MR 420, Sec. 7 - ATTACKS AND SINKINGS OF ALLIED WARSHIPS

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/94
MORE INFORMATION RE OUR MESSAGE B 1011 THIS DATE FOLLOWS. WESTERN SEA FRONTIER REPORTS SHIP HAS PICKED UP 58 SURVIVORS OUT OF 71 ABOARD CARGO SHIP JOHN A JOHNSON WHICH WAS SUNK BY TORPEDO. CAPT OF VESSEL SAID SUBMARINE SURFACED AND SHELLED LIFEBOATS. 13 MEN IN 1 BOAT KILLED BY MACHINE GUN FIRE. IDENTITY OR TYPE OF SUBMARINE NOT DETERMINED. FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE REPORTED AS OBTAINED.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

ON\ "USS SILVERSTEIN"

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(USS SILVERSTEIN ORIGINATOR SENDS TO COMINCH CINCPAC COM 1ST FLEET CTG 12.3 INFO COMCORTDIV GF CONSERVFORPAC COMDESPAC)

PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE DAMAGE BY GROUNDING:

SONAR HEAD MISSING FRAME CRACKED AND MISALIGNED. SCREWS BENT AND SHAFTS OUT OF LINE. INDENTATION HULL IN AFTER FIREROOM INDICATES POSSIBLE READING SHIP STRUCTURE. FORWARD WALL NUMBER TWO BOILER CASING BUCKLED BELOW BOILER FLOOR. AFTER FIRE AND FLUSHING PUMP OUT OF LINE.

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## Present Indications

Present indications are that facilities will be available at East Coast yards about 15 December for vessels requiring extensive battle damage repairs such as Honolulu or any ships CINCPAC may desire to send to East Coast for extensive repairs or alterations. Advise.

## NCR Original Distribution:

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- COMINCH(#2-9).....BUSHIPS(#10).....BUORD(#11).....
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ASHTABULA JAO 51 SENDS. RDO MANUS PASS ACTION COM 7TH FLT INFO COMSERVFOR 7TH FLT. RDO HONO PASS ACTION TO CINC PAC INFO COMSERVFOR PAC COMSERVRON 8. RDO WASHINGTON PASS ACTION COMINCH. CINC PAC PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE.

FIRST AND AMPLIFYING REPORT ON ACTION DAMAGE. OCT 24

18401 LEYTE GULF 11-03-30 LAT N 125-22 LONG E ASHTABULA HOLED BY JAP AERIAL TORPEDO. PORT SIDE CENTER NUMBER 6 WING TANK. AVOIDED TORPEDO ON STARBOARD SIDE. FRAMES 66 TO 69. STRAKE PLATES F, G, H AND J. HOLE 34 FT LONG 24 FT HIGH. BULKHEADS BETWEEN NR 5 AND 6, NR 6 AND 7 WING TANKS, NR 6 WING AND 6 MAIN TANKS, PORT AFTER CORNER OF MIDSHIPS PUMP ROOM RUPTURED. PUMP ROOM FLOODED. OPENED 4 FEET GAPPED RIVeted SEAM ON MAIN DECK ABOVE NR 6 WING TANK. NR 6 TANK TOP BLOWn OFF. TANK TRUNK UNDAMAGED. NO
FIRE OR CASUALTIES. ARRIVED KOSSOL ROADS OCT 31 1030. ZIGZAGGED.
SOA 9 KNOTS. NO STRESS NOTED. CONSIDER VESSEL CAPABLE OF
PROCEEDING TO REPAIR BASE OR YARD IN PRESENT CONDITION

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ACTIO COMINCH SECNAV CINCPAC COMDESPAC COM 7TH FLT COMSOWESTPAC INFO SUPERS CTG 77.4 COMCORTDIV 63. RDO HONO PASS TO ALL ADEES.

THIS IS PRELIMINARY REPORT FROM SO USS EVERSOLE DE 404.

EVERSOLE WAS SUNK BY TORPEDO FROM ENEMY SUBMARCNE AT APPROXIMATELY 02291 OCTOBER 29 IN APPROXIMATELY LAT 10-18 LONG 127-37 E. SINGLE TORPEDO HIT STARBOARD SIDE APPROXIMATE FRAME 153. SHIP ROLLED OVER ON SIDE-BROKE IN TWO APPROXIMATELY 02401 AND SUNK. 139 SURVIVORS ABOARD USS RICHARD S BULL DE 402. 75 MEN MISSING IN ACTION SENIOR SURVIVOR COMMANDING OFFICER.

THOROUGH SEARCH OF AREA REVEALED NO PAPERS FLOATING ON SURFACE AND NO POSSIBILITY OF COMPROMISE OF REGISTERED OBLIGATIONS EX S. SECRET

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STERLET 4 TO COMSUBPAC

2. SALMON BADLY DAMAGED BY GUNFIRE CANNOT DIVE. HER 2000Z 3/TH

POSITIVE 29-25 N 132-45 E COURSE 130 SPEED 12. 5 SUBMARINES

STANDING BY TO ASSIST. MORE DETAILS LATER. MY POSIT 33 N

134 E CLOSING TRACK

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THIS IS FROM USS ROSS DD 563. CNB MANUS PASS TO COMINCH CINC PAC COM 7TH FLEET CTF 77 AND CTF 79 FOR ACTION. PASS FOR INFO TO CONSER FORPAC CNB MANUS COMERSONSOPAC COMDESPAC COM ERSRON 56 CTU 77.7.2 COMDES DIV 112 CONSERFOR 7TH FLT HAS BY HAND.

PASSED BY RDO MANUS TO COMDESPAC COMERSONSOPAC CONSERFOR RDO HONO RDO WASH AS 310116.

WHEN ROSS STRUCK 2 ENEMY MINES IN SURIGAO STRAIT ON OCTOBER 19 THE FOLLOWING DAMAGE WAS INCURRED. ALL MACHINERY IN BOTH ENGINE ROOMS AND IN FORWARD FIRE ROOM FLOODED AND DAMAGED BY BLAST. EQUIPMENT IN MACHINE SHOP FLOODED BUT POSSIBLY SALVAGEABLE. SPARES STOWED IN SHAFT ALLEYS FLOODED. MEDIUM LEAKS ON SHAFT GLANDS AFTER FIRE ROOM. ORDNANCE DAMAGE AS FOLLOWS. ROLLER PATH MOUNT 1 APPEARS WARPED BUT MOUNT IN FIRING CONDITION. NUMEROUS HYDRAULIC LEAKS IN POWER DRIVE MOUNT 1 AND 2. PROJECTILE HOIST MOUNT 2 OUT OF ADJUSTMENT AND DREDGER HOIST DOES NOT OPERATE. DREDGER HOIST MOUNT 1

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APPEARS OUT OF LINE AND PROJECTILE HOIST DOES NOT COMPLETE CYCLE. MOUNT 3 BADLY SHAKEN UP AND ROLLER PATH PROBABLY DISTORTED AS SURROUNDING STRUCTURE IS DEFORMED. FURTHER OBSERVATIONS CANNOT IMMEDIATELY BE MADE BUT GENERAL CONDITION AS FOLLOWS. MOUNTS 1 AND 2 AND ALL 40 AND 20 MM IN FIRING CONDITION WITH ONLY THOSE FORWARD OF THE BRIDGE IN AUTOMATIC AS NO POWER AVAILABLE AFT. MOUNT 5 APPEARS IN GOOD CONDITION. MOUNT 4 MAY BE OUT OF LINE. NO GAS EJECTION OR COUNTER RECOAT CHARGING AIR. LOADING MACHINE JETTISONED. TORPEDO TUBE 2 OUT OF LINE AND TRAINS HARD AND NUMBER 1 HAS 5 GYRO ANGLE SETTING SPINDLES BENT. TORPEDO CRANE WILL NOT ELEVATE IN MANUAL. JETTISONED 6 TORPEDOES AND ALL SMOKE SCREEN GENERATORS. DEPTH CHARGE RACKS TWISTED BY SHOCK. HYDRAULIC RELEASE LINES BLOWN OUT. JETTISONED HALF OF DEPTH CHARGES. RADIO EQUIPMENT APPEARS UNDAMAGED EXCEPT IN MINOR RESPECTS. MANY SPARES BROKEN. SC ANTENNA SNAPPED LOOSE BUT STILL HANGING ON. SOUND GEAR APPEARS TO BE OUT OF ALIGNMENT BUT NO POWER AVAILABLE TO TEST FULL EXTENT OF DAMAGE. DF RECEIVING ANTENNA MISSING. DAMAGE TO ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT MAINLY CONFINED TO PART ABAFT BRIDGE STRUCTURE PLUS MASTER GYRO WHICH WAS JAMMED ENOUGH TO CAUSE TOP GLASS TO BREAK AND WHICH IS PROBABLY UNBALANCED. HULL DAMAGE AS FOLLOWS. BOTH ENGINEROOMS AND FORWARD FIREROOMS AND FOLLOWING COMPARTMENTS FLOODED. C 201 L TO 10 INCHES. C 1 F AND C 4 F. C 202 E. C 203 L. C 5 E. C 302 M. SEEPAGE IN C 303 M AND 304 M. DAMAGE FORWARD OF FRAME 72 APPEARS SLIGHT. NO SIGN OF WEAKNESS IN CoffER DAM AT FRAME 72. DOUBLE RIVETED SEAM AT FRAME 89 ON TOP OF DECK HOUSE BLOWN UP 3/8TH INCH AND WORKING SLIGHTLY. NO WRINKLES OR ANY SIGN OF WEAKNESS OR WORKING IN MAIN DECK. AFTER BULKHEAD AFTER FIREROOM WARPED BUT
HOLDING, STRAIN ON STARBOARD SHAFT AT AFTER FIRE ROOM BULKHEAD. SOME BULGING PORT SIDE 2ND AND 3RD STRAKES ABOUT FRAMES 145 AND 150. BATTENS IN MAGAZINES AND HANDLING ROOMS SPRUNG. SEVERAL DOORS AND HATCHES AFT ARE SPRUNG. NUMEROUS SMALL HOLES TOP SIDE DUE TO FLYING MATERIAL AND FROM SHRAPNEL FROM NEAR BOMB MISS WITH APPARENTLY NO FURTHER DAMAGE FROM BOMB. LOCATION OF HOLES IN HULL AS FOLLOWS. PORT SIDE FROM FRAME 78 TO 104 LOWER LIMIT 1 BY 3 FEET FROM KEEL AND UPPER LIMIT ABOUT 16 FEET FROM KEEL FORWARD PART OF HOLE 15 FEET 9 1/2 INCHES IN DIAMETER WITH REMAINING PART AFT BENT IN AND TORN. HOLE IN AFTER ENGINE ROOM DIRECTLY UNDER KEEL, KEEL BROKEN AND BENT UP FROM FRAMES 146 TO 152 WITH FRAMES TORN AWAY FROM KEEL. HOLE STARTS AT FRAME 146. IS 11 FEET 2 INCHES WIDE AT FRAME 147. MAIN PART 20 FEET IN DIAMETER, EXTENDS TO FRAME 156. SEAM AT FRAME 146 PORT FROM HOLE TO 2ND STRAKE PARTED AND OPENED 1 INCH BY INWARD EXPLOSION. ADDITIONAL HOLE BENT OUT 10 INCHES IN DIAMETER 10 TO 12 FEET FROM KEEL ON PORT SIDE FRAME 143. DENT AT FRAME 141 EXTENDING 16 FEET FORWARD 3 TO 4 INCHES IN DEPTH AND 8 INCHES WIDE 1 FOOT TO STARBOARD OF KEEL.

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OP23... BUSHIPS... BUORD... FOR INFO
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM:  C. E. HEYMAN (DD 532)
RELEASED BY:  
DATE:  15 NOV 1944
TOR CODEROOM:  1709
DECODED BY:  TURLEY
TYPED BY:  D. SMITH
ROUTED BY:  

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REMARKS

HEYMAN (DD 532) SPEAKS, RDO HONO PASS ACTION TO COMINCH. COMSERON 10. REPSERON 10 MANUS, COMDESRON 47.

AMPLIFYING HEYMAN (DD 532) 270432. RECEIVED 3 INCH HITS. 1 THRU FORWARD UPTAKES CAUSING SPLINT DAMAGE VICINITY.

1 WATERLINE FRAME 18 PORT PASSED THRU CAUSING FLOODING FORWARD. ONE EXPLODED NEAR KEEL OPENING HOLE IN A/

FRAMES 30 TO 34 AND REMOVING HULL OF KEL FLAT BAR FOR 3 FRAMES. HULL RIDDLED BY SHRAPNEL AT AND ABOVE WATERLINE.

FORWARD FRAME 22. SHRAPNEL DAMAGED NUMEROUS ELECTRICAL CABLES ON BRIDGE AND IN GENERAL VICINITY OTHER HITS.

FOLLOWING NEED REPLACEMENT. MARK 42 MOD 13 RANGE FINDER, FORWARD LOOP F AND M COILS DEGAUSSING WITH CONNECTION BOX.

D2. POTATO PEELER, GIG. SONAR DRIVER QCL5. COMPLETE SET EQUIPMENT SPARES QCL5 SGA SC2 FD AND A GC AND PREAMPLIFIER.

FOR DUBL 3ABK7 AND REMOTE PP1. FORWARD STAYS, ELECTRIC POWER PANEL 1-87-1, PITOMETER LOG SWORD. 25 PIPE BERTHS, REPAIRS, RBG, TBL ANTENNA, ALL SONAR GEAR LOWER SOUND ROOM. 2 DREDGERY HOISTS. 1 PROJECTILE HOIST.

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PIAOMETER LOG. SOUND DOME RUPTURED CONDITION PROJECTOR UNKNOWN.
NO UNEXPLODED SHELLS FOUND.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM USS HANSHAW RAY

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TOR CODEROOM 20941

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FIRST ESTIMATE SERIOUS BATTLE DAMAGE CAUSED BY
6 AND 8 INCH SHELL HITS AS FOLLOWS...

