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My Room
Used six planes in covering ninety two percent with negative results. X submarine torpedoed and sunk SS Chloe. Repeat SS Chloe 34 miles southeast Amedee. Repeat Amedee light 20h1/6 x. Captain of Chloe reports SS John Adams. Repeat John Adams on fire and abandoned 29-30 south 164-35 east at 16h2/5.
From: Necal
To: Agwar

No. 44, May 7th.

URGENT

Crew of SS "Chloe" report the SS "John Adams" abandoned and burning at sea 120 miles Southwest of Noumea. Marshall from Patch. "John Adams" left Noumea at 1500 L May 5th. This report received by radio from rescue vessel and no repeat no further details are available. Have advised MacArthur.

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U.S.

7180 Gross
442 ft LOA
11 Kts
Liberty Ship
XAT

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ARMY NEW CALEDONIA NUMBER 44 OF MAY 7 TO AGWAR IS
PASSED FOR INFO, Begins this report received by radio
From rescue vessel and No repeat no further details are
Available x crew of ss "CHLOE" Report the ss "JOHN
ADAMS" Abandoned and burning at sea 120 miles Southwest
Of noumea x marshall from Patch "JOHN ADAMS" Left noumea
At 1500 L May 5th x have advised Macarthur

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OPNAV SERIAL #6975: REFERENCE. AFIRM-SS JAVA ARROW. BAKER THE 5TH OF MAY 1942. CAST-AT 2345 Q. DOG- LAT 27.35 N LONG 80.16 W. EASY-2 TORPEDOES. FOX-44 AMERICANS AND 1 BRITISH GEORGE WERE THROWN OVERBOARD IN LOCKED AND WEIGHTED BOX.

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RXW31 39/38 IMP BG BERMUDA
ADMIRACIRC IMMEDIATE OPMNAV
WASHINGTON PRIORITY/JK

FOLLOWING READ AT 2145 GMT BEGINS SS AFOUNDRIA (KOMQ) TORPENODED OFF WEST END HAITI POSITION 20 DEGREES 00 MINUTES CAPE STNICHOLAS ENDS 2203P/5

NAVYCOM BERMUDA

1229P

2145 GMT SS AFOUNDRIA KOMQ 20 ØØ 73 3Ø 25 2203P/5

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*Halsey?

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MY DISPATCH \underline{061041}. SURVIVORS SS HALSEY STATE POSITIVELY SHIP STRUCK FROM OPPOSITE SIDES AND THAT THEY SAW TWO SUBMARINES.
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REFERENCE OPNAV SERIAL 367516.

1. AMERICAN 80 FEDERAL.
2. 30 APRIL 1942
3. 1120 ZONE PLUS 4.
4. LAT 21-14 N LONG 76-16 W.
5. BY SHELLFIRE NO TORPEDO FIRED.
6. 20 WHICH ENCLOSED 27 US CITIZENS 1 FILIPINO KILLED BY SHELLFIRE 11 US CITIZENS.
7. STATUS NOT KNOWN BY SURVIVORS INTERVIEWED PRESUMABLY WENT DOWN WITH SHIP.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: INDEFINITE CALL (PRESUMABLY ALUSLO NOUMEA)

RELEASED BY

DATE: 7 MAY 1942

TOR CODEROM: 07123

DECODED BY: HAMPTON

PARAPHRASED BY: HUTCHINSON

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ROUTED-FULTON

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FROM: ROUTED-FULTON

50417 NCR XHXX 2447

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TEXT

PANAMA M/S SNARK AGROUND ON REED. BEARING 322 DEGREES TRUE DISTANCE 3 MILES FROM ISLAND LIGHT ON EVEN KEEL IN QUIET WATER, BROKEN IN 2. WATER IN ALL HOLDS. SHIP IS NOT SALVAGEABLE WITH EQUIPMENT ON HAND. CARGO 1,750 TONS WOOL WET WITH FUEL OIL AND SALT WATER BUT STILL SALVAGABLE. LOCAL SALVAGE CONCERN HAS MADE OFFER FOR SALVAGING WOOL BUT AS YET UNACCEPTED BY CARGO AGENTS WILHELMSEN IN SYDNEY. EVERYTHING ELSE PILLAGED UNDERSTAND BY FRENCH NAVAL MISSION. THE SHIP IS NOW OWNED BY U.S. SALVAGE ASSOCIATION. MEMBERS CREW SIGNED ON IN U.S. REPATRIATED U.S. MEMBERS CREW SIGNED IN AUSTRALIA REPATRIATED AUSTRALIA.

PASSED BY TANGIER TO OPNAV.

ACTION...COMINCH.

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OPNAV SERIAL FIVE. ENTIRE CREW MOBILIZED LANDED SAN JUAN. JOSEPH
391180 off XAC.

CUDAHY AMERICAN TORPEDOED TODAY 65 MILES NW DAY TORTUGAS. NOKIHI-
371293 off XAC.

ANA AMERICAN TORPEDOED TODAY 18-40 N 05-12 W. EASTERN SWORD TORPED-
371294 off XAC.

dED AND SUNK 4 MAY 8 MILES OFF GEORGETOWN BEACON ENROUTE DEMARARA.

17 SURVIVORS 12 MISSING. DELisle AMERICAN TORPEDOED 4 MAY 27-28 N
30-03 W. 34 SURVIVORS, ATHÉL EMPRESS SUNK BY TWO TORPEDOS AND THIRTY
30-01 W. 44 BRITISH SURVIVORS. CONFIDENTIALS THROWN OVERBOARD IN
11-42 N 61-15 W. THIRTY FIVE SURVIVORS GREEK ONE DANISH
WEIGHTED BAG IN SIX FATHOMS WATER, BRITISH WORKMAN NO SUNK. NOR-
7624 GT STRUCK BY THREE TORPEDOES MAY 2 AT 1645Q
WEIGHED IN 11-42 N 61-15 W. THIRTY FIVE SURVIVORS GREEK ONE DANISH
ONE CANADIAN ONE BRITISH SIX NORGE TWENTY SIX. LOSSES NORGE TWO.
CONFIDENTIALS LOST WITH SHIPS.

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SAIL SAIL DELISLE TORPEDOED OFF HOBIE SOUND AT 304Z MAY 5 X SURVIVORS BEING PICKED UP
SS Mobile Oil sunk 29 April 1941 Queen 26-30 North 66-00 west torpedoed and shelled no casualties. Secret and Confidential publications sunk in weighted bag.
CH21 OP TO COMINCH

KDRB: GULFPRINCE

KDRB SHIP SINKING TWO MILES SOUTHEAST REEF LIGHT AT 16:15 GMT AR DE WAX

TOR 1618:30

TOD 1620 MD MD UR

COMINCH ACTION

05 19 19 25 29A 39K CG 00R 37 16 WOA
29G 38 HYDRO FWO(1) OWO(2)

x 6500 Tons

Plotted

Florida Straits
PIGEON DAMAGED BY ENEMY BOMBERS 3 MAY AND SANK IMMEDIATELY X NO CASUALTIES

COPY DELIVERED TO OPNAV CODEROOM 0427/6TH

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RECORD COPY: 38 NAVAIDE BUORD BUSHIPS BUBANDA 280P BUNAV 29P 20V FILE

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RECP: OPDO SHO 19 (ADDITIONAL DISTRIBUTION WILL BE MADE WHEN AUTHORIZED BY OP 19)
FROM CTF WM 54
RELEASED BY
DATE MAY 4, 1942
FOR CODEROOM 2147/43
DECODED BY JONES
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TEXT
FOOT USN DINKY NUMBER 11547 MANUFACTURED NYD BOSTON 1929 CANOE PLAN 37442 WASHED UP ON BEACH WEST COAST AUSTRALIA.
MARINE GROWTH INDICATES ABOUT 2 MONTHS IN WATER. REQUEST INFO FROM RECORDS BUSHIPS IF BOAT WAS CARRIED BY ASHEVILLE JD EDWARDS. POPE PILLSBURY LANGLEY OR PECOS.

