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1942

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Dear Letter, 5-3-72

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/94
MISCELLANEOUS
**Naval Message**

**From:** COMINCH  
**Released by:** BELLINGER  
**Date:** 17 December 1942  
**Decoded by:** PENNE  
**Address:** ALUSNA LONDON  
**Priority:** Routine  
**Precedence:** Deferred

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**Text:**

Information available considered inadequate and not sufficiently accurate and complete for reliable study and sound conclusions. Very few vessels have been sunk or seriously damaged by any one weapon. Large percentage sinkings own and enemy have been due to coordinated or successive dive bombing aircraft torpedo and high level attacks. Combinations of above three have in some cases been augmented by gun and submarine torpedo damage. Information does not indicate a higher percentage of hits on maneuvering targets from high levels than secured in European area.
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INCOMING MESSAGE

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ACM

CSWD
Aug. 2, 1942.
15:54 Z

From: Port of Spain
To: Milid

No. TSBC13, August 1st, 1942.

Two six foot Coast Guard launch sunk seven five yards inside anti torpedo net Castries harbor St. Lucia one eight zero zero Zed July two nine. Probably acoustic mine. Harbor closed to shipping during mine sweeping operations.

Chester Pratt

ACTION: G-2 an
INFORMATION: OPD, A-2, CG AAF, SOS -TAG

CM-IN- 0666 (8/2/42 )1733Z
From: EASTSEAFRON
Action: COMINCH
Info: COMFIVE
Priority/Go

This is restricted

Sub fired on two PC boats Q 360 386 at 2310 Q 24TH X Com 5
Radar plane despatched

Tot 0345 Jul 25 FG

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**Naval Message**

**From:** Aluslo St. Lucia  
**Released By:**  
**Date:** 31 July 42  
**TOR Coderoom:** 1445  
**Decoded By:** Fermanier/Harrington  
**Paraphrased By:** Widman

**Text:**

(FOR ONI, Inc. COMINCH C & R)

Artigo

Unexplained explosion Castries harbor 291820

Wrecked coast guard launch injuring three navy lieutenants. Present suspicions warrant closing port.

Have despatched New York to divert SS Gallant Fox.

Details given to ComcaribSeafron.

**Distribution:**

Action... 16.

COMINCH... 11/11... F37... CG... 24G... 38... 28...

File: 2OP.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: CONTACT FORCE 24

RELEASED BY: JUNE 34 1942

DATE: 1712/1613

TOR CODEROOM: LYNCH/GRIMOND/FIELD

DECODED BY: NCSC SYDNEY, FONF

PARAPHRASED BY: NCSC SYDNEY, FONF

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

(GARTH-D) 1365/24 COR 7566

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

TEXT

CONTACT, HMS LANCE, CONTACT, INFO MONT. COAC, FONF, NCSC SYDNEY, FROM CTF 24.

MY 1415 22D TO ---* ADDRESSEES ONLY. SEARCH BY USS OSPREY, CHEWINK, AND HMS CHAMELY, BITTERWICK UNPRODUCTIVE RESULTS. SHIPS COLLECTED. INFORMATION ADDRESSEES REQUESTED CANCEL BY 1603 22D REQUESTING DIVERSTIONS COASTAL CONVOYS IN VICINITY.

*GROUP UNDECIPHERABLE.

COPY DELIVERED TO OPNAV CODEROOM

DISTRIBUTION:

ACTION: 38...20P...20Q...23...28...30...BUSHIPS...NAVAID

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HINDS

HIND UN 61-129 (PAID BY NAMPOD TO DONG HOC FOR
CARGO FEE)

WITHDREW A C-130 HIND COMBINED MOTOR/HEAVY BOMBS
AND 3200 G-100 CHARGE. PLACED ABOUT 2000 LBS
DURAM TO HINDCUT. HAD GREAT PROPELLER PLANEKEN
IMPACTED. OPTICAL INSPECTING. SHELL ENTRY
INräume. OPTICAL ALSO INSPECTED DAMAGED
CARGO AND CARGO FEE.

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FROM CTU 62.4.9 (PASSED BY CINCPAC TO COMINCH FOR ROUTINE INFO)

ABOUT 1827 L 17TH HINDS GROUNDED HUTCHISON SHOALS EAST END LENTO CHANNEL. FLOATED ABOUT NOON 18TH. TOWED TO RINGBOLT. HAS BENT PROPELLER BLADE POSSIBLE BENT SHAFT. ORTOLAN INSPECTING. WILL ADVISE FURTHER TOMORROW. ORTOLAN ALSO INSPECTING DAMAGED BLADE ON GANSEVOORT.
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**ALABAMA ORIGINATOR.**

While conducting SRP Baker firing at 1057 today, Thursday, Alabama, Originator, grounded in Chesapeake Bay operating area two and one half miles bearing 156 degrees from Tangier Island shoal lump lighted bell buoy 12 tare love 5 fathoms forward, 6 fathoms aft. Bottom soft sand. With assistance Tuscarora backed clear and resumed practice. No damage structure or engineering plant.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM COM 3
RELEASED BY
DATE 18 DEC 1942
TOR CODEROOM 4436
DECODED BY NEWS
PARAPHRASED BY COYLE

ADDRESSEES FOR ACTION COMEASTSEAFRON VICE OPHAV COMINCH
INFORMATION PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED

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INDEBITE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

ROONEY 172211 NCR 3114
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TEXT

(COMEASTSEAFRON HAS THIS FOR ACTION)

VMS 12 WHILE SWEETING IN SWEPT CHANNEL APPROXIMATELY 7 MILES SOUTH SOUTHEAST FROM AMBROSE LIGHT VESSEL COLLIDED AT 0605 16TH DECEMBER WITH UNIDENTIFIED MERCHANT VESSEL PROBABLY ONE OF NO 514. BULKHEAD IN VMS 12 CARRIED AWAY WHILE IN TOW TO SHIPYARD AND VESSEL NOW REACHED IN SHALLOW WATER 200 YARDS SOUTH OF FORT PADSWORTH. NO PERSONNEL CASUALTIES. HULL DAMAGE EXTENSIVE ON PORT SIDE AMIDSHIPS. SALVAGE OPERATIONS UNDER WAY.

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10 NEW YORK NY DEC 15 MFT

LT COMMANDER MCCARTHY

NAVY PRESS ROOM NAVY BLDG WASHDC

FOLLOWING IS A STORY ON THE TRANSPORT COOLIDGE, ABOUT WHICH
NICKELWAY OF WASHINGTON SPOKE TO YOU, PLEASE WIRE APPROVAL OR ANY
CHANGES TONIGHT NORTH AMERICAN NEWSPAPER ALLIANCE, 247 WEST
43RD STREET, NEW YORK CITY. THANKS.

WHEELER.

(By IRA WOLFERT.)

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NEW YORK DECEMBER 15—TO THE UNOFFICIAL EYEWITNESSES
WHO WATCHED THE FORMER LINER PRESIDENT COOLIDGE HIT TWO OF OUR OWN
MINES IN THE SOLOMONS AND THEN WATCHED IT GO DOWN—AMONG WHICH
EYEWITNESSES THIS REPORTER CAN BE NUMBERED—IT WAS NOT CLEAR:

1. WHETHER THE LINER WAS THE VICTIM OF A NAVY BLUNDER,
AS IS NOW CHARGED BY AN OFFICIAL OF THE COMPANY FROM WHICH THE SHIP
WAS CHARTERED;

2. OR A VICTIM OF A BLUNDER BY SOME MERCHANT MARINE OFFICER
ON BOARD, AS THAT PART OF OUR NAVY ON THE SCENE FELT AT THE TIME;

3. OR A VICTIM OF A COMBINATION OF UNHAPPY CIRCUMSTANCES
THAT FELL INTO PLACE PIECE BY PIECE TO MAKE UP A DARK FATE WITHOUT
ANY SPECIAL HUMAN AGENCY BEING RESPONSIBLE.

THE TRAGEDY OCCURRED MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, A DAY WHEN THE
FOURTH BATTLE OF THE SOLOMONS WAS REACHING ITS CLIMAX AND TOOK PLACE.

(END SHEET 1)
OUTSKIRTS OF THE BATTLE AREA. THE JAPS HAVE THE HABIT OF SURROUNDING EACH BATTLE AREA WITH SUBMARINES TO PICKOFF WHATEVER CRIPPLED SHIPS ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE AND THE WATERS THROUGH WHICH THE COOL WAS STEAMING UNDOUBTEDLY WERE THICK WITH ENEMY SUBMARINES.

THAT WAS THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE JAPS TO THE TRAGEDY.

THIS REPORTER GOT A PICTURE OF THE EVENTS LEADING UP TO THE SINKING FROM SURVIVORS AND FROM NAVY MEN ASHORE WHO JOINED IN THE RESCUE WORK. HE MADE AN ATTEMPT TO SEE CAPTAIN HENRY NELSON, MASTER OF THE VESSEL, BUT FAILED, DUE HE WAS TOLD, TO CAPTAIN NELSONS STATE OF MIND AT THE TIME.

IT SHOULD BE SAID THAT THIS REPORTER DID NOT MAKE A VERY DETERMINED EFFORT TO SEE EITHER CAPTAIN NELSON OR THE NAVY MEN WHO SHARED THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SHIP'S SAFETY. THERE WAS A MASSIVE, EXTREMELY VICIOUS BATTLE GOING ON FOR THE SOLOMONS AT THE TIME. ALSO THIS REPORTER HAD BEEN WOUNDED SLIGHTLY IN THE BATTLE AND SHAKEN UP CONSIDERABLY AND WAS HAVING MORE THAN ORDINARY DIFFICULTY IN KEEPING UP WITH THE RAPID AND VERY EXTENSIVE FLOW OF MILITARY, NAVAL AND AERIAL EVENTS. THE ACCIDENTAL SINKING OF ONE SHIP AT SUCH A TIME DID NOT SEEM STOP PRESS NEWS. STOP PRESS NEWS. SO THIS REPORTER PASSED UP THE FOLLOW-UP ON THE SHIP TO KEEP UP WITH THE BATTLE AND WHEN HE RETURNED TO GATHER IN THE DETAILS HE FOUND THAT THE OFFICERS MOST CONCERNED HAD DEPARTED FOR HOME.

(END SHEET 2)
However, the story as he got it from Army and Navy officers on the day the sinking occurred is as follows:

Apparently, Captain Nelson got an enemy sub contact and made hastily for the safety of a harbor at a base near Guadalcanal. Our destroyers in the area, engaged in keeping subs down so that whatever cripples might emerge from the battle would have a fighting chance to emerge, requested port officers to send a pilot boat to guide the Coolidge through the harbors mine fields. A pilot boat was dispatched immediately and a rendezvous point was given both the Coolidge and the pilot boat.

It was a very gray morning, but not so gray, for instance, that this reporter flying at about 1,500 feet could not make out the Coolidge plainly. However, in the next few minutes a great many things failed to be seen by those involved in the disaster.

The pilot boat and the Coolidge apparently missed connections. Anyway, neither found the other. I could not find out why. I don't know whether the Coolidge went past the rendezvous point or not because I was not able to find out what the rendezvous point was, or whether the pilot boat ever reached the rendezvous point.

The Coolidge proceeded quite deeply into the harbor, presumably searching for the pilot boat. One story is that either Captain Nelson or another officer on board had been into this particular harbor before and knew the location of the mine fields, but did not know that this location had been changed since his last tour through it.

(End 5)
ACCORDING TO THIS, THE COOLIDGE
OFFICERS, FEELING VERY HOTLY PRESSED BY THIS JAP SUB, DECIDED
THAT IF THEY REMAINED WHERE THEY WERE THEY'D BE CERTAINLY TORPEDDOED
WHILE IF THEY PROCEEDED INTO THE HARBOR THEY HAD A CHANCE EITHER TO
MEET THE PILOT BOAT OR GET SAFELY THROUGH THE MINE FIELDS ON THE BASIS
OF THEIR OLD INFORMATION ABOUT IT.

THE SHIP SANK WITHIN CLEAR VIEW OF A NAVY BLINKER SIGNAL
TOWER. ACCORDING TO NAVY OFFICERS, WHEN THIS TOWER SAW THE
COOLIDGE BLUNDERING INTO THE MINE FIELDS, IT SIGNALLED IN EVERY
WAY IT COULD FOR THE COOLIDGE TO GO BACK. BUT THE COOLIDGE KEPT
RIGHT ON ITS WAY UNTIL IT HIT A MINE WHEN IT SWERVED DESPERATELY AND
RAN INTO A SECOND MINE, SINKING ABOUT AN HOUR AND TWENTY MINUTES
AFTER THAT.

END WOLFERT N A N A -- 2

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM NYD BOSTON
RELEASED BY
DATE 16 DEC 42
TOR CODEROOM 0359
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WHILE CALIBRATING COMPASS APC 1 SUFFERED MINOR DAMAGE
BY COLLISION. YARD WILL REQUIRE UNTIL MIDNIGHT DEC. 18 TO
REPAIR. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE TWO DAYS REQUIRED FOR
CALIBRATIONS.

COG...23.
COMINCH...16/11/163...38...39...11A...RUSHIPS...
BUPERS...BUORD....
FILEHAV...
From: HQ ADC Ft Richardson Ais
To: Military Intelligence Service

No. 1824, December 11, 1942

At Adak Island USAT Fillmore superstructure damaged by fire December 10 between 0345 and 04430 (this for HHS Washington and G-2 WDC) message details, origin of fire still unknown, investigation started. Cargo not damaged. 1 seaman seriously injured, 2 suffered burns, 4 seamen dead.

Castner G-2 ADC

ACTION COPY: G-2 C/G

INFO COPIES: OPD SOS-TAG

CM-IN-5114 (12/12/42) 1338Z mer

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**TEXT**

PT 143 GROUNDED ON ROCKY BOTTOM. ALL ENGINES INOPERATIVE DUE FLOODING CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO BOTTOM. HAVE FLOATED BOAT AND WILL DOCK TOMORROW. EXTENSIVE REPAIRS AND SOME NEW PARTS REQUIRED. CONVENING BOARD OF INVESTIGATION. REPORT WILL FOLLOW.

27...00.

COMMON...33...32...11A...8...NAVYDE...260P......

BUSHIPS...BUBERS...040......
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**TEXT**

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(ACO GUADALCANAL SENDING FOR ALCIBIA BY HAND TO CONGEN CACTUS AND COMNAVACT B81)

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RETAILING GROUND POSITION OFF LUNGA POINT HOLDS 1, 2, 3, 4 AND ENGINE ROOM FLOODED. HOLD NUMBER 5 IS TAKING WATER SLOWLY.

RECORDS CLOCKS BINOCULARS RADIO 20MM GUNS AND SMALL AMOUNT TITLES B EQUIPMENT REMOVED TO BEACH WHERE STOWAGE FOR CARE AND PRE-

SERVATION IS INADEQUATE. THERE REMAINS MUCH SERVICEABLE MATERIAL BUT SALVAGE WILL REQUIRE CONSIDERABLE TIME AND THE ASSISTANCE OF

SALVAGE TUGS AND PARTY. ALL SERVICES ON BOARD ARE OUT OF COM-

MISSION CREW AND OFFICERS ASHORE EXCEPT COMMANDING OFFICER, 5

OFFICERS AND 12 ENLISTED MEN AS SHIP KEEPERS. FINAL RECOMMENDA-

TION WILL BE MADE ON ARRIVAL SALVAGE TUG AND SECOND INSPECTION

CAPTAIN WALLOW, 5-INCH AND 3-INCH GUNS HAVE HAD FIRING PINS RE-

MOVED AND BREECH MECHANICS DISASSEMBLED. ALL AMMUNITION HAS

BEEN LANDED FROM SHIP THAT IS NOT SUBMERGED. IF TACTICAL SITUA-

TION PERMITS WILL REMAIN WITH SHIP UNTIL ARRIVAL SALVAGE PARTY

IN NAVAH. REPORTS OF TORPEDO AND FIRE DAMAGE BEING PREPARED.

NO COMMUNICATION FACILITIES RETAINED ON BOARD. REQUEST ANY

TRAFFIC BE ROUTED VIA COMNAVACT B81.