CATAPULT TRACK SEVERED AND DISTORTED IN TWO PLACES. ANCHOR
WINDLASS PORT WILDCAT AND PULL DRIVE GEAR DEMOLISHED.

2. STRUCTURAL BEAMS AND STIFFENERS SUPPORTING
FLIGHT DECK FORWARD SEVERED. ONE FOOT HOLE IN
HULL 8 FEET BELOW WATERSLICE PORT SIDE FRAME 1%
ONE FOOT HOLE IN HULL 8 FEET BELOW WATERSLICE
STARBOARD SIDE FRAME 9.

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NAV A L D R Y DOCKS SAN PEDRO (CA 38) COMSERV PAC COMCRUPAC

IF OPERATIONAL CHECK BELOW

COTCPAC GIVES ACTION CINCPAC INFO COMINCH BUSHIPS BUORD NAVAL DRY DOCKS SAN PEDRO SAN FRANCISCO (CA 38) COMSERV PAC WHO GIVES TO COMCRUPAC FOR INFO.

REFER TO MY 271713 UPON DRYDOCKING USS SAN FRANCISCO DAMAGE DETERMINED TO BE SUPERFICIAL RENEWAL NUMBER 4 PROPELLER NOT REQUIRED. PRESENT PROPELLER REPAIRS WILL UNDOCK OCTOBER 30 AND RFS OCTOBER 31. ALSO UNDERTAKING WORK ON TURRET 2 ELEVATING GEAR OSCILLATING NUT TO CORRECT MISALIGNMENT CAUSING EXCESSIVE VIBRATION. ANTICIPATE COMPLETE THIS ESSENTIAL REPAIR TO MEET ABOVE DATES.

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RDO HONOR PASS ACTION COMINCH CINCPAC COM 7TH FLEET CTG 77.4 INFO COMAIRPAC COMSERON 10. COMCARDIV 25 HAS ACTION BY HAND FROM KALININ BAY.

DAMAGE RESULTING FROM ENGAGEMENT 25 OCTOBER WITH ENEMY 88’S, CRUISERS, DD’S, PLANES. 14 8” SHELL HITS 1 14” OR 16” SHELL HIT 2 SUICIDE DECK CRASHES. 17 SHELL HOLES IN HULL OF WHICH 8 NEAR WATER LINE. 5 SHELL HOLES IN FLIGHT DECK. LARGE HOLE IN FLIGHT DECK CAUSED BY SUICIDE PLANE CRASH. 9 LONGITUDINAL FLIGHT DECK BEAMS RUPTURED. MANY SHRAPNEL HOLES IN HULL AND BULKHEADS. FORWARD STACK WRECKED IN UPTAKE. FORWARD ELEVATOR WRECKED. WATERTIGHT BULKHEADS 82 AND 118 RUPTURED AND DISTORTED. DECK AND TRANSVERSE BEAMS PROTOTECNIC LOCKER BADLY WARPED AND DISTORTED. A 9 11 F, B 402 F, 404 F, 405 W, 406 W, B 903 F, B 904 F AND PIPELINES RUPTURED. AVIATION

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LUBE OIL TANKS WRECKED. DECK OVER GASOLINE VOID RUPTURED.
DEGAUSSING CABLE RUPTURED 3 PLACES. ALL ELECTRICAL CABLES
FRAMES 5 & STB UPPER DECK AND FRAME 8 & 5 GALLERY DECK RUPTURED.
ALL ELECTRICAL CABLES IN RADAR ROOM RUPTURED. CONTROL
PANELS TO FORWARD EVAPORATOR WRECKED. MUCH DAMAGE IN MACHINE
SHOP INCLUDING ELECTRIC MOTORS FLOODED BY OIL AND WATER.
SO RADAR WRECKED SU RADAR DAMAGED. MANY RADIO RECEIVERS
AND TRANSMITTERS AND MOTOR GENERATOR FOR 233 A TYPE VHF
WRECKED. ALL PORT ANTENNAE WRECKED. RADIO DIRECTION FINDER
PEDESTAL AND ALL EQUIPMENT WRECKED. HIGH AND LOW PRESSURE
AIR LINES RUPTURED SEVERAL PLACES. 2 ARRESTING GEAR UNITS
DAMAGED. ENTIRE FRESH WATER SYSTEM CONTAMINATED WITH FUEL OIL.

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AS A RESULT OF A NEAR MISS ESTIMATED 1,000 POUND SUICIDE JAP DIVE BOMB 50 FEET OFF SHIP @6201 AT FRAME 186 STARBOARD PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION SHOWS FOLLOWING COMPARTMENTS FLOODED: C-407-L AND C-411-L. FOLLOWING OPEN TO SEA: C-407-L AND POSSIBLY C-3-F.

FOLLOWING CONTAMINATED: FUEL OIL C-5-F, C-903-F. DIESEL OIL C-901-P
LUBOIL C-908-1/2 LEAKS INTO C909-V. STUFFING BOX LEAKS INTO C-574-V.
AND C-575-X SOME LEAKAGE BUT STOPPED BEFORE ANY DAMAGE DONE. ONLY ONE HOLES DISCOVERED IN SIDE SO FAR AS FOLLOWS ABOUT 5 BY 13 FEET, 4 FEET BELOW WATER LINE IN WAY OF C-407-L. STEERING UNAFFECTED AND NO VIBRATION OF ENGINES UP TO 15 KNOTS. MAXIMUM POSSIBLE REDUCTION FUEL CAPACITY 2,100 BARRELS. DEGAUSING COILS SHORTED. ARMAMENT

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NOT IMPAIRED. SPEEDS ABOVE 20 KNOTS NOT RECOMMENDED. SHIPS FORCE ENDENORING PUT ON PATCH PLATE SUCCESS DOUBTFUL. NIGHT FLOODING UNDER CONTROL. SHIP WILL TRAIL OIL FOR SOME TIME.

COMINCH COPIES 1 TO 8.
TALKING IS COMTASKGROUP 77.2 FOR ACTION TO COMTASKFORCE 77 INFO COM3RDFLT CINCPAC AND COMINCH.

ON 28/OCTOBER AT APPROXIMATELY 0635/1 VAL ATTEMPTING SUICIDE DIVE ON DENVER WAS HIT BY AA AND CRASHED ABOUT 25 YARDS OFF STARBOARD QUARTER. NO PERSONNEL CASUALTIES.

MATERIAL DAMAGE PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION SHOWS FOLLOWING COMPARTMENTS FLOODED: C-407-L AND C-411-L. FOLLOWING OPEN TO SEA: C-407-L AND POSSIBLY C-3-F. FOLLOWING CONTAMINATED: FUEL OIL C-5-F, C-903-F; DIESEL OIL C-901-F.

LUBE OIL C-90810 LEAKS INTO C-909-V. STUFFING BOX LEAKS INTO C-504-M AND C-505-M SOME LEAKAGE BUT STOPPED BEFORE ANY DAMAGE DONE. ONLY 1 HOLE DISCOVERED IN SIDE SO FAR
AS FOLLOWS, ABOUT 3 FEET BY 14 FEET 4 FEET BELOW WATERLINE IN WAY OF C-407-L. STEERING UNAFFECTED AND NO VIBRATION OF ENGINES UP TO 15 KNOTS. MAXIMUM POSSIBLE REDUCTION FUEL CAPACITY 2,000 BARRELS.

RECOMMEND THAT DENVER RETURN MANUS FOR DOCKING AND NECESSARY REPAIRS. SINCE NO FLAG FACILITIES IN COLUMBIA RECOMMEND COMCRUDIV 12 REMAIN IN DENVER UNTIL MONTPELIER IS AVAILABLE.

COMINCH: COPIES #1 TO #8 INCLUSIVE.
MAGAZINE EXPLOSION ON PRINCETON WHILE ALONGSIDE FIGHTING FIRE CAUSED FOLLOWING DAMAGE. ALL SIGNAL HALYARDS AND RADAR ANTENNAE EXCEPT FORWARD TBS DESTROYED. ONE FLAG EAGLE FORWARD SMASHED.

AFTER SIGNAL BRIDGE DEMOLISHED. ALL RADAR ANTENNAE AND LEADS DESTROYED OR DAMAGED. ALL RADARS OUT OF COMMISSION EXCEPT SK FORDARD 80 AND FORWARD FD WHICH OPERATE AT REDUCED EFFICIENCY.

5 INCH MOUNTS 35 AND 6 CUTOF COMMISSION DISTORTED TRAINING AND ELEVATING GEAR POSSIBLE DISTORTION OF GUNS AND ONE SHIELD PARTIALLY DEMOLISHED. AFTER 5 INCH DIRECTOR RANGELINDER BEAT.

FORWARD 5 INCH DIRECTOR CONSIDERABLY LOST SIGHT IN TRAIN. BOTH DIRECTORS AND 4 MOUNTS MAY HAVE DAMAGED ROLLER PATHS. 6 INCH
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- B GUN OF TURRET 1 BENT OR OUT OF LINE. POSSIBLE DAMAGE TO ROLLER
- PATHS OF TURRETS 1 AND 2. STARTER 43 IN QUAD DISTURBED
- CARRIAGE AND PLATFORM. WIRING OUT BETWEEN NUMBER 5 40 MM TWIN AND DIRECTOR. 7 20 MM MOUNTS DESTROYED OR DAMAGED. 6 MARK 14 SIGHTS DESTROYED AND 9 DAMAGED. TRACKS BOTH CATAPULTS GOUGED AND CABLE AND TRAINING GEAR DAMAGED. 1 PLANE JETTISONED AND OTHER OF VALUE FOR SALVAGEABLE PARTS ONLY. DAMAGES TO NUMBER 1 SHAFT OF PROPELLER CAUSED EXCESSIVE VIBRATION. CRANE HOOK DAMAGED AND CRANE OUT OF LINE. SUPPLY VENT DUCTS IN ENGINE AND FIRE PICKS Ruptured. EXTENSIVE BLAST AND FRAGMENT DAMAGE STARBOARD SIDE MAIN DECK AND ABOVE REQUIRING RENEWAL OR REPAIR DOURS.
- HATCHES VENTS DUCTS SPINNER SHIELDS LIFELINES STANCHIONS PIPING.
- LADDERS SKY BAYES TO HARDS ELECTRIC WIRING BULKHEADS AND FRAMES AND MISCELLANEOUS LOCKERS AND FITTINGS. UNDERWATER HOLES EXTENT.

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UNKNOWN IN STORED O-419A AND OIL TANKS O-37 AND O-57. NUMERIOUS FRAGMENT HOLES AND SHELL PLATING AND FRAMING DISHED IN SECOND DECK STARBOARD. PARAVINES AT HEAD AND DOWNHALL CHAIN DESTROYED. HANGAR HATCH TRACKS DAMAGED. STARECARD CHAINS AND PROPELLER GUARD DEMOLED.

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AIRMAILGRAM

SONOMA (ATG-12) SUNK AS RESULT ENEMY ACTION SAN PEDRO BAY LEYTE PHILIPPINES. BEACHED IN 18 FEET OF WATER.

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(BIRMINGHAM GIVES ACTION CTG 38.3 INFO CINCPAC COM 3RD FLT
CTU 38.3 CTFT 38)

TU 38.3.6 ARRIVED WLTHI 27/204. BIRMINGHAM DEAD 236
MISSING 6 WOUNDED ABOUT 400 OF WHICH 216 TRANSFERRED TO
SOMARITAN. REPORT OF STRUCTURAL DAMAGE WILL BE MADE
BY INDIVIDUAL SHIPS ACCORDANCE PACFLT 33 OL-43 MAKING
YOU INFO ADDEE. REVISED LIST PRINCETON SURVIVORS.
IRWIN 91 OFFICERS 563 ENLISTED MORRISON 9 OFFICERS 338
ENLISTED GATLING 22 OFFICERS 292 ENLISTED BIRMINGHAM
1 OFFICER 6 ENLISTED OF WHICH TOTAL 54 REQUIRE HOSPITA-
LIZATION.

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(FROM COMMANDING OFFICER USS DENNIS DE 405 WHO ASKS RADIO HONOLULU TO PASS TO COMDESPAC FOR ACTION AND TO CINCPAC COMINCH COMSOWESPAC COM 7TH FLT CTG 77.4 CONCORTDIV 63 FOR INFO.)

THIS IS PRELIMINARY BATTLE DAMAGE REPORT. RECEIVED 4 DIRECT HITS 8 INCH PROJECTILES ALL ABOVE WATERLINE.

1 AT FRAME 35. 1 AT TOP OF NUMBER 15 INCH MOUNT.

1 AT AFTER 40 MM DIRECTOR. 1 AT FRAME 137. ALL AUTOMATIC GUN CONTROL INCOPERATIVE PUERTO DAMAGE LOCAL CONTROL ONLY. DIRECT HIT DEMOLISHED AFTER 40 MM DIRECTOR MANY CABLES AND LINES CUT. DEGAUSING CABLE RUPTURED. SOUND DOME CRACKED CREATING EXCESSIVE WATER NOISE. BELIEVE DRYDOCKING ESSENTIAL FOR ALIGNMENT MUNS* DIRECTORS AND SOUND DOME. HULL DAMAGE ALL ABOVE WATER LINE CONSIDERABLE.

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NEW SUBJECT. 5 MEN KILLED SEVERAL REQUIRE HOSPITALIZATION. WE RESCUED AND HAVE ON BOARD 434 SURVIVORS LESS 1 WHO DIED. ALL CVE PERSONNEL.
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(FROM USS IRWIN (DD 794) ACTION COMINCH, CINCPAC, COM 3RD FLEET, CTF 38 INFO COMSERVPAC, COMSERVRON 10, COMDESPAC, COMSERVRON 10 BY HAND RDO HONO PASS TO ALL OTHERS.)

