41 ENEMY SHIPS ATTACKED
THE REPORT OF THE GATO Concerning Hitting the Kasuga with two torpedoes is not confirmed. I believe some other vessel hit it referring to attack on S-35. The torpedoes were fired at about one thousand yard range and exploded without contact with the hull. Admiral Nimitz made personal inspection midway May second and third efforts to salvage President Taylor at Canton Island were unsuccessful and project being abandoned.

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TWO MOST RELIABLE SOURCES INFORM ME AS FOLLOWS. ONE STATED SHIP ARRIVED IN PORT SERIOUSLY DAMAGED AND DRAWING CONSIDERABLY MORE THAN NORMAL DRAFT. FRENCH HAVE POSITIVE INFORMATION THAT AFTER BATTLE SHIP WAS ORDERED TO NORTHERN ITALIAN PORT HAVING BEST REPAIR FACILITIES BUT DUE TO SERIOUS DAMAGES SHIP HAD TO PUT IN AT NEAREST PORT. INTELLIGENCE HERE NOT POSITIVE LOCATION SHIP BUT REASONABLY CERTAIN SHE IS AT TARANTO

OTHER SOURCE STATES FOLLOWING DAMAGE SUSTAINED. ONE 6 INCH TURRET COMPLETELY WRECKED. ONE 15 INCH TURRET JAMMED IN TRAIN. 2 PROPELLER SHAFTS AND RUDDER SERIOUSLY DAMAGED. ONE 6 INCH MAGAZINE BLEW UP NOT KNOWN IF RESULT OF GUN FIRE OR TORPEDO EXPLOSION.

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Lt. D.W. Morton

R-5 FORCED DOWN BY ENEMY SUBMARINE ATTACKING ON ABOUT
ONE THIRTY TRACK X ENEMY COURSE ABOUT 27Ø X ATTEMPT TO
CONTACT ENEMY WHILE SUBMERGED NOT SUCCESSFUL X HAVE
SURFACED AND AM MAKING BEST SPEED TO WESTWARD TO REGAIN
CONTACT
DISREGARD FRENCH TERRITORIAL WATERS IF NECESSARY TO DESTROY NAZI ITALIAN VESSELS OR SUBMARINES. IDENTIFICATION MUST BE POSITIVE.

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**Damage to Enemy Inflicted by Subs as Not Previously Reported Thru Week Ending Apr Third**

Damaged one supply ship Manko Maru type with one torpedo war thirteenth in Northern approaches Lombok Strait XX.

Sealion attacked and probably damaged two seaplanes. Tenders in Sanua Roads Bali fed nineteenth X at zero hours Zed March thirty-first damaged one cruiser Jintsu class with one torpedo X twenty hours Zed war thirty-first sank one cruiser Natori class X at nine hours Zed Apr First made second hit on previously damaged Jintsu class cruiser. X believe this ship sank after second hit. X these two cruisers sunk during Jap landing operations Christmas Island South of Java XX.

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Previously reported successes by Seawolf on this Same Patrol X damaged one barge (AFFIRM PREP) with one torpedo hit and made one torpedo hit on unidentified type during JAP landing operations. Badoeng repeat Badoeng STVAL BAI in dawn attack Feb twentyfifth X

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Lt. Comdr. F. B. Warder
Commanding THE SEAWOLF

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AS INFORMED AS FOLLOWS BY A RELIABLE OFFICIAL XX ABOUT TEN DAYS AGO GERMANS ADMITTED PRIVATELY THAT FOUR OF THEIR SUBS OPERATING IN US WATERS WHICH WERE DUE BACK AT THEIR BASES ON 1 MARCH HAD FAILED TO RETURN AND MUST BE CONSIDERED LOST X ABOUT FIFTEEN FEBRUARY NINE GERMAN SUBMARINE SUPPLY SHIPS LEFT Axis CONTROLLED PORTS TO REPLENISH SUBS AT SEA X VERY FEW SUBS LEFT IN AXIS BASES OF OCCUPIED FRANCE X LITTORIO HIT BY TORPEDO BEING REPAIRED AT TARANTO.

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ATTACK ONE COLON BY ONE 8-25-A AT 2221 GMT AT 42 26.70 14. DROPPED TWO CHARGES 51 FUZE SETTING ON SUBMARINE OBSERVED JUST BELOW SURFACE. EFFECT SOME DOL APPEARED. MISSION RECONNAISSANCE 49 OBSERVATION 50 CIVILIAN NONE. OTHERWISE NEGATIVE AIR ACTIVITY REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING NOON GMT MARCH 30. WEATHER NEW ENGLAND AND SOUTHERN SECTORS GOOD, NEW YORK - PHILADELPHIA AND CHESAPEAKE MISSIONS CANCELLED OR DURTAILED.