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OLDHAM AND JOSEPH WHEELER RETURNED TO GTMO FROM CZ14. OLDHAM IN PENDANT 52 STEERING GEAR FAILED AND COLLIDED WITH JOSEPH WHEELER PENDANT 43 BOTH PRACTICALLY HEAD ON. BOARD INVESTIGATION ORDERED. OLDHAM CARGO FOR CANAL ZONE CAN PROCEED AT 6-8 KNOTS UNDER ESCORT WITHOUT EFFECTING REPAIRS GTMO. BOTH ANCHORS OUT OF COMMISSION. RECOMMEND OLDHAM PROCEED CRISTOBAL AND REPAIRS MADE THERE AFTER UNLOADING. ESTIMATED MATERIAL REQUIRED 18 SHEETS NUMBER 20 MILD STEEL SHELL PLATING FOR RENEWING ABOUT 24 PIECES SHELL PLATING. 5 SHEETS NUMBER 15 MILD STEEL DECK PLATING. 69 FEET 2-3/4 INCH TIMES 16 INCH STEM BAR. 2 COMPLETE HANSE PIPES. 150 FEET DECK BEAMS. 395 FEET FRAMES. JOSEPH
WHEELER LOADED GENERAL STORES FOR BOMBAY. PORT ANCHOR SERVICEABLE. RECOMMEND WHEELER PROCEED CRISTOBAL WITH OLDHAM. MATERIAL REQUIRED 2 SHEETS 1/2 INCH PLATE. 2 SHEETS 3/8 INCH PLATE. 3 SHEETS SHELL PLATING. 100 FEET SHELL FRAMES. 60 FEET DECK BEAMS. BELIEVE REPAIRS CAN BE EFFECTED WHEELER BY DISCHARGING SUFFICIENT CARGO FORWARD TO REPAIR SEAM 4 FEET BELOW WATERLINE. PHOTOGRAPHS BOTH SHIPS BEING AIRMAILED TO COMINCH AND COM 15.

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ON 1 DECEMBER DEPARTED BAY CITY MICHIGAN IN COMPLIANCE ORDERS TO PROCEED TO BOSTON. UNDER WAY OUT SAGINAW RIVER APPARENTLY DAMAGED PORT PROPELLOR. REMAINED ANCHORED THROUGHOUT 2 DECEMBER IN SAGINAW BAY DUE TO STORM CONDITIONS. RETURNED BAY CITY 1519 3 DECEMBER MOORED DOWN CHEMICAL COMPANY DOCK BAY CITY. SAGINAW RIVER YESTERDAY HAD 3 TO 5 INCHES ICE. LOW TEMPERATURES DURING NIGHT ICE HAS THICKENED. CONSIDER IMPOSSIBLE PROCEED THROUGH DRAWBRIDGES TO DEFECT SHIPBUILDING AS ORDERED BY COM 9 WITHOUT SERIOUS DAMAGE RISK TO SHIP. DOUBT IF ICE BREAKER OR ADEQUATE TOWING FACILITIES AVAILABLE BUT INVESTIGATING. THIS INFO SUPPLEMENTS DESPATCHES COM 9. REPORT ON DAMAGE TO PROPELLOR BEING SENT BY MAIL.

23...ACTION
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THOMAS STONE
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM (INDEF CALL) USS THOMAS STONE
RELEASED BY
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PART 11 032130 NCR 2817
PART 21 032145 NCR 2838

(THOMAS STONE ORIGINATOR, BY HAND TO CNXF AND CENTF, REQUEST ACTION ADD PASS TO OPNAV, BUSHIPS, CINCLANT* COMAMPHFORLANT* CONTRANSAMPHFORLANT* CONTRANSDIV 11**. MAILED TO FOIC ORAN. COMMANEU DELIVER TO ADMIRALT)

TORPEDO HIT SMASHED Stern FLOODED SHAFT ALLEY AND AFTER MAGAZINE BROKE FIRST RING SHAFT FORWARD OF TAIL SHAFT WRECKED STEERING GEAR AND CAPSTAN GEAR. DAMAGED SEVERAL 5-INCH GUN MOUNT DID INDETERMINATE DAMAGE TO SHAFTING REDUCTION GEAR AND TURBINES BUT BELIEVED MINOR BULKHEAD 182 DESTROYED FROM BOTTOM TO SECOND DECK AND SPLIT FORM SECOND TO MAIN DECKS. STERN SAGGED 20 DEGREES. BOMB HIT WHICH PASSED THROUGH 2 DECKS AND BOTTOM WITH SHELLS WHILE AT ANCHOR TORE OFF RUDDER AND WRECKED VENTILATION SET AT BULKHEAD 178. STRANDING CARRIED AWAY PROPELLER AND TAIL SHAFT AND CAUSED SMALL LEAKS IN OUTER BOTTOM. SHIP RESTING EASY SANDY BOTTOM 2820 YARDS BEARING 127 TRUE FROM BRISE LAMES EST. LIGHT. BEACH GEAR NOW LAID

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OUT BY BRITISH NAVAL SALVAGE PARTY ASSISTED BY SHIPS FORCE.

DRAFT AND DEPTH ALONGSIDE IN FEET FORWARD 11.5 AWD SHIPS 13.5
AFT 17.6. DRAFT BEFORE Grounding FORWARD 14.6 AWD SHIPS 19.7
AFT 24.6. BELIEVE CAN LIGHTEN WITH DISPOSABLE WEIGHTS SUFFICIENT
TO PULL OFF. DESIRE AUTHORITY MAKE REPAIRS WITH FACILITIES
AVAILABLE ALGIERS FOR TOW TO ORAN THERE TO REBUILD STERN AND
BOTTOM IF FACILITIES PERMIT. WOULD REQUIRE CERTAIN MATERIALS
TO BE SHIPPED FROM STATES. CTF 31.8 HAS COPY AND CONCURS ABOVE AC-
TION OTHERWISE RECOMMENDS USE AS STATION SHIP ORAN UNTIL PRACTICABLE
TO TOW TO SUITABLE REPAIR YARD. HAVE POWER AND LIGHTS ON SHIP AND
CREW LIVING ON BOARD NORMALLY.

#NCR HAS PASSED CODE.
** TO COMTRANS DIV 11 (VIA COMNAVUE AND ADMIRALTY) AS NSS 042850.

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LEONARD ROONEY

OIC CPAC, USS NORTHAMPTON (GDE 289)

OPNAV

OFICER IN CHARGE, OIC CPAC, USS NORTHAMPTON (GDE 289)

NOTE: CLASSIFIED IMAGED ATTACHED.
SOUTH DAKOTA
SOUTH DAKOTA SUSTAINED AT LEAST ONE 14-INCH BOMBARDMENT, ABOUT 20 8-INCH AP, AND ABOUT 15 MINOR-CALIBER HITS RESULTING EXTENSIVE STRUCTURAL AND WIRING DAMAGE, MOSTLY ABOVE MAIN DECK AND CENTERED AROUND BRIDGES AND FORWARD FIRE CONTROL TOWER. BARBETTE FORWARD MAIN BATTERY DIRECTOR HOLED, FLEXIBLE LEADS, AND FC TRANSMITTER WRECKED. NO. 2 5-INCH MOUNT HIT REAR PLATE IN LEFT HOT CASE EJECTION PORT. REAR PLATE DISTORTED AND BROKEN LOOSE FROM BOTTOM PLATE BUT MOUNT OPERABLE. BARBETTE AND COLUMN NO. 1 SECONDARY DIRECTOR HOLED AND WIRING GUT. DIRECTOR JAMMED IN TRAIN May NECESSITATE REPLACEMENT. RADAR PLOT HOLED AND DEMOLISHED. SC ANTENNA AND MAST WRECKED. ONE EACH 40 MM AND 1.1 QUAD MOUNTS AND DIRECTORS WRECKED. BARBETTE 3 DEFEATED 14-INCH
HIT, BUT WATER SHED AND GUN COVER AND WIPI NG RING RIGHT GUN WRECKED. WELDED SUTT RAKED IN AND OUT OF WELD BUT REPLACEMENT BARBETTE PLATE NOT CONSIDERED NECESSARY. DEGAUSSING CABLES CUT AT LEAST TWO PLACES. ELEVEN FUEL TANKS (SEVEN OUTER LAYER FOUR INCLUDING ONE SERVICE SECOND LAYER) FRAMES 36-113 STARBOARD OPEN TO SEA DUE SHELL HOLES AND RUPTURED SEAMS. ALSO TWO OUTER VOIDS FLOODED. REPAIRS NECESSARY MAKE VESSEL SEAWORTHY AND WEATHERTIGHT WILL BE COMPLETED ABOUT NOVEMBER 29. VESSEL CAPABLE MAKE FULL POWER.

IN VIEW PREVIOUS TEMPORARY REPAIRS BOTTOM DAMAGE, REPLACEMENT TWO MAIN BATTERY GUNS AND EXTENSIVE ORDNANCE INTERIOR CONTROL AND FIRE CONTROL REPLACEMENTS RECOMMEND EAST COAST BATTLESHIP YARD. COMPLETE PRELIMINARY REPORT DAMAGE BEING.

FORWARDED AIR MAIL. /* DELAYED DUE TO SERVICING

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(COMSOPAC ORIGINATOR TO CINCPAC FOR ACTION TO COMINCH, VOPNAV, COMBERFORPAC, COMDEBON ADMIN, COMBERONSOPAC BY HAND AND COMDEBON 12, FOR INFO, SERONSOPAC IS THE ONLY ADEE BY HAND)

AARON NARD RECEIVED 9 HITS 3 OF WHICH PROBABLY 14" BOMBARDMENT. EXTENSIVE DAMAGE ABOVE MAIN DECK INCLUDING FOLLOWING REPLACEMENTS OR EXTENSIVE REPAIRS. REPLACE FORECAST, SC RADAR, FD RADAR ANTENNA AND OTHER PARTS, DIRECTOR RANGE FINDER, 11 QUAD, MAIN RADIO TRANSMITTERS, EXTENSIVE REPAIRS TO WIRING IN FIRE CONTROL TRUNK, STRUCTURAL AREA ABOVE MAIN DECK, DEGAUSSING CABLES, TWO 24" SEARCHLIGHTS BADLY DAMAGED, VESSEL ENTIRELY SEAWORTHY AND CAPABLE OF FULL POWER ON 3 BOILERS. I AM USING VESSEL FOR LOCAL CONVOY AFTER WHICH PROCEED TO PEARL ABOUT 1 WEEK HENCE.

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USS RIGEL (INDEF CALL)

23 NOV 1942

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AARON WARD BATTLE DAMAGE 9 SHELL HITS ABOVE MAIN DECK. NUMEROUS HOLES LARGE AND SMALL IN BULKHEADS. BOTH RADARS OUT OF COMMISSION. ALL RADIOS INOPERATIVE. RANGEFINDER AND DIRECTOR INOPERATIVE. 1 BOILER BADLY SALTED. ALL ELECTRIC CABLES IN TRUNK BELOW BRIDGE SEVERED. 1.1 GUN BADLY DAMAGED. RIGEL 18 PATCHING HOLES WILL PUT RECEIVERS AND AT LEAST ONE TRANSMITTER AND ANTENNA IN OPERATION. SPlice ALL NECESSARY CABLES; CLEAN BOILER, REPAIR CONDENSATE PUMP, REPAIR DIRECTOR AND RANGE FINDER. ESTIMATED TIME 7 DAYS.

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FOLLOWING BATTLE DAMAGE SAN FRANCISCO: PLANE CRASHED AFTER MACHINE GUN PLATFORM, RESULTING FIRE AND SUBSEQUENT SHELL HITS DAMAGED INSTRUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT THIS AREA INCLUDING BATTLE 2, AUXILIARY SIGNAL AND SECONDARY CONTROL STATIONS.

FOLLOWING MAIN BATTERY FIRE CONTROL INSTRUMENTS REQUIRE REPLACEMENT: MULTIPLE TURRET TRAIN INDICATOR MARK 7, BEARING INDICATOR MARK 6 MOD 1, BATTLE ORDER TRANSMITTER MARK 21, BATTLE ORDER INDICATOR MARK 18, SEARCHLIGHT TRAIN CORRECTOR MARK 3, SEARCHLIGHT ELEVATION CORRECTOR MARK 2. 1 COMPLETE CAPTAIN'S TARGET DESIGNATOR ASSEMBLY. SHIP RECEIVED ABOUT 15 HITS 14 INCH BOMBARDMENT PROJECTILES AND 21 SMALLER CALIBER CAUSING FOLLOWING DAMAGE: SHIPS SIDE HOLED BETWEEN MAIN AND SECOND DECKS STARBOARD FRAMES 12, 31, 32, 55, 57, 71 BETWEEN UPPER AND MAIN DECKS STARBOARD FRAMES 2, 10, 39, 37, 39, 55, 98, 132, BETWEEN MAIN AND SECOND DECKS PORT FRAMES 28, 36, AND 72, BETWEEN COMMUNICATION PLATFORM AND UPPER DECKS FRAMES 55 AND 38, 40 CAUSING EXTENSIVE STRUCTURAL DAMAGE AND CUTTING NUMEROUS ELECTRIC CABLES INCLUDING DEGAUSSING CABLES.

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14 INCH BOMBARDEMENT PROJECTILE HIT BARBETTE NUMBER 2 TURRET BELOW COMMUNICATION DECK LEVEL CAUSING MODERATE DISTORTION AND CRACKING AFTER SECTION FORWARD TURRET SUBSEQUENTLY OPERATED SATISFACTORY. 14 INCH SHELL EXPLODED TOP OF CONNING TOWER AND THIS PLUS NUMEROUS OTHER HITS RIDDLED BRIDGE STRUCTURE, CUT MANY CABLES, DAMAGED INSTRUMENTS, PERFORATED WAST. MOST INSTRUMENTS CAPABLE REPAIR. STARBOARD CRANE HIT AND OPERATING MACHINERY AND CONTROLS WRECKED. 14 INCH ENGINE LATHE WRECKED. RECOMMEND REPLACEMENT WITH GAP LATHE.

2 ANTI AIRCRAFT GUNS 5 INCH, 2 1.1 INCH AND 3 20 MM DISABLED. 5 INCH GUNS DO NOT REQUIRE REPLACEMENT. FOLLOWING INSTRUMENTS FOR 5 INCH 25 CALIBER GUNS REQUIRE REPLACEMENT:

2 GUN TRAIN INDICATORS MARK 24 MOD ZERO BYE GUN ELEVATION INDICATOR MARK 19, 2 FUZE SETTING INDICATORS MARK 4, 5 SIGHT ANGLE INDICATORS, 4 SIGHT DEFLECTION INDICATORS, TRAIN RECEIVER REGULATOR MARK 1. SC AND AFTER FC RADARS REQUIRE REPLACEMENT. 1 MOTOR WHALE BOAT LOST. HANGAR CURTAIN RIDDLED REQUIRES REPLACEMENT OR EXTENSIVE REPAIR. FORWARD STACK RIDDLED. TURRET 2 MAGAZINES AND HANDLING ROOM FLOODED CAUSING SHORTING OUT NUMEROUS ELECTRIC CABLES. NUMEROUS SMALL FIRES
NAVAL MESSAGE

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ON SAN FRANCISCO AND OTHER DAMAGED VESSELS BUT ALL EXTINGUISHED WITHOUT SERIOUS RESULTS. TEMPORARY REPAIRS MAKE SEA WORTHY COMPLETED. MACHINERY PLANT UNDAMAGED, RECOMMEND AVAILABILITY WARE ISLAND FOR REPAIR BATTLE DAMAGE, COMPLETION TOPSIDE ALTERATIONS INCIDENT INSTALLATION 40 MM QUADS AND CAPTAINS BATTLE CONNING STATION AND COMPLETION ESSENTIAL REPAIRS AND AUTHORIZED ALTERATIONS INCLUDING RETUBE 3 MAIN CONDEMS AND LIFTING ONE HIGH PRESSURE TURBINE.

FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL REPLACEMENTS REQUIRED: LAUNDRY FLAT WORK IRONER, ALL ELECTRIC RANGES OFFICERS GALLEY, ONE SEARCHLIGHT 24 INCH AND 1-12 INCH, 2 DOUBLE AND 1 SINGLE DIAL SPERRY GYRO COMPASS REPEATERS, 1 SYNCHRONOUS ALTIMETER SPERRY,

1 ENGINE HAT RR REVOLUTION TRANSMITTER AND INDICATOR, ONE COMBINED STEERING TELEGRAPH TRANSMITTER INDICATOR AND AUXILIARY RUDDER ANGLE INDICATOR.

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ERIE BOARDED TODAY REMAINING FIRES EXTINGUISHED.

SUPERFICIAL EXAMINATION SHOWS EXTENSIVE FIRE DAMAGE

ABOVE PROTECTIVE DECK. FORWARD GUNS RADAR ANTENNA MAIN

DIRECTOR AND GROUND TACKLE CONSIDERED SALVAGEABLE.

COMMANDING OFFICER CONSIDERS SHIP PROBABLY NOT DAMAGED

BELOW PROTECTIVE DECK EXCEPT IN VICINITY OF HIT.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM:  LAMBERTON (INDEF CALL)
RELEASED BY:
DATE:  15 NOV 42
TOR CODEROOM:  2208
DECODED BY:  MONTY/JERMAN
PARAPHRASED BY:

ADDRESSES:  OPNAV BUSHIPS CTF 8 (RDO KODIAK)
            CINCPAC CONSERVFORPAC SNO LONGVIEW

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(LAMBERTON SENDING) (ADEE PASS TO CTF 8 FOR ACTION INFO CINCPAC AND CONSERVFORPAC) (SNO LONGVIEW INFORMED)

LAMBERTON SENDING REPORTS DAMAGE TO NUMBER 2 BOILER CAUSED BY LOW WATER CAUSALTY 11 NOV. STARBOARD TUBE BANKS 15 ROWS OF TUBES BURNED IN TWO AND RUPTURED ON 1/3 LENGTH OF BOILERS. STARBOARD CASINGS AND SUPPORTS ARE WARPED. PORT TUBE BANKS 12 ROWS BURNED IN TWO. TUBE SHEETS NOT DAMAGED. BACK AND UPTAKES UNDAMAGED NOW OPERATING SATISFACTORY WITH NUMBER 1 AND 3 BOILERS. MAXIMUM SPEED 24 KNOTS. BELIEVE REPAIRS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED BY TENDER IF EQUIPPED TO ACCOMPLISH EXTENSIVE RETUBING JOB.