From USS Lark (now in Okinamcal)

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OPNAV SERIAL 1:

FEDERAL AMERICAN TANKER TORPEDOED AND SUNK 30 APRIL, 21-15 NORTH, 76-45 WEST. 14 KNOWN SURVIVORS. HARRY G. SEIDEL, AMERICAN TANKER, REPORTED 29TH, NOT CONFIRMED SUNK. 6 MILES EAST LOS TESTIGOS ISLANDS. LA PAZ, BRITISH, TORPEDOED, 1 MAY, 28-15 NORTH, 84-29 WEST.
500 KC INTERCEPT

SS LA PAZ 2815 N 80520 W TORPEDOED

TOR -- 1 MAY

COMINCH ACTION

Ø5 1Ø 19 2Ø 2ØA 2ØK CG OOR 37 16 00A 2ØG 38

HYDRO BUSHIPS OPDO FWO(1) CWO(2)
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE BY TELEPRINTER CIRCUIT (TRX) AT 1524 DATE 1 MAY 1942
FROM: DISTRICT INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, SEVENTH NAVAL DISTRICT
TO: DIRECTOR OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE
TEXT: SUBJECT -- SS "LA PAZ"
LATER INFORMATION IS THAT DISTRESS CAUSED BY TORPEDO, BUT VESSEL BEING TOWED TO BEACH AND APPARENTLY BEING PUMPED OUT.

COMINCH ACTION
85 12 19 20 20A 20K CG 16R 37 16
89A 29G 38 HYDRO PRO(1) OW(2)
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE BY TELEPRINTER CIRCUIT (TRX) AT 1217 DATE 1 MAY 1942

FROM: DISTRICT INTELLIGENCE OFFICER SEVENTH NAVAL DISTRICT

TO: DIRECTOR OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE

TEXT: SUBJECT: SS "LAPAZ"

REFERENCE: --DIO 7 TT Ø11250 and Ø11250

SUBJECT IS BEING TOWED TOWARD LEACH BY WEDEN. QUITE PROBABLE SUBJECT HIT SUNKEN "KORSHOLM".

COMMENC ACTION

Ø5 19 19 24 28A 29K 06 29R 37
16 88A Ø1A 38G 38 HYDRO

FND(1)/CWO(2)/ BUSHIPS
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED
NAVAL INTELLIGENCE BY TELEPRINTER CIRCUIT (THX) AT
100596 DATE 1 MAY 1942

FROM: DISTRICT INTELLIGENCE OFFICER SEVENTH NAVAL
DISTRICT

ACTION: DIRECTOR OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE

TEXT: SUBJECT SS LA PAZ

REFERENCE OUR TT 81/1050 OCT MAY 1 1942

SUBJECT VESSEL APPARENTLY BEING ABANDONED. CREW
IN LIFEBOATS. REPRESENTATIVE OF THIS OFFICE NOW ON SCENE
IN NAVY PLANE. ENDEAVORING TO CONTACT CREW IN BOATS. REPORT
OF TORPEDOING NOT ESTABLISHED BUT VESSEL EVIDENTLY IN
DISTRESS AND SLOWLY SETTLING BY THE STERN.

REFERENCE: TT 81/1050, DID 7ND ORIG: SUBJECT VESSEL
TORPEDOED OFF CAPE CANAVERAL. REPORT RECEIVED FROM SS LA
PAZ QUOTE "TORPEDOED AT 0847 OCT 1 MAY POSITION 26/15 N
78/28 W/" UNQUOTE. THIS POSITION TEN MILES SOUTH EAST CAPE
CANAVERAL, FLORIDA. ACTIONS AGENCIES HAVE BEEN ADVISED.
SIGNED FORTSUN.

COMINCH ACTION

10 16 19 20 200 20K
37 38 HYDRO CG CWX(3)

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**NAVAL MESSAGE**

**FROM**
NMB STMD CUBA

**RELEASED BY**
1 MAY 1942

**DATE**
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**TOR CODE ROOM**
BRINKLEY

**DECODED BY**
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<td>STEAM VESSEL FEDERAL SUNK BY SHELL FIRE 1638Z IN LATITUDE 21-15N LONG 76-05W. 27 SURVIVORS ALL AMERICAN. CLASSIFIED PUBLICATIONS SAFE IN MASTERS POSSESSION. BY 362229 APRIL AND 616233.</td>
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FOR COMINCH OP PRIORITY

SS WORDEN TORPEDOED 10 MILES SOUTHEAST OF CAPE CANAVERAL

TOR  $955/1 DE

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Ø5 11 19 2Ø 2ØA 2ØK CG 00R 37 16 00A 2ØG 38
HYDRO BUSHIPS FWO(1) CWØ(2) OPDO
NY 1-2990 NR 7 51 ND

COMMANDER IN CHIEF US FLEET NAVY DEPT WASH

PRIORITY RT

RADIO
INTERCEPT BY CHESAPEAKE BAY SECTOR APPROXIMATELY 1500 GMT FROM 88 WORDEN SHIP TORPEDDOED TEN MILES SOUTHEAST CAPE CANAVERAL TIME 0557 EWT NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS BELIEVED THIS MAY HAVE BEEN 88 LAPAZ TORPEDDOED APPROXIMATELY SAME TIME AND PLACE STOP
EASTERN SEA FRONTIER NOW BELIEVES THIS SEPARATE SINKING ALTHOUGH NOT CONFIRMED SIGNED HARRIS O-2 EDC

COMINCH ACTION
ØS 1Ø 19 2Ø 2ØA 2ØK CG 9ØR 37
17 2ØA 2ØA 2ØG 3Ø HYDRO FWO CWO(2)

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE BY TELEPRINTER CIRCUIT (TWX) AT 7:14 DATE 1 MAY 1942

FROM: DISTRICT INTELLIGENCE OFFICER SEVENTH NAVAL DISTRICT

TO: DIRECTOR OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE

TEXT: TIME-DATE 01/1050 GCT MAY 1942
SUBJECT VESSEL TORPADOED OFF CAPE CANAVERAL
REPORT RECEIVED FROM SS LA PAZ QUOTE
"TORPADOED AT 0947 GCT 1 MAY POSITION 28/15 N 80.20 W
"UNQUOTE" THIS POSITION TEN MILES SOUTH EAST CAPE CANAVERAL, FLORIDA. ACTIONS AGENCIES HAVE BEEN ADVISED. SIGNED FORTSON
TOD 011115 GCT MAY 1942 END JFR PLS. ACK

END DD
COPY FC

COMINCH ACTION

16 FILE
TEN NORTHBOUND AND TEN SOUTHBOUND AMERICAN MERCHANT VESSELS ARE EXPECTED TO PASS CAPE CANAVERAL WITHIN NEXT TWENTYFOUR HOURS X THIS INFORMATION PASSED TO YOU IN VIEW OF TWO ATTACKS THAT AREA LAST NIGHT XX

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AFIRM SAIL SAIL HARRY GEORGE SEIDEL X
BAKER TWENTY NINE APRIL X CAST TWELVE THIRTY
GEORGE CAST TARE X DOG ELEVEN FIFTY NORTH SIXTY TWO
SEVENTEEN WEST X EASY TURPEDOED COMMA MAY STILL BE AFLOAT X
FOX AND GEORGE UNKNOWN

COPY DELIVERED TO 'OPNAV CODEROOM.'
NAVAL MESSAGE

drafter: ADMIRALTY
released by: [blank]
date: April 29, 1942
tor code room: 1484
decoded by: Lynch/Ormond
paraphrased by: Campbell

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routed by Lt. Fulton 282,956 NCR 7969
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(1) Following ships now overdue. WELL PARK due Cape Town
April 3, 1942 from St. John, N.B. MILLENIUM due in Cape Town
April 12, 1942 from St. Thomas. AUST due Cape Town April 12,
1942 from Bermuda. PASITIKOS due Montevideo April 2,
1942 from Durban. KIRKPOOL due Montevideo April 21ST, 1942,
from Durban. May be rather casualities. Not thought that
RAZOR H could have operated off of 51° degrees south
before about April 6.