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CODE TO ARMY.
DEFINITE SOUNDED CONTACT 1942Z LAT 49°-19 LONG 69°-39. ATTACKED NO RESULTS. ORIGINATOR COMTASKFORCE 32.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM RD HONOLULU

RELEASED BY 22 MARCH 1942

TOR CODEROOM 8844

DECODED BY DISNEY

PARAPHRASED BY LELAND

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MAJ碗AL RETURNING REPORT SSINKING ONE 7000 TON TANKER ONE 5500 TON FREIGHTER IN EAST CHINA SEA, CAR ALSO RETURNING HAS NOT REPORTED RESULTS.

TUNA IN PORT FROM BUNGO REPORTS CERTAIN SINKING ONE 6000 TON SHIP, POSSIBLY OTHERS WHICH WILL BE REPORTED UPON LATER, DEVELOPMENTS HERE NONE.

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FROM CINCPAC ACTION COMINCH. THREE OF OUR SUBMARINES WHICH WERE
MOVED TO PATROL AREA OF INDICATED CONCENTRATION NEAR BONINS
ARE IN EXCELLENT POSITION TO INTERCEPT KAGA. CUTTFLESH RETURNING
FROM WESTERN PATROL HAD ONLY TWO OPPORTUNITIES BOTH MISSED.
TUNA ALSO APPARENTLY HAS NOTHING TO REPORT FROM EAST CHINA SEA PATROL.
NO DEVELOPMENTS HERE.

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RELEASED BY: 

DATE: 8 MARCH 1942

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TEXT

DAMAGE TO ENEMY BY SUBMARINE. TWENTY SEVEN FEET SIX MARCH.

SAIL FISH NORTH LAMBOOK STRAIT SECOND TWO HITS IN AIRCRAFT CARRIER.

SAIL THIRTY NINE FOURTH NORTH SOENDA STRAYA THREE HITS LARGE OIL TANKER WATCHED SINK. SAIL THIRTY EIGHT NORTH COSTT JAVA FOURTH ONE CERTAIN AND ONE POSSIBLE HIT CRUISER. SALMON ONE HIT ON CRUISER. FOURTH NORTH OF JAVA. XXK SCURPIN TWO HITS. SANK DESTROYER LEADER FEB FOURTH. TWO HITS CRUISER FEB TWENTY ONE.

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**TEXT**

Damage to enemy by submarines 13-26 February. Seal 125 miles northeast Bali 25rd 2 hits large ship and 24th 2 hits large auxiliary. Seawolf in Badung Straits 25th 1 hit large AP 1 hit on type unknown. S41 in Macassar Straits date unknown 2 hit AP's. All believed sunk.

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Hand for President
(DIGEST FROM ACVB HELSBOURNE)

SERIAL NO. 68 FROM APRIL 27TH.

(1) 3 HUDSONS ATTACKED ENEMY SHIPPIND AT KOEBOY AT DUSK 27TH MARCH. 17 THOUSAND-TON SHIP LEFT BURNING AFTER DIRECT HIT AT MIDSHIP LARGE EXPLOSION FOLLOWING. 4 TUB KAWASAKI FLYING BOATS OFF HANKISI 1 POSSIBLY DESTROYED BY NEAR MISS. HEAVY AND LIGHT ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE VERY INTENSE ENCOUNTERED OVER TARGET AREA. NO ENEMY AIRCRAFT SEEN IN AIR. APPROX. 6 SHIPS OBSERVED IN KOEBOY AREA.

(2) REFERENCE TO SERIAL NO. 58 ALL 3817'S NOT LOCATED AND SAFE.

(3) PORT MORESBY HAD 2222Z 20TH. 2 HEAVY BOMBERS ESCORTED BY 3 ZERO FIGHTERS ATTACKED DISPERSAL BAY AT 7 MILES AERODROME. DIRECT HITS ON EMPTY BAY OTHERWISE NO DAMAGE. 1 BOMBER DESTROYED BY 2 P-40'S. 2 OTHER BOMBERS P-40'S BY 3 FIGHTERS AND 1 P-40 DESTROYED.

(4) BARAINA AND PAIPA (APPROXIMATELY 18 MILES NORTH OF PORT MORESBY) BOMBED SIMULTANEOUSLY 20TH MARCH NO DAMAGE.

(5) ENEMY AIRCRAFT OVER KOKODA (APPROXIMATELY 60 MILES NORTH EAST END)
PORT MONESBY) AT 2205Z 2214Z AND 2247Z 26TH THIRD TIME 4 BOMBS DROPPED.

(6) UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT OVER CAPE HELSON (3 TIMES) TUFJ AND DOUGRA (NEW GUINEA) 27TH MARCH.

(7) CONSIDERABLE AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY HEARD AT WM SALAMOA A.M. ON 27TH MARCH.