BUSHIPS.........23.........ACT.

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**SUBJECT: COLLISION**

REFER U.S. NAVY REGS., 1929, ART. 709A. THIS VESSEL WHILE ON HARBOR GUARD PATROL DUTY OFF KEY WEST, FLORIDA ON NOVEMBER 5, 1942 WAS IN COLLISION WITH USS SC654 IN ABOUT LATITUDE 24 DEGS 25-30 NORTH LONGITUDE 81 DEGS 54' DEGS WEST RESULTING IN MINOR DAMAGE TO SC654. THIS VESSEL SUSTAINED NO DAMAGE. BOTH VESSELS OPERATING IN DARKENED SHIP CONDITION.

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Date: 11 Nov 42

Decoded by: JERMAN

Paraphrased by: LT HATCH

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Mailed: USS CORAL

Text:

Refer US Navy Regs., 1920, Art. 704A. This vessel while on harbor guard patrol duty off Key West, Florida, on Nov 5, 1942 was in collision with USS SC 654 in about Lat 24-25.5 N, Long 81-50 W, resulting in minor damage to SC 654. This vessel sustained no damage. Both vessels operating in darkened ship condition.

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AIRMILGRAM

MY 279137 YP-245 RAISED 7 NOVEMBER SUFFICIENTLY TO FLOOD SUBMERGED. HAULED UP IN SIX FEET DEPTH MUD BOTTOM AT ST. THOMAS SECTION BASE. HULL CRUSHED AND BEYOND REPAIR. COMPLETE BREAKING UP OF HULL AND SALVAGING OF METAL BEING CARRIED OUT BY SECTION BASE. WINTON DIESEL ENGINES WERE OLD AND UNDER CONSTANT REPAIR BUT CAN BE PARTIALLY UTILIZED AS SPARE PARTS FOR YP-283 WHICH HAS IDENTICAL ENGINES. GENERATORS BORN OUT AND REPLACEMENTS HAD BEEN ORDERED. REPORT OF INVESTIGATION BEING FORWARDED IN DUE COURSE. REQUEST SHE BE STRICHERN FROM NAVY LIST.

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**TEXT**

"AT 21520/1 NOVEMBER YP205 GROUNDED ON SABA ISLAND LAT 18-37N 65-38W WHILE ON PATROL OFF SAINT THOMAS. SALVAGE OPERATIONS CONTINUOUS HULL BADLY DAMAGED KEEL BROKEN. FINAL OPERATIONS BOAT SUNK IN 30 FEET WATER NOVEMBER 6. INVESTIGATION IN PROGRESS. WORK CONTINUING."
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**TEXT**

(COM 14 PASSED TO CINCPAC FOR ACTION. RDO WASH PASS TO COMINCH VICE CHIEF OPNAV SECNAV ALL FOR INFO)

YP345 (EX MV YANKEE) REPORTED BY RADIO AT Ø852/31 OCTOBER THAT VESSEL WAS SINKING RAPIDLY 80 MILES NORTHEAST OF LAYBAN ISLAND. NO OTHER INFORMATION RECEIVED. THIS VESSEL WAS ON SCHEDULED VOYAGE TO MIDWAY ISLAND. CAUSE FOR SINKING UNKNOWN AS VESSEL WAS IN GOOD MATERIAL CONDITION ON DEPARTURE. ENEMY SUBMARINE RDF LOCATED IN GENERAL VICINITY Ø8252/1 NOVEMBER HEAVY WEATHER THAT AREA ØL80 REPORTED. SEARCH FOR 4 DAYS HAS NOT SUCCEEDED IN MAKING CONTACT WITH VESSEL OR SURVIVORS.

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This from Comserforsowespac. Now pass to Cincpac. Nss to Cominch and buships for info and Comsopac and Comsowespac for info. By hand to Chester.

Consensus of condition of machinery subsequent drydocking Chester as follows (numerals designate number of unit):

**Completely destroyed and replacement required:**

1. Cruising Turbine including air pump drive.
2. High and 1 Low Pressure Turbine.
3. Main Reduction Gear and pinions.
4. Number 1 Section Number 1 Propeller shaft.
5. Exhaust Trunk. 1 Turning Gear and Motor
6. Lube Oil Cooler. 1 Independent lube oil pump.
7. 1250 Kw generator. 1 Make up feed pump.
8. 1 Main lube oil pump.
9. 1 Main distribution board. 1 40kW for 36" Searchlight.
10. High pressure air compressor—Main steam and auxiliary exhaust lines on engine room and fire room. Main feed

(See P. 2)

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LINE IN ENGINE ROOM. EXTENSIVE REPAIRS REQUIRED TO 
#5 BOILER 3 AUXILIARY FEED PUMP 5 BOILER CABING AND  
FOUNDATION ON 4 REDUCTION GEAR. #2 GENERATOR AND #4  
TURBINE UNITS AND #6 BOILER CAN BE RECONDITIONED  
WITHOUT EXTENSIVE REPLACEMENT. ALL ELECTRICAL CABLES  
STARBOARD SIDE ENGINE AND THREE FIREROOM CUT AND  
DESTROYED. ALL CABLES PORT SIDE DAMAGED BY OIL AND  
SALTWATER.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM

COMSOPAC

RELEASED BY

CINCPAC

DATE

26 OCTOBER 1942

TOR CODEROOM

24/9/1923

DECODED BY

NEWHOUSE/NEWHOUSE

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COMINCH 242/56 BUSHIPS 222/46 TO CHESTER ONLY.

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION CHESTER DAMAGE DUE TORPEDO HIT

ABOUT FRAME 72 STARBOARD, 1 AND 4 FIRE ROOMS STEAMING

AT TIME HIT. FOLLOWING WRECKED FORWARD ENGINE ROOM WHICH

COMPLETELY FLOODED (NUMERALS INDICATE NUMBER OF UNIT

1 CRUISING HIGH AND LOW PRESSURE TURBINES 1 MAIN CONDENSER

1 REDUCTION GEAR INCLUDING BULL GEAR TORN OUT OF CASING

TEETH GOUGED FIRST SHAFT FLANGED COUPLING BROKEN.

FORWARD HOTWELL ONE TWO LUBE OIL COOLERS 1 INDEPENDENT LUBE

OIL PUMP ONE TWO MAIN GENERATORS ONE TWO AUTO TRANSFORMERS 1

FORWARD MAIN DISTRIBUTION BOARD ONE DYNAMO CONDENSER

CIRCULATING PUMP AIR PUMP ONE LUBE OIL PURIFIER FOX AND

AFIRM DEGAUSSING MOTOR GENERATORS CONTROL PANELS

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By RT NARA Date 4/13/94

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**TEXT**

ONE THIRTY SIX INCH SEARCHLIGHT MIKE GEORGE AND CONTROL PANEL. FORWARD SECTION ONE LINE SHAFT PROBABLY SPRUNG FIRE BADLY COUPLING THREE ROOM ALSO DAMAGED. BOTH MAIN STEAM LINES BROKEN ABOUT FRAME 76. FORWARD FIRE BILGE PUMP ALSO ONE FOUR SHAFT REVOLUTION INDICATORS TURBINE TURNING GEAR MOTORS ONE GLAND LEAK AFT EXHAUST MOTOR VARIOUS LUBE SALT WATER AUXILIARY STEAM LINES.

PART 2 FOLLOWS.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: USS CHESTER (NERK)  
RELEASED BY:  
DATE: 26 OCT 1942  
TOR CODED: 1414/1339  
DECODED BY: ECKHARDT  
PARAPHRASED BY:  

ADDRESSEES:

- COMSOPAC
- USS NAVAJO
- CTF 64
- USS NAVAJO
- PORT DIRECTOR AT USS JOHN R.R. HANNAH

FOR ACTION:

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INTERCEPT

NAVAGO HAS BY HAND. CHESTER IS ORIGINATOR. WILL BE READY DEPART BUTTON PRIOR DARK OCTOBER 27.

WILL RETAIN NAVAJO PENDING OTHER DIRECTIVES. REQUEST DETAIL OF ESCORT VESSEL AND ROUTING INSTRUCTIONS.

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COMTASKGROUP 66.3 sending. NPM Relay to NSS.

O'Brien broke in half and sank at 1858Z 19th in Lat 13-30S Long 171-18W in 2700 fathoms. All secret and confidential books and files, ECM, personnel and pay records, and all hands on board CIMARRON. Few minor injuries None requiring hospitalization. Am proceeding with LANG via original route speed of advance 15. ETA LANG at Pearl afternoon local 25th. ETA CIMARRON San Francisco local November 1.

COMINCH passed to OPNAV for further distribution. NCR distribution.

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Note: O'Brien struck in bow by submarine torpedo 15 September, but not able to make depth. Stated alone.

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NAVAl MESSAGE

FROM
US$ BENSON

RELEASED BY

DATE
20 OCTOBER 1942

TOR CODED ROOM
2427/19

DECODED BY
POWELL

PARAPHRASED BY
GEARHART

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TEXT
(PASSED BY CINCLANT TO OPNAV AND BUSHIPS FOR INFO)

COLLISION. BENSON BOW DAMAGED AT AND BELOW WATER LINE. TRIPE DAMAGED STARBOARD QUARTER RUDDER JAMMED STEERING BY ENGINE LIVING COMPARTMENTS FLOODED. POSITION AT 4404Q 40-18N 72W COURSE 270 SPEED 6 KNOTS. SEND TUG TO ASSIST.

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(USS MOUNT VERNON SENDING RDO WASHINGTON GIVE TO OPMAG AND DOBBIN TO CONSMACESPAC FOR ACTION INFO TO CONSMAC, CONSMAC VIA RDO HONOLULU AND CON 12 VIA RDO MARE ISLAND)

UPON MAKING DOCK IN SYDNEY HARBOR IN STRONG SOUTHEAST STORM MOUNT VERNON STRANDED AT 1945 ACROSS ESTUARY BETWEEN GOAT ISLAND AND SIMMONS POINT. NO DAMAGE EVIDENT. EXPECT TO PROCEED TO DOCK AT NEXT HIGH WATER. TUGS AND ANCHOR WERE UNABLE TO HOLD SHIP.

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USS EDWARDS

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM U88 EDMONDS
RELEASED BY
DATE 4 OCT 1942
TOR CODEROOM 9538
DECODED BY WOLVERTON
PARAPHRASED BY LELAND

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CONDENSANT PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED

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TEXT

WHILE SWINGING TO ANCHOR GRAVESEND BAY OCTOBER 2ND 818
EDWARDS IN COLLISION WITH BRITISH MERCHANTMAN EMPIRE
NO FUEL. NO PERSONNEL CASUALTIES. MINOR DAMAGES EDWARDS
NOW IN PROGRESS REPAIRS. MERCHANTMAN DAMAGE BELIEVED SLIGHT.
NO DELAY HER SCHEDULE.

ACTION: COMINCH....

03 16/11 19 23 28 38 BUSHIPS....
SUPERS...SUORD...NAVAIDE....

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**Corrected Originator**

**While swinging to anchor Gravesend Bay October 2nd Ø810 Edwards in collision with British Merchantman Empire Moufloure no Personnel Casualties. Minor damages Edwards now in progress repairs. Merchantman damage believed slight. No delay her schedule.**

**CominCh....Action**

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USS BARRACUDA
(RDO WASHN DELIVER COMINCH FOR ACTION AND CINCLANT AND COMSUBLANT FOR INFO*) (BARRACUDA ORIGINATOR) (COMSUBRON 3 COMSUBDIV 31 AND COMPAGEAFRON HAVE THIS FOR INFO)

SS 163

THIS VESSEL GROUNDED IN MARGARITA BAY CRISTOBAL HARBOR THIS DATE. NO CASUALTIES AND NO APPARENT DAMAGE. ALL EFFORTS IN PROGRESS TO CLEAR SHIP.

*PASSED CODE AS REQUESTED.

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DATE
29 SEPTEMBER 1942

TOR CODEROOM
2048/2038

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INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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Spica
This from COMTASKFORCE EIGHT. DUTCH PASS TO SPICA AND CALDWELL.


WILL SO ORDER WITH SHIPS ARRIVING SEATTLE PRIOR 10 OCTOBER.

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**TEXT**

(HONOLULU PASS CINCPAC RADIO WASHINGTON TO OPMAN BOTH INFO. NAVSTA TUTUILA HAS BY HAND, CONGEN STRAW SENDS)

**YP 240 SUFFERED MAJOR CASUALTY MAIN ENGINE. REPAIRS BEYOND CAPACITY THIS STATION. NUMBER 5 CRANK PIN BEARING BOLT SHEARED WHILE UNDER WAY THROWING CONNECTING ROD THROUGH CRANK CASE CASTING. BUILDERS UNION DIESEL ENGINE COMPANY OAKLAND CALIF. NAME PLATE DATA ENGINE NUMBER 34502. HP 4 10. RPM8 280. NO BLUEPRINTS OR SPARES AVAILABLE HERE. PARTS REQUIRED CONNECTING ROD. CONNECTING ROD CRANKSHAFT BEARING, PISTON AND RINGS, WRIST PIN, CYLINDER LINER, CRANK PIN BADLY BATTERED AND CRANKSHAFT ALIGNMENT UNCERTAIN. MAJOR WELDING JOB CRANK CASE AND BED PLATE. RECOMMEND YP 240 BE TOWED NAVY YARD PEARL BY KINGFISHER. SEE CINCPAC 140933 SEP. FOR MAJOR REPAIRS AND OVERHAUL. REPLACEMENT YP URGENTLY REQUIRED THIS STATION.**

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PART 1. 182130.

BARNEY 18130. 418130. 7. PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION DISCLOSES DAMAGE AS FOLLOWS:

BARNEY: BOW CRUMPLED; ALL TRANSVERSE OIL BULKHEADS LEAKING; SEVEN COMPARTMENTS FULLY FLOODED WITH OIL OR WATER; SEVEN COMPARTMENTS PARTIALLY FLOODED WITH OIL OR WATER; MISCELLANEOUS AUXILIARY MACHINERY OUT OF COMMISSION INCLUDING STARBOARD MAIN AIR PUMP, STARBOARD MAIN CIRCULATING PUMP, AUXILIARY AIR AND CIRCULATING PUMP, INT LUBE OIL PUMP, AND EVAPORATOR PLANT. MAIN PROPELLING MACHINERY BELIEVED IN SATISFACTORY CONDITION, EXCEPT FOR SPRING BEARINGS.

DEPTH CHARGE FROM GREER EXPLODED UNDER STERN OF BARNEY CAUSING UNDERRUNNING UNDERWATER DAMAGE. TWO MEN BLOWN OVERBOARD BY DEPTH CHARGE BLAST STILL MISSING. SEARCH CONTINUING. FOUR MEN INJURED.

COMINCH...COG.

23...38...BUORD...BUSHIPS...BUPERS...OPDO...

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THIS IS PART 2 OF MY 182139.

ORDER: STARBOARD PROPELLER CARRIED AWAY AND SHAFT BENT. SIDE PLATING STARBOARD SIDE AFT FRAME 162 BUCKLED AND RUPTURED. STARBOARD DEPTH CHARGE RACK AFTER THROWER AND DEPTH CHARGE RELEASE MECHANISM CARRIED AWAY. AFTER BULKHEADS OF WARHEAD LOCKER AND DOG 103 BUCKLED. BOTH VESSELS WILL BE DOCKED AM 19TH FOR FURTHER EXAMINATION AND TEMPORARY REPAIRS.

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**RELEASED BY:**  
**DATE:** 18 SEP 1942  
**TOR CODE ROOM:** 1713  
**DECODED BY:** BRINKLEY/COURTNEY  
**FOR ACTION:** COMINCH  
**INFORMATION:** OPNAV CINCLANT COMBYCFORLANT NOB TRINIDAD CAFAC  
**ADDRESS:**  
**PRECEDENCE:** PPRPPPPPP  
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UNABLE CONTACT YMS 58 SINCE STORM.