(2) Further aircraft sighting of possible supply ship in
39°47' north, 31°37' west at 2210 April 22.

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29op... pa 14

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NAVAL MESSAGE  

FROM    COMEAUSEAERON  
REleased BY  
DATE    27 APRIL 42  
TOR CODEROOM  4741/4723  
DECODED BY  GLADE/PITKIN  

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FOLLOWING BY PHONE FROM PAN AMER QUOTE TANKER SINKING THREE FIVE DASH ZERO FIVE NORTH SEVEN FIVE DASH ONE ZERO WEST ONE TWO ONE SIX QUEEN UNQUOTE X PREVIOUS WRECK WITHIN SEVEN MILES THIS POSITION  

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SUBJECT: SS WESTIMBODEN REPORT OF INTERVIEW, WITH SURVIVORS OF.

1. SUBJECT VESSEL AMERICAN REGISTRY, 829½ TONS, TORPEDOED APRIL 21, 1942, AT 2248Q, LAT 41-14 N LONG 65-54 W, BOUND FROM PORT OF SPAIN TO BOSTON WITH ORES. THIRTY-SEVEN SURVIVORS, COMPRISING ENTIRE CREW, LANDED PORTLAND, MAINE, APRIL 23, 1942, BY U.S.S. BRISTOL.

2. SUBJECT VESSEL WAS ON COURSE 338 TRUE, SPEED 9 1/2 KNOTS, SEA SMOOTH, WIND FORCE 3, SKY OVERCAST, WHEN SINGLE TORPEDO STRUCK WELL FORWARD STARBOARD SIDE WITHOUT WARNING. CREW IMMEDIATELY TOOK TO BOATS.

3. SUBMARINE SURFACED AND FIRED 35 SHELLS INTO VESSEL WHICH SANK AT 9214Q. FOR SOME MINUTES PRIOR TO ATTACK SPARKS FROM STACK WERE NOTICED.
4. DESCRIPTION OF SUBMARINE INADEQUATE Owing TO DARKNESS.

5. ALL CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS THROWN OVERBOARD IN WEIGHTED BOX BY MASTER.

6. PERTINENT INFORMATION GIVEN TO PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER.

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AMERICAN SS STEELMAKER ATTACKED 33-52N 78-36W APRIL 19, 1942, 2230 EWT. STRUCK BY ONE TORPEDO NUMBER 5 HOLD PORT SIDE. VESSEL SANK 2315 EWT. CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS DOWN WITH SHIP. EIGHTEEN SURVIVORS LANDED NOB NORFOLK DESTROYER ROWAN 1300 EWT.

COPY DELIVERED TO OPNAV CODEROOM.
US WASHINGTONIAN bound from Suez for Colombo via Calcutta torpedoned on April 6th in about 07-25N and 73-05E and abandoned on fire. British Pampas and Norwegian Talabot daily serials 21 and 14 have been so severally damaged by bombs during air raids on Malta harbor that they are construed as total losses. One KG 40 aircraft appeared to be active from Tromhheim and one from Stavanger but nothing is known as to their areas of operations.

6617 tons (Daily Serial 23)

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FOLLOWING FOR U.S. SHIPPIING ADMINISTRATION:

DEC 26 1972

REGRET TO REPORT TOR-EDO SUNK WASHINGTONIAN NEAR LACOSTE ISLANDS APRIL SIXTH. ALL MEMBERS OF CREW REPORTED SAFE. APRIL 23 FROM BC CORNACK "FORTY ONE," MINISTRY STATES AT PRESENT UNABLE ESTIMATE WEEKLY RAIL TONNAGE FROM CALCUTTA ADVISING SOON AS MEANWHILE COTTON AVAILABLE IF AUTHORIZED OTHERWISE RECOMMEND LOAD PRIORITIES ELSEWHERE. REPORTED RAILROADS ENDURING TRANSPORT FROM CALCUTTA TWO THOUSAND TONS WEEKLY ALSO AGENTS TRYING TO CHARTER SMALL COASTWISE VESSELS WHICH IF SUCCESSFUL WILL HELP POSITION GREATLY. RECABLING POSITION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. FLOUZ OR CAN LIFT FORTY FIVE HUNDRED DEAD WEIGHT THREE EIGHT EIGHT HUNDRED CUBIC, EXHIBITOR DRY DOCKS APRIL TWENTY SECOND. KINGS FORTY ACKNOWLEDGED KOTA BAND COMPLETING DISCHARGE KARACHI TWENTY FOURTH. ONE BERTHS BOMBAY BOOKED UNTIL EARLY MAY IF YOU CAN

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ARRANGE QUICK DESPATCH ELSEWHERE RECOMMEND YOU INSTRUCT IMMEDIATELY OTHERWISE WILL DESPATCH BOMBAY APRIL TWENTY FIFTH TO WAIT FOR BERTH POSSIBLY BE UNABLE SECURE OTHER PRIORITY IN WHICH WE ARRANGE TO LOOK ELSEWHERE. BY MAY FIRST TANKI WILL BE COMPLETING DISCHARGE.

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37......ACTION

COMINCH.... 165...... 39...... 23......

CHP....... 2p........ UP.....

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Incoming Message

From: Ft Mills
To: Quartermaster General

No. 820, April 30th, 1942

Chartered transport Elcano and small motor launches Nilad and Crown destroyed this date by enemy action.

Ward

ACTION: SOS (TRANS)

INFO COPIES: FILE, AG, LOG, SGS, OPD, G-2, ONI, JIC, A-2, MAJ. HAMMOND

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ADMIRALTY NSHQ 819 OPNAV COMINCH FROM COAC

OCANA TORPEDOED ON MARCH 25TH. BANK IN POSITION 43-24N 64-45W APRIL 16TH WHILST IN TOW

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DAILY SERIAL 17.

BRITISH SHINKUANG AND AMERICAN EXMOOR SUNK BY JAPS IN THE BAY OF BENGAL. 3 CRAFT KG48 FROM TRONDHEIM ACTIVE OVER NORTHERN WATERS YESTERDAY. CONVOYS QP15 AND QP14 PROBABLY SIGHTED AND SHADOWED.

16....ACTION.
COMINCH...1/11...37...38...29C...BADO...2/0P....
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FROM FCC

INTERCEPTED FROM BALTIMORE UNIT FROM TUCKERTON N J RDO AT 1058/15

SUBMARINE SIGHTED SS W.S. FARISH AT 1030 GMT /15 6 MILES 100

DEGREES FROM CAPE FEAR LIGHT SIGHTED PERISCOPE

PHONED TOWDBYER 151100

COMINGH ACTION
05 10 19 20 20A 20G 20K CG 00R
00A 01A 37 16 38 BUSHIPS HYDRO
OPDO CWO(2) FWO(1)

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FROM FCC

INTERCEPTED BY BALTIMORE UNIT ON 500 KCS VIA RDO TUCKERTON NH AT 1058/15

SUBMARINE

C. O. STILLMAN  34 49 NORTH 75 45 WEST TANKER AFIRe AT 1035 GCT

PHONED TOWDBYER 151100

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COMINCH ACTION

Ø5 1Ø 19 2Ø 2ØA 2ØG 2ØK CG ØØR
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HYDRO CWO(2) FWO(1)
Naval Message

Drafted: COM 14
Released By: 
Addressee: OPNAV COMINCH
Priorities: Routine

Date: 15 April 1942
TOR Code Room: 4556 / 4538
Decoded By: PORTER / BUSH
Paraphrased By: 

Indicate by asterisk addresses for which mail delivery is satisfactory.