FIRST ESTIMATE DAMAGE SUSTAINED ALONGSIDE USS PRINCETON (CVL 23) FIGHTING FIRES AND RECEIVING SURVIVORS. MAIN BATTERY DIRECTOR. 5 INCH GUNS 1 AND 2. 40 MM GUN 1. 40 MM DIRECTORS 1 AND 3. ALL ABOVE OUT OF COMMISSION. STARBOARD SIDE OF BRIDGE CRUSHED IN. MINOR DAMAGE TO HULL BOTH SIDES NO FLOODING. PORT ENGINE NOT USEABLE DUE TO CONDENSER CLOGGED WITH DEBRIS.
I desire to be kept fully informed by dispatch report direct
from you of salient details of action and damage, in particular a
summarized report of recent action. Such report should be cleared
with CINCSOWESPAC and a copy furnished CINPOA.

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To COM THIRD FLEET.

Both remaining CVE groups report that they are now under air attack.

Other groups badly damaged returning to Manus.

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**RADIO HONO RX INTERCEPT**

COMTASKFOR 38 ORIGINATES AND GIVES ACTION TO COM 3RD FLEET WHO PASSES INFO TO CINCPAC.

**PRELIMINARY REPORT OF DAMAGE AND CASUALTIES SUSTAINED**

PRINCETON SUNK. 134 OFFICERS INCLUDING CAPTAIN AND 1227*** ENLISTED MEN SURVIVORS. BIRMINGHAM ALONGSIDE PRINCETON DURING MAGAZINE EXPLOSION ABOUT 150 DEAD 4% WOUNDED INCLUDING CAPTAIN. 2% OF WOUNDED REQUIRE IMMEDIATE HOSPITALIZATION.

NUMBER F* SCREW DAMAGED AND LOCKED TO PREVENT VIBRATION.

TOPSIDE CHEWED UP, 5 MACHINE GUN MOUNTS OUT OF COMMISSION.

MORRISON FOREMAST GONE, PORT SIDE SMASHED. IRVIN FORWARD GUN MOUNTS DAMAGED, STARBOARD SMASHED. WILL SEND BIRMINGHAM, IRVIN, MORRISON AND CATLING NEIGH*** CONTASKUNIT 38.3.6 TO ULITHI.

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AT 242301 FUELING ENROUTE. REQUEST HOSPITAL SHIP AT ULITHI OR REROUTING TO GUAM.

*PASSED TO CINCPAC AND CTG 31.9 BY COM THIRD FLEET AS 241547.*

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***AS RECEIVED.***

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USS HONOLULU SENDS. RDO NONO PASS ACTION CINCPAC INFO TO COMCRUPAC COMSEROON 10. RDO WASHINGTON PASS ACTION COMINCH INFO BUORD CNO BUSHIPS. RDO BELCONNEN PASS ACTION CTF 77 CTF 79. RDO MANUS PASS ACTION TO COMNAVEBASE MANUS. COMCRUDIV 9 HAS BY HAND.

PRELIMINARY AMPLIFYING REPORT DAMAGE HONOLULU PRIOR EXAMINATION DOCKING MANUS. REFER MY 201453. TORPEDO HIT PORT SIDE 1ST PLATFORM VICINITY FRAME 52. PLOTTING ROOM CENTRAL STATION 1C ROOM FORWARD DIESEL GENERATOR ROOM ARE RUINED. 1ST PLATFORM FLOODED FRAME 35 TO 61 2ND PLATFORM FRAME 39 TO 61 HOLD FRAME 48 TO 60 3RD DECK RUPTURED AND PARTIALLY FLOODED FRAME 49 TO 61. KEEL AND LARBOARD STRAKE APPARENTLY INTACT. DETAILED AMPLIFYING REPORT REQUIRED BY PACFLT CONF LTR 33CL-43 TO BE SUBMITTED AFTER EXAMINATION IN DOCK.
PRESENT DRAFT FORWARD 27 FEET 6 INCHES AFT 23 FEET 6 INCHES.

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At 2017Z 19 October a Japanese Zero dropped a 100 Kilo bomb close aboard the port quarter. Bomb partially exploded with little fragmentation and then penetrated skin of ship at frame 77 just above bilge keel leaving hole 18 inches by 24 inches. Compartment B2 completely flooded submerging electric propulsion motors and auxiliary generators and all control panels and equipment. No personnel casualties.

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(CG CSWPA SENDS VIA COM 7TH FLT ACTION COMINCH INFO CNO CINCPAC COMSOPAC.)

STACK CRUISER AUSTRALIA HIT 22ND OCT BY JAP SUICIDE PILOT. EXPLOSION BURNING GASOLINE KILLED 10 INJURED 50 AMONG INJURED WERE COMMODORE COLLINS AND CAPT DECHAINEUX. RETIRING UNDER OWN POWER. IN SUPPORT OF THE LANDINGS ON 20TH 3 CARRIER TASK GROUPS SMASHED ASSORTED LAND TARGETS ON PANAY AND CEBU ACCOUNTING FOR 6 ENEMY PLANES 4 BARRACKS 1 WAREHOUSE 7 LUGGERS ON LEYTE BUILDINGS FUEL DUMPS GUN ENSMALLMENTS AND TRUCKS WERE DESTROYED. AIR ATTACK 21ST ON TRANSPORTS LEAVING PANAON AREA DRIVEN OFF. 1ST RETURNING ECHELON LEAA LEYTE GULF 0203 I 21ST OTHER ECHELONS RETURNING ON SCHEDULE. 4 REMAIN

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AT NORTHERN BEACHES. NAVAL SURFACE OPPOSITION NIL.
NIGHT 20/21 WOENDI PEEKAES EVACUATED 143 JAVANESE AND
CHINESE FORMER JAP PRISONERS MOSTLY WOMEN AND BABIES.
SAME NIGHT MOROTAI BOATS IN COOPERATION WITH FIGHTER
SWEEPS BOMBED AND STRAFED ENEMY AT SARITOELI POINT AND
LINDA VILLAGE. NORSOLGEAIR AND PT'S HECKLED TARGETS
IN SOLOMONS AREA. MACARTHUR.

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FROM LST 723. COM LST FLT 21 AND COM LST GROUP 61 HAVE FOR INFO.

THIS VESSEL IN COLLISION 2251R/20 OCT WITH OIL BARGES PUSHED BY RIVER BOAT ALEXANDER MCKENZIE OWNED BY CENTRAL BARGE CO CHICAGO APPROXIMATELY 18 MILES UPSTREAM FROM NEW ORLEANS IN MISSISSIPPI RIVER WHILE PROCEEDING ON OPPOSITE COURSES. AS A RESULT OF COLLISION FOLLOWING DAMAGE SUFFERED THIS VESSEL HOLE PORT SIDE FROM FRAMES 5 TO 16 APPROXIMATELY 5 FEET WIDE VARYING FROM 6 INCHES TO 1 FOOT ABOVE WATER LINE AND SEAM APPROXIMATELY 4 FEET ABOVE WATER LINE BUCKLED FROM FRAMES 16 TO 36 CAUSING OPENING APPROXIMATELY 6 INCHES ALONG...
THIS ENTIRE SEAM. FIRE BROKE OUT FOLLOWING COLLISION IN COMPARTMENTS A-312A AND B-304A AND SMALLER FIRES BROKE OUT IN COMPARTMENTS B-302 AND C-302A LATTER WERE IMMEDIATELY EXTINGUISHED FORMER WERE EXTINGUISHED AFTER 2 HOURS FIRE FIGHTING. DRY PROVISIONS COMPT A312A APPROXIMATELY 90 PER CENT DESTROYED. OIL FROM LEADING BARGE IGNITED AND BARGE WAS BEACHED BY ALEXANDER MCKENZIE AND EXTINGUISHED BY HER CREW AFTER APPROX 1 AND 1/2 HOURS. THIS VESSEL RETURNED TO TODD JOHNSON DOCKS NEW ORLEANS. (ACTIVITY OF ASTINDMAN) AT 0430R/21 OCT UNDER OWN POWER. ESTIMATED TIME FOR REPAIRS 10 DAYS. PILOTS ABOARD BOTH VESSELS AT TIME OF COLLISION.
NAVAL MESSAGE

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PRELIMINARY REPORT OF DAMAGE TO HMAS AUSTRALIA.
DURING DAY ATTACK 21 OCTOBER BRIDGE HIT. COMMODORE COLLINS, CAPTAIN DECHAINEUX, NAVIGATING OFFICER, PLUS 4 OTHERS, SERIOUSLY INJURED. 1 LIEUTENANT KILLED.
BRIDGE OUT OF COMMISSION. EXECUTIVE OFFICER IN COMMAND EMERGENCY STEERING. FURTHER DETAILS WHEN AVAILABLE.
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(GTF 77 SENDS)

HONOLULU TORPEDOED LEYTE GULF BY LONE PLANE ABOUT 1520 1
20 OCTOBER. HIT PORT SIDE AMIDSHIPS IN HANDLING ROOM.
FORWARD FIRE ROOM PARTIALLY FLOODED 2 SALVAGE TUGS ALONG-
SIDE PUMPING AND COUNTER FLOODING IN PROGRESS.

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TO COM 3RD FLEET

RELEASED BY

DATE 23 OCTOBER 1944

TO CODE ORIGINATOR

DECODED BY MONROE

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ADDRESS

FROM COM 3RD FLEET

RECEIVED CTG 39.9

ACTION CONINC

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

IF OPERATIONAL CHECK BELOW

200715 NCR 9043

(COM 3RD FLT SENDS ACTION CTG 39.9 INFO COMINC CTU 39.9,1
CTG 39.3 CINCPAC INFO PASS INFO CONSERVPAC CONCRUPAC)

IT NOW APPEARS CANBERRA AND HOUSTON CAN BE BROUGHT INTO
ULITHI ABOUT 27 OR 28 OCTOBER IF LUCK HOLDS OUT.

INITIATE PLANNING FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS BOTH SHIPS TO PERMIT
EARLY RETURN PEARL. DESIRE REPRESENTATIVE FORCE MAINTENANCE
EITHER FROM MANUS OR PEARL BE AVAILABLE AT ULITHI WHEN SHIPS
ARRIVE. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED SHIFT JASON OR OTHER REPAIR FAC-
ILITIES FROM MANUS TO ULITHI TO EXPEDITE WORK IF THIS IS
CONSIDERED NECESSARY. 1ST PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN CANBERRA.

WORK MUST BE PLANNED TO AVOID INTERFERENCE WITH ESSENTIAL
REPAIRS TO OTHER 3RD FLEET VESSELS. KEEP ME ADVISED PLANS
AND ACTION TAKEN.

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(POCOCOKE PASS ACTION TO CTU 30.5.1 FROM CTG 30.5 CTU 30.5.4 HAS ACTION BY HAND. TINIAN PASS INFO CTU 30.5.3. RDC HONO PASS ACTION CTG 30.3 AND INFO COM 3RD FLEET)

Houston and Canberra under tow with escort proceeding from estimated 36° 1 21 OCT position 16° 30' N 129-15 E direct to Ulithi at 290 of 4 knots. CTU 30.5.1 locate this force on 22 OCT and ENDEAVOR provide continuous anti submarine cover between longitudes 131 and 135 using calls 23 to 35V 7 9 1.

In order of launching. CTU 30.4 COVER FROM 135 TO ULITHI USE CALLS 33 TO 40V 4 3 4. ON STATION RELIEF DESIRED BUT NOT REQUIRED. ALL PLANES WILL BE MARINERS USING CODE 3 IFF 3465 VOICE 792 VOICE 360 TO 1700 AND 3755 1700 TO 3600.

MAKE NO UNECESSARY TRANSMISSIONS. FLY AERIAL ESCORT PLAN OF FTP 223 OR AS DIRECTED BY BRAZIL. CTU 30.5.1 KEEP 30.5.4 ADVISED ETA 135 E. *(RDC HONO PASSED FOR INFO TO COMINCH AS 20130)*

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NAVAl MESSAGE

CINCPAC
COMINCH
CTF 79
(1 GABLED CALL)

COMSPAC
COMRON 56
COMDESRON 112

USS ROSS (DD563) STRUCK 2 MINES AT 1633 AND 1652Z 16 OCTOBER.

Damage as follows: Both engineering forward fire room C202E and C203L all flooded to water line. Stability GOOD. List Corrected to 5 degrees. Draft forward 18 Feet 3 Inches. Main Deck aft 2 Feet above water. No tears weakness or wrinkles noted in skin or main deck. Keel broken aft. Near MISS by Plane later made A Few Holes 23 KILLED OR MISSING. 9 INJURED 4 OF THEM SERIOUSLY BY MINES. 2 SERIOUSLY INJURED BY NEAR MISS.

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MAILGRAM

THIS IS SECRET. REQUEST YOU TRANSMIT FOLLOWING SECRET
DISPATCH WHEN FEASIBLE MSG FOLLOWS: ACTION COMINC CINCPAC
COM 3RD FLT CTF 38 COMCRUDIV 10 INFO CONSERFORPAC COMSERON
10 COMCRUPAC JASON. THIS IS SECOND REPORT REQUIRED BY
CINCPAC LTR 33 CL 43. AIRCRAFT TO DO HIT FRAME 97
STARBOARD BELOW ARMOR PLATE. TOTAL DESTRUCTION THIS AREA CAN
BE ASSUMED INCLUDING 2 BOILERS AND FOLLOWING IN NUMBER 3
FIRE ROOM. 750 KW GENERATOR. DYNAMIC CONDENSING PLANT. 2 FO
SERVICE PUMPS. 1 PORT USE FO SERVICE PUMP. 1 FUEL OIL TRANSFER
PUMP. 1 FIRE AND FLUSHING PUMP. 1 FIRE 1 FIRE AIR BILGE PUMP
1 EMERGENCY FEED PUMP. 1 MEDIUM PRESSURE AIR COMPRESSOR. 1
FORCE DRAFT BLOWER. 1 MAIN SWITCHBOARD. 1 VENTILATION
BLOWER. TRANSFER BANKS. IN NUMBER 4 FIRE ROOM 2 MAIN FEED
PUMPS AND 1 MEDIUM PRESSURE AIR COMPRESSOR, SEE PLANS FOR

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ABOVE, IN NUMBER 1 FIREROOM BOLTS ARE SHEETED ON COUPLING BETWEEN REDUCTION GEAR AND NUMBER 1 SHAFT AND SHAFT BENT UP 14 INCHES WITH PROBABLE DESTRUCTION REDUCTION GEAR AND SHAFT. NUMBER 2 ENGINE ROOM HAS STEAM LEAK OF SOME CHARACTER AND PROBABLY FLOODED BY DAMAGES CAUSED TO STERN TUBE BY SHAFT. STARTING PANEL OF MAIN REFRIGERATION UNIT LOCATED IN C 406 BURNED AND MUST BE RENEWED. EXCEPT FOR ABOVE BELIEVE BOTH ENGINE ROOMS INTACT EXCEPT FOR DAMAGE DUE TO COMPLETE FLOODING. PROBABLY MUST RENEW MARK 45 MOD 1 RANGE FINDER IN AFTER MAIN BATTERY DIRECTOR.

COMINCH PASSED TO NCR FOR FURTHER DISTRIBUTION FOR 0413
(CTG 77.2 SENDS. ACTION CTF 77 AND INFO CTF 77 CO 43RD FLT CINCPAC COMINCH) (RIDO MANUS PASS TO ALL ADEES)

THIS IS TOP TOP SECRET.

ROSS (DD 563) STRUCK MINE NEAR POINT F MAIN SWEPT CHANNEL GULF OF LEYTE AT ABOUT 0135 19TH OCTOBER. A FEW MOMENTS LATER STRUCK A 2ND BELIEVED FLOATERS. UNABLE OPERATE UNDER CAN POWER EXTENSIVE DAMAGE, SHIP TOOK 14 DEGREE LIST, JETTISONED TORPEDOES AND TOP WEIGHT. CHICKASAW ALONGSIDE PROMPTLY SUPPLYING LIGHT AND PUMPS. PROSPECTS GOOD TO SALVAGE. WILL BEACH IF NECESSARY WEST SIDE HONOMHON ISLAND.

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ACTION: F-30
SUMMARY HURRICANE DAMAGE PC 824, PC 488, PC 1188, SC1280, AM 221, AMC 54, AGROUND KEY WEST. YTM 349 AND LV 91 UNLOCATED. NOW IN RADIO COMMUNICATION WITH YTM 349. CREW OF LV 91 ON YTM 349. FS 264 DISABLED STEERING GEAR. SS EDWARD L SHEA DISABLED STEERING GEAR AND PRESENT POSITION UNKNOWN. SS PER- T-4302 US-C-S1/3 ORMONDALE AGROUND DRY TORTUGAS. SS LAKE FOLCROFT REPORTED AGROUND NEAR HAVRIA. EXTENSIVE MINOR DAMAGE TO SHORE INSTALLATIONS KEY WEST ESPECIALLY NAVAL HOSPITAL BUT HOSPITAL CAN FUNCTION NORMALLY. NO PERSONNEL CASUALTIES NOB KEY WEST NAS KEY WEST NAS BOCA CHICA. BOCA CHICA FIELD UNDER WATER NO TOWER CONTROL NO VOICE. DRY TORTUGAS RADIO BEACON
INOPERATIVE. TAMPA REPORTS NO SERIOUS DAMAGE.

COMINCH.....ACT
23/CNO.....OP05.....30.....39.....20OP.....NAVAIDE.....
BUSHIPS.....BUDOCKS.....BUMED.....OP03.....31.....00.....
JAG.....

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: NOB KEY WEST
RELEASED BY: 
DATE: 19 OCT 1944
TOR CODEROOM: 0956
 DECODED BY: QUINBY
 PARAPHRASED BY: EXNER /
 ROUTED BY: HUTCHINSON

PRELIMINARY HURRICANE DAMAGE REPORT. YTM 349 AND LIGHT

VESSEL 91 NOT HEARD FROM SINCE 180220, PC 1188 PC 488
PC 82(*) SC 1280 AM 221 AND AMC 54 AGROUND. EXTENSIVE
MINOR DAMAGE TO SHORE INSTALLATIONS ESPECIALLY NAVAL
HOSPITAL

(*) 5 LETTERS MISSING

23....ACT
COMINCH....30....CNO....0P05....00....200P....19....
19C....NAVADE...BULMED....BUSHIPS...DECLASSIFIED

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181300 NCR 7955

(CTG 30.3 WHO SENDS, COM 3RD FLT GETS ACTION. FOR INFO CINCPAC AND TREVER (DMS16) CTG 30.5 CTG 30.8 CTG 30.9)

PROCEEDING SOA 3.5 COURSE SOUTH FROM 17301 POSIT
18-41N 128-00E IS CTG 30.3 IN BOSTON. ALL SHIPS PLUS TUGS FUELED. YOUR 172307. TOMAHAWK HAD CONDENSER CASUALTY EXPECTS BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN 9 KNOTS. NO CHANGE CONDITION CANBERRA HOUSTON. ALL READY FOR TYPHOON WEATHER.

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PASSED BY NPM (RDO HONO) TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 190656

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(MONTGOMERY (DM 17) SENDS ACTION COMINCH CINCPAC COMTHIRDFLT CTF 31. INFO COMSERVPAC CTF 57 COMSERVON 10 COMSERVON 6 CTG 57.17 COMINDIV 1 AND CTU 10.15.6 E HAVE BY HAND.
RDO HON O PASS TO ALL ADDRESSES)

MONTGOMERY (DM 17) SENDS SECOND REPORT OF DAMAGE. MAIN DECK BETWEEN FRAMES 80 AND 120 TWISTED
AND RUPTURED. BULKHEAD BETWEEN AFTER FIREFR OOM AND FORWARD ENGINEROOM BLOWN AFT FROM CENTERLINE
DIAGONALLY DOWN TO PORTSIDE OF HULL. NUMBER 4 RKXPED DRAFT BLOWER SPRUNG. BC AND E PREFABRICATED
FUEL OIL TANKS DESTROYED. OTHER MACHINERY AFTER FIREFR OOM UNDER WATER. MAJORITY MAIN AND AUXILIARY
STEAM LINES IN BOTH ENGINEROOMS AND AFTER FIREFR OOM DEMOLISHED. ESTIMATE ALL MACHINERY FORWARD
ENGINEROOM DAMAGED. AFTER ENGINEROOM STILL FLOODED WITHIN 4 FEET OF OVERHEAD BUT EXTENSIVE MACHINERY
DAMAGE NOT APPARENT. SALVAGE TUG TURKEYPIOW ALONGSIDE.

*AS RECEIVED  
SECRET  

As received
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23...BUSHIPS...INFO

30...39...OP05...JAG...CU...ENP...NAVAIDE...SUPERS...
BUORD...19...19C...CNO.

USS MONTGOMERY 180804 7615 2 2

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**ACTION COM 3RD FLT INFO COMINCH CINCPAC CTF 38 CONSERFOR COMCRUPAC COMDES PAC.**

30.3 USING UP ONE OF COM 3RD FLTS 150256.

NOON REPORT OF SLOW SALVAGE GROUP, HOUSTON DRAFT FORWARD 31.5 AFT 32.5 LIST 8 DEGREES STARBOARD STABILITY SATISFACTORY. ADDITIONAL FLOODING IN HANGER AND AT LEAST 2 COMPARTMENTS BELOW HANBER, SAGGING MORE PRONOUNCED BUT NOT DANGEROUS UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS. PAWNEE PLACED ABOARD HOUSTON 2 EACH 3 INCH AND HANDY BILLY GAS DRIVEN PUMPS AUGMENTED BY 3 SUBMERSABLE PUMPS FROM CRUI-SERS. HOUSTON REPORTS ECM, SECRET AND CONFIDENTIAL PUBLICATIONS JETISONED SANTA FE GUARDING FOR HER. CANBERRA REQUIRES 6300 GALS FEED WATER DAILY. ALL HER AA AND 2 TURRETS AVAILABLE. HAVE JOWING REPORT ACCORDANCE SUB PARA A AND B OF 33 CL 43 WILL TRANSMIT IF DIRECTED.

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ADDRESSES
COM 3RD FLEET
CTG 38.8

CTF 3B
ALL TFCS 3RD FLEET

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RDO HONOLULU INTERCEPT

(ACTION TO COM 3RD FLEET CTG 38.8 INFO CTF 3B AND ALL TFCS 3RD FLT. TG 38.3 SENDS)

REFERENCE COM 3RD FLEET 141730. REQUEST FUELING GROUP RENDEZVOUS WITH TG 38.3 AT 0900 ON 16TH IN LATITUDE 19-18 N LONGITUDE 127-29 E. MY COURSE 120 DEGREES SPEED 4 KNOTS. MUNSEE GAS 79 PERCENT AND PAWNEE 52 PERCENT FUEL. AM ENDEAVORING TO KEEP DESTROYERS AT 50 PERCENT. CANBERRA DOING NICEY. HOUSTON CRABBING ALONG BOW APPROXIMATELY 30 DEGREES OFF COURSE. CONDITIONS ABOARD APPARENTLY BAD BUT WITH REASONABLY GOOD WEATHER FEEL THAT WE CAN GET HER IN.

ACTION: F-30

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FROM CONTAGROUP 3-3
RELEASED BY
DATE 16 OCT 44
TOR CODE/20 222
DECODED BY ROWLAND
PARAPHRASED BY ROWLAND
CHECKED BY HARTIGAN
ROUTED BY ROWLAND

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FOR ACTION
COM 3RD FLT

INFORMATION
ALL TFCS 3RD FLT

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FROM CONTAGROUP 3-3, ACTION COM 3RD FLEET AND INFO TO ALL TFCS THIRD FLEET.

HAVE REMOVED 3% ADDITIONAL SURVIVORS 20% LEFT ABOARD.

STILL TOING BUT WITH CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY DUE TO HER VEERING HARD TO PORT. TODAYS TORPEDO HIT BY FRANCES JUST FORWARD STARBOARD CATAPULT. SPEED THRU WATER NOW 3 KNOTS AND INCREASING SLOWLY. MAY BE ABLE TO MAKE 3.5. LIST TO STARBOARD HAS INCREASED TO APPROXIMATELY 12 DEGREES. NO ADDITIONAL ATTACKS. OCCASIONAL BOGEY. NOT WORRYING JUST WONDERING AND WAITING FOR THE FURTHER INFORMATION. JUST RECEIVED WORD CABOT CAP HAS SHOT DOWN 9 KATES THIS AFTERNOON.

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PARAPHRASED BY: HOFNER
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THIS COMES CTG 38.3 ACTION TO COM3RDLFT.

FIRST ATTACK COMPLETED 3 PLANES. 1 GETTING THRU TO HOUSTON.
OTHERS IN VICINITY. HOUSTON STILL IN TOW. CANBERRA NO
ADDED DAMAGE. 14081 POSITION LAT 28-45 N LONG 125-24 E
COMMANDING OFFICER HOUSTON HAS REQUESTED REMOVAL ALL PERSONNEL.
AM INVESTIGATING.

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CTG 30,3 SENDS TO COM 3RD FLT AND ALL TFC'S 3RD FLT.

HOUSTON TORPEDDOED AGAIN IN STERN. DETAILS LATER.

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NPM (RDO HON) PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 160347.

ACTION: F-30
HOLD INTERCEPT

TASK GROUP 30.3 who sends action COM 3RD FLT INFO CINC PAC CTF 38
ALL TASK GROUP COMDS 3RD FLT COMSERFOR COMCRUPAC COMDESPAC.

SECOND REPORT OF BATT FOR NIPSIE 0800 16 OCTOBER POSITION
LATTITUDE 20-06 N LONGITUDE 125-07 NABADU UMDVC* WILL SOON TAKE
OVER TOW OF HOUSTON. PRESENT COURSE 130 SPEED OF ADVANCE 3.5
KNOTS. HOUSTON MEAN DRAFT ABOUT 35 FEET WITH 8 DEGREES STARBOARD
LIST. FLOODING UNDER CONTROL. BOYD HAS 371 ENLISTED 9 OFFICERS.
COWELL HAS 188 ENLISTED 7 OFFICERS WITH 9 SERIOUSLY INJURED. GRAY-
SON HAS 160 ENLISTED 16 OFFICERS ALL FROM HOUSTON. TRANSFERRING
SURVIVORS TO CRUISERS TODAY. CANBERRA MAXIMUM DRAFT ABOUT MSVQAONE*
FEET AFT WITH NO LIST. BOTH ENGINE ROOMS AND THREE AND FOUR FIRE-
ROOMS FLOODED BUT NO DAMAGE FORWARD OR ABAFT THIS SECTION. 2 FIRE-
ROOM CREW GKD JW* 14 RINA* WOUNDED REPORTED. COWELL RECEIVED CON-

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/44

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SIDEOBAR STRUCTURAL DAMAGE STARBOARD SIDE WHILE ALONGSIDE HOUSTON. PROPOSE SENDING HER ON AHEAD TO SJC** INDEPENDENTLY WHEN SITUATION CLEAR UP XMFBKGA* TUGS URGENTLY NEED TBS EQUIPMENT FOR EMERGENCY WORK OF THIS TYPE.

* AS RECEIVED
** GROUPS MISSING FROM CODE
COMINCH: 1-8 INCLUSIVE
CTG 38.1 SENDS FOR ORIGINATOR CANBERRA. RDO HOMO PLEASE PASS TO ALL ADDRESSES. ACTION COMINCH, CINCPAC, COMSRDLTF, CTF 38 INFO COMSERFORPAC, COMSERO 19 COMCRUPAC.

CANBERRA TORPEDOED STARBOARD SIDE ABOUT FRAME 97, WITH ENGINE ROOMS AND NUMBER 3 AND 4 FIRE ROOMS COMPLETELY FLOODED. NO FLOODINGS OUTSIDE THIS SECTION. ONLY MINOR DAMAGE ELSEWHERE. 3RD DECK DRY. STABILITY EXCELLENT.

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(SARATOGA SENDS ACTION COMINCH VIA NSS, BY HAND TO COMAIRPAC CINCPAC CTG 19.4 FOR ACTION AND FOR INFO TO COMSERVPAC HOWARD F. CLARK (DE 533).)

IN LATITUDE 20-39 NORTH LONGITUDE 158-45 WEST AT 1447Z 14 OCTOBER SARATOGA ON LAUNCHING COURSE PRIOR TO NIGHT QUALIFICATIONS SUFFERED LIMITED AND LOCALIZED HULL DAMAGE WHEN STRUCK BY HOWARD F. CLARK WHILE LATTER SHIFTING FROM SCREEN TO PLANE GUARD POSITIONS. HULL PLATING PORT SIDE SECOND DECK BETWEEN FRAMES 72-73 PIERCED, PLATING AND FRAMES 69 TO 75 SECOND DECK BUCKLED. 2 TOP STRAKES OUTER PLATING VOID A-448 PIERCED. THIS VOID FLOODED WITH SEEPAGE TO 2 ADJACENT Voids. TEMPORARY REPAIRS BEING COMPLETED 15 OCTOBER WILL PERMIT CONTINUED OPERATION UNTIL PERMANENT REPAIRS MADE NEXT ROUTINE MACHINERY OVERHAUL PERIOD.

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FOR NCR 0725/16

23....BUSHIPS....INFO
16....19....JAG....BUORD....BUPERS....OP-05....19C....
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While conducting night exercises early 14 October, USS Howard F Clark (DE 533) collided with USS Saratoga. The bow of the originator was forward, and the frame/cramped. Some buckling of the deck and sides between frames 14 and 20. No flooding abaft frame 14. Capstan and main ground tackle castings appear salvageable. Slight damage to starboard 20 millimeter gun. Insulator on port main shroud broken. No other apparent damage.

COM INCH passed to NCR for further dist. Tor NCR 0231.

23... Buships... Buord... Info
16... 19... Bupers... Op05... Jag... Navaide... 00... Cno.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM
USS TREPANG (TU 17.1.30)

RELEASED BY
16 OCT 1944

TOR CODEROOM
0651

DECODED BY
SACHS
PARAPHRASED BY
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ROUTED BY

CTF 17 COMSUBPAC

CTG 17.6 COMINCH

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TREPANG 4TH TO COMSUBPAC INFO CTG 17.6.

UNLESS MAJURO CAN REPLACE SERIES FIELD CABLES NUMBER 3 MAIN MOTOR REQUEST PEARL REFIT. CONSIDER THIS WORK NECESSARY AS READINGS ARE LOWER SINCE LEAVING PEARL. 75,000 OHMS AT 130 FARENHEIT. IDENTIFIED BOTH BB'S NYAMA SHIRA CLASS. HLT NEAR NUMBER 3 TURRET. EXPLOSIONS AND SPEED INDICATE LOSS OF BOILER POWER, REDUCED FREEBOARD AND POSSIBLE LOSS OF TURRET.

OBSERVED FIRE AFTER SEVERAL HOURS. CARRIED HIGH SPEED SURFACE ATTACK TO 1200 YARDS ON BOTH BB'S AND CLEARED ESCORT AT 500 YARDS. ESCAPED ON SURFACE WITH NO REPERCUSSIONS. NO INDICATIONS OF RADAR OR LOOK-OUTS WITH EXCELLENT VISIBILITY.

DD IDENTIFIED AS TORUTSUKI CLASS. DAMAGED BB BELIEVED TO ENTER KOBE. FOX OKAY. SAW GREENLING ARRIVE. 66000 REMAIN.

0900Z 15TH POSIT 32-52 N 138-31 E. WX 06202226661 6655.

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DELIVERED TO
20G

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/94

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THIS COMES FROM CTG 19.4 FOR ACTION TO COMAIRPAC WHO PASSES FOR INFO TO CINC Pac ComDesPac and COMHANSEAFRON. ALSO INFO IS COMCORTDIV 76.

AT 0517 VW IN POSITION LAT 26°39'6" LONG 158°45'3" HOWARD F. CLARK IN COLLISION WITH SARATOGA. CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO FORMER FORWARD AND SOME FLOODING WHICH APPEARS TO BE UNDER CONTROL. SEVERAL STANDING BY HER. SHE IS PROCEEDING UNDER OWN POWER. COMCORTDIV 76 WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED. MINOR DAMAGE TO PORT SIDE SARATOGA ABOVE WATERLINE. EXPECT TO ENTER PEARL WITH WILLIAMSTON ABOUT SCHEDULED TIME.

PASSED BY RADIO HONO TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 142136 COMINCH PASSED TO NCR FOR FURTHER DISTRIBUTION TO NCR 0652/15 OP23.....BUSHIPS.....BUORD...

16...JAG...19....OP05...00...CNO...BUPERS...NAVAPDE...

200°...31....OP03....

SECRET
TO OP SECRET DISPATCH

EXT.

COM 3RD FLT

ADDRESSEES

CTG 30.3

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OP SEC GEN

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COM 3RD FLT SENDS ACTION CTG 30.3 INFO COMINCH CINCPAC

CTG 30.2 CTF 38 CTG 38.1 BOSTON WICHITA

141610

3788

HOUSTON TORPEDOED AND IN TOW OF BOSTON, 24001 14 OCTOBER

POSITION LAT 22-31 N LONG 124-04 E COURSE 135 TRUE.

CTG 38.1 DIRECTED LEAVE 4 DD AND 1 CVL FROM HIS GROUP

WITH CRIPPLES ON HIS DEPARTURE. SEE MY 131752 AND

11235 FOR MOVEMENTS MUNSEE AND PAWNEE, ALTER COURSE

OF WICHITA AS PRACTICABLE AND UTILIZE TUGS TO BEST

ADVANTAGE TO BRING BOTH CRIPPLE GROUPS IN CLOSE

PROXIMITY AS EARLY AS PRACTICABLE WITH MINIMUM LOSS OF

DISTANCE MADE GOOD. CONSOLIDATE ESCORT UNITS TO PROVIDE

MAXIMUM MUTUAL SUPPORT. SEE MY 131741. WHEN RELIEVED

OF TOW BOSTON AND WICHITA REMAIN IN COMPANY WITH YOU

AND PROCEED WITH CRUDIV 13 AS DIRECTED BY MY 131804.

ALL TASK FORCE AND GROUP COMMANDERS GUARD 4205 SERIES.

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**NCR 3916**

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COM THIRD FLEET SENDS ACTION PAVNEE INTO CTG 38.5, CTG 38.2, USS BOSTON, CTF 38, CTG 38.1, CTG 38.3, CTG 38.2, COMINCH, CINCPAC.

PROCEED TO RENDEZVOUS AT DAWN 16 OCTOBER WITH BOSTON TOWING DAMAGED HOUSTON ON COURSE 135 TRUE FROM ESTIMATED 24001 POSITION 14 OCTOBER LAT 22-31 N LONG 124-04 E. RELIEVE BOSTON OF TOW ON ARRIVAL. BOSTON REJOIN TG 38.1.

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CTG 38.1 sends action to COM 3RD FLT and CTF 38.

Houston torpedoed. Removing excess personnel.


7 degrees starboard list. Under continuous attack.

Passed by RDO Honolulu to COMINCH for info as 141655.

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**ACTION TO CTG 38.2 CTG 38.3 CTG 38.5 FROM COM 3RD FLT. INFO CTG 38 CTG 38.3 CTF 57 CINCPAC COMINCH.**

TG 38.3 COMCRUDIV 13 WITH CRUDIV 13 CARRI 2 CVE DESDIV 100 PLUS 2 DD 2 DE AND MUNSEE TOWING DAMAGED CANBERRA PROCEEDING TOWARD LAT 17-00 NORTH LONG 132-00 EAST FROM APPROXIMATE 0700 14 OCTOBER POSITION LAT 22-34 NORTH LONG 123-26 EAST AT SOA 4.5 KNOTS. TG 38.2 PROCEED RENDEZVOUS TG 38.3 DURING DAYLIGHT 16 OCTOBER. UPON RENDEZVOUS TG 38.3 DISSOLVED. COMCRUDIV 13 PLUS DESDIV 100 LESS 1 DD PROCEED TO LAT 15-00 NORTH LONG 128-00 EAST TO ARRIVE 1200 18 OCTOBER WHERE REJOIN TG 38.3. REMAINING UNITS OF TG 38.3 JOIN TG 38.2. AFTER RENDEZVOUS TG 38.2 PROCEED TOWARD ULITHI. REPORT POSITION COURSE AND SOA WHEN EAST OF LONGITUDE 130-00 EAST. CTG 38.5 PROVIDE AIR COVER AND MAKE DAILY REPORT POSITION OF TG 38.2 WHEN PRACTICABLE.

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SECRET DISPATCH

FROM: COM 3RD FLEET

RELEASED BY: 14 OCTOBER 1944

TOR CODEBREAK: DIEBEL

DECODED BY: RAEBEL/CHECKED BY ROWLAND

PARAPHRASED BY: DITTOED BY KNAPP

ROUTED BY: 0447

ADDRESS: USS MUNSEE
CTG 30.3

AFFIX: USS WICHITA
CTG 38.1

INFORMATION: COMINCH CTG 38.1
CINCPAC CTG 30.8
USN WICHITA CTF 38

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OPERATIONAL CHECK BELOW

131752 NCR 3340

WICHITA TOWING DAMAGED CANBERRA AND ESCORTED BY CTG 30.3

(WCOMCRUDIV 13) WITH CVL 3 CRUISERS AND 6 DESTROYERS IS
PROCEEDING TOWARD LAT 17-00N LONG 130-00E FROM APPROXIMATE
0700/1 14 OCTOBER POSITION 22-34N LONG 123-26E AT SOA 4.5 KNOTS.
MUNSEE PROCEED INTERCEPT TASK GROUP 30.3 AT DAWN 15 OCTOBER.
RELIEVE WICHITA OF TOW. WHEN RELIEVED WICHITA WITH 1 DD FROM
DESDIV 100 PROCEED LAT 18-00N LONG 128-00E* TO ARRIVE 0700/1
16 OCTOBER WHERE RENDEZVOUS WITH OILER AND FUEL. UPON COMPLETION
FUELING PROCEED TO 0700 ON* 17 OCTOBER RENDEZVOUS WITH TG
38.1 AS SPECIFIED BY COMMANDER THAT GROUP.

RECEIVED BADLY GARBLED. WILL SERVICE ON REQUEST
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FROM COM 3RD FLEET, ACTION CINCPAC INFO COMTASKFORCE 38.

CINC 7TH FLEET (NOT AN ADEE) PASS INFO CINCSOWESPACEC COMINCH.

CANBERRA TORPEDOED, AM TAKING IN TOW. 3 GROUPS STRIKE FORMOSA
WITH FIGHTER SWEET FORENOON 14 OCTOBER. 1 GROUP FIGHTER SWEET
APARRI-LAOAG. REMAINDER SCHEDULE MY OPPLAN 21-44 WILL BE
MAINTAINED. REQUEST COMMANDER 14TH AND 20TH AIR FORCE BE
NOTIFIED MY INTENTIONS 14TH.

COMINCH RECEIVED FOR INFO AS RDO HONO 131559.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

FROM
COM 3RD FLT

RELEASED BY
5 OCT 44

TOR CORDEROOM
2017

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CODED BY
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ROUTED BY
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FOR ACTION
USS ALDEBARAN
COMPHIBFOR
CONSERVPAC
CTF 57
CTU 3° 9.1
CTU 10° 15.6
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COM 3RD FLT SENDS ACTION CINCPAC PASS INFO COMPHIBFOR CONSERVPAC INFO CTF 57 CTU 3° 9.1 CTU 10° 15.6 USS ALDEBARAN

AT 12101 3 OCTOBER LCT 1052 FOUNDERED NEAR BERTH 16 ULITHI ATOLL. BY PUMPS AND VERY EFFICIENT ACTION ALDEBARAN LAUNCHED MOTOR LAUNCH AND RESCUED 14 MEN. LT ENSIGN ANDREW F SMITH USNR COMMANDING OFFICER NOT RECOVERED AFTER DILIGENT SEARCH. CTU 10° 15.6 HEREBY DIRECTED TO FURNISH FURTHER DETAILS IF AVAILABLE.

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23....BUSHIPS....

BUPERS....19...19C....BUORD....JAG....OP05....NAVAIDE

CNO....00....BUSANDA....BUMED....00R....200P

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FROM  COM 7TH FLT  

RELEASED BY  8 OCTOBER 1944  

TO CODEROOM  GREENE  

DECODED BY  GREENE/CINCPOA  

PARAPHRASED BY  GREENE/CINCPOA  

ROUTED BY  

COM 7TH FLT SENDS ACTION COMINCH AND CNO INFO CINCPOA COMDESPAC. CINCSWPA HAS 'INFO.

WHILE ACTING AS SCREEN FOR A TASK GROUP OF 2 CVEs AND 4 DES PATROLLING OFF MOROTAI USS SHELTON (DE 407) WAS TORPEDOED BY AN ENEMY SUBMARINE AT 0815 1 OCTOBER 3RD IN POSIT 129-18 E 02-32.5 N. TASK GROUP BESIDES SHELTON CONSISTED OF MIDWAY, FANSHAW BAY, R M ROWELL, EDMUNDS AND EVERSOLE. SHELTON BADLY DAMAGED. PRELIMINARY REPORT INDICATES 11 KILLED, 4 MISSING OR BADLY INJURED. ROWELL STOOD BY AT ONCE AND BEGAN TRANSFERRING SURVIVORS. DDS STEVENS AND LANG AND TUG QUAPAW ORDERED TO SCENE. LATTER TO EFFECT SALVAGE IF POSSIBLE. DDS ARRIVED POSIT 0930 1 3RD. LANG TOOK

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SHELTON UNDER TOW FOR MOROTAI. ALL SURVIVORS TRANSFERRED TO ROWELL. AT 2145 1 3RD WHILE UNDER TOW SHELTON CAPSIZED AND SANK. 216 SURVIVORS NOW PROCEEDING HOLLANDIA IN ROWELL. 3 SERIOUSLY WOUNDED TRANSFERRED TO USS TANGIER AT MOROTAI.

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SECRET DISPATCH

FROM: COM 7TH FLEET

RELEASED BY: 

DATE: 4 OCT 1944

TOR CODEROOM: 0617

DECODED BY: SOWERS

PARAPHRASED BY: SOWERS

ROUTED BY: MOKEEL

COM 7TH FLEET SENTS ACTION TO COMINCH AND CNO INFO TO COM 3RD FLEET AND CINCOWESPAK, RDO HONOLULU PASS INFO TO CINCPAC AND COMDESPAC AND COMAIRPAC.

SHELTON (DE 407) TORPEDOED BY SUBMARINE. POSIT 129-18 EAST 02-32 NORTH ABOUT 08301 OCTOBER 3RD WHILE IN COMPANY WITH 2 CVE AND 3 DE FURNISHING AIR SUPPORT MORATAI. LAST REPORT SHIP ABANDONED. SURVIVORS ON ROWELL. CASUALTIES UNKNOWN.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/94

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(CTF 32 SENDS. RDO HONOLULU PASS ACTION COMPHIBSPAC AND INFO TO CINCPAC, ALSO INFO COMSOPAC CNB RUSSELLS CNB SOSOLS CNB TULAGI)

MY 020128. DURING STORM LST'S 129, 278, AND 661 BROACHED ON BEACH SALVAGE MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE.

AS REPLACEMENTS LST 128, 225 AND 226 ESCORTED BY PC 1178 AND PC 589 WERE DETACHED FROM TU 32.1.19 AND RETURNED PELELIU.

* PASSED BY RDO HONO TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 041810 COMINCH PASSED TO NCR FOR FURTHER DISTRIBUTION.

23 INFO...

TOR NCR 0117/05

15...19...19C....JAG....BUSHIPS....BUPERS...

0PO5....BUORD...CNO....30....00....NAVAIDE....

200F....
(BAILEY DD 492 SEDS ACTION COMINCH, CINCPAC, COM 3RD FLT CTF 32 INFO CONSERVFORPAC CONSÉRON 10 COMDESPAC REPSEOR MANUS CTF 31 AND ASKS RDO HONOLULU PASS TO ALL ADEES)

SEE BAILEYS 020402. DETAILED DAMAGE FORWARD SWITCHBOARD ENGINE ROOM 4 POWER TRANSFORMERS BURNED OUT BATTLE POWER CIRCUIT BREAKER DAMAGED BY MACHINE GUN BULLET. CABLE RUN HIT BY 2 MACHINE GUN BULLETS 2 CABLES SEVERED. 2 CENTERLINE SECTIONS BOARD DEFORMED BY SALT WATER SOME BURNING IN OTHER SECTIONS. POWER PANEL FORWARD FIRE ROOM HIT TWICE AND SHORTED BY SALT WATER. TBS RECEIVER HIT, BL ANTENNA HIT. STEAM LINE TO WHISTLE AND SIREN HIT AND RUPTURED. FRESH WATER TANKS 5 AND 6 AND FEED TANKS 7 AND 8 PUNCTURED AND SALTED. NUMBER 4 AND 8 FUEL OIL TANKS PUNCTURED. MACHINE GUN BULLET IN AFTER BODY OF STARBOARD TORPEDO THROUGH MOUNT, 1 IN WARHEAD SAME TORPEDO MACHINE

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/1/94
GUN BULLET IN WARHEAD MIDDLE TORPEDO. 1 IN AIR FLASK PORT TORPEDO
AND 1 IN MID SECTION. HYDRAULIC UNIT HIT. ALL HITS BY MACHINE GUN
Bullets. FURTHER DETAILS BY AIR MAIL.

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FOR NCR 2108

23...BUSHIPS...

CNO...OP05...20E...BUORD...20F...200P...NAVAIDE...00...

USS BAILEY

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BAILEY, DD 492, SENDS ACTION TO COMINCH, CINCPAC, COM 3RD FLEET CTF 32; INFO TO CONSERVFORPAC, COMSERON 10, COMDESPAC, REPSONER MANUS, CTF 31. RADIO HONOLULU PASS TO ALL ADDRESSES.

BAILEY SEVERELY STRAFED IN 3 SUCCESSIVE ATTACKS ABOUT 2045 1ST OCTOBER. EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO MAIN SWITCHBOARD FORWARD ENGINEERING ROOM RESULTING IN SERIOUS ELECTRICAL DAMAGE. 3 OFFICERS, 6 MEN KILLED. 1 OFFICER, 19 MEN WOUNDED. DETAILED DAMAGE DESPATCH FOLLOWS.

1 COPY OP-20G
I regret to report the loss of the USS YMS 385 which struck a mine while engaged in mine sweeping operations in Zowariyau Channel Ulithi Islands at 1205 1 October 1944. Casualties medium. Further details will follow.

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OPNAV 10-67 420 020246
From: USS BERNARDOU (DD 153)  

RELEASED BY:  

DATE: 1 OCTOBER 1944  

TOR CODEROOM: 1935  

DECODED BY: KIRKBRIDE  

PARAPHRASED BY: COBEN  

ROUTED BY: WILLIAMS  

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011820 NCR 3225

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ACTION

(REQUEST CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS INFORM APPROPRIATE BUREAUS AND OFFICES OF NAVY DEPARTMENT.)

While engaged in submarine exercises with DEVILFISH and acting as screen for DALLAS struck periscope with starboard propeller damaging 2 blades. Unable to make speeds in excess of 17 due to vibrations.

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DEEPLY REGRET NECESSITY REPORTING HARDER NOW OVERDUE FROM PATROL AND
CONSIDERED LOST. COMSUBSSWESPACE REPORT TOO (TIME OR ORIGIN) 290453
FOLLOWS.

* COMMANDER S D DEALEY IN HARDER DEPARTED FREMANTLE 5 AUGUST VIA
LOMBAK, MAKASSAR SIBUTU MINFOO* STRAITS IN COMPANY OF HARDER HADDO
HAVE TO CONDUCT COORDINATING SEARCH AND ATTACK OFF WEST CENTRAL LUZON.
BY DESPATCH 221230 AUGUST HARDER REPORTED "SERIAL 1 FROM DEALEY.
HARDER'S ELECTRICS SET MS 1 UNDER DE/YESTERDAY'S ATTACK REPORTED BY
CABRILLA AND -BSXRDC* WHILE NIMITZ GOT FIVE HITS IN 3 TANKERS. AT
DAWN TODAY TEAMED WITH HADDO OFF BATAAN TO WIPE OUT 3 SHIP MANILA
BOUND CONVOY. HARDER EXPENDED 9 TORPEDOES 1 JAP DESTROYER AND 1

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NCR 5031

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Loaded transport. Haddo put other destroyer on bottom. Haddo
with torpedoes expended departed wolfpack evening 23 August for Mios
Wenedi as directed. Hake joined wolfpack and spoke harder night
23-24 August. Hake returned Fremantle 25 September from patrol and
reports while submerged off Dasol Bay* early morning 24 August escort
AM Typo dropped 15 depth charges in 1 minute in close proximity
Harder. Despite continuous efforts during next 21 days in area
Harder was never again contacted by Hake. Harder was scheduled depart
area 15 September for Fremantle expected arrival about 27th. Last
communication with Harder was by Hake early morning 24 August.
Harder is considered overdue and presumed lost due enemy action.
Harder has sunk 20 vessels including 7 Japanese destroyers. Her
magnificent career under the inspiring leadership of Comdr Sam Dealey

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HAS ADDED A GLORIOUS PAGE TO NAVAL HISTORY."
I TOO HEARTILY AGREE WITH THE TRIBUTE PAID THE HARDER BY HER TASK
FORCE COMMANDER.

* AS RECEIVED

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: CONSOPAC
RELEASED BY: 28 SEPT 44
DATE: 1048
TOR CODEROOM: STEARNS
DECODED BY: FORBES
TYPE: WHITTINGTON
ROUTED BY: 200601

ADDRESSEES: CINCPOA

PRECEDENCE: P

INFORMATION FOR ACTION: WCR 630

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME:

DATE TIME

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(CONSOPAC SENDS ACTION CINCPOA INFO CNO)

INSPECTION SAMARITAN AT RUSSELLS REVEALS LOWER BOW FROM KEEL TO 18 FOOT WATERLINE AND BACK TO FRAME 15 FOLD TO STARBOARD AT RIGHT ANGLES TO HULL. FOREPEAK BULKHEAD WELL SHORED. REINFORCING FOR ONWARD ROUTING TO SANTO. WILL COMPLETE DAWN 29. DRAFT OF VESSEL FORWARD 22 FEET WITH 25 FEET 6 INCHES AFT WITH APPROXIMATELY 10000 TONS DISPLACEMENT.

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Samaritan damaged by grounding on Tauu Island at 0325 Sept 24. Stem bent at 18 foot mark. Bottom of stem twisted up and to starboard to about 16 foot mark. Forward peak tank ruptured. After bulkhead of peak tank buckled on port side about 4 feet above fuel oil tank tops. Several rivets sheared but only slight seeping to next compartment. Number 1 and 2 fuel oil tanks punctured at bottom. No list or apparent change in trim. No casualties to personnel.

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YUKON ESCORTED BY BABBITT AND 1 PLANE FOLLOWING IN WAKE OF BABBITT INSIDE SWEP'T CHANNEL 4 MILES NORTHWEST SKAGI LIGHT ICELAND 27 MILES FROM REYKJAVIK. 4 TORPEDOES WERE FIRED AT VESSEL FROM DIRECTION OF SKAGI LIGHT. 2 STRUCK STARBOARD AMIDSHIPS WITH DULL THUD AND WERE APPARENTLY DUDS. 1 MISSED VESSEL AND EXPLODED ABOUT 1500 YARDS TO PORT. VESSEL AT GENERAL QUARTERS AND TAKING EMERGENCY TURN TO STARBOARD WHEN LAST TORPEDO STRUCK STARBOARD BOW ABOUT 12 FEET AFT STEM EXPLODING AND CAUSING SERIOUS DAMAGE. 1 KILLED, 1 MISSING, 1 WOUNDED, 1 MENTAL CASE TO DUTY 11 SLIGHT INJURIES. THE COOLNESS AND ATTENTION OF ALL OFFICERS AND MEN IS HIGHLY COMMENDABLE. TORPE ---*
ERIOUS. ENTIRE BOTTOM OF BOW BELOW 20 FOOT DRAFT FROM NEAR STEM TO APPROX 30 FEET AFT BLOWN AWAY. 2 STEEL DECK FLATS IN FOREPEAK BLOWN AWAY. NUMBER 1 DOUBLE BOTTOM TANKS RUPTURED. NUMBER 1 CARGO HOLD FLOODED TO 22 FEET. NUMBER 1 MAGAZINE BOTTOM RUPTURED AND FLOODED. TRUNK DISTORTED BADLY. DECKING UNDER FORECASTLE BUCKLED. FORWARD END OF NUMBER 1 TWEEN DECKS BUCKLED. LARGE SERIOUS CRACK ACROSS VESSEL AMIDSHIPS AT TRIM CENTER EXTENDING OVER STARBOARD SIDE WHEEL PLATING FOR 16 INCHES. ANOTHER LESS SERIOUS CRACK ACROSS VESSEL ABREAST NUMBER 3 HATCH.

MAIN PROPULSION MACHINERY AND SHAFT UNDAMAGED. SHIP APPARENTLY NOT BUCKLED. ARE NOW DISCHARGING CARGO FROM NUMBER 1 AND 2 HATCHES TO BRING BOW UP AND DETERMINE FULL EXTENT OF DAMAGE TO VESSEL. FULL REPORT FOLLOWS.

*MISCELLANEOUS GROUPS BEING SERVICED

COMINCH...ACT

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FROM: COMNAVBASES SOSOLS
ACTION: USS SAMARITAN
INFO: CG GUADAL, NAVBASE TULAGI, NAVBASE RUSSELL IS, NAVBASE BOUGAINVILLE, COMSOPACFOR
PARAPHRASED BY: DUMMIT/ 

240952 NCR 7372

YOUR 2322¥.

3 SHIPS, 1 TUG ENROUTE TO ASSIST. EXPECT 1ST ARRIVAL ABOUT 25TH. REFERENCE DISPATCH PASSED TO NEARER COMMANDS. ADVISE POSITION, COURSE, SPEED EVERY 4 HOURS PLUS ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS SITUATION. AIR SPOTTER ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN REQUESTED.
COMSOPAC SENDS. ACTION CINCPOA. INFO COM 7TH FLEET,
CTG 30.9, COMSOWESPACSEAFRING, CTF 32, COMNAVBASE NORSOLS
AND SOSOLS, COM 3RD FLEET, COMAIRNORSOL, COMAIRNORSOL.
COMAIRNORSOL, COMENSOPAC, COMENSOPACBCOM
COMNAVBASE NORSOLS
COMNAVBASE SOSOLS
COMSOPAC, COMENSOPACBACOM HAVE INFO.

SAMARITAN REPORTS IN DISTRESS §4-54 S 157-13 E. SOA
4.7 KNOTS. COURSE 13°. BOW STOVE IN TO FRAME 15.
BULKHEADS NOT HOLDING. HAVE ORDERED VESSEL TO STOP.
MERSHIP BOSCHFONTEIN DIVERTED FROM §4-35 S 154-2° E
TO SCENE. ETA §2½ LOCAL 25TH. EMERY, STADTFELD AND
DENBSEY ALSO TO SCENE. ETA DAWN 25TH. TUG YUMA FROM
GUADAL 15° LOCAL 25TH. POELAUXLAT* ORDERED FROM
GUADAL TO PROCEED TO SCENE.

*AS RECEIVED
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: COMCORTDIV 26
RELEASED BY:
DATE: 24 SEPT 1944
TOR CORDERoom: 1200

DECODED BY: MCDougALL
PARAPHRASED BY: Peterson

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME: 240500 NCR 7752

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REMAIN ON STATION UNTIL RELIEVED BY SURFACE CRAFT. CARRY AS MANY ADDITIONAL LIFE RAFTS AND FLARES AS PRACTICABLE.

GUARD 300 KCS. VOICE CALL WHITEHURST PROCEEDING FROM TREASURY IS Y 324.

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DEAD RECKONING POSITION 23°30'N. 75°30' S 157°42' E.
COURSE 130° TRUE. SPD 3.7 KNOTS. BULKHEAD CONDITION
NOT CHANGED.
FROM: USS SAMARITAN
ACTION: COMNAVBASES SOSOLS
INFO: NAVBASE MUNDA, NAVBASE TULAGI, NAVBASE TREASURY IS, CINCPAC, COMSOPACFOR, NAVBASE AT (CALL ASSIGNED TO CINCPACFOR REASSIGNMENT), ALL SHIPS GUADALCANAL AND TULAGI AREA, (BAD CALL)

PARAPHRASED BY: DUMMIT

*232200
NCR 7360

REQUEST VESSEL STAND BY FOR EMERGENCY TRANSFER OF PATIENTS.
POSITION 04-54-30 S 157-13 E. SOA 4.7 KNOTS. COURSE 130
TRUE. STD CRUMPLED TO FRAME 15. BULKHEADS NOT HOLDING.

*RADIO GUADALCANAL PASSED TO ALL ADDDEES EXCEPT COMNAVBASES SOSOLS FOR INFO AS 232248.

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**PART 2 191408 NCR 4460**

GENDREAU, DE 639 TOSSES. CINCPAC PASS TO CTF 16 FOR ACTION AND COMDESPAC, COMSERFORPAC FOR INFO. COMCORTDIV 73 HAS BY HAND.

DAMAGE REPORT. ON 13 SEPTEMBER WHILE FUELING AT 12 KNOTS IN ROUGH SEA FROM STARBOARD SIDE USS BRETON CVE 23 THIS SHIP SWUNG RIGHT PARTING HOSELINE STRAINING TOWLINE. WITH TOWLINE TAUT BEFORE SUCCEEDING IN CUTTING SAME AND WHILE MANEUVERING TO REGAIN PROPER STATION GENDREAU SWUNG TOO CLOSE TO BRETON AND CAUGHT IN SUCTION WHILE RUDDER EFFECTIVENESS APPARENTLY NEGLIGIBLE. TOWLINE CUT FREE ALMOST SIMULTANEOUSLY BY BOTH SHIPS. WITH STERN SWINING TO PORT INTO CVE CLOSE TO COUNTER AND WITH SLIM CHANCE THAT BY CHECKING HEADWAY AND ALLOWING CARRIER TO PULL RAPIDLY FORWARD GENDREAU COULD CLEAR CLOSE UNDER COUNTER.

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AND SAVE PORT SCREW WE STOPPED THEN BACKED ENGINES. BOW SWUNG IN
AND BRIDGE AND SUPER STRUCTURE OF GENDREAU ON UP ROLL CAUGHT UNDER
AFTER STARBOARD GUN SPOONIONS OF BRETON ON DOWN ROLL, DAMAGE AS
FOWLLS.

FINAL SECTION.
(A) OPEN BRIDGE. LOOKOUT SPOONION TOTALLY WRECKED AFTER BULWARK,
CRUSHED WITH SLIGHT DAMAGE GUN ORDER CORRECTOR MARK 6 COMPUTER
AND SYNCHRO EXCITER ASSEMBLY AND COMPLETE DAMAGE TO TRAIN DESIG-
NATOR PLUS 17 MC TRANSMITTER ALSO ILLUMINATION TRANSFORMER AND
SOME SWITCH BOXES AND SELECTOR SWITCHES. HOLE AND DENT IN VENTI-
LATOR HOUSING AT LEVEL WITH TOP ECHO RANGE HUT. OUTBOARD WINDSHIELD
AND FRAME WRECKED.

(B) NAV BRIDGE LEVEL. 24-INCH SEARCHLIGHT PLATFORM BENT DOWN 45
DEGREES. 24 AND 12-INCH LIGHTS AND STANCHIONS FRAMES 51 TO 60 DE-
MOLISHED. DEPTH CHARGE MARKER LOCKER ALSO 5 ANTENNAE CARRIED AWAY.
FLAG BAG WRECKED. BULKHEAD OF CIC BETWEEN FRAMES 55 AND 8 DENTED
2 BULKHEAD STIFFENERS TWISTED.

(C) BOAT DECK LEVEL. FORWARD 20 MM TUB FORCED UP AT ANGLE VARYING
FROM 2 TO 30 DEGREES TEARING LOOSE AT BULKHEAD WELDS 7 GIRDER.
DECK BETWEEN FRAMES 58 AND 60 BENT DOWN BREAKING PORT MAIN SHROUD
TURNBUCKLE AND SHEARING 3 STANCHIONS.

(D) MAIN DECK. LIGHT LOCKER FRAME 58 CRUSHED BUT DOORS SALVAGE-
ABLE. BULWARK CRUSHED TO FRAME 67. STANCHIONS FRAME 18 TO LIGHT
LOCKER BENT OR DEMOLISHED, STRAKING BETWEEN FRAMES 32 AND 3 RUP-
TURED ON JOINT WITH MAIN DECK AND TEMPORARY REPAIRS EFFECTED. SHROUD

ALSO TEMPORARILY REPAIRED. NO PERSONNEL INJURIES.

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16...19...JAG...BUPERS...BWord...CNO...00......
NAVAIDE...200P...0P05......
CTG 22.5 CONTRIBUTES.

AT DUSK TODAY RECOVERED 2 BODIES 29-09 74-26. IDENTIFIED SEE MY 180015 NOT TO ALL. MAY BE FROM WARRINGTON ALTHO POSITION IS UP CURRENT FROM AREA WHERE WARRINGTON SURVIVORS RECOVERED. REMAINING THIS VICINITY TONIGHT AWAITING REPLY MY 180015. IF THESE BODIES NOT FROM YMS 409 PLAN CONTINUE SEARCH ALONG 74-30 TO 27-00 N. THENCE WEST AND NORTH ALONG 76-30.
NAVAL VESSEL

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAWER: USS FULLAM (INDEF CALL)

RELEASED BY: 

DATE: 12 SEPT 1944

TO: CTF 32

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APPROXIMATE LOCATION

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NOAA AND FULLAM COLLIDED AT 1451 SEPT 12 IN APPROXIMATE POSITION 87-01N 134-30E. NOAA SANK 1304 1 SAME DATE. NOAA ECM LESS WHEELS IN FULLAM. OTHER REGISTERED PUBLICATIONS INCLUDING ECM WHEELS IN CUSTODY COMMUNICATION OFFICER NBA (RPO BALBOA). FULLAM DAMAGE FOLLOWS. LARGE HOLES IN SHELL PLATING EXTENDING STEM TO FRAME 3 PORT AND FRAME 5 STARBOARD. HOLES START 24 INCHES ABOVE KEEL AND EXTEND 4 FEET UPWARDS. SHELL PLATING RIPPLED AT WATERLINE FRAMES 2 TO 7 STARBOARD. MANY RIVETS SHORN AND SEVERAL DENTS WATERLINE AREA. STEM BADLY BENT 12 INCHES BELOW WATERLINE TO 4 FEET ABOVE SAME. 1 FOOT OF STEM BROKEN OFF 12 INCHES ABOVE KEEL. NO DEFINITE SIGN OF KEEL DISTORTION REVEALED BY DIVING OPERATION BUT FRAME 39 BENT AND WRINKLE IN DECK SAME LOCATION INDICATE POSSIBILITY COMPARTMENT A 4/F FLOODED TO WATERLINE. COFFERDAM PATCHES IN COMPARTMENTS A 4/F A AND A 5/F SUCCESSFULLY EFFECTED.

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THESE COMPARTMENTS NOW DRY. NO FLOODING NOW EXISTS
AFTER TRANSVERSE BULKHEAD 6 WHICH HAS BEEN SHORED.
NO POSSIBILITY EFFECTING SATISFACTORY REPAIRS WITHOUT DOCKING.
PRESENT MAXIMUM SPEED IN CALM SEA 12 KNOTS. MANEUVERABILITY
GREATLY LESSENED DUE SLOWISH TURNING. ZERO CASUALTIES
TO PERSONNEL.

*ORIGINATOR NOT GIVEN BUT ASSUMED TO BE USS FULLAM.

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BUSHIPS...23...OPO5...FOR INFO
16...19...19C...BUPERS...BUORD...JAG...NAV...IDE...

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PORT DIRECTORS REPORT

SS GEORGE ADE TOWED INTO HAMPTON ROADS 162115

AT 0020 ON 12 SEPTEMBER VESSEL STRUCK BY TORPEDO ON
STARBOARD SIDE AFT IN WAY OF RUDDER. SUBMARINE
SURFACED 0030 APPROXIMATELY 1000 YARDS. SHELL PLATING
AFT ON BOTH SIDES BUCKLED EXTENSIVELY. NO OPERATIONAL
SIGHTED. DECK WINCHES AFT LIFTED FROM FOUNDATIONS AND
STEAM LINES BROKEN. BULWARKS PORT SIDE FORWARD OF
MAIN DECK HOUSING CRACKED. BERTHS AND LOCKERS IN
ARMED GUARD QUARTERS AFT KNOCKED DOWN. RUDDER STOCK
DRIVEN UP THROUGH DECK AND CARRIED PART OF DECK UP
2 FEET. BOTH COLUMNS OF STEERING ENGINE BROKEN. MAIN
PROPULSION SHAFT DRIVEN AHEAD AND KINGSBURY THRUST

SECRET
TELESCOPED. SHAFT ALLEY AND AFTER PEAK FLOODED. COULD NOT
SOUND LOWER 4 AND 5 HOLDS BUT NO WATER VISIBLE. PROPELLOR-
LOST DURING EMERGENCY USE OF ENGINES IN STORM AFTER
TORPEDOING. CANNOT * FULL EXTENT OF DAMAGE UNTIL CARGO
REMOVED AND VESSEL DRYDOCKED

*AS REC'D

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NAVAIDE...
MAILGRAM

AT ERIEST OPPORTUNITY REAR ADMIRAL THEODORE D RUDDOCK JR, U.S. NAVY, IN USS MARYLAND, HEREBY DETAILED INVESTIGATE CIRCUMSTANCES CONNECTED WITH COLLISION BETWEEN USS FULLAM AND USS NOA WHICH OCCURRED ON OR ABOUT 0450 (I)

SEPTEMBER 12, 1944 (EAST LONGITUDE DATE), IN VICINITY PELELIU ISLAND, PALAU. ACCORDANCE PROVISIONS 5 U.S.

CODE 93, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED ADMINISTER OATHS TO ANY WITNESSES ATTENDING TO TESTIFY OR DEPOSE DURING INVESTIGATION.

YOU WILL NOTIFY COMMANDING OFFICER USS FULLAM AND NOA TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING AND THAT THEY WILL BE A PARTY TO INVESTIGATION. MAKE THOROUGH INVESTIGATION INTO CIRCUMSTANCES OF ABOVE OCCURRENCE AND UPON COMPLETION MAKE COMPLETE REPORT OF FINDINGS OF FACTS, RESPONSIBILITY, OPINION AND RECOMMENDATIONS. ATTENTION INVITED SECTION 731 NAVAL COURTS AND BOARDS. COMMANDING OFFICER USS MARYLAND DIRECTED FURNISH NECESSARY CLERICAL ASSISTANCE.

JESSE B OLDENDORF REAR ADMIRAL, U.S. NAVY, COMMANDER CRUISER DIVISION 4, U.S. PACIFIC FLEET.

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19 SURVIVORS NOW BEING PICKED UP VICINITY
35-29 NORTH 75-15 WEST. REPORTED BY SURVIVOR
TO BE FROM USCG JACKSON CAPSIZED IN STORM SEPT 14.

725 ft Steel Cutter

COMINCH........COG

16........CNO........NAVYDE........200P........00........

CONFIDENTIAL
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM COMSERVRON 10

RELEASED BY

DATE 18 SEP 44

TOR CODEROOM 2905/18

DECODED BY KULKA

PARAPHRASED BY MOYER 16

ROUTED BY ROLL

COMSERVAC

COMSERVPAC

CINCPAC COM3RFLEET CTG 30.8 USS JASON

COMSERVRON 8

COMSERVRON 10

USS MILLICOMA

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COMSERVRON 10 REP MANUS SHOOTS ACTION COMSERVPAC INFO CINCPAC COM3RFLEET CTG 30.8 USS JASON COMSERVRON 10 INFO JASON AND MILLICOMA BY HAND. **

TEMPORARY REPAIRS TO DAMAGE DESCRIBED MILLICOMA 150542 SUFFICIENT TO PERMIT EMERGENCY OPERATION OR USE AS STATION TANKER CAN BE EFFECTED IN ABOUT 10 DAYS. THE SHIP LEAVES SHIP WITHOUT LAUNDRY, MEAT ROOM, CPO MESS, ONE 3 INCH AND ONE 5 INCH GUN AND MESS ATTENDANTS LIVING SPACE AND WITHOUT RESTORATION OF HULL PLATING AND STRUCTURE STARBOARD SIDE ABOVE MAIN DECK FROM STERN TO 50 FEET FORWARD. IN VIEW EXTENT OF DAMAGE AND REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT REQUIRED CONSIDER IMMEDIATE NAVY YARD AVAILABILITY ADVISABLE. DETAILS OF DAMAGE BEING forwarded AIRMILA. ADVISE.

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** RECEIVED FROM COMSERSVPAC AS 181414. INFO TO NAVINMAN 11TH ND BUORD ASTNAVINMAN AT SANPEDRO BUSHIPS. **

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BUPERS....OPD0.....ANPB..ATCC....3P....JAG....200P....

NAVAIDE.....
(CTG 22-5 Reports)

Harlingen

have recovered so far total of 64 survivors and 18 bodies. Estimated 106 bodies sighted not recovered yet. Sharks very active. Am making every effort locate and recover living before dark as those so far rescued extremely weak. Believe majority are within 30 miles this position 29-15 74-10 but at least 24 hours more will be required to complete thorough search and rescue operations. Unable as yet estimate total loss of life.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM
USN HYADES

RELEASED BY

DATE
15 SEPT 44

TOR CODE ROOM
1136

DECODED BY
HOFNER

PARAPHRASED BY
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DECODING A.getMessage(1, 2) WITH OFFICER (E) 368 SURVIVORS AT 20-12N 74-24W
0615Q SEPTEMBER 15. SURVIVOR REPORTS DD 388 CAPSIZED AT 0115Q 13 SEPTEMBER AT ESTIMATED POSIT
27-55N 73-42W.
(RDO MANUS WHO HAS BY HAND PASS FOR ACTION COMINCH CINCPAC COMTHIRD FLEET CTG 30.8 CTU 30.8.8 INFO COMSERVPAC COMSERVRON 8 COMSERVRON 10, COMMANDING OFFICER OF MILLICOMA (AO 73) REPORTS.)

COMMANDING OFFICER OF MILLICOMA (AO 73) REPORTS COLLISION WITH SCHUYLKILL (AO 76) ON 10TH SEPT EAST LONGITUDE DATE AT 091233 GCT. ZONE TIME 1.

WHILE MANEUVERING IN FORMATION WITH TASK UNIT 30.8.8 AND EXECUTING CHANGE OF COURSE OF 180 DEGREES THIS VESSEL RAMMED IN STARBOARD QUARTER ABOUT FRAME 22. HULL STRUCTURE ABOVE 32 FOOT WATER LINE DEMOLISHED AND SHEERED OFF TO DEPTH OF 8 FEET INBOARD AROUND Stern to Frame B ON PORT QUARTER. COMPARTMENTS DESTROYED: MESS ATTENDANTS QUARTERS AND WASH ROOM, LAUNDRY, CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS MESS, SECRET

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UPPER 3 INCH MAGAZINE AND 5 INCH MAGAZINE.
COMPARTMENTS UNTENABLE: CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS QUARTERS
AND REFRIGERATED SPACES. COMPARTMENTS BREACHED
ABOVE 32 FOOT WATERLINE: STEERING ENGINE ROOM AND
BOILER FLAT. STARBOARD AFTER 3 INCH AND 1/2 INCH GUN
STATIONS LEFT WITH LITTLE SUPPORTING SHOULD BE
REMOVED BEFORE PROCEEDING BEYOND FIRST PORT TO
PREVENT LOSS. SHIP CAN BE MADE SEAWORTHY IN 3 DAYS
FOR VOYAGE TO MAJOR REPAIR BASE. REPAIRS REQUIRED,
RECONSTRUCTION AFT OF FRAME 22, PROCUREMENT,
LAUNDRY MACHINERY AND MAGAZINE HOIST. FUELING AT
SEA CARRIED ON WITHOUT DIFFICULTY ON 10TH 12TH AND

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150542
13TH. LETTER FOLLOWS

*NOTE: TAKEN FROM FOX INTERCEPTS. NOT SENT TO RDO WASHINGTON DIRECTLY.

COM INCH....ACT
23.....CNO.....OP05.....JAG.....00.....200P.....
NAVHADE.....39.....ANPB.....BUORD.....
NAVY MESSAGE  
NAVY DEPARTMENT

FROM: USS SCHUYLKILL (AO 76)  
released by

DATE: 19 Sept 1944  
TOR CODE ROOM: 1711-19 Sept 1944

DECODED BY: BBBAKER  
PARAPHRASED BY: Johnson

ACTION:  
CTG's 35.8 and 35.9 and CTU 35.8.8 have by other means.

FILED UPON RETURN TO PORT. THIS SHIP PRACTICALLY HEAD ON COLLIDED WITH STARBOARD QUARTER MILLICOMA AT 0434 10 SEPT DEGREE LAT 51° 5H LONG 142-40E MAKING SIGNALLED 150/TURN SPEED 13.5 IN FORMATION TU 35.8.8 AXIS 35° BASE COURSE 285 ZIGZAG PLAN 6 THIS SHIP GUIDE POSITION 35.8.8 MILLICOMA 1255. DAMAGE THIS SHIP V-SHAPED HOLE IN BOW FROM 29 FOOT DRAFT MARK 8 FEET UPWARD AND TAPERING BACK TO FRAME 99 STARBOARD SIDE FRAME 134 PORT SIDE. STEAM SEVERED. FORECASTLE BULKARDS AND DECK FIRST AND SECOND PLATFORM DECKS BUCKLED FOR ABOUT 3 FEET. PARAVANE CHAINS AND STARBOARD ANCHOR ARMS LOST. NO WATER MADE. NO PERSONNEL CAPIES. LIQUID CARGO PUMPED AFT AND TO SHIPS OF SCHEDULED FUELING GROUPS WHILE STOPPED AND AT GRADUALLY INCREASING SPEEDS. SHIPS FORCE INSTALLED TEMPORARY WATERTIGHT PULKHEADS PLATFORM DECKS. MAKING 12 KNOTS AFTERNOON 14 KNOTS SECRET  

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NEXT DAY. SCHEDULED FUELING CONDUCTED THROUGH 13TH WHEN RELIEVED
HAVING DISCHARGED FUEL 51000 BARRELS DIESEL 2900 BARRELS AVGAS 20000
GALLONS. WHILE COMPLETELY FINISHED JOB PROBABLY NOT AVAILABLE THIS
AREA ESTIMATE 10-14 DAYS AVAILABILITY WILL PERMIT FULL OPERATIONS
INDEFINITELY. BELIEVE MILLICOMA FAILED MAKE REQUIRED LEFT TURNS OR
TURNED WRONG DIRECTION AND THUS SHIP ALTHOUGH ENGINES STOPPED AND
COMING LEFT RAPIDLY UNABLE CLEAR.

TOR NCR: 2234/19

*CODE GROUP OMITTED. WILL SERVICE IF REQUESTED.

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FX37...19...19C...39...20M...0P05...JAG...BUPERS...
BUORD...CAVAIDE...00...CNO...ANPB...ATCC...
23...BUSHIPS.....
Following damage caused by Hurricane. 3 main frames.

Starboard side number 1 fire room parted, now shored

But unable to withstand further heavy seas. Starbd

Reduction gear fills up and overflows. Lost

Approximately 300 gals lube oil. With port list port

Hp turbine drains oil. Ventilation and exhaust blowers

Grounded out. Gyro inoperative. TBS motor generator

Inoperative. Steering control poor. Starboard bulwark

And bulwark door frames 44 to 46 buckled. Whistle and

Siren carried away but on board. Gun 13 inch 50 train

Mechanism twisted. //

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Tor 2237/14

Op 23...buships...info

Buord...cno...op 05...20 op...navaid...19c....

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Originator is CTG 32.5 requesting that NPM (RDO HONO) rush to CTF 31 and 32 for action and info to CINCPAC COMINCH COM 3RD FLT and COMSERVpac.

While maneuvering at 04511 September 12 Fullam DD 474 collided with NOA APD 24. NOA sank at 10301. Fullam bow badly bent below water line with hole forward peak tank. Additional voids flooded to frame 18 now being repaired. Wire around port screw being cleared. Estimate best speed 12 knots.

No personnel casualties. UDT removed complete to Pennsylvania and NOA crew divided between Pennsylvania Honolulu and Indianapolis with CO in Honolulu.

NOA ECM and all registered publications on Fullam accounted for.

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OP 23... BUSHIPS.....BUORD.....JAG.....INFO

NAVAIDE...2ØM.....BUPERS.....2ØY.....OP Ø5.....39.....

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVITINTREP 16. 311931B NCR 8729

NAVITINTREP 16, FROM NCVTF ACTION SACMED CINCMED (RDO CASERTA PASS, INFO CINCMCH, COMNAV NAY ADM) 7TH ARMY 6TH CORPS 12TH TAC CTF 84, 85, 86, 87, CTG 80.6, PAGAF (BY HAND)

DAGOON PERIOD ENDING 312400.

EVACUATION OF ISLANDS IN BAIE DE MARSEILLE COMPLETED 1700 REMOVING 886 POW. IMMEDIATE TASK OF SUPPLEMENTING LEFT FLANK COMPLETED. TF 86 REORGANIZED.

(1) DNTRTMTGROUP PHILADELPHIA (FF) BROOKLYN PLUS 3 DD US.
(2) LEFT FLANK LORRAINE PLUS 3 CL 2 DD FRENCH.
(3) RIGHT FLANK 2 CL 1 DD FRENCH 3 DD US.

NAVAL DUTIES OPENING PORTS JOINTLY ASSUMED BY M/S FORCE SALVAGE FORCE AND PET DIV 1 COORDINATED BY NAVAL LIAISON OFFICER FRENCH PORTS.

MINESWEEPING. TOULON 67 MINES DESTROYED TO DATE. ENTRANCE BOOM OPENED 300 FEET. SHALLOW SWEEP COMMENCED. 7 MINES SUNK.

CHECK SWEEPING AT MARSEILLE WITH AVANT PORT BACK CJODLIETTA.

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FIRST PRIORITY.
PORT DE BOUC SHIP CANAL R/R BRIDGE MARTIGUES SWEEP WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.
DAMAGES AND LOSSES REPORTED TO DATE.
BY ENEMY ACTION: SUNK. SUDET BOMB 16. MINED 2 YM'S QMG 1 ML 3 PT.
DAMAGED: MINED 6 LCI(L)(NON OPERATIONAL) 1 LCT 1 ML.
BY GUNFIRE: 1 LST 1 LCT 1 LCI(L). EXPLOSION 1 SC.
MATERIEL:
2 DD(PROP DAMAGED) 1 AM 1 AT 1 SC 8 LCT 2 LCI(L).
IN COLLISION 1 LCT 1 M/S.
UNLOADING TO DATE: PERSONNEL 233616
VEHICLES 42114
CARGO 163924.

PROGRAM FOR RELEASING LANDING CRAFT FOR OTHER OPERATIONS IN EFFECT.
NO GUNFIRE SUPPORT CALLED ON RIGHT FLANK. NO ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY.

DELIVERED TO 20G
TENNESSEE SENDS. ACTION COMINCH, CINCPAC, COM 3RD FLEET, CTF 32. INFORMATION CONSERVPAC, CONSERVRONSOPAC, COMBATPAC, COM 5TH FLEET. RADIO SANTO PASS COM 3RD FLEET AND CTF 32 FOR ACTION, ALSO CONSERVRONSOPAC FOR INFORMATION. RADIO HONOLULU PASS COMINCH, CINCPAC FOR ACTION AND CONSERVPAC, COMBATPAC AND COM 5TH FLEET FOR INFO.

RESULT OF COLLISION WITH CALIFORNIA AT 0450L 23 AUGUST FOLLOWING DAMAGE SUSTAINED TENNESSEE: HULL PLATING HOLED STBD SIDE BETWEEN MAIN AND UPPER DECKS FROM STEM AFT TO FRAME 15. HOLE 3 BY 3 FEET STBD SIDE AT FRAME 3 APPROX 2 FEET ABOVE 2ND DECK. STEM BENT AFT AND TO PORT APPROX 2 FEET BETWEEN 22 AND 40 WATERLINES. UPPER DECK BUCKLED AND SAGGED ABOUT 6 INCHES BETWEEN STEM AND FRAME 15 STBD. GENERAL DAMAGE TO BITS, CHOCKS AND CATERWAL SAME AREA STBD SIDE AND AFT TO FRAME 3 PORT SIDE. SEVERAL SMALL HOLES ABOUT 2 INCHES DIAMETER FRAME 3 PORT SIDE AT 3RD DECK LEVEL AND BELOW, STBD AND BOW HAWSE PIPES DAMAGED. POX DEGAUSSING COIL RUPTURED.
IN COMPARTMENT A-701-A, FORWARD PEAK TANKS FLOODED AND COFFERDAMS BETWEEN 3RD AND MAIN DECKS FORWARD OF FRAME 5 PARTIALLY FLOODED. 5 INCH MOUNT NUMBER 1 OUT OF COMMISSION. TRAINING RACK AND PINION DAMAGED. RIGHT GUN RIPPED FROM CARRIAGE CHECKS, WHICH ARE BENT AND TWISTED. B END TRAINING MOTOR CASING SMASHED.
TOP SECRET DISPATCH

FROM: CONCRUDIV 4