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USS PHILADELPHIA

USS RUTLEDGE
PHILADELPHIA AT 1115Q SET DOWN ON AND IN COLLISION WITH USS EDWARD BUTLER ANCHORED IN BERTH 2% ENCO. HAMPTON ROADS. TRANSPORTS BOW OICK CRUISER NORMAL TO SIDE AT FRAME 96 STERNBOARD. 2 A FRAMES BENT AT EACH SECOND AND THIRD DECK LEVELS SIDE PLATING AND SECOND DECK PLATING DENTED BUT NOT PUNCTURED. NUMBER 3 11 GUN PLATFORM DAMAGED. CONSERVFOILANT HAS ORDERED BOARD OF INVESTIGATION. PHILADELPHIA AVAILABLE NAVY YARD NORFOLK 16TH FOR 7 DAYS.
USS PHILADELPHIA COLLIDED WITH BOY OF RUTLEDGE AT 1426 THIS DATE WHILE RUTLEDGE WAS AT ANCHOR IN BERTH 25.
STEM OPENED ALL WAY DOWN TO 15 FOOT LINE, 6 PLATES ON EACH SIDE OF STEM NEED RENEWAL, 1 FRAME ENT TAKING WATER IN PEAK TANK. SHIP ABLE TO PROCEED TO YARD; NECESSARY DOCKING IS COMPULSORY.

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SS CHAGRES

RAPIDAN
COMMANDING OFFICER USS RAPIDAN REPORTS.

COLLISION WITH 88 CHARGES, PAN, IN CONVOY DURING FOG.

DAMAGED RAPIDAN ABOVE WATER LINE ALONG STARBOARD SIDE OF BOW. CARGO NOT ENDANGERED. RECEIVING MINOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS AT BASE X TO RESTORE WATER TIGHT INTEGRITY.

WILL PROCEED WITHOUT DELAY. DAMAGE TO CHARGES NOT DETERMINED.

Probably in HX 207,
22 km east of Halifax.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: COMSUBDIV 12

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 13 SEPT 1942

TOR CODE ROOM: 1624/13

DECODED BY:

PARAPHRASED BY: COLEMAN

ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY:

(GERMAN) 111525 NCR 11742

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AIRMILGRAY

R-11 COLLIDED SEA WALL NAVAL STATION KEY WEST DURING ROUTINE LANDING. UPPER STEM BROKEN AND UPPER TORPEDO TUBE SHUTTERS INOPERATIVE. LOWER TUBE SHUTTERS APPEAR NORMAL. REPAIRS TO STEM AND ABILITY TO PERFORM LOCAL MISSION 3 DAYS. COMPLETION REPAIRS TUBE SHUTTERS DEPENDENT UPON AVAILABILITY LOCAL MARINE RAILWAY FOR 2 DAYS DOCKING.

INVESTIGATION BEING CONVENED BY COMMANDER SERVICE SQUADRON 9.

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RELEASED BY:  |  |  |  OP  
DATE: 11 SEPTEMBER 1942  |  |  |  OP  
TOR CODEROOM: 1438/1418  |  | NAVY YARD NORFOLK  |  OP  
DECODED BY: HANDLEY/HUTCHINSON  |  | COMINCH  |  OP  

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**B** AP 8 ALGORAB AND HARRIS IN COLLISION OFF ENTRANCE BUOY. HARRIS WILL REQUIRE DOCKING AND PROBABLY ALGORAB BOTH PROCEEDING TO PORT ***.

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Special report number 731 at 311500 Zed August 1942. Alaska report dated 31 August stated the United States seaplane tender Casco was torpedoed in Nazan Bay Atka Island at an unreported hour. (Believed on 31 August). The ship was still afloat at 0855 GCT. A later reported stated Casco had been beached at Nazan Bay. Whether torpedo launched by enemy plane or from a submarine has not been reported. No enemy has been observed in Kuluk Bay Adak Island where friendly force consisting of 4 destroyers and 3 transports is reported.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM

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TOR CORDERoom

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DATE

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ACTION

DISCHARGING CARGO ALL DAY IN EFFORT TO LIGHTEN HER.

CACTUS TO COMASKFOR 62

TULAGI IN 15 FEET WATER.

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RELEASED BY:
DATE: 29 SEPT 1942
TOR CODEROOM: 0547
DECODED BY: JENKINS/MANFULL
PARAPHRASED BY: JONES

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$342/29 NCR 6906
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TEXT:

(COAC PLEASE PASS TO ALUSNOB HALIFAX FOR ACTION AND TO CO WAKEFIELD FOR INFO COMINCH CINCLANT BUSHIPS OPNAV CO USS BERMADOU FROM CESF)

YOUR 2138Z/26*. COMMANDING OFFICER USS WAKEFIELD COMMANDER BRADBURY ACCEPT SHIP WHEN IN ALL RESPECTS READY AND ASSUME RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HER SAFETY. ESCORT COMMANDER WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SAFE CONVOY TO DESTINATION PROCEEDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH MY ORDERS.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM SUPERS
RELEASED BY N. DOOLEY
DATE SEPT 25 1942
TELE CODEROOM 2946
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TEXT

YOUR 212110. ATTENTION CAPT W WILNE USN (RET). PRESIDENT COURT OF INQUIRY CASE USS WAKEFIELD. CAPT (E) HERBERT W PERHAM USCG NOW ON DUTY COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS WASHN EXPERIENCED IN NAVAL ARCHITECTURE AND MARINE ENGINEERING ESPECIALLY SUITED THIS TYPE CASE VIEW MORRO CASTLE INVESTIGATION. WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE UPON YOUR REQUEST TO COMDT COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS WASHN AS AN EXPERT WITNESS IF HIS SERVICES ARE DESIRED.

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MAILGRAM

USS WAKEFIELD IS AT HALIFAX. SHE IS TO BE TOWED TO BOSTON. THE ESCORT WILL CONSIST OF USS CAPTOR AND HMS NORTHERN CHIEF LEAVING BOSTON FOR HALIFAX AT 1830Q SEPT. 23 AND PC 562 AND HMS BUTTERMERE AND, IT IS EXPECTED, 2 DD's FROM ATLANTIC FLEET. TUGS SAMSON, SAGAMORE, RANDANK, FOUNDATION, FRANKLIN WILL TOW ENEMY SUBMARINES MAY BE EXPECTED. BUTTERMERE AND PC 562 RENDEZVOUS WITH SAMSON NORTH AND EAST OF THROGS NECK AT 2830Q SEPT. 23. PROCEED HALIFAX VIA LONG ISLAND SOUND AND CAPE COD CANAL ESCORTING SAMSON. SPEED 11. UPON ARRIVAL HALIFAX REPORT COAC AND TO SENIOR OFFICER PRESENT OF ESCORT. BUTTERMERE GUARD 2716 KCS PC 562 GUARD 4155 KCS. BY HAND TO BUTTERMERE, PC 562. AUTHORIZED TO SEND BY REGISTERED AIR MAIL TO COAC AND AS NECESSARY.

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REFERENCE SECNAV LETTER — JAG:D: HAS:EDN (SC)

A 17-24 OF SEPT. 16, 1942. CONVENING OF COURT OF INQUIRY
IN CASE OF USS WAKEFIELD. THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS NOMINATED:
CAPT. M. MILNE USN (RETD.) CAPT. EDMUND F. TOON USN CAPT.
WILHERED N. DERBY USCG MEMBERS AND LIEUT. J. A. BROWN USN
JUDGE ADVOCATE. IN VIEW OF THE GREAT NATIONAL IMPORTANCE
OF THIS INQUIRY IN ITS RELATION TO FUTURE SHIP DESIGN
AND CONSTRUCTION IT IS BELIEVED THAT OFFICERS SPECIALY
QUALIFIED BY EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING SHOULD BE SELECTED
AS MEMBERS AND JUDGE ADVOCATE. IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED
THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO APPOINTING 1 OR MORE SUCH
OFFICERS FROM OTHER COMMANDS AS SUBSTITUTES FOR AN EQUAL
NUMBER OF OFFICERS HEREIN NOMINATED.

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WHEN RELIEVED BY THE SUPERVISOR OF SALVAGE COMEASTSEAFRON RELIEVED OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR WAKEFIELD.

SUPERVISOR SALVAGE ASSUME CHARGE OF SALVAGE OPERATIONS.

CO RENDER ALL ASSISTANCE PRACTICABLE. BUSHIPS INFORMED.

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TOR CODEROOM: 232/2369
DECODER BY: DAVIS/HUTCHINSON
PARAPHRASED BY: 

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ORIGINATOR RADFORD.

COMMANDING OFFICER WITH PARTY IN WAKEFIELD REQUESTS PILOTS BE ARRANGED AND PERMISSION OBTAINED TO ENTER HALIFAX IMMEDIATELY UPON ARRIVAL. ETA SAMBO LIGHTSHIP 2030 TODAY.

WAKEFIELD HULL APPEARS IN GOOD CONDITION BELOW WATER LINE REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING ESCORTS. IF LATTER ENTER PILOTS SHOULD PROVIDE THATS ALL.

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ALL TIMES QUEEN. USS SAGANORE JOINED AT 7 HOURS. SALVAGE VESSEL RELIEF WITH HMS WELLARD AT 8 HOURS. USS CAPTOR AT 1530. COMMANDING OFFICER WITH SALVAGE PARTY ON BOARD USS WAKEFIELD WHICH IS NOW IN TOW OF 4 TUGS MAKING APPROXIMATELY 5 KNOTS. USS WAKEFIELD DRAFT FORWARD 26 FEET, AFT 28 FEET. THESE APPROXIMATE DUE TO SWELLS. NO LIST EXCEPT THAT DUE WIND. NOTIFY INTERESTED AUTHORITIES. MY NOON POSITION 43-52N 63-19W. COURSE 355. WIND SOUTHWEST MILD TO MODERATE. ABOUT 50 MILES.

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RADFORD ORIGINATOR. SAGAMORE HAS BEEN ADVISED.

WANDANK JOINED AT 1430Q AT WHICH TIME ORIGINATOR POSITION WAS 42 24 N 62 50 W, COURSE 345. SPEED REDUCED TO APPROXIMATELY 2 KNOTS DUE HEAD WIND AND SEA. SAGAMORE HAS BEEN ADVISED AS TO MY POSITION COURSE AND SPEED.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM     USS RADFORD (NRFK)
REVIEWED BY
DATE     6 SEPT. 1942
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RADFORD ORIGINATOR.

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WAKEFIELD STILL BURNING BUT ONLY FIRE OF REAL INTENSITY
APPEARS TO BE COMING FROM VICINITY NUMBER 4 HOLD. TUKA
NOW PLACED AHEAD OF AND TOWING IN TANDEM WITH FOUNDATION
FRANKLIN. SPEED INCREASED TO APPROXIMATELY 5 KNOTS. UN-
ABLE USE ADDITIONAL TUG UNLESS WEATHER MODERATES. WIND
NORTHWEST FORCE 5 X SEA MODERATE. VISIBILITY UNLIMITED.
**POSITION BY OBSERVATION 4224 NORTH 6243 WEST. **COURSE
345 TRUE. RADFORD ORIGINATOR, REQUEST WEATHER FORECASTS
BY LOCALITY.

160 m. FROM HELPEL

**WEATHER DATA FORWARDED TO NAVY WEATHER CENTRAL, BY SCR.

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ORIGINATOR CO WAKEFIELD IN RAMFORD.

FOUNDATION FRANKLIN AND ESCORT ARRIVED WAKEFIELD 1230Q. AN INSPECTION OF SHIP WAS MADE BY COMMANDING OFFICER AND SALVAGE PARTY WHILE TUGS HAIBER WAS BEING SEVERED. FIRE NOW BURNING ON DOG DECK LEVEL UNDER FULL LENGTH OF SUPER-STRUCTURE AND HAS GONE DOWN INTO LOWER Tween DECKS OF NUMBER 5 HOLD. NOT ABLE TO KEEP ANY CREW ABOARD DUE TO HEAT IN FORWARD UNBURRNED COMPARTMENTS. TUG COMMENCED TOWING 1500Q ESTIMATED POSITION 41-40 NORTH 62-15 WEST. ESTIMATED SPEED 3 KNOTS. MURPHY AND HMS QUINTE ACTING AS ESCORTS.
SINCE WAKEFIELD WAS UNDER KTS AT TIME OF RECENT FIRE AND MOST OF WITNESSES WERE ON BOARD THAT SHIP ASSUME SECNAV WILL CONVENE COURT OF INQUIRY PARA BASED ABOVE ASSUMPTION. REQUEST COPY OF FINDINGS OPINIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WHEN AVAILABLE.

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ORIGINATOR BROOKLYN.

FINAL COUNT WAKEFIELD SURVIVORS RESCUED BY BROOKLYN 1174.

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PARAPHRASED BY: LELAND

ADDRESS: CTF 38

FOR ACTION: VICE OPNAV

INFORMATION: COMINCH; COAC

OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF SALVAGE MEASURES.

USS WAKEFIELD STOPPED POSITION 41-28 NORTH 69-00 WEST.

AFIRE PERSONNEL REMOVED EXCEPT CAPTAIN EXECUTIVE FIRE PARTY. CONVOY AND ESCORT PROCEEDING MADISON STANDING BY.

SOPA CASCO SENDING CAMPBELL RADFORD IUKA KALMIA COMEASTSEAFRON SENDING BAGAMORE. COMEASTSEAFRON HAS ASSUMED OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF SALVAGE MEASURES.

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COMEASTSEAFRON HAS TAKEN OVER SALVAGE USS WAKEFIELD. VESSEL WILL BE TAKEN HALIFAX NOT REPEAT NOT BOSTON. USS WANDANK PROCEEDING FROM BOSTON, USS SAGAMORE AND SALVAGE VESSEL RELIEF FROM NEW YORK, TUG FOUNDATION FRANKLIN FROM HALIFAX. THESE IN ADDITION TO THOSE SENT BY CINCLANT.

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POSITION WAKEFIELD ORIGINATOR 41-28 N 63-00 W.

CORRECT NUMBER ENLISTED MEN ON BOARD MADISON TO 65. FIRE STILL BURNING STRONGLY AFT BUT NO EVIDENCE OF PENETRATION BELOW "C" DECK.
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FROM ATTACK BY 84 ENEMY PLANES OCTOBER 26TH RECEIVED FOLLOWING HITS AND DAMAGE. THIS REPORT SUBJECT TO CHANGE AFTER INSPECTION UNDERWATER BODY BY DIVERS. HEAVY BOMB ON FLIGHT DECK FRAME 4 AMIDSHIPS PENETRATING FLIGHT AND FORECASTLE DECKS AND EXTERNAL PLATING PORT SIDE A181A AND EXPLODING OUTSIDE SHIP SEVERING MINE AND FOX COILS DEGAUSSING GEAR AND FRAGMENT HOLLING BOTH SIDES AND FLOODING PEAK TANK A1W. SMALL FIRES BOSN LOCKER. HEAVY BOMB HIT CENTER-LINE FLIGHT DECK FRAME 45 PENETRATING HANGAR AND 2ND DECKS DETONATING IN A306L(REPAIR 2) CAUSING EXTENSIVE STRUCTURAL DAMAGE AND SMALL FIRES 2ND DECK BETWEEN FRAMES 38 AND 54. 3RD DECK FRAMES 38-64. BULGED FORWARD 50 FEET HANGAR DECK ENTIRE WIDTH TO 18 INCH CROWN. EXTENSIVE DAMAGE FIRE MAIN AND DAMAGE CONTROL SYSTEMS IN THIS AREA. AMMUNITION HOISTS TO 5 INCH GROUPS 1 AND 2 OUT OF COMMISSION. CONFUSED INDICATIONS 2ND BOMB EXPLOSION AT HANGAR DECK LEVEL AMIDSHIPS FRAME 41 EITHER SLOPING HIT THROUGH HANGAR DOORS WHILE HEELED OVER OR EXPLOSION OWN BOMB BY BOMB HIT PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED. RESULTED DECOMMISIONING NUMBER 1 ELEVATOR. MILD SCORING BUT PROBABLY NO MISALIGNMENT OF ELEVATOR PISTONS. GLANCING HIT STARBOARD

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**SIDE PLATING FRAME 29 DETONATED UNDER WATER CAUSING HOLE 12 SQUARE FEET AT BOTTOM OF COMPARTMENT A7V. FLOODING OF A11V A6E (ELEVATOR PUMP ROOM NUMBER 1) LEAKS IN TRANSVERSE BULKHEAD FRAMES 18 AND 22, SLOW LEAK IN A256. ALL FRESH WATER TANKS CONTAMINATED. FRESH WATER PUMPING SYSTEM DECOMMISSIONED. FORWARD GASOLINE PUMP SYSTEM DECOMMISSIONED. NEAR MISS FRAME 105 STARBOARD SLIGHTLY DISHING SIDE, NEAR MISS FRAME 130 STARBOARD RESULTING FLOODING OF OIL TANKS C3F AND D3F. LEAK IN D19F CONTAMINATING FUEL THEREIN. THIS MISS ALSO CRACKED AFTER PEDESTAL BEARING FOOT OF NO. 2 HIGH PRESSURE TURBINE CRACK FORE AND AFT ON INBOARD LEG OF CASTING ABOUT 1 INCH ABOVE HORIZONTAL FOOT NEAR MISS FRAME 170 STARBOARD DISHED SIDE SLIGHTLY. FORWARD GYRO DECOMMISSIONED FROM SHOCK. ALL OF SHIPS STORES STOCK DAMAGED DUE TO PARTIAL FLOODING A446A. OTHER STORE-ROOMS IN AFFIRM AREA NOT YET ACCESSIBLE PROBABLY PARTLY FLOODED. FOLLOWING MAJOR ITEMS APPEAR TO REQUIRE REPLACEMENT ALTHOUGH ELECTRIC MOTORS LISTED ARE STILL SUBMERGED AND MAY BE FOUND UPON SUBSEQUENT INSPECTION TO BE REPAIRABLE. COMPLETE EQUIPMENT FOR 31 SINGLE AND 11 DOUBLE STATE ROOMS PLUS BUNK ROOM IN A256.**

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2 CONTROLLERS FOR PUMP PUMP MOTORS 80-21F218. 1 GASOLINE PUMP MOTOR 20/10HP, 24.2/14.8 AMPS, 3475/1760 RPM, TYPE CS, FRAME WR 365, SERIAL 4-17F252. 1 CONTROLLER FOR GASOLINE PUMP MOTOR 2 HP, 2.8 AMP, 1720 RPM, TYPE CS, FRAME WR 225, SERIAL 1-19F646. 1 CONTROLLER FOR SECONDARY DRAIN PUMP MOTOR 80-19F651. 2 FRESH WATER PUMP MOTORS 13.6 HP, 17.55 AMP, 3530 RPM, TYPE CS, FRAME WRS 326, SERIAL 4-17F248. 2 CONTROLLERS FOR FRESH WATER PUMP MOTORS 80-17F250. 4 THRUSTOR MOTORS MFG BY GENERAL ELECTRIC, 25 HP, 45 AMP, 3450 RPM, FRAME 37B, TYPE KING, MODEL 5K37BB220. 1 CONTROLLER FOR THRUSTOR MOTORS NUMBER 264507, CR-5139-B9, CAT. 4989062.

1 GASOLINE COMPARTMENT DRAINAGE PUMP MOTOR MFG BY ELECTRIC BOAT, 6 HP, 8.15 AMP, 1135 RPM, FRAME A-284, TYPE KMD, SERIAL 43895, 80 10A3546. 1 CONTROLLER FOR SAME MFG BY CUTLER HAMMER, NUMBER A757877A2. 1 FIXED WELDING MACHINE WITH CONTROLLER MFG BY HOBART BROWN, SERIAL DW2122, WITH 40 VOLT, 300 AMP, 12 KW, 1750 RPM GENERATOR. 1 WIND DIRECTION AND WIND INTENSITY TRANSMITTER COMPLETE WITH KNOT CONTACT ASSEMBLY PIECE NUMBER 102 MFG BY JULIEN P FRIEZ, MFG.

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**FROM**
NYD PEARL HARBOR

**RELEASED BY**

**DATE**
23 Nov 1942

**TOR CODE ROOM**
0946

**DECODED BY**
J Montgomery/Courtney

**FOR ACTION**
BUSSHIP

**ADDRESS**
COMSOPACFOR

**PRECEDENCE**

**TEXT**

REFER LAST PORTION ENTERPRISE 110030. REQUEST REPLACEMENTS FOR DAMAGED OR DESTROYED EQUIPMENT LISTED THEREIN BE SHIPPED THIS YARD AND THAT YARD BE ADVISED OF DELIVERY STATUS.

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BUSSHIP........ACTION

COMING........23.....11A.....BUORD.....FILE.
AMPLIFYING MY 28840. BOMB HOLES FROM FIRST HIT FLIGHT AND FORECASTLE DECKS AND FRAGMENT HOLES PEAK TANK REPAIRED BY VESTAL AND SHIP'S FORCE. FOLLOWING DAMAGE FROM BOMB HIT CENTERLINE FLIGHT DECK FRAME 44 REPAIRED BY FORCES AFLOAT: MAJOR PORTION BULGE IN FORWARD END HANGAR DECK REMOVED. FIRE AND DAMAGE CONTROL MAINS SECOND AND THIRD DECKS RESTORED. AMMUNITION HOISTS ELECTRICAL AND HYDRAULIC SYSTEM FOR 5 INCH GROUP ONE AND TWO REPAIRED. PROVIDING NO MISALIGNMENT OF PISTONS REVEALED IN INITIAL TEST EXPECT TO RECOMMISSION NUMBER ONE ELEVATOR ABOUT ONE WEEK HENCE. NEAR MISS FRAME 39 STARBOARD CAUSED 4 SMALL HOLES SHELL PLATING AND FLOODING A7V, A11V, A9E (ELEVATOR PUMP ROOM), A901V, CONTAMINATING FRESH WATER TANKS A4W, A5W, AND A6W THROUGH LEAKS IN TRANSVERSE BULKHEADS FRAME 18 AND 22, SLOW LEAK IN A3T. ALL HOLES AND LEAKS REPAIRED. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2)
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WITH MOTORS, 2 SUMP PUMP MOTORS, 2 FRESH WATER PUMPS AND MOTORS, ONE DRAINAGE PUMP AND MOTOR, ONE GASOLINE SUMP PUMP MOTOR, 4 ELEVATOR THRUSTER MOTORS, 2 ELEVATOR CONTROL PANELS, WIRING IN NUMBER 1 ELEVATOR PUMP ROOM, 4 AMMUNITION HOIST MOTORS, 1 VENTILATION SET MOTOR, 1 WIND AND DIRECTION INTENSITY INDICATOR, COURSE COMPONENT INDICATOR. ITEMS NOT REPAIRED BECAUSE OF LACK OF MATERIAL. COILS OF DEGAUSSING CABLES WHICH REQUIRE 20 FEET OF MADE UP CABLE EACH, GENERAL RENEWING OF WIRING IN A208 AND A306, WELDING MACHINE AND CIRCUIT. FLOODING AND SPRINKLING PUSH BUTTON CONTROL AND INDICATOR LIGHTS FOR FORWARD MAGAZINE FLOODING CONTROL WILL BE MADE TEMPORARILY OPERATIVE BY JURY RIG, NEW SET OF PARTS HAS BEEN ORDERED. NUMBER 1 ELEVATOR FEEDER FROM AFTER DISTRIBUTION BOARD COMPOSED OF 2THFA 306, 996 CIRCULAR MIL CABLES REQUIRES PARTIAL RENEWAL BECAUSE OF ZERO GROUND CAUSED BY CAPILLARY ACTION INSIDE.
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**Date:** 11 SEPT 42  
**To Code Room:** 26 145/11  
**Decoded by:** ROY  
**Paraphrased by:** GODFREY  
**Addressed to:** COMSERTFORPACFLT  
**Information for Action:**  
**Precedence:** PRIORITY  
**Information:** CINCPAC COMSOPACFOR OPNAV (SEE TEXT BELOW)

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(This originated by ENTERPRISE) (Action to COMSERTFORPAC INFO COMTASKFOR 16 BY HAND AND TO COMSOPAC AND OPNAV X OPNAV DELIVER TO BUSHIPS BUORD AND BUAER ALSO FOR INFO)

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Your 269226 principal damage and major items machinery and equipment requiring replacement: General and extensive damage to ships structure abaft frame 157 x hanger deck bulged upward 16 inches entire width between frames 155 and 173 x KEWEE x major repairs 1¾ after roller curtains 6 port and 4 starboard x special watertight door 1-174 x high pressure flasks for torpedoes at frame 126 main deck subjected severe shock x powder and projectile stowages group 36 inch guns require replacement x total of 170½ square feet of flight deck including planking require reconstructions x group 36 inch gun platform requires extensive reconstruction x following items

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AIRMAILGRAM

REQUIRE REPLACEMENT X TANK FOR CLEAR GASOLINE STOWAGE FRAME
188 5000 CAPACITY X 390 STANDARD CREWS BUNKS WITH STANCHIONS X
50 CPO REPEAT CPO BUNKS WITH STANCHIONS AND FITTINGS X 156
CPO MATTRESSES X 60 CPO LOCKERS WITH FITTINGS X 1 HOT WATER
HEATER FOR CPO WASHROOM X 120 UNITS TRIPLE CREW LOCKERS X 10
UNITS DOUBLE CREW LOCKERS X 10 SINGLE CREW LOCKERS X 160 CHAIRS
TYPE 4 X 2 DRINKING FOUNTAINS ELECTRIC NUMBER 2 X 2 DRINKING
FOUNTAINS ELECTRIC NUMBER 3 X 4 REFRIGERATORS 3 PORTABLE
ELECTRIC NUMBER 1 X 1 VICTOR DISHWASHING MACHINE WITH BASKETS
3 VENTILATOR BLOWERS NUMBERS 2-158-2 X 2-170 AND 2-176-1 X
4 CPO MESS TABLES 5 BY 14 FEET X FOUR CPO MESS TABLES 5 BY 8
FEET X 40 RESCUE BREATH APPARATUS X 1 PORTABLE ARC WELDING
MACHINE 150 AMPS X 3 LIFE RAFTS 25 MAN CAPACITY X 35 PORTABLE

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CO2 FIRE EXTINGUISHERS X 4
LENGTHS FIREHOSE RUBBER LINED
2 1/2 INCH BY 50 FEET X 3 3/4 LIFE PRESERVERS X 2
WATERTIGHT DOOR
QUICK ACTING THREE STANDARD WATERTIGHT DOORS WITH FIVE VALVES
FOR HANGAR SPRINKLING SYSTEM ELECTRIC AND HAND OPERATED
3 3/4 GAS MASKS X EXTENSIVE PIPING REPLACEMENT X END OF PART
ONE OF TWO PARTS

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ALL URINALS HEAD AND WASH TROUGHS AND 2 HOT WATER HEATERS FOR COMPARTMENT D-293-2L X 1 BENCH TYPE PLANER AND JOINER 6 INCH ELECTRIC 440 VOLT X BENCH TYPE GRINDER EMERY PORTABLE ELECTRIC 440 VOLT X BAND SAW WOOD 36 INCHES ELECTRIC 440 VOLTS X TABLE SAW CIRCULAR 12 INCH ELECTRIC 440 VOLTS X VISE SAW 9 1/2 BY 12 INCH JAW X ONE WOOD TURNING LATHE X VISE WOOD WORKERS 4 BY 10 INCH JAW X ONE DRILL PRESS ELECTRIC 440 VOLTS 1/2 INCH TO 2 INCH CAPACITY X 1 RANGE 220 VOLT 3 PHASE 7 KILOWATTS FOR GPO PANTRY X EQUIPMENT FOR AVIATION METALSMITH SHOP COMPLETE X 2 MIN PLUNGERS COMPLETE FOR NUMBER 3 ELEVATOR C AND R DRAWING NUMBER 264925 X 1 OIL STORAGE TANK FOR ELEVATOR

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AIRMAILGRAM

C AND R DRAWING NUMBER 219609 X 1 POWER UNIT COMPLETE FOR AUTOMATIC STANCHIONS AT FLIGHT DECK C AND R DRAWING NUMBER 242464 X 1 STANCHION MOTOR COMPLETE C AND R DRAWING NUMBER 24927 X 2" TELEPHONE HANDSETS SOUND POWERED WESTERN ELECTRIC DRAWING NUMBER D-96447 X 35 TELEPHONES HEADSETS SOUND POWERED WESTERN ELECTRIC NUMBER D-96534 X 2 REPRODUCERS FOR 3 WC CIRCUIT BUENG DRAWING NUMBER CV 5-88-865-0325 X 4 LANDING DECK LIGHT FIXTURES COMPLETE BUENG DRAWING NUMBER CV REPEAT CV 5-864-0257 X 1 MOTOR AND CONTROLLER FOR VENTILATING SET CIRCUIT NUMBER 4-173-4 SYMBOL NUMBER 6606842 X 1 VENTILATING SET COMPLETE WITH BLOWER MOTOR AND CONTROLLER CIRCUIT NUMBER 2-158-1 SYMBOL NUMBER 21-21F339 X 18 TYPE B MONOPHONE WALL SETS AUTOMATIC ELECTRIC MANUFACTURERS DRAWING NUMBER MD-L-306 X
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**AIRMailGRAM**

1 GEAR MOTOR DRIVE FOR VENT DUCT COVER FOR DIESEL GENERATOR AND STEERING GEAR GROOM C AND R DRAWING NUMBER 242019 AND GAAT MECHANISM SERIAL NUMBER 7G120LV3 X 1 HIGH PRESSURE AND 1 LOW PRESSURE ACCUMULATOR TANK FOR NUMBER 3 ELEVATOR SUBJECT TO SEVERE SHOCK AND TILTED ON BASE ALTHOUGH NO DEFECTS DISCLOSED BY VISUAL INSPECTION X STARBOARD GUIDE RAIL AND RACK ASSEMBLY NUMBER 3 ELEVATOR SUBJECT TO SEVERE HEAT AND STRAIN ALTHOUGH NO DEFECTS DISCOVERED BY VISUAL INSPECTION X INSTABLE PERMANENT 1 DEGAUSSING EQUIPMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH BUSHIPS LETTER CV6/381 SERIAL 866O OF 121141 X ELECTRIC CABLE REQUIRED 4000 FEET THFA-4 X 2000 FEET THFA REPEAT THFA-9 X 6000 FEET DHFA RPT DHFA-3 X 8000 FEET DHFA RPT DHFA-4 X 2000 FEET FHFA RPT FHFA-3 3000 FEET FHFA RPT FHFA-4 X 76 FANS 12 INCH 1 OSCILLATING 115 VOLTS AC BUENG DRAWING NUMBER

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838-0211 X TWO 5 INCH 38 CALIBER GUNS MARK 12-1 AND TWO MARK 21-16 GUN MOUNTS COMPLETE WITH ALL WIRING AND FIRE CONTROL EQUIPMENT AS FOLLOWS X FIVE SETTINGS INDICATORS MARK 7 X ELEVATION INDICATOR REGULATORS MARK 25 MOD 2 AND MOD 3 X TWO MARK 61 AND TWO MARK 62 GUN SIGHT X TWO 5 INCH AA AMMUNITION HOIST ASSEMBLIES UPPER ENDS C AND R DRAWING NUMBER 219920 X AMMUNITION HOIST CHAIN 40 LINKS COMPLETE WITH ROLLERS AND PINS AND TWO FLIGHTS C AND R DRAWING NUMBER 223446 FOLLOWING NEW ITEMS EQUIPMENT CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL X 2 REFRIGERATING UNITS 3 TON CAPACITY EACH FOR STEERING ENGINE ROOM X TWO REFRIGERATING UNITS 5 TON CAPACITY EACH FOR FIRE CONTROL SWITCHBOARD CENTRAL STATION AND RC RPT RC ROOM X EXPECT NO MAJOR REPLACEMENT ITEMS REQUIRED TO PUT NUMBER TWO ELEVATOR AND STARBOARD

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STEERING MOTOR BACK IN OPERATION.

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RECOP: BUSHIPS....COMINCH....FILE.....

No further detail by NAK
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM ENTERPRISE
RELEASED BY
DATE 11 SEP 42
TOR CODE ROOM 16/11
DECODED BY DIAG
PARAPHRASED BY GODFREY

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

GREATLY HARMFUL

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(THE MESSAGES FROM ENTERPRISE)

SUMMARY OF DAMAGE AND PRESENT MATERIAL CONDITION X MEDIUM
BOMB HIT FLIGHT DECK FRAME 137 STARBOARD EXPLODED IN HANGER
OVERHEAD STARTING SMALL FIRE PARACHUTE LOFT X FRAGMENTS DAMAGED
NUMBER 2 ELEVATOR OUT OF COMMISSION X FRAGMENT HOLES IN
HANGAR DECK X MEDIUM BOMB HIT FORWARD STARBOARD CORNER NUMBER 3
ELEVATOR EXPLODED IN CPO WASHROOM THIRD DECK STARBOARD SIDE
STARTING STUBBORN FIRE AND CAUSING FOLLOWING DAMAGE X AFTER
50 FEET HANGER DECK RAISED 2 FEET X SECOND DECK 16 FOOT HOLE,
DECK BUCKLED AND ALL COMPARTMENTS WRECKED X FRAMES 157 TO 173,
WATERTIGHT BULKHEAD FRAME 173 RUPTURED X THIRD DECK 16 FOOT
HOLE TANGENT STARBOARD SIDE, FRAGMENT HOLES IN SIDE PLATING,
WATERTIGHT BULKHEAD FRAMES 157 AND 173 BANDY DAMAGED AND

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INCLUDED COMPARTMENTS WRECKED AND DECK BUCKLED, STARBOARD COMPARTMENTS BETWEEN FRAMES 173 AND 186 WRECKED, NUMBER 3 ELEVATOR MACHINERY BADLY DAMAGED OUT OF COMMISSION X FOURTH DECK SEVERAL HOLES IN STARBOARD PLATING BETWEEN FRAMES 169 AND 172 LARGEST 5 BY 2 FEET JUST ABOVE STILL WATERLINE, SEA WATER WASHING IN AND DRAINING OUT SAME HOLES, TEMPORARY COFFERDAM INSTALLED, 15 FOOT HOLE IN DECK, WATER-TIGHT BULKHEAD FRAME 165 HOLED BY FRAGMENTS AND MODERATE FIRE IN STOREROOM BETWEEN FRAMES 157 AND 165 X THIS IS THE END OF THE FIRST OF TWO PARTS.

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THIS IS PART 2 OF 2 PARTS FROM ENTERPRISE X FIFTH DECK STOREROOM STARBOARD SIDE BETWEEN FRAMES 162 AND 173 OPEN TO SEA COMPLETELY FLOODED X SIZE OF HOLE NOT KNOWN BUT BULKHEAD HOLDING 224 TONS WATER X LARGE BOMB HIT FRAME 179 STARBOARD EXPLODED AT JUNCTION GUN GALLERY DECK AND INBOARD BULKHEAD HEAVY DAMAGE, READY POWER BURNED, GROUP 3AA GUNS OUT OF COMMISSION, READY AVIATION ISSUE ROOM AND METAL SHOP WRECKED, FLIGHT DECK TO 8TB NUMBER THREE ELEVATOR RAISED 2 FEET X NEAR MISS UNDER PORT FANTAIL, 88 CORNER OF FLIGHT DECK RAISED 1 FOOT, MINOR DEFLECTION SIDE PLATING AT THIRD DECK AND DECK SPRUNG, LEADING VOID INDICATES MINOR UNDERWATER DAMAGE, 30 FEET DEGAUSSING CABLE TORN AWAY X NEAR MISS FRAME 45 PORT MAY HAVE CAUSE MINOR UNDERWATER DAMAGE.

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AIR MAILGRAM

WATER DAMAGE BUT NONE YET DISCOVERED X NEAR MISS FRAME 89 PORT FRAGMENT HOLES IN SIDE ABOVE WATERLINE MINOR DAMAGE X ONE FIREMAIN RISER ONE DAMAGE CONTROL RISER AND AFTER SECTIONS GASOLINE MAINS RUPTURED X STARBOARD STEERING MOTOR GROUNDED OUT CAUSING RUDDER JAM, PERSONNEL FORCED TO ABANDON STEERING ENGINE ROOM DUE TO SMOKE X UNITS SHIFTED AND CONTROL REGAINED ADJACENT FIRE EXTINGUISHED X ORIGINAL AND RECURRENT FIRES OUT BY MIDNIGHT X FIRST TWO ARRESTING WIRES AND SPEEDUP BAFRIER OUT

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RECORD: BUSHIPS...DOMINCH(1$)...
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NAVAL MESSAGE

DRATER
FROM NOIC SYDNEY

RELEASED BY

DATE 30 AUGUST 1942

TOR CODEROOM 1827/1642

DECODED BY MEUSHAW/HANDLEY

PARAPHRASED BY

ADDRESSEES
NSHQ OTTAWA
NOIC GASPE
COAC
COMINCH

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TEXT NSHQ OTTAWA INFO NOIC GASPE COAC COMINCH. FROM NOIC SYDNEY.

YOUR 1543/29. FROM REPORT RECEIVED FROM MOJAVE, MOHAWK AND MASTER CHATHAM, INDICATIONS ARE THAT CHATHAM WAS SUNK BY AIMED TORPEDO AND THAT LARAMIE AND ARLYN WERE HIT BY 1 AND 2 TORPEDOES RESPECTIVELY OF A SPREAD SALVO, 4TH TORPEDO PASSING UNDER MOHAWK.

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**RELEASED BY:**  
**DATE:** 30 AUGUST 1942  
**TOR CODEROOM:** 1902/1710  
**DECODED BY:** MANFULL/NEUSHAM HUTCHINSON  
**PARAPHRASED BY:**  

**ADDRESSEES:** COMINCH, NSHC, INFO COAC, FONF, NOIC GASPE  
**FOR ACTION:** NOIC CAPE BRETON  
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COMINCH, NSHC, INFO COAC, FONF, NOIC GASPE from NOIC CAPE BRETON.

NSHC's 1545/29 not to COAC FONF NOIC GASPE. Mohawk now refueling Sydney C.B. Report Arlyn torpedoed at 0039z/28. Sub believed to have fired spread of 4 torpedoes from position down behind on Port Quarterly Arlyn R, 2 of which are believed to have hit Arlyn R, 1 to have hit Laramie. Arlyn R believed to have launched boats about 5 miles southeast Chateau Bay. No sound contact obtained by Mohawk at any time during action. Mohave was escorting Chatham in advance of main convoy and had NO info on Arlyn R attack.

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30 AUGUST 1942

**TOR CODEROOM**

0230/30

**DECODED BY**

ROBERTS

**PARAPHRASED BY**

HEINE

**INFORMATION**

COMSERVFOLANT
COMMCH
CONSCLANT
BUSHIPS

**DATE**

29JUL42

**FOR ACTION**

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ALTHOUGH HULL OPEN TO SEA FROM FRAMES SIX TO TEN PORT IN WAY OF CARGO HOLD MAKING GOOD SPEED WITH NO APPARENT STRAIN TO HULL STRUCTURE WITH PRESENT FOLLOWING WIND AND SEA.

TEMPORARY REPAIRS BELIEVED IMPRACTICAL DUE TO PREVALENCE OF AVGAS IN VICINITY OF DAMAGED AREAS. IN VIEW OF ABOVE AND TO MINIMIZE FIRE AT SEA SUGGEST FOLLOWING.

LARAMIE FUEL BRISTOL ON ARRIVAL SYDNEY. WHEN BRISTON OR OTHER ESCORT AVAILABLE PROCEED TO A U S PORT DESIGNATED BY DEPARTMENT. CARGO FUEL REMAINING, 9950 BARRELS BUNKER CAST. 18,900 BBL8 SPECIAL NAVY FUEL, 10,400 BBL8 DIESEL. AVGAS 108,000 GALS ESTIMATED

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COMINCH REPEATED NOIC/SYDNEY FROM NSHQ OTTOWA

YOUR 1244/29 BEING PASSED TO NOIC SYDNEY. NO DETAILS AVAILABLE AT NSHQ MOJAVE. NOW AT SYDNEY MAY HAVE SOME INFORMATION.

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(NO10 GASPE' RPTD COAC COMINCH NO10 SYDNEY O'B FROM NAHA)

ON ARRIVAL TRAIL REPORT FORTHWITH WHETHER ANY EVIDENCE TO SHOW WHETHER BELLE ISLE SINKINGS WERE CAUSED BY TORPEDOES OR MINES.

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BRISTOL ORIGINATOR. CTF 24 PASS TO INTERESTED ADEES NOT IN ADDRESS.

BRISTOL AT SPEED 25 FROM 13°55' 29TH POSITION LATITUDE 45°35' LONG 52°20' TO LAT 49°55' LONG 59°55' AT WHICH POINT EXPECT RENDEZVOUS WITH LARAMIE AT 60°05' ASSUMING HER POSITION COURSE SPEED AS GIVEN CTF 24 291445.

REQUEST LARAMIE AMEND RENDEZVOUS AS NECESSARY. WILL HAVE NO MORE THAN TWO DAYS FUEL AT ECONOMICAL SPEED AFTER JOINING. AM GUARDING 2670 KCS.
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**TEXT**

**POSITION 1280Z 29TH. LATITUDE 49-17 LONGITUDE 58-40.**

**AN FOLLOWING COASTLINE. PRESENT COURSE 212 TRUE. SPEED ABOUT 8 KNOTS.**

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NLR 101

By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/94

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FROM CTF 24 ACTION BRISTOL.

BRISTOL DETACH IMMEDIATELY AND PROCEED BEST SPEED TO RELIEVE MOHAWK WHICH IS NOW ESCORTING DAMAGED LARAMIE TO SYDNEY. ESTIMATE LARAMIE IN 5°-0'4N 58-12W COURSE 212 SPEED 4.2 AT 1200Z/29. ARRANGE DETAILS OF RENDEZVOUS DIRECT WITH LARAMIE.

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LARAMIE RPT CINCLANT COMINCH CTF 29 FROM CTF 24.

YOUR 281615.

WHAT WAS NATURE OF ENEMY ACTION AND EXTENT OF DAMAGE TO LARAMIE? HAVE NO PREVIOUS INFORMATION THAT LARAMIE WAS ATTACKED.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM CTF 29 (NYGO)
RELEASED BY
DATE 29 AUGUST 1942
TOR CODE ROOM 825/8135
DECODED BY GOOD/ECKHARDT
PARAPHRASED BY

ADDRESSEES
USS LARAMIE
COMINCH
CINCLANT

NAVY DEPARTMENT
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TEXT
LIMITED DISTRIBUTION
RDO WASH PASS INFO TO COMINCH CINCLANT. ORIG CTF 29.
REPORT APPROXIMATE EXTENT OF YOUR DAMAGE.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
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CHEMUNG
BUCK
SS AWATEA
USS INGRAHAM (DD)
ACTION COAC INFO COMINCH CTF 37 CTF 24 FROM CINCLANT.

APPRECIATE THE PROMPT ASSISTANCE RENDERED DESTROYER BUCK AND CHEMUNG AND REGRET INEVITABLE DISRUPTION YOUR ESCORT GROUPS WHICH MUST HAVE RESULTED.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM USS CHEMUNG ( USS BRISTOL )
RELEA$E BY 24 AUGUST 1942
DATE TOR CODEROOM 0834/2336
DECODED BY CORNER/CORNER
PARAPHRASED BY

JOHN

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TEXT ACTION

USS BRISTOL ORIGINATOR

FOLLOWING FROM USS CHEMUNG FOR RETRANSMISSION COMINCH.

QUOTE ABOUT 2230 SATURDAY 22 WHILE IN CONVOY CHEMUNG

COLLIDED WITH DESTROYER WOODY & DEPTH CHARGES EXPLODED

UNDER BOW BLOWING OPEN FORWARD PEAK TANKS AT WATER LINE

AND BOATSHAINS STOREROOM JUST ABOVE. TWO FORWARD 3 INCH

AFIRM. AFIRM GUNS PROBABLY REQUIRE REPLACEMENT. NEW

CYRO COMPASS REQUIRED. RETURNING TO PORT. PLEASE AD-

VISE OTHER INTERESTED OFFICES, UNQUOTE

COPY PASSED BY COMINCH TO NCRWO FOR FURTHER DISTRIBUTION

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RECP: 23...36...BUSHIPS...BUORD...

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TEXT

(FROM CINCLANT)

WHEN SECURITY PERMITS AMPLIFY OR CORRECT THE INFORMATION
CONTAINED IN MY 231746. OBTAIN REFERENCE FROM TILLMAN.

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21C...36...19...19C...23....BUSHIPS....BUORD....

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241635 NCR 1972
SECRET
ADMIRALTY, NSHQ, COMINCH, INFO CTF 37 FROM COAC.

AWATEA ARRIVED HALIFAX 030Z ESCORTED BY HMS VANOC AND HMCSS KAMSACK.

This is the AP that had the block.
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24 AUG 42

**TOR CODEROOM**

2328/23

**DECODED BY**

NEWHOUSE/GILKER

**INFORMATION**

CINCLANT

**FOR ACTION**

OPNAV

**PRECEDENCE**

URGENT

ROUTINE

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**INTERPRETATION**

COPELAND 232250 NOR 1394

**DESCRIPTION**

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**TEXT**

COMDESRON 13 TO CINCLANT CHEROKEE TILLMAN, OPNAV PASS TO COMINCH CINCLANT COMEASTSEA AFRON CON 1 CTF 24. PASS TO COAC IN CIPHER XRAY. COAC PLEASE PASS TO VANOC BRANTFORD NIPICON.

**CONDITION**

VISIBILITY UNLIMITED SEA CALM LIGHT AIRS POSITION NO OBSERVATION OF BUCK BRISTOL CHEWING AT 2200Z 23RD LAT 42-34 LONG 68-17 SPEED 5 COURSE 270. REQUEST AIR COVERAGE TOMORROW MONDAY.

**NOTE:** CODE PASSED TO US ADDRESSES BY NOR. PASSED TO COAC IN CIPHER "X" BY NOR.

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FROM CINC NANT

CHEMUNG AND BUCK REQUIRE DOCKING IMMEDIATELY ON ARRIVAL ABOUT 25 AUG. 1ST SHIP HAS LARGE HOLE IN BOW AND HAS HAD FIRE IN FORECASTLE AREA. STERN OF 2ND SHIP HAS BEEN CUT OFF ABOUT FRAME #172. WHEN SECURITY PERMITS TILLMAN ADVISE YARD ETA.

COMINCH...COG

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Routed by Lt. Allen 231210 NCR 1983

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(CINCLANT FROM COMDESRON 13. OPNAV PASS TO COMG COMDESRON COMDESPLAN COM DESPLAN CEF COM 1 CTF 37 CTF 24. TO COAC IN CYPHER "X").

REPAIRS REQUIRED BY BUCK AND CHEMUNG ARE SUCH THAT IT SEEMS ADVISABLE FOR THEM TO GO TO BOSTON OR OTHER UNITED STATES PORT RATHER THAN HALIFAX. RECOMMEND THIS AND SUGGEST THAT ESCORTS COME FROM NEW ENGLAND COAST TO WHERE BRISTOL AND HMCS VANCO AND BRANTFORD ORDERED OUT BY COAC BUT NOT YET IN COMPANY. BUCK HAS STERN CUT OFF AT FRAME 172. CHEMUNG HAS LARGE HOLE IN BOW AND REQUIRED 6 HOURS TO PUT OUT FORECASTLE FIRE AFTER COLLISION WITH INGRAHAM. CHEMUNG TONING BUCK, SPEED OF ADVANCE 9 KNOTS. COURSE WEST, VISIBILITY 3,000 YARDS. POSITION 1100Z LAT 42-36 LONG 60-03.

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/1944.
BUCKS STERN CUT OFF. CHEMUNG ABOUT TO TAKE BUCK IN TOW.
BRISTOL STANDING BY. BUCKS AFTER COMPARTMENTS PARTIALLY
FLOODED. POSITION 18º MILES FROM HALIFAX AND 495 FROM
BOSTON. CONSIDER BUCK IN CONDITION TO BE TOWED TO BOSTON.

HAVE ASKED COAC FOR TUG ESCORT AND AIR COVERAGE. 6 MEN
TRAPPED BELIEVED LOST. POSITION 42-35N 62-37W. BRISTOL
REPORTS SURVIVORS FROM INGRAHAM WHICH WAS RAUNIED BY
CHEMUNG. CTF 37 DESIRES BRISTOL REJOIN THEREFOR REQUEST
RELIEF ESCORT ARRIVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO BRISTOL MAY
LAND SURVIVORS FUEL AND REJOIN TF 37.

NCR HAS PASSED

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39...36...BUSHIPS...SUPERS...BOARD...REPAIR...90...FILE.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/1/94

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: COAC
RELEASED BY: 23 August 1942
DATE: 1003/1943
TOR CODEROOM: POWER/ROTH

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INFORMATION: COMINCH
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ADDRESS: CESF
ADDRESS: USS BRISTOL
ADDRESS: NSHQ

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CINCLANT REPTD COMINCH CTF 37 NSHQ CESF USS BRISTOL FROM COAC.

BRISTOL'S 6152 23RD NOT TO ALL ADDRESSEES.

HMS VANOC HMCS BRANTFORD PROCEED TO ASSIST BRISTOL AND ESCORT SHIPS TO HALIFAX.

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HMCS BRANTFORD INFO USS BRISTOL HMS VANOC FROM COAC.

PROCEED FORTHWITH TO SCREEN USS BUCK AND HMT AWATEA 042-34 NORTH 060-07 WEST PROCEEDING TO HALIFAX 10 KNOTS. VESSEL ESCORTED BY USS BRISTOL HMS VANOC. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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HMS VANOL REPEATED SOREL BRANTFORD FROM COAC.

PROCEED FORTHWITH TO 042-33 NORTH 060-01 WEST AND ESCORT AWATEA TO HALIFAX. AWATEA AND US DESTROYER IN COLLISION.
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**FROM CTF 37**

UNABLE LOCATE COMMUNICATE WITH ANATEA IN COLLISION WITH USS BUCK AT §13'22 LATITUDE §42-33 LONG §59-53. REQUEST SEARCH BE CONDUCTED.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM
USS BRIXTOL

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ACTION COAC FROM USS BRIXTOL.

DAMAGED TANKER AND DAMAGED DESTROYER ESCORTED BY USS BRIXTOL POSITION LAT 42-34 LONG 60-67 PROCEEDING TO HALIFAX SPEED 10 KNOTS. REQUEST ESCORT VESSEL AND AIR ESCORT. MORE ACCURATE POSITION LATER.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: CTF 37 (INDEF CALL)
RELEASED: 23 AUGUST, 1942
TOR CODEROOM: 236534
DECODED BY: LYONS//SMITH

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LT KELLY 236427 NCR 0905
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USS HAWK
AM 133
SC 745
REQUEST THAT COURT OF INQUIRY BE APPOINTED TO INQUIRE INTO COLLISION BETWEEN USS HAWK, AM 133, AND SC 745 AUGUST 29. PERSONNEL ON SC 745 INJURED.

FOLLOWING OFFICERS NOMINATED FOR COURT: CAPTAIN HARLOW T. KAYS, USN RET., PRESIDENT; COMDR ALEXANDER W. MOFFAT, USNR AND LIEUTENANT COMMANDER ALBERT C. SUCK, USN RET., MEMBERS, AND LIEUTENANT COMMANDER JOHN E. ISEMAN, USN RET., JUDGE ADVOCATE.

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About 1600Z 13th August S-39 grounded 3 miles west Adele Island, eastern end Louisade Archipelago. All attempt free ship futile. HMAS Katoomba assisted but unable to float her. All personnel rescued and publications removed. Ship was destroyed 16th August hull still visible. Personnel being returned Brisbane. Results of investigation will be forwarded later.
SS BASS
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM CONSUBRON 3
RELEASED BY
DATE 6 SEPTEMBER 1942
TOR CODEROOM 1930/1751
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TEXT

ESTIMATE BASS CAN BE MADE READY FOR SURFACE CRUISING AND LIMITED SUBMERGED CRUISING BY SEPTEMBER 28. COMINCH §51747. SUBMERGED RADIUS GREATLY REDUCED DUE IMMOBILIZED AFTER BATTERY.
WHILE SUBMERGED AT 85 FEET BASS SUFFERED SERIOUS AFTER BATTERY FIRE EARLY MORNING 17TH. CAUSE NOT DEFINITELY DETERMINED BUT INDICATIONS POINT TO SHORT CIRCUIT CAUSED BY CLOSE PROXIMITY POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE MAIN BUS BARS IN BATTERY TAM DUE TO APPROVED REARRANGEMENT OF BATTERY LOOP TO AID DEGAUSSSING. ALL PERSONNEL BUT ONE ESCAPED DAMAGED COMPARTMENT BUT EVOLUTION GASES SO REAPID AFTER TORPEDO AND TILLER ROOMS ALSO CONTAMINATED RESULTING DEATHS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. SOME EVIDENCE OF A TOXIC GAS OTHER THAN CARBON DIOXIDE BASE AT SUB BASE. AFTER BATTERY BEING REMOVED FOR INSPECTION TESTS. DUE PROBABLE DELAY IN RECEIPT PARTS FOR BATTERY AND OTHER REASONS OVERHAUL BASS WILL BE ADVANCED TO COMMENCE 8 SEPTEMBER. BASS DESPATCH 191729 AND AIRMAIL LETTER P 6 CONFIDENTIAL AUGUST 21 TO SECNAV REPORTED DEAD AND NEXT OF KIN NOT COMPLETE EXTENT OF DAMAGE NOT YET AVAILABLE. DAMAGE TO

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BATTERY TANK, WIRING, BUS BARS, FLOOR BOARDS, VENTILATION DUCTS. SOME CELLS WILL REQUIRE REPLACEMENT. COURT OF INQUIRY NOW IN SESSION.

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WHILE ON PATROL POS 07 N 96 W BASS SUFFERED
SERIOUS FIRE AFTER BATTERY RESULTING DEATH TWENTY
SIX PERSONNEL PROBABLE CAUSE ASPHYXIATION. BASS AND
ANTAEUS PROCEEDING TO MAKE RENDEZVOUS EARLY MORNING
18TH. DETAILED INFORMATION NOT YET RECEIVED CONCERNING
NAMES OF CASUALTIES AND EXTENT OF DAMAGE. SUBMARINE
MAKING 11 KNOTS.
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FROM CINCPAC TO COMINCH.

AIR SEARCH FOR JARVIS NEGATIVE. CONSOLIDATION WATCH TOWER POSITIONS CONTINUES. CENTRAL AND NORTH PACIFIC AREA GENERALLY QUIET.

ATTACKS ON TAHUS.

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AT 1420Z/4 AUGUST 8-17 IN LATITUDE 11-34 LONGITUDE 78-36 WHILE PROCEEDING NEW LONDON ON SURFACE, BOMBED WITH THREE DEPTH BOMBS DROPPED BY ARMY B-18 UNDER NAVAL OPERATIONAL CONTROL. NO PERSONNEL CASUALTIES, MINOR MATERIAL DAMAGE DELAYING SAILING ABOUT ONE WEEK. SUBMARINE WAS WITHIN AREA FOR WHICH BOMBING RESTRICTIONS REQUESTED. ARMY WAS INFORMED THIS AREA AND PILOT WAS FULLY INSTRUCTED. SUBMARINE MADE CORRECT RECOGNITION SIGNAL AND PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION INDICATES PILOT UNDERSTOOD SAME BUT THROUGH PERSONAL ERROR NEVERTHELESS DROPPED BOMBS. FULL REPORT FOLLOWS ON COMPLETED INVESTIGATION.
WHILE ENTERING SECOND CHANNEL BUTTON AFTERNOON 3RD
TUCKER STRUCK MINE PRESUMABLY JUST LAID BY WINDIV 2.
SHIP REPORTS TOTAL LOSS, 5 MEN MISSING, 1 OFFICER INJURED.
NAVAJO WILL SALVAGE AS POSSIBLE INCLUDING ECM.
BISHOPVELE LEAVING WHITE POPPY HIT MINE BUT ONLY
MINOR DAMAGE INDICATED.
NAURU AND OCEAN NOW RECONNOITERED DAILY BY JAP
PLANES.
COM TASKFORCE 8 SENDING.

TWO DIFFERENT ATTACKS ON KANE AT ATKA AND ON VILLAGE BY NIPPONESE FOUR ENGINE FLYING BOATS TYPE 97 KANANISHI TODAY. FIRST ATTACK THREE PLANES AT ELEVEN FORTYFIVE WILLIAM. NO DAMAGE. BOMBING THROUGH OVERCAST SOME BOMBS LANDING ON BEACH SOUTH OF VILLAGE. NEAREST BOMB 290 YARDS FROM KANE. SECOND ATTACK BY 1 PLANE SAME TYPE AT 1415 W. NO DAMAGE. MINIMUM POSSIBLE ACCURACY ATTACK DUE TO OVERCAST. OWN PATROL PLANES RETURNING TO CHERNOFSKI. WILL ATTEMPT TO KEEP KANE CASCO AND HUBBERT VICINITY ATKA AND INTERCEPT JAP PLANES BY P 38S FROM OTTER POINT. TOTAL OF FOUR PLANES ATTACKING APPARENTLY CONFIRMS SAME NUMBER OF THIS TYPE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AT KISKA.
ACK CODE PLS
CODE K

SPECIAL REPORT NUMBER 641 AT 040450 ZED AUGUST 1942. INTERCEPTED MESSAGE REPORTED IN OUR SPECIAL NUMBER 640 WAS APPARENTLY RELAY OF REPORT OF ATTACK BY JAPANESE BOMBER ON U.S.S. KANE IN NAZAN BAY. ATAMA ISLAND. U.S.S. KANE PRESUMED TO BE UNDAMAGED BUT NO REPEAT NO DEFINITE INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.

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THREE ENEMY BOMBERS ARE ATTACKING KANE NEAR NAZAN BAY

ATKA ISLAND
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FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM HMCS SACKVILLE BEGANS (ADMIRALTY COMINCH NSHQ RPTD COAC GTF 24 CINCHWA FROM FOMF).

AT 1603Z/3 IN DENSE FOG U 26 CROSSED BOW. MISSED RAMMING BUT HIT HIM ON BEAM WITH FOUR INCH HE AT POINT BLANK RANGE AT BASE OF CONNING TOWER. FORED DEPTH CHARGES PROBABLY LITTLE EFFECT. HMCS AGASSIZ SLIPED TOW AND BOTH SEARCHED FOR TWO HOURS WITHOUT RESULTS. AGASSIZ SECURED TOW NOW. WEATHER REPORT 9268 1932. T.O.O. 1718Z/3 ENDS

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ON JULY 27 DURING OPERATIONS TASK FOR 8 IN HEAVY FOG VISIBILITY 250 YARDS LONG STRUCK BY MONAGHAN STARBOARD SIDE. STEM BROKEN 5 FEET ABOVE WATERLINE. 4-FOOT GASH IN STARBOARD BOW. 18 INCH TEAR FRAME 93 STARBOARD ABOVE WATERLINE. BENT FRAMES BETWEEN 62 AND 93. HOLE IN A-51 AND A-31. ENTRY WATER FORWARD 15 GALLONS PER HOUR AT LOW SPEED. LEAK IN B 107 AND B-111. FUEL CAPACITY NOW REDUCED 15,000 GALLONS. NO CHANGE TRIM. NO MACHINERY DERANGEMENT. INGRESS SEA WATER MAY SET LIMIT ON SPEED.
NAVY YARD REPAIRS REQUIRED. SHIP ENROUTE MOLIAK. REPORT REQUIRED ARTICLE 840 NAVY REGS FORWARDED CINCPAC BY MAIL.

Action 16
THIS FROM CHANDLER.

DURING OPERATIONS JULY 27 WITH MAIN BODY OF TASKFORCE 8 IN HEAVY FOG AND VISIBILITY ABOUT 250 YARDS, CHANDLER WAS STRUCK BY LAMBERTON ON STARBOARD SIDE FRAME 66. FRAMES 63 TO 72 AND ADJACENT HULL PLATING SPRUNG WITH SEVERAL SEAMS OPENED IN AREA ACCESSIBLE FOR VISUAL INSPECTION. SALT WATER IN ALL WING TANKS STARBOARD SIDE OF FORWARD FIRE ROOM INDICATE UNDERWATER DAMAGE EXTENDS BELOW TOPS OF THESE TANKS. DAMAGE UNDER CONTROL AND ALL MACHINERY INTACT. ESTIMATE MAXIMUM SAFE SUSTAINED SPEED 20 KNOTS IN SMOOTH SEA DECREASING WITH ADVERSE SEA CONDITIONS. HULL STRUCTURE WEAKENED TO EXTENT THAT PROLONGED OPERATING CONSIDERED INADVISABLE. NAVY YARD REPAIRS REQUIRED.
NAVSAC 38223
NCR 3444

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SHIP NOW AT DUTCH HARBOR ACCORDANCE ORDERS OF TASK FORCE COMMANDER. REQUIRED DETAILED REPORT BEING FORWARDED BY MAIL.

COPY DELIVERED TO OPNAV CODEROOM FOR OP-23.

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USS YP 8 RAMMED AND SUNK BY SS BEACON HILL PANAMANIAN TANKER IN AMBROSE CHANNEL OFF SWINBURNE ISLAND AT 22 19230 Q. ALL HANDS REPORTED SAFE ON BOARD TANKER.

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From: Quarry Heights CZ  
To: Milid Washington  
No. 89  July 13, 1942  

Submarine unsuccessfully launched three torpedoes against USS Mimosa ten north eighty two west twelve zero two five three. Enemy submarine estimated thirteen zero two one eight at nine forty five north eighty west.

Cockrell

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM CONCARIBSEAFRON
RELEASED BY
DATE 6 JULY 1942
TOR Coderoom 1635
Decoded By ROSS
PARAPHRASED BY COURTNEY

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LT KELLY 96045 NCR 7491
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MY 1635 MAY BUPERS 192210 MAY PC 49% AGAIN GROUND CURACAO BOTH PROPELLERS GONE AND SOME HULL DAMAGE. THIS THIRD CASUALTY LIEUT FLYNN REQUEST EARLY REPLACEMENT VIA AIR. TOTALLY UNQUALIFIED.

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30 JUNE YP 270 AGROUND AT BOCA BACITO DOMINGO 25-30 NORTH 112-9 WEST. YP 267 YP 269 RUDDER BENT AND FOULED ANCHORED OFF BEACH. YP 268 STANDING BY. SALVAGE TUG VIKING DISPATCHED TO RENDER ASSISTANCE. MY DISPATCH 272329.

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YP 128 GROUNDED IN THICK WEATHER 3 MILES NORTH EAST OF MONTEREY AT ABOUT 2330 JUNE 30. ALL PERSONNEL SAFE. ALL CONFIDENTIAL PUBLICATIONS REMOVED AND SAFE. EFFORTS TO FLOAT UNSUCCESSFUL. HULL BREAKING UP. SALVAGE DEEMED IMPRacticABLE. MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT BEING REMOVED. RECOMMEND BE STRICKEN FROM NAVY LIST;

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DECODED BY CURTIS/NEWHOUSE
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TEXT COMPLETION TEMPORARY REPAIRS DIRECT PC 515 PROCEED CHARLESTON FOR MAJOR REPAIRS. INCLUDE PC 515 IN TAW CONVOY.

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/94.
MY 30 JUNE. DAMAGE TO PC 545 ENGINE ROOM

BULKHEAD CRUSHED RIBS IN WAKE OF ENGINE ROOM STOVE IN AND DECK ABOVE BUCKLED. VIRTUALLY ALL LINES IN ENGINE ROOM BROKEN AND BOTH ENGINE OUT OF LINE.

PERMANENT REPAIRS WILL REQUIRE REMOVAL ALL MACHINERY AND AFTER TANKS, REPLACEMENT OF TRUNK AND DECK FRAMES 35 TO 65, AND PROBABLE REPLACEMENT ENGINE FOUNDATIONS. ESTIMATE TEMPORARY REPAIRS WILL BE COMPLETED 5 JULY. EXPECT SHIP WILL BE ABLE TO PROCEED UNDER OWN POWER SPEED 8 TO 10 WITH REASONABLE SAFETY BUT SHOULD BE IN COMPANY WITH OTHER VESSELS.

RECOMMEND INCLUSION IN TA 4 CONVOY WHEN READY

TOR NCR 1754

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**300100** **CCR 8589**

Unless otherwise indicated, this dispatch will be transmitted with deferred precedence.

**ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME**

**DATE**

**TIME**

**TEXT**

Tanker ESSO BELGIUM lost control entering Santa Anna Bay Curacao and crushed PC-515 against Hms Pimpernel nested alongside dock. Pimpernel damage very superficial ready for sea. PC-515 badly crushed amidships unseaworthy. Plan to dock her tomorrow for complete inspection and temporary repairs. Complete report follows.

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23........COD

35....15/11....36...[P1].....BUSHIPS....250P.....BUORD....

85.......FILE. TOR HCR 1835 355128

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420 (U.S.)
NAVAL MESSAGE
NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRATER
FROM COMINCH

EXTENSION NUMBER

ADRESSEES
COMEASTSEAFRON

PRECEDENCE
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REleased BY
RADM EDWARDS

FOR ACTION

INFORMATION

COL 5

PRIORITY
ROUTINE
DEFERRED

DATE 12 JULY 1942

TOR CODE ROOM
2053/2151

DECODED BY DRUMMOND/KEARNEY

PARAPHRASED BY

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122045 CCR 4666

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME OCT

TEXT

ACTION

WHAT INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN MADE AS TO LOSS OF YP 389 ON 19 JUNE

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YP-389 sunk by shellfire in action against enemy submarine reports inability to fire three inch 23 caliber gun during this action. All vessels mounting three inch 23 caliber guns will fire four rounds per gun test firings immediately and report casualties. Report by dispatch lot numbers and date manufacture all three inch 23 caliber ammunition within each command.

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20 JUNE 1942

200305  CCR 6662

YP 389 SUNK BY SHELLFIRE 5 TO 6 MILES NORTH EAST OF BUOY NUMBER 4 HATTERAS MINE AREA Q415Q JUNE 19 1942.

18 SURVIVORS LANDED AT MOREHEAD CITY, ALL US CITIZENS.

SECRET AND CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS WENT DOWN WITH SHIP.

NAMES OF SURVIVORS AS FOLLOWS:

LT R J PHILLIPS, OFFICER IN CHARGE
ENSIGN R P BAKER JR
ENSIGN R W MCCLELLAR
G L MACPHERSON SAIL MIKE
D L ANCTIL SEAMAN 2ND CLASS
A T BATTISTI SEAMAN 2ND CLASS
G BEHRMAN SEAMAN 2ND CLASS
W W NAZARSAY SEAMAN 2ND CLASS
L A WHITE SEAMAN 2ND CLASS
G TURMER MACHINIST MATE 1ST CLASS
C P HARRIS MACHINIST MATE 1ST CLASS

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E C BONSALL FIREMAN 3RD CLASS
W J SESSELAN FIREMAN 3RD CLASS
SMITH SEAMAN 3RD CLASS
N P HOLT SEAMAN 2ND CLASS
R J LLVE SEAMAN 2ND CLASS
R WILSON FIREMAN 1ST CLASS
R L MURCH SEAMAN 2ND CLASS
FOLLOWING KILLED BY SHELLFIRE BEFORE SHIP ABANDONED:
C S MACLEAN SEAMAN 1ST CLASS
W HIA SEAMAN 1ST CLASS
C S HENSLEY SEAMAN 2ND CLASS
V W CRABB FIREMAN 2ND CLASS
W B COLE FIREMAN 3RD CLASS
J C DOUCETTE FIREMAN 3RD CLASS
FOLLOWING INJURED AND HOSPITALIZED AT NAVAL HOSPITAL
NORFOLK BAY, LONG ISLAND, N.Y.

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TEXT

ACTION

BODY OF DOUCETTE BROUGHT TO MOREHEAD CITY.

J A MILIT SEAMAN 2ND CLASS TRANSFERRED TO YP 88 JUNE 12, AND WAS NOT ABOARD YP 389 AT TIME OF ATTACK.

OFFICIAL NUMBERS WILL FOLLOW.

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DESTRUCTION 8-27 ACCOMPLISHED. DEMOLITION PARTY RETURNED DUTCH HARBOR NSLP.

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PLANS COMPLETED TO UNDERTAKE DESTRUCTION S-27 WITHOUT ATTEMPT TO SALVAGE TORPEDOES WHEN AUTHORITY IS GRANTED.

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FROM CONTASKFOR 8,

YOUR 301617. SHIP DOWN BY BOW 15 DEGREES WITH CONNING TOWER AND Stern ABOVE WATER WHEN LAST SEEN. COMMANDING OFFICER REPORTS TORPEDO ROOM AND FORWARD BATTERY COMPARTMENT FLOODED. PROBABLE THAT CONTROL ROOM IS ALSO FLOODED. CONSIDER SALVAGE OF TORPEDOES 8-27 IMPRACTICABLE.
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TUG CAN GET US OFF & SCREWS DISABLED.

5-27 is operating in the vicinity.

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INTEVIEWS WITH MASTER USAT GENERAL GORGAS REVEALS FOLLOWING REGARDING ENEMY SUBMARINE ATTACKS OF 19 JUNE.

THREE SEPARATE ATTACKS MADE OR ATTEMPTED AT ABOUT 2 HOUR INTERVALS INDICATING 3 DIFFERENT SUBMARINES INVOLVED. YP TUBE POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED AS 1-61 CLASS. DETAILED REPORT AT FORWARD VIA MBL.
TO THIRTEENTH 191245. DESPATCHES OF OPERATIONAL NATURE
SHOULD ORIGINATE WITH YOU AND BE TRANSMITTED THROUGH
NAVAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM CHANNELS.

REFERENCE:
191245 FOR DIRECTOR OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE. THIS FROM DIS-
TRICT INTELLIGENCE OFFICER.

GENERAL WC GORGAS USAT SHELD BY SUB ON SURFACE AT 191003
GCT ONE FOUR SIX POINT FOUR SIX LAT FIVE SIX POINT ONE
SEVEN SHIP REPORTED AT 191020 HIT TWICE. SUB CEASED FIRING.
SHIP RUNNING AWAY.

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MESSAGE NO. 5-G G.M.T. E.W.T.

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Special number 475 at 2230 GMT 19 June 1942 intercepted on five hundred kcs by several west coast radio stations, of messages supposedly broadcast by station WUNW, call letters of Army transport General W C Gorgas indicate that ship was shelled, hit twice and later followed by a submarine. Shelling supposed to have occurred fifty six degrees seventeen minutes north one four six degrees forty six minutes west at one zero zero GMT 19 June. There has been no confirmation this incident. At eighteen forty three GMT 19 June Western sea frontier reported two destroyers are standing by the Gorgas which is apparently safe. Planes also in area.

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OFFICER IN CHARGE
Capt. Counts

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FROM
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RELEASED BY

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19 JUNE 1942

TOR CODEROOM
1324/19

DECODED BY
LLOYD

PARAPHRASED BY
V TUCKER

ADDRESS
VICE OPNAV

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ROONEY
191245 NCR 7919

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FOR DIRECTOR OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE. THIS FROM DISTRICT INTELLIGENCE OFFICER.

GENERAL W C GORGAS USAT SHELLED BY SUB ON SURFACE AT 191003 GCT ONE FOUR SIX POINT FOUR SIX LAT FIVE SIX POINT ONE SEVEN SHIP REPORTED AT 191204 HIT TWICE. SUB CEASED FIRING. SHIP RUNNING AWAY.

Gulf of Alaska

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM
COMALSEC

RELEASED BY
19 JUNE 1942

TO
1411/1351

FOR CODEROOM
SCHULZE/PORTER

DECODED BY

INFORMATION

FOR ACTION

ADDRESSES
ANY OR ALL US NAVAL SHIPS OPPOP

PRIORITY

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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ADDRESSES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY

191200 CCR 652411

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GEN GORGAS REPORTED BEING SHELLED BY SUBMARINE AT 1000Z 19TH IN LAT 56-17 LONG 146-56. WAS HIT TWICE AND IS RUNNING AWAY.

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**Text**

SAT HENRY GIBBONS WAS SUNK IN 24-42 N 37-46 W ENROUTE DIRECT TO NEW ORLEANS. PLANE FROM THIS FRONTIER SEARCHED FOR THIS SHIP FOR SEVERAL DAYS WITHOUT MAKING CONTACT. INTENTIONS WERE TO REROUTE SHIP VIA GULF COAST. REQUEST ALL SHIPS FOR GULF PORTS SAILING SINGLY MAKING LESS THAN 15 KNOTS BE ROUTED BETWEEN REBECCA SHOALS AND DRY TORTUGAS AND CLOSE IN TO COAST. THIS IN ACCORDANCE WITH MACRI.

**Action:** F-37

**Record Copy.** COMINCH...16......39......20P......CNO......

20P......FILE.

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WASHINGTON

231430 FOLLOWING INTERCEPT KINGSTON RADIO AT ZERO SEVEN FIFTY

GEORGE CAST TARE QUOTE S85 FROM UNIT SAIL AFFIRM TARE HENRY

GIBBONS TWENTY FOUR FORTY TWO NORTH EIGHTY SEVEN FORTY SIX

WEST TORPEDOED AT ZERO SEVEN FORTY GEORGE CAST TARE COURSE

THREE THREE FOUR SPEED TEN KNOTS UNQUOTE

ALUSLO JAMAICA.

act- Comm[nd]

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Army #82

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CH14 FROM RDO CHELTENHAM INTERCEPTED FROM SHANGRI LA
OP FOR COMINCH

SUBMARINE ATTACK LAT 24.42 LONG 87.46 COURSE 334 SPEED 10 KNOTS
USAT HENRY GARRETT TORPEDOED TIME 073X GCT --- PSE --- ---
(3 WORDS MISSED DUE TO WEAK SIGS)

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TOD 0748 MD 23 JUNE
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CHANGE LAST TIME TO 0745 LN F 500 KCS

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15 JUNE 42

**TOR CODEROOM**

2020/15

**DECODER**

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**INFORMATION**

BUSHEPS

**PARAPHRASED BY**

GILKER

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**INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY:**

ROONEY 151855 NCR 5745

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**TEXT**

USAT HENRY GIBBONS AGROUND LATITUDE 14-20 NORTH LONGITUDE 83-04 WEST ABOUT EIGHT MILES EAST GORDA POINT. WOODCOCK WILL ARRIVE AT DAYLIGHT TUESDAY. RECOMMENDED CRUSADER BE DISPATCHED FROM JAMAICA TO ASSIST.

**DISTRIBUTION**

COMINCH...BUSHEPS...ACTION
F97...38...OPDO...BADO...36...
FILE

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM
COMGULFSEAFRON

RELEASED BY

DATE
11 JUNE 1942

TOR CODE ROOM
0702/4430

DECODED BY
FINKELDEY/EDWARDS

FOR ACTION
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INFORMATION

PRIORITY
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PARAPHRASED BY

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110622 CCR 3773

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TEXT

PLANE FROM KEY NEWT SEARCHED FOR SURVIVORS OF USAT KERRIMAC TORPEDOED POSITION LAT 19-48 NORTH LONG 85-55 WEST RESULTS NEGATIVE. CG CUTTER MIKE WILL SEARCH AREA TOMORROW.

Capt McClellan:
No information here on what the Kerrimac contained.

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TOR CODEROOM WINTER/FIELD

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TEXT

GENNET SURVIVORS WHICH WERE ONRAFT HAVE BEEN RESCUED BY HAMILTON AND PLANES. GENNET CAPTAIN REPORTS INDICATIONS SEVERAL SUBMARINES IN AREA. ESTIMATED POSITION RAFT AREA BEARING 344 FROM NAVAL OPERATING BASE DISTANCE 142 MILES.

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TEXT

YOUR 60110 CANNET TORPEDOED AND SUNK APPROXIMATELY 142 MILES DISTANCE BEARING 34° FROM MIKE ABOUT 0600Z 7TH DETAILS FOLLOW.

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**Text:**

PROCEED TO POSITION 34-28 NORTH 65-34 WEST BEARING 342 FROM BERMUDA WHERE LIFE RaFT WITH 36 SURVIVORS MOST OF WHOM INJURED FROM USS CANNET REPORTED BY VICTOR PREP AT 1915Z SEVEN. **AVP**

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: SOPA ARGENTIA (NERK)

COM COAST GUARD, WASHINGTON

RELEASED BY: 

COMINCH, COM 1, USCG HIBISCUS

TOR CODEROOM: 238/2239

COMPLAINT, COM BOSTON DIST (CG)

DECODED BY: TIER S/S M ITH

PARAPHRASED BY:

292115  CCR 1324

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TEXT

(SOPA ARGENTIA ORIGINATOR)

MY 272100

HIBISCUS BADLY BURNED AND BEACHED X SHIP FLOODED IN EX-
TINGUISHING FIRE X PRELIMINARY SURVEY INDICATES HULL IN-
TACT X MAIN MACHINERY FLOODED BUT OTHERWISE APPARENTLY
REMAINER OF SHIP LARGELY DESTROYED

UNDAMAGED X/NO MISSING OR CASUALTIES IN PERSONNEL EXCEPT
ONE MAN TEMPORARILY DISABLED WITH BURNED HANDS X CREW
LIVING IN BARRACKS X PRESENT INTENTION IS TO FLOAT SHIP
PRESERVE MACHINERY MAKE SEA WORTHY AND TOW TO BOSTON X
BOUY PROJECT URGENT AND NOW HANDICAPPED BY RESTRICTED DOCK
SPACE FOR LAYING OUT MOORINGS AND BY LIMITED LIFTING
ABILITY OF ANEMONE X REQUEST RETAIN HIBISCUS CAPTAIN AND
ONE CHIEF BOATSWAIN MATE ARGENTIA UNTIL COMPLETION OF
MOORINGS PROJECT IN JULY BECAUSE OF THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF
AND FAMILIARITY WITH TASK AND RETAIN CREW UNTIL COMPLETION
HERE OF SALVAGE WORK ON SHIP

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CTF 24 ORIGINATOR

FIRE UNDER COMPLETE CONTROL ABOUT 1730 Z. DAMAGE WIDELY SPREAD THROUGHOUT PRAIRIE AND SHIP WITHOUT ELECTRICAL POWER. EXTENT OTHER DAMAGE WILL BE REPORTED AS DETERMINED. HIBISCUS BEACHED WHILE AFIRE NOW Afloat BUT BADLY CUTTERD EXTENT HER DAMAGE NOT YET DETERMINABLE. ONE MAN HIBISCUS MISSING 2 CASUALTIES PRAIRIE: COMMUNICATIONS NOW HANDLED IN POCOMOKE. GO TRANSFERRING FLAG AND ADMINISTRATION THERE SOON AS PRACTICABLE.

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YP 277 blown up presumably by own mine at French Frigate Shoals. Two survivors were picked up by nearby dog dog x circumstances being investigated x CINCPAC has nothing further to report.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

DRAPER

EXTENSION NUMBER

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PRECEDENCE

FROM: COMCAR 183EAFRON

DENIAL

TO: CINCLANT

RELAYED BY

RELEASED BY

DATE 9 JUNE 1942

TOR CODEROOM SUBMITTED 1758/ May 1745

DECODED BY:

KNOWLTON/NEWHOUSE

PA RA PHRASED BY

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191749 CCR 3446

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TEXT

BLAKELEY ARRIVED SAN JUAN OWN POWER FOR TEMPORARY REPAIRS PERMIT PASSAGE NAVY YARD YOU DESIGNATE TO BUILD ON NEW BOW.

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BY CONTINUOUS THREE DAY PATROL INCLUDING FIVE ATTACKS BELIEVE U-BOATS ON WEST COAST MARTINIQUE DRIVEN OFF. PROBABLE DAMAGE TO ONE. BLAKELEY AT PORT CASTRIES PREPARING WITH ASSISTANCE SALVAGE COMPANY FOR PASSAGE TO SAN JUAN.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: COMAIDBEAFRON
RELEASED BY: 
DATE: 27 MAY 1942
TOR CODEROOM: 2154/34
DECODED BY: KEARNEY/CLOUNT
PARAPHRASED BY: 

ADDRESSSEES

CINCLANT
COMINCH

INFORMATION

FOR ACTION

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272829 GCR.971

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TEXT

BLAKELEY ETA PORT CASTRIES ABOUT 2200Z 27TH

WEST COAST OF ST. LUCIA
14N 61W

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**DECODED BY:** SMITH/HEARNSE  
**PARAPHRASED BY:**  

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**TEXT**

BLAKELEY DEPARTS FORT DE FRANCE 27TH FOR PORT CASTRIES  
TEMPORARY REPAIRS X SUB BEING HUNTED CONTINUOUSLY HAS BEEN ATTACKED THREE TIMES TODAY

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INCOMING MESSAGE

PRIORITY

From: San Juan PR
To: MILID

Mr 759, May 26, 1942

Conten informs US destroyer Blakely torpedoed
off case Pilote Martinique vessel was proceeding south
3 miles off Cape Enrage when torpedo struck on port side
of bow submarine did not surface ship pulled into Fort
De France Harbour 10 enlisted men missing hospitalized.

Collins

ACTION:
G-2 Combat sec.

INFO. COPIES:
OPD, A-2, CG AAF, TAG, FILE

CH-IN-7431 (5-26-42) PM 7:33

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DESTROYER BLAKELEY TORPEDOED OFF CAPE PILOTE. NOW ALONG SIDE BEARN FORT DE FRANCE. EVERYTHING FORWARD OF FRAME FORTY FIVE BLOWN AWAY. TEN ENLISTED MEN MISSING. SIX SENT TO HOSPITAL. FINAL CHECK UP FOLLOWS. WILL BE ABLE TO PROCEED AT 16 KNOTS IF UNDER ESCORT.

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***BEING SERVICED ***
AT 1400 ZED BLAKELEY ON PATROL APPARENTLY TORPEDOED IN BOW. LAT 14-36 LONG 61-16 X NOW IN FORT DE FRANCE. INVESTIGATION DAMAGE X DETAILS LATER.
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WAR DEPARTMENT
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PRIORITY

From: EDC
To: MIS G-2
No. 23 EDC, May 25, 1942.

Navy reports destroyer Blakeley torpedoed position 1436 north 6310 west at 1400 GMT no further details.

Col. Harris, G-2 EDC

Action Copy: G-2

Info. Copies: OPD
A-2
CG. AAF
TAG
File

CM-IN-7205 (5/26/42) AM 12:34

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TEXT

CONTASKFORCE 36 ORIGINATOR X COMINCH INFORM OPNAV

AT 2316 ZED IN LAT 06-40 LONG 41-30 HAMBLETON AND ELLYSON COLLIDED X VISIBILITY POOR DUE RAIN X HAMBLETON HOLED IN BOW AND PEAK TANK FLOODED X NO IMMEDIATE DANGER BUT SPEED REDUCED ON ACCOUNT OF SEA PRESSURE ON BULKHEAD X ELLYSON SUPERFICIALLY DAMAGED AS FOLLOWS PORT BOAT DAVITS DECK WIND FIRE MAIN BROKEN AND SMALL LEAK IN FRESH WATER TANK X TASKFORCE PROCEEDING TEN KNOTS UNTIL DAYLIGHT WHEN MORE COMPLETE INVESTIGATION CAN BE MADE.

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WHILE RETIRING TO SOUTHWARD AT 0345Z 8TH LEXINGTON HAD SERIOUS EXPLOSION CAUSE UNKNOWN X AT 0352Z REPORTED FIRE NOT UNDER CONTROL X AT 0657 REPORTED ALL POWER LOST X AT 0610Z STARTED ABANDON SHIP X IN POSITION LATITUDE 15-05 SOUTH LONGITUDE 135-16 EAST LEXINGTON SANK X BELIEVE MAJORITY PERSONNEL RESCUED X SERVICABLE PLANES ON BOARD YORKTOWN INCLUDING SOME FROM LEXINGTON 15 VF 12 SBD 8 VT ABOUT 12 ADDITIONAL SBD AFTER REPAIRS X FROM OIL LEAKS EXPERT DAMAGE UNDERWATER BODY YORKTOWN X PROBABLY UNIMPORTANT X IT IS NECESSARY REFRAIN FROM OFFENSIVE ACTION FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS TO MAKE NECESSARY MINOR REPAIRS