142117 008 9298

Unless otherwise indicated this dispatch will be transmitted with Deferred precedence.

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Originator fill in date and time

Text:

ESSO BOSTON TORPEDOED 12 APRIL 1320 QUEEN AT 21-45 NORTH 69-00 WEST. ONE TORPEDO. WHEN LAST SEEN BY SURVIVORS VESSEL BURNING AND STILL AFLOAT. ENTIRE CREW 37 SAVED ALL U.S. CITIZENS. ALL SECRET AND CONFIDENTIAL PUBLICATIONS SAVED AND IN CUSTODY CAPTAIN USS BIDDLE.

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NAVAL MESSAGE.

FROM: COMINCH
RELEASED BY: DYER
DATE: 14 APRIL 1942
TOR CODED: 2272 / 1246
DECODED BY: TIERS / RUSH

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TEXT

SUB ATTACK SUMMARY X TUG MENOMINEE SUNK BY SUB ABOUT 200 FEET LONG X WAS MAKING 12 TO 15 KNOTS X 3 OR 4 INCH GUN FORWARD SMALLER GUN AFT X FIRED 3 OR 4 SHOTS X MARY SUNK BY SUB REPORTED ABOUT 125 FEET LONG X PAINTED LIGHT GRAY WITH 6 INCH BLUE STRIP FROM STEM TO STERN X CONNING TOWER 6 TO 8 FEET IN HEIGHT ABOVE DECK X 3 INCH GUN FWD X SMALL AA GUN AFT X ACTION TO ADMTY X NSHQ X CINCNAVW X INFO TO CESF CGSF CCSF FROM COMINCH.

BAD....

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The following information received in the Office of Naval Intelligence by teleprinter circuit (TRX) at 0530 date 13 April 1942.

From: District Intelligence Officer Seventh Naval District

To: Director of Naval Intelligence

Subject: American SS Leslie

Subject: Vessel torpedoed and sunk at 1222 Zulu approximately 13 miles east of Cape Canaveral light, vessel enroute Cuba to New York, cargo 2000 tons sugar. Twenty seven survivors landed Cape Canaveral today, one dead and four missing. All confidential publications disposed of. Radio disabled by explosion of torpedo and no message sent.

Another subject --

Snelish MV *Korsholm* enroute Tampa to Halifax cargo phosphate shellend and set afire at 1301 Zulu approximately 10 miles east Cape Canaveral light. Seventeen survivors landed of which one was wounded. Also one dead member brought ashore. Eight missing, confidential publications destroyed by fire. All upper works destroyed by fire following approximately one hour of shelling. Vessel still afloat at 1317 Zulu. Vessel now 6 miles east Banana River air station drifting south, she has submerged about 4 feet since daylight today.

Distribution: COMINCH COG 16 37 39 OPDDO DJR 31
THIS IS MY 121624. CAPT OF PORT FOR TALARA REPORTS 13 MORE THAYER SURVIVORS INCLUDING CAPT 4 OFFICERS HAVE LANDED ACARAU. PHYSICAL CONDITION POOR ONE BAD. COMMANDER 52 INVESTIGATING POSSIBILITY LANDING ACARAU.

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From: Naval Observer Natal
Released by:
Date: 12 April 42
TOR Code Room: 2215/12
Decoded by: Watson
Paraphrased by: Silker

ADM (ACTION) OPNAV, Alusna RIO, Alusknob Recife advised INFO CTF 23.

CAPTAIN OF PORT FOR A 13, MORE THAYER SURVIVORS INCLUDING CAPTAIN 4 OFFICERS HAVE LANDED ACARAU. PHYSICAL CONDITION POOR.

ONE BAD. COMPATRON 52 INVESTIGATING POSSIBILITY LANDING EX ACARAU.

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10/11 BOWING 12/13/37/38

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ESSO BOSTON TORPEDOED LAT 21-42 NORTH LONG 60 WEST. PLANES REPORT SHIP ON FIRE. SURVIVORS IN BOATS. BIDDLE PROCEEDING. PLANES LOCATED WRECKAGE OF GRENANGER. NO SIGNS OF SURVIVORS.
REO FROM FOC AT 0655/11APR42

PRIORITY/SR

INTERCEPTED BY LAUREL UNIT FROM RDO CHARLESTON, S.C.
ON 500 KC AT 0645 GMT

DISTRESS SBS, NO RESPONSE, SINKING
POSITION 33 13 N 78 11 W AT 0639 GMT

COMING ACT ON 05 10 15 20 25 30 35 C.G. OR

37 16 01A 01A 38 HYDRO

BUSHIPS OPDO FWO(1) CWO(2)

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LT KELLY 111643 NG9 8575

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TEXT: (ACTION OPNAV, ALUSNA RIO ALUSNOB RECIPE NATAL ADVISED)

SS PIRINEUS BRAZILIAN REPORTS SS LUCENE THAYER AMERICAN TANKER SENT SOS FROM POSITION LAT 32-238 LONG 39-48W AT 2315 APRIL 9. SOS HEARD ONLY ONCE.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: COM 6 NN
RELEASED BY:
DATE: 11 APRIL 42
TOR CODE ROOM: 1835/11TH
DECODED BY: JERMAN
PARAPHRASED BY: GL TUCKER

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L.T. KELLY
111602 NCR 8382

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TEXT

2230 2 APRIL 1942, AMERICAN TANKER GULF AMERICA, ENROUTE TO PORT ARTHUR TO NEW YORK, WAS TORPEDOED TWICE AND HIT 5 TIMES BY SHELLS 27 MILES SOUTH OF SAINT JOHNS LIGHTSHIP.

CODES AND CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS THROWN OVERBOARD BY CAPTAIN IN WEIGHTED BAG AND CAN BE REGARDED AS SAFE FROM ENEMY POSSESSION.

OF THE CREW OF 49, 28 ARE KNOWN SURVIVORS, 12 KNOWN DEAD AND 9 ARE UNACCOUNTED FOR.