(8) UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT REPORTED AT BROOKE H A 1935Z 26TH.

(9) REFERENCE SERIAL NO. DAMAGE AT MADANG NOW KNOWN TO BE DUE ENEMY RAID 15TH MARCH BY 2 AIRCRAFT.

(10) UNIDENTIFIED NAVAL UNITS PROBABLY CONNECTED AIR MOVES FROM BUKA AREA TO RABAUL AREA 26TH MARCH.

(11) BASED AT H-workers H MARU AUXILIARY MOVES A POSITION NORTH OF YSABEL ISLAND (SOLOMON ISLAND) TO TRUK AND FROM A POSITION EAST RABAUL TO THE RABAUL AREA 26TH MARCH. ADMIRAL'S NO. 654.

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MAIL MESSAGE

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SERIAL NO.559 FROM CHI 20 MARCH 20TH.

(1) 4 B-17's ATTACKED SHIPING RABAUL HARBOR BETWEEN 2245Z 19TH
AND 0012Z 20TH. R REPORTS INDICATE AT LEAST ONE CRUISER HIT AND
POSSIBLY SUNK. ANOTHER CRUISER POSSIBLY BADLY DAMAGED. ZERO FIGHTERS
FAILED TO INTERCEPT. SHIPING SIGHTED IN HARBOR INCLUDE TWO CRUISERS
FOUR DESTROYERS EIGHT TRANSPORTS. EIGHT HOMERS 29 FIGHTERS ON
VURAKAMAI AERODROME.

(11) RAID (NUMBER 7) TO PORT MORESBY 2117Z 19TH BY 4 FIGHTERS. RAID
NUMBER 18 2219Z 19TH BY ONE BOMBER. NO DAMAGE EITHER RAID.

(111) RAID NUMBER 2 BROME 0247Z 20TH BY 7 BOMBERS 3 FIGHTERS
DROPING 52 BOMBS AND MACHINE GUNNING AERODROME. ONE CIVIL AIRCRAFT
DESTROYED ONE CIVILIAN KILLED.

(1V) RAID NUMBER TWO PEBBY (WESTERN AUSTRALIA) ON AERODROME 2135Z 20TH
BY TWO FIGHTERS NO DAMAGE.

(V) RECONNAISSANCE TAHITIAN ISLAND 19TH MARCH REVEALED NO ENEMY ACTIVITY
AT SAUMALI WHALE AERODROME IN UNFINISHED
STATE. 380 TONNS VESSEL UNKNOWN NATIONALITY IN BAY THREE MILES EAST, SANULAKI. THREE HUNSDS UNSUCCESSFULLY BOMBED WHARVES AT SANULAKI 30152 28TH.

(VI) RECONNAISSANCE ONE ENEMY A/C HAUNU MORNING 19TH MARCH.

(VII) INDICATION FURTHER ENEMY AIR RECONNAISSANCE DARWIN 29TH MARCH.

(VIII) INDICATION UNKNOWN JAPANESE WARSHIP MOVED FROM SOUTHEAST CELEBES TO DILLI (TIMOR) AREA 16TH MARCH. ADMIRALTY NO.548.

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PARAPHRASED BY: 

TO: COM 16
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U.S. NAVAL FORCES
SW PACIFIC

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TEXT:

BULLETIN NUMBER 16 TO NOON 16TH. OPNAV PASS TO BRITMAN AND AGWAR. COM 16 TO MACARTHUR. ONE MACASSAR. NO INFORMATION OF LANDING BUT COMMUNICATIONS CUT. TWO EAST BORNEO. THE ENEMY HAVE REACHED TENGGARLOQ (25 KM NORTHEAST OF SAMARINDA) AND NEGARA (100 KM NORTHEAST OF BANDJERRASIN). THE L.B.36'S LAST NIGHT AND 6 B-17'S TODAY TOOK OFF TO ATTACK ENEMY SHIPPING SOUTHWEST CELEBES. ONLY TWO AIRCRAFT (L.B.36'S) FOUND TARGET. ONE CLAIMS HITS BELIEVED AIRCRAFT CARRIER OFF SINDIJAI. ALL AIRCRAFT RETURNED SAFELY. FOUR. REF PARA FOUR INFO NUMBER 17. TOTAL SEVEN OUR AIRCRAFT (INCLUDING DC-5 ALREADY REPORTED DESTROYED ON GROUND OR IN THE AIR) DURING ATTACK BATAVIA DISTRICT YESTERDAY. NUMBER OF ENEMY ATTACKING SEVEN NOT SEVENTEEN. MALAND DISTRICT ALSO ATTACKED YESTERDAY. DAMAGE TO AERODROME NIL. TO NEARBY ARMOUR BASE CAMP CONSIDERABLE. ONE ENEMY BOMBER SHOT DOWN.

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