allied surface forces resting
naval defense Tava on submarines x
(air surface forces report definite
sinking submarine about fourteen
miles from Key West x nothing from
Halsey x MacArthur has nothing to report
McA

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