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111602
TO DHC APRIL 10 02

PLS FORWARD TO PRESS RELATIONS WATCH OFFICER:
THE FOLLOWING MSG WAS PICKED UP BY STATION UNH AT 0036 QUOTE THE
COTTMAN CO BALTIMORE TRUST BLDG, BALTIMORE, APRIL 10TH 3 AM ARRIVAL
TO CAPE HENRY WITH 26 SHIPWRECKED PERSONS THE SS MALCHACE MASTER
RAMON SANCHEZ MEN UNQUOTE THE SHIP WHICH SENT THIS MSG IS THE SS FAJA
DE ORO (CALL LETTERS XCF.S) A MEXICAN FLAG VESSEL X THIS MSG WAS
SENT BY THE FAJA DE ORO TO COASTAL STATION USC AT TUCKERTOWN NJ X
JUDGING FROM THE MSG THE FAJA DE ORO IS PROCEEDING INTO BALTIMORE
WITH THESE SHIPWRECKED PEOPLE FROM THE SS MALCHACE AND WE HAVE
THEREFORE ADVISED ONI AT BALTIMORE X PCBA

0053 PCBA 1139
A short time later, the PMG MSG received from FIELD CENSOR, BALTIMORE
QUOTE
RE OUR MSG NUMBER 11394 THE FOLLOWING MSG WAS PICKED UP BY STATION
WSH QUOTE KCPS (SS FAJA DE ORO) TO NAV (NAVY STATION NORFOLK VA)
MSG NR 1 CK 27 FLD 0445 GMT 10TH SS FAJA DE ORO (THIS STEAMER THEN
PASSED ON THE FOLLOWING CODE MSG) QUOTE VYMOA AGORA KPDH HIXCR
UVMX BVYPM UWZHR THFV SNOB HKVVF GNOOZ KHLUB YXZFG VUXZ XPLHB
CCNG DUTYV KWNJZ ZGKRE SHOJP SJHYN XZDPG HHCMV BDRBJ POFKH YSHVF
GULKE UNGOOTE X THIS IS POSSIBLY MERCHANT MARINE CODE, AND MAY DEAL
WITH THE LANDING OF THE 28 SHIPWRECKED PERSONS FROM THE SS HALCHAGEN
IF SO, THE LOCAL ONE AT BALTIMORE MAY DESIRE A COPY OF THE MSG
DECODED IN THE EVENT THIS SHIP BRINGS THESE SHIPWRECKED PERSONS ON
INTO BALTIMORE X
0115 FCBA 1140
UNQUOTE
0330 CCC 27431
TOP: 0738
END
MR3 REC'D TX 340AM
AMERICAN TANKER ATLAS STRUCK BY TWO TORPEDOES POSITION
LAT 35 DEGREES 27 MINUTES NORTH LONG 76 DEGREES 16
MINUTES WEST X FIRST TORPEDO STRUCK $250 EASY SAIL TARE
SECOND TORPEDO AT $300 EST NINE APRIL 1942 X SHIP
ABANDONED AT $257 COURSE 36 DEGREES TRUE SPEED TEN AND
ONE HALF KNOTS X TWO SEVEN SURVIVORS AT SECTION BASE
CAST
MOREHEAD CITY NEGAT/FIVE IN HOSPITAL MOREHEAD CITY X
ONE DEAD ONE MISSING X ALL CITIZENS EXCEPT ONE SWED
AND ONE NORWEGIAN BOTH OF WHOM HAVE FIRST PAPERS X
CONFIDENTIAL PUBLICATIONS THROWN OVERBOARD IN
WEIGHTED BAG X OPNAV DELIVER TO ON!

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**FROM** ALUSNOB HATA L
**ADRESSES** OPHAY, ALUSNA RIO ALUSNOB RECIFE
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**ROUTE BY FULTON** 192159 NCR 7735
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**TEXT**

MY 10313. TANKER EUGENE V. THAYER ENROUTE IN BALLAST BUENOS AIRES TO CARPITO. 13 SURVIVORS IN GOOD CONDITION LANDED BY PLANE AT 1500 GMT. NAMES WILL BE LISTED IN FOLLOWING DISPATCH. 26 INCLUDING CAPTAIN MISSING. PLANE PILOT REPORTS SHIP ON EVEN KEEL 15 DEGREES LIST TO STEREO, SMALL SMOLDERING FIRE AFT. UNARMED, THAYER WAS ATTACKED WITHOUT WARNING 0212 SOUTH 39-35 WEST AT 2130 YESTERDAY BY MACHINE AND DECK GUN FROM SHIP SHOOTING LONG LOW FORM. NO TORPEDOES WERE USED. SHIP WAS ABANDONED AT 2245. AS FAR AS IS KNOWN ALL PERSONNEL GOT AWAY IN GOOD CONDITION. ATTACKER CONTINUED SHELLING UNTIL THAYER TOOK FIRE ABOUT 0115. THERE WAS NO COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE THAYER AND HER ATTACKER. PLANE PILOT REPORTS SIGHTING ONE OTHER EMPTY LIFE BOAT IN VICINITY.

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**TEXT**

3500Tons X ARC

AMERICAN SS MALCHA SUNK BY TWO TORPEDOES 0158 EWT APRIL 9, 1942 AT 34-28N 75-56W X CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS DESTROYED X 28 SURVIVORS LANDED AT NOB NORFOLK 1350 TODAY X ONE MISSING

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MACHACE. COASTWISE FREIGHTER TORPEDOED T 1558 QUEEN APRIL.
NINE POSITION 34 DASH 2N 75 DASH 56W. TWENTY EIGHT SURVIVORS LANDED
AT NORFOLK AT 1030 QUEEN BY MEXICAN STEAMER FAJA DE ORO ONE MAN MISS-
ING VESSEL BELIEVED SUNK BUT MAY BE MENACE TO NAVIGATION TAMALITAS.
AMERICAN TANKER TORPEDOED AT 0029 APRIL. TEN POSITION 34 DASH 25N
75 DASH 00 W THIRTY FIVE SURVIVORS LANDED AT MOREHEAD CITY AT 0745
QUEEN APRIL. 10 BY NORWICH CITY TWO MEN MISSING SHIP LAST SEEN AT 0245
BURNING AND IN SINKING CONDITION WITH BACK BROKEN PENDING LATER INFOR-
MATION. BRITISH TANKER SAN DELFINO TORPEDOED VICINITY WIMBLE SHOALS
NEAR MIDNIGHT APRIL NINE TWENTY ONE SURVIVORS ENROUTE MOREHEAD CITY.
ABoard COAST GUARD CUTTER

TIME 2035/10 APR NH

COMING ACTION
36 15 19 20 28A 22B 22G 22K CG MLR
36A 37 16 36 OPDD BUSHIPS HYDRO
CWO(3) FWO(2)

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THE US FLAG TANKER ESSO BATON ROUGE OWNED BY STANDARD OIL CO OF NJ WAS SUNK 180315 OCT APRIL 15 MILES NORTHEAST OF ST SIMONS ISLAND GEORGIA. APPROXIMATE LATITUDE 31.22 NORTH 84.58 WEST. 34 OUT OF THE CREW OF 37 SAVED. SHIP SETTLED BY STERN IN ABOUT 7 FATHOMS OF WATER. SHIP HAD NO NAVY GUN CREW ABOARD. ALL CODES AND PUBLICATIONS SAVED.

7989 Gen 1m
US FLAG TANKER OKLAHOMA OWNED BY TEXAS OIL COMPANY Routed FROM PORT ARTHUR TEXAS TO PROVIDENCE RHODE ISLAND WAS TORPEDDOED AT 084300 OCT APRIL 1942 TWENTY MILES EAST OF THE NORTH EAST END OF SEA ISLAND GEORGIA. CARGO WAS APPROXIMATELY 1,000,000 GALLONS OF KEROSENE AND GASOLINE. SHIP WAS NOT ZIGZAGGING. SPEED SIXTEEN KNOTS. UNARMED. SHIP SETTLED BY STEARN IN APPROXIMATELY SEVEN FATHOMS OF WATER. SHIPPED SHELL ED WITH ABOUT ABOUT TWELVE ROUNDS OF WHICH FIVE WERE HITS FROM APPROXIMATELY FIVE HUNDRED YARDS. SUBMARINE DESCRIBED GERMAN SEVEN HUNDRED AND FORTY TON. AFTER SHELLING SUB PROCEEDED EAST ON THE SURFACE. APPROXIMATELY TWENTY FIVE SURVIVORS OF A CREW OF THIRTY EIGHT. WILLIAM L HOWELL SECOND ENGINEER BROUGHT IN DEAD. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE REMAINING MEMBERS WERE LOST WHEN THEY JUMPED OVERBOARD OR WERE KILLED IN THE ENGINE ROOM. CODES AND PUBLICATIONS WERE ALL SAVED.
FROM: EASTSEAFRON
ACTION: BUNAV ... COMINCH

PRIORITY MC

FOLLOWING FROM JUNEAU SS MIDDLESEX AND ARGENTINE STEAMER BRAZIL IN A COLLISION OFF SMITH POINT LIGHT CHESAPEAKE BAY X LATTER SHIP SANK X DANGER TO NAVIGATION ONE AND A HALF MILES 132 T FROM SMITH POINT LIGHT X NO IMMEDIATE HELP NEEDED FOR MIDDLESEX X BRAZIL SURVORS APPARENTLY ON MIDDLESEX

TODDU 1215/09

Com.ind - act

10 37 - 39 - Hydro - Buchan 28 - 00R - 00A.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: USS ZIMCON
RELEASED BY: 
DATE: APRIL 8, 1942
TOR CODE ORIGIN: 2125/244
DECODED BY: FIELD, BELL.

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(PASS TO) COMINCH FOR INFO

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$8161$ CCR 8429

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SSOCHO US REGISTRY PROCEEDING TAKOBA TUNWA TO PHILA-
DELPHIA SUNK BY SUBMARINE 8555 QUEEN 3 APRIL LAT 36-25
LONG 72-22.

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AMERICAN SS CATAHOULA SUNK 5 APRIL 1732 QUEEN 19-16 NORTH 68-12 WEST TWO TORPEDOES PORT SIDE NUMBER 5 TANK 38 SURVIVORS 2 DANES ALL OTHER U S X CONFIDENTIAL PUBLICATIONS SUNK IN WEIGHTED SACKS

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**J6425 NCR 477º**

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**TEXT**

S.S. CAUHOUOLA TORPEDOED LAT 19-38 NORTH LONG 68-29 WEST 1727 Q. STURTEVANT PROCEEDING ASSISTANCE.

**FILE**

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18/11...38...16...236...0PGO....

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NOA 346

RADIO SS ACADIA CK 23 GOV NAVY SIXTH NFT

GOVT NAVY CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS WASHINGTON DC

NOON APRIL SIXTH US DIPLOMATIC STEAMER ACADIA LAT 31.4N NORTH
LONG 71.5W WEST

CAPTAIN LOUIS BRECKENRIDGE

COMINCH - act

COMINCH-ACTION

10-13-37-39

ARMY (CAPT. MEYER RM 3113)

ARMY (CAPT. MEYER ROOM 3113)
NBA 314 Radio SS Acadia CK24 Govt SB Fifth NFT

Govt SB Chief of Naval Transportation Washington (DC) Six PM April Fifth US Diplomatic Steamer Acadia Lat 642 N Long 7947 W

Captain Louis Breckenridge

COMINCH ACTION

2357BE5APR8920 19 13 OPDO
GOVT NAVY
CHIEF OF NAVAL TRANSPORTATION
WASHINGTON DC

NOON APRIL FIFTH US DIPLOMATIC STEAMER ACADIA LAT 0.25 NORTH
LONG 79.30 WEST

CAPTAIN LOUIS BRECKENRIDGE

37 Art

10 15 16 20 38 39 Cunningham

1853CB5APR/10322
INTERCEPTED AT BALTIMORE LAUREL MONITORING STATION AT 1641
AT 1639 GMT WSC TRANSMITTED AUTO ALARM SIGNAL

AT 1648 STOPPED TRANSMITTED AUTO ALARM 1341 SIGHTED ENEMY
SUBMARINE DE KGUX (SS PETRO-FUEL) LAT 36.13 N LONG 75.37 WEST
** HEADING 90 DEGREES MV PETROFUEL SIGHTED VESSEL BURNING
EVIDENTLY TORPEDOED 36.86 N 75.32 WEST AT 1635 GMT
FROM WSC (TUCKERTOWN)

SSS ALLOW SIGHTED ENEMY SUBMARINE
DE KGUX** SS PETROFUEL
PHONED FROM FCC TO WPS 51788

COMINCH ACTION
05 10 11 19 20 25A 280 28K CG
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SIX APRIL  SIXTH US DIPLOMATIC STEAMER ACADIA LAT
SOUTH NORTH LONG BY RED

CAPTAIN LOUIS BRECKINRIDGE

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10-13-37-39
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AMERICAN TUG HEBBONEE AND BARGES ALLEGANY BARNEGAT ONTARIO SUNK BY GUNFIRE AT 0210 EHT APPROXIMATELY 37 34 NORTH 75 25 WEST X DISPOSITION OF CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS UNKNOWN X ALL CREW FROM BARGES TOTAL NINE LANDED AT METOMKIN COAST GUARD STATION X CAPTAIN AND CHIEF ENGINEER OF TUG LANDED FOUR ND X SIXTEEN UNACCOUNTED FOR X DETAILED REPORT TO FOLLOW

COPY DELIVERED TO CNNAV CODEROOM

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10/11...12...13...37...38...39...20K...FILE
FILES: 210P...P1A...21...GEN
TEXT

SS Menominee XI A TUG BELONGING TO SOUTHERN TRANSPORTATION COMPANY WAS SUNK BY SHELL FIRE ENEMY SUBMARINE ONE AND FIVE TENTH MILES ONE TWO ONE DEGREES TRUE FROM PARRAMORE BANK VIRGINIA AT 223300 ZUL 23 MAR 31. THIS TUG HAD NO CODES OR CONFIDENTIAL PUBLICATIONS ABOARD. THE ABOVE INFORMATION RECEIVED BY DISTRICT INTELLIGENCE OFFICER UPON INTERVIEW OF SURVIVORS AT LENES DELAWARE.

DISTRIBUTION

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TEXT

MY 311415 AND 311949 X SS NORTHERN SUN AT LEWES DELAWARE WITH 2 SURVIVORS AND 1 DEAD FROM TUG MENOMINEE AND BARGES.

(Ten miles of Virginia Coast. Tug torpedoed and 3 barges scuttled. All sunk) details given Army dispatch.

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LT. KELLY

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TEXT

AT 1345 GMT MARCH 29TH, AMERICAN M.S. CITY OF NEW YORK TURFED TWICE, POSIT APPROXIMATELY 35 NORTH 73 WEST AND BANK WITHIN 15 MINUTES. ALL CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS BELIEVED CERTAINLY DESTROYED. ABOARD WERE 83 CREW MEMBERS, 43 PASSENGERS, 9 NAVY GUN CREW. AT 312345 GMT USS ROPER LANDED AT NOB NORFOLK. 70 SURVIVORS (70) OF WHO ALIENS. USS ACUSHNET EXPECTED MOMENTARILY WITH ADDITIONAL SURVIVORS INCLUDING MASTHER AND ARMED GUARD OFFICER.

COMINCH ACT.

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272344 MCR C193

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**CREW OF MAYFLOWER REPORTED ABROE IN SALVADOR ON 26TH.**

**SEARCHING PLANE REPORTED ON 27TH UNABLE TO LOCATE AND**

**PRESUMED TO BE SUNK.**

COC: 16

10/11...12...COM INCH...24C...25K...37...38...39...20P...31

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- **DECODER:** HEND/ WILKINSON
- **PARAPHRASER:** V. TUCKER

**INFORMATION**

- OPNAV
- PRIORITY
- ROUTINE
- DEFERRED

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**ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME**

- **DATE:** 270143P
- **TIME:** NCR 97T3

**TEXT**

(U.S. INFO ADMIRALTY 454, OPNAV, SD(1) KINGSTON COAC FROM CINC A&I)

YOUR 1350Z 20TH OAKMAR (US) SS 55 (BEING ATTACKED BY SUBMARINE)

RECEIVED 1847Z 20 POSITION 38-22 NORTH 68-50 WEST HANDLED BY WSL.

ATAVROE (GREEK) LANDED 30 SURVIVORS AT BERMUDA ON 24TH MARCH.

**DISTRIBUTION**

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MOTOR FISHING BOAT WAYFLOWER REPORTED IN SINKING CONDITION AND ABANDONED BY CREW IN LAT 23°N NORTH LONG 90°W WEST AT 0500Z ED X COM 11 REQUESTED TO NOTIFY OWNERS.

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FROM: NOB BERMUDA
RELEASED BY:
DATE: MARCH 26 1942
TOR CODE ROOM: W394/1145
DECODED BY: X CONDEN/CONDEN

TEXT: VP TOOK OFF AT DAWN MARCH 25TH TO SEARCH VICINITY 888 FROM NARRAGANSETT 9418Z 34-72 NORTH 67-40 WEST. FOUND SHIP 34-39 NORTH 67-36 WEST BOTTOM UP AT 1241Z. SHIP SANK AT 1351Z. VP CONTINUED SEARCH DURING DAY WITH NO SIGN OF SURVIVORS.
IT HAS BEEN REPORTED, WITHOUT ANY FURTHER DETAILS, THAT SURVIVORS OF SS "MARY, AMERICAN, TO HAVE BEEN PICKED UP IN SOUTH ATLANTIC.

DETAILS WILL BE REPORTED IF RECEIVED LATER.

37......ACT.

RECORD COPY TO.....16....COMINCH....DIV....FILE.
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**INFORMATION FOR ACTION:**

| COM EASTSEA FRON COMINCH |

**PRIORITY**

**ROUTINE**

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**TEXT**

EIGHT SURVIVORS ALL AMERICANS FROM SS ESSO NASHVILLE TORPEDOED 33-38N 77-20W ØØ1ØQ MARCH 21, 1942 LANDED NOB NORFOLKTODAY. SUBJECT SHIP BACK BROKEN FROM EXPLOSION STILL AFLOAT. STATUS OF SECRET PAPERS UNKNOWN HERE. SIXTH DISTRICT COGNIZANT.

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SS ESSO NASHVILLE ATTACKED BY SHELL FIRE AND THEN TORPEDOED
ABOUT 0002 QUEEN MAR 21. VESSEL BROKE IN TWO. ALL OF
CREW EXCEPT ONE BELIEVED SAVED. NINE SURVIVORS HAVE BEEN
LANDED AT SOUTHPORT SC. 29 SURVIVORS ABOARD TWO OTHER
RESCUE VESSELS PROCEEDING TO PORT.
S A N J U A N, P U E R T O R I C O: Passes report that "BARBARA" (U.S.) due San Juan from Baltimore torpedoed off Haiti 8th March.

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TEXT:

HAVANA REPORTS U.S. SHIP OLGA TORPEDOED NEAR SANTO DOMINGO.

CAN YOU CONFIRM?

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SUB ATTACK SUMMARY X W E HUTTON US TANKER HIT BY 2 TORPEDOES AND SUNK 20 MILES SOUTH CAPE LOOKOUT GAS BUOY S2197/19 X SMOKE AT TIME OF TORPEDOING WAS GREENISH WHITE WITH SICKENING TASTE X SUBMARINE SINKING ARABUTAN 35-15N 73-55W 0-45 TYPE PAINTED DARK GREY X ACTION TO ADMIRALTY X NSHQ X FROM COMINCH X
AMERICAN TANKER W E HUTTON TORPEDOED 20 MILES SOUTH CAPE LOOKOUT GAS BUDY 18 MAR 2215 EASTERN WAR TIME X SANK FORTY FIVE MINUTES AFTER BEING HIT X SHIP CARRIED BRITISH AND U S CODES X BRITISH CODES IN SAFE AND SANK WITH SHIP X CAPTAIN REPORTS U S CODES ON BRIDGE WERE PROBABLY BURNED UP WITH VESSEL

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**TEXT**

SUB ATTACK SUMMARY X AMERICAN LIBERATOR SUNK WITH ONE TORPEDO X AMERICAN PAPOOSE SUNK BY 2 TORPEDOES 15 MILES SW CAPE LOOKOUT Ø245Z/19 X SUB THAT SANK OLINDA DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS X VERY SMALL X PAINTED GREY METALLIC COLOR X 3 INCH GUN FORWARD X 2 SMALL AA GUNS ON CONNING TOWER X ANTENNA FROM AMIDSHIPS TO STERN X NO NET CUTTER X SUB THAT SANK OREGON HAD 4 OR 5 INCH GUN FORWARD SMALLER GUN AFT X ABOUT 200 ROUNDS FIRED INCLUDING TRACERS X PAINTED BLACK X SPEED ESTIMATED 17 TO 19 KNOTS X SUB APPEARED VERY LARGE X CONNING TOWER ESTIMATED EXTEND 15 FEET ABOVE WATERLINE X

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15 MILES SOUTH WEST CAPE LOOKOUT SS PAPOOSE
TORPEDOED 2245Q/18

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**Text:**

UNIDENTIFIED TANKER TORPADOED OFF DIAMOND SHOALS LIGHTED WHISTLE BUOY AT BK 1745 Q THIS DATE. SETTLING SLOWLY BY THE Stern, COAST GUARD VESSEL STANDING BY, BELIEVE CREW ABANDONING SHIP. THIS VESSEL CONDUCTING SEARCH IN AREA.

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FROM DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO OPA
THE FOLLOWING REC'D 12:01 P.M. FROM HABANA. DATED MARCH 13, 1942.
SECRETARY OF STATE: WASHINGTON. URGENT 94, MARCH 13, 2 P.M.
VICE CONSUL AT NUEVITAS REPORTS THAT AMERICAN VESSEL TEXAN HIT BY
TORPEDO AND 2 SHELLS WITHOUT WARNING AT 8:37 EVENING MARCH 11, 36 MILES
NORTHEAST OF NUEVITAS LIGHT. MOORE AND MCCORMACK NEW YORK AGENTS.
OF CREW OF 47 INCLUDING CAPTAIN ALL UNINJURED AND LANDED AT NUEVITAS
THIS MORNING EXCEPT 9 MEMBERS OF CREW STILL MISSING. NO TRANSPORTATION
TO THE UNITED STATES NOW IN PROSPECT FROM NUEVITAS AND SUGGEST THAT CREW
COME TO HABANA AND THAT DEPARTMENT ARRANGE PAN AMERICAN PLANE TAKE
THEM TO MIAMI MARCH 16TH. ALSO SUGGEST SIMILAR DISPOSITION CREW OF
39 FROM STANDARD OIL COMPANY PANAMANIAN TANK STEAMER HANSEAT RECENTLY
TORPEDOED WHO WILL ARRIVE HABANA MARCH 16. STANDARD OIL COMPANY AGREE-
EABLE TO THIS. FOLLOWING ARE MISSING CREW MEMBERS OF TEXAN: PAUL B
BOSCHENKE, CHARLES LOIT, F.J. RYAN, F.P. WARD, JOHN MAISONETTE,
WIPERS WAKEFIELD AND MCMANUS; BOATSWAIN MORLAND AND PANTRYMAN CULIEL.
(SGD) TEWELL
SENT TO DN 145PM 3/14/42 (HJ)

COMMAG...ACT.
12/11...16...39...28...OF-20...FILE...

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By RT Date DEC 26 1972

HCR 1079
FGC PHONE 445/12
CORRECTED COPY OF NAME OF SHIP
CORRECT NAME UNDERLINED

INTERCEPTED DIRECT BY BALTIMORE W/ UNIT ON 588 KCS 0944 QMT 12TH DISTRESS WACU*** SS TEXAN*** POSITION 2132 NORTH 7624.9 WEST TORPEDOED

TOR COMM OFF 445/12 QCT DE FROM DE

COMMUNICATION ACTION
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TEXT

SUB ATTACK SUMMARY X AMERICAN PASSENGER SS BARBARA TORPEDOED AND SUNK OFF COAST CUBA IN 75-56W MARCH 7 X 21 RESCUED OUT OF 100. PANAMERICAN TANKER ESSO BOLIVAR DAMAGED BY GUNFIRE AND TORPEDO TIME AND PLACE UNKNOWN BUT IN CARIBBEAN. SHIP NOW IN GUANTANAMO.

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RECEIVED IN NCR FROM BAD BY MESSENGER

9:0. CIUDAD TRUJILLO REPORTS 26 SURVIVORS OF U.S. SHIP OREGON LANDED 3/3 NEAR PUERTO PLATA STATING SHIP SUNK 3 DAYS OUT OF ARUBA. U.S. LEGATION INVESTIGATING. INCIDENT NOT REPORTED IN PRESS.

16...00G
16/11...12...13...CO1NCH...37...36...39...29 OP...FILE
DELIVERED BY HAND TO NCR FROM BAD

NCGD GEORGETOWN, B.G. REPORTS ONE SURVIVOR FROM BAYOU (PAN) RIO DE JANEIRO TO TRINIDAD PICKED UP ON RAFT IN POSITION 29°36' N 53°35' W AT NOON YESTERDAY 5TH MARCH. STATES SHIP TORPEDOED DURING NIGHT OF 27TH FEBRUARY AND SANK IN HALF A MINUTE, PROBABLE POSITION OF SINKING OFF PARAMARIBO.

BAD PASS TO OPHAV

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16...ACTION
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SG1112P
MY S42355 OREGON SUNK 1 MARCH 4 A.M. OFF CAKOEANGA. WHEREABOUTS OF NINE MEN AND MASTER IN ANOTHER BOAT NOT YET KNOWN.
**NAVY**

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**DATE** 5 MARCH 1942

**TOR CODEROOM** R327/5

**DECODED BY** BALL

**PARAPHRASED BY** HARDEY

**ROONEY O42355 NCR 5888**

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**TEXT**

TWENTY SIX SURVIVORS TORPEDOED U S TANKER OREGON LANDED FOUR MARCH RHEKB PUERTO PLATA.

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STEAMSHIP ESSO COPENHAGEN (PANAMA) SUNK 2255 Z 25TH FEBRUARY
L-N POSITION 1532 NORTH 53-20 WEST. TRAVELLING SURVIVORS ENTIRE
CREW LANDED TRINIDAD.

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ADMBALKTY 828 30 (1) JAMAICA CINC ANII OPHAV FROM NSHQ X
CONSULAR SHIPPING ADVISOR NEW ORLEANS REPORTS U.S. DIXIE
SWORD WHICH SAILLED FROM HALIFAX FEBRUARY 7TH DUE NEW ORLEANS
FEBRUARY 19TH WAS SUNK ABOUT FEB. 14TH. NO FURTHER
INFORMATION NSHQ.

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CTF 4

MARCH 2, 1942

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BRUMFIELD

OPNAV 211530 X NO TRACE OF POLLUX NOW VISIBLE SALVAGE PLANS ABANDONED X

WILL CONTINUE WITH SALVAGE PLANS FOR TRUXTON

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM ALUSHA LODON

RELEASED BY

DATE 25 FEB 1942

TOR CODEROOM 1748/25

DECODED BY EDWARDS

PARAPHRASED BY LA FOLLETTE

DAILY SERIAL 25 X AMERICAN FLORENCE DOG BOMBED AND SUNK FEBRUARY
NINETEEN POSIT 10-56 SOUTH 130-07 EAST X BRITISH ANGLO INDIAN
BOMBED AND DAMAGED FEBRUARY 12 ARRIVED COLOMBO X NORVEGIAN TANKER
EGDA ON65 TORPEDOED AND SERIOUSLY DAMAGED ARRIVED HALIFAX XX CONVOY
SC68 ARRIVED 25 SHIPS XX NO ACTIVITY KG69 OBSERVED YESTERDAY XX ONE
EIGHT INCH CRUISER PROBABLY PRINX EUGEN IN LO FJORD

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16..ACTION
COMINCH.10/11..29G..37..38..39..D00..OPDO..FILE
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DAILY SERIAL 19 XX YNIGREN SERIAL 5 IN CONVOY HX 168 TORPEDOED AND SUNK AT 0400 JANUARY 12 POSIT APPROXIMATE 57-00 NORTH 26-00 WEST XX 3 CRAFT K045 ACTIVE FROM BORDEAU X YESTERDAY OPERATING OFF WEST COAST OF PORTUGAL AND EXTENDING SOUTH OF CAPE SAINT VINCENT.
## Naval Message

**From:** COMCARIBBEAN SEA  
**Released by:**  
**Date:** 19 FEB 42  
**TOR Code Room:** 1058/19  
**Decoded by:** BIRNAUW  
**Paraphrased by:** GILTMUCKER

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**ORIGINATOR:** COMTASKGROUP 6.3, ACTION VAN KINSBERGEN

**REPORT RECEIVED VESSEL TORPEDOED AND SINKING OFF ENTRANCE ARUBA 1320 OCT**

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**ORIGINATOR COM TASKGROUP 63, ACTION VAN KINSBERGEN.**

**REPORT RECEIVED: VESSEL TORPEDOED AND SINKING OFF ENTRANCE ARUBA 1326 GCT**

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US TANKER EH BLUM AT 2140 Q WHEN THREE MILES 52 DEGREES FROM CAPE HENRY IN FOG FIRST HIT ARMY MINES WHICH DID NOT EXPLODE THEN HIT NAVY MINES WHICH EXPLODED; SANK IN 24 FEET OF WATER; CREW OF 41 ALL RESCUED WITH TWO BILLET INJURED; SHIP RESTING ON BOTTOM; TUG WITH NAVAL CONSTRUCTOR ON BOARD NOW PROCEEDING; SHOULD BE ABLE TO SALVAGE; FURTHER INFORMATION WHEN AVAILABLE.

COPY DELIVERED TO OPNAV CODEBOOM.

ACTION...F-31
February 11, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF THE BUREAU OF SHIPS

I have told you that we wanted to use every possible avenue to get the WARSHIPS up in the shortest possible space of time.

You will recall my recent directive to re-examine the proposition of making her an aircraft carrier, one reason being our acute shortage in this type of ship; still another reason because of the great value she would have in the transport of aircraft because of her size and speed, not to mention our need for transportation of aircraft to the Southwest Pacific, which need will probably increase.

The President has just sent word to me that he wants to do this very thing; namely, convert her into an aircraft carrier. Here are his thoughts:

Cut all the upper works off down to the main deck. Build a deck above this that can transport a large number of planes. Do not put an island on her, but put the bridge forward and underneath – as he puts it – like the Japs do and, incidentally, we are, I believe, doing the same thing on our CAs. Put some fore and aft bulkheads in her. Install as many anti-aircraft guns as practicable.

Study should start on this immediately so that plans, material, and everything may proceed while getting the vessel righted.

Here is a nice problem. Let's make a record on it!

[Signature]

H. H. Stark

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Copies to:
Commandant, Third Naval District
Director, Fleet Maintenance Division
The Chief of the Bureau of Navigation
The Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics
The Chief of the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts
The Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance
The General Board
The Aide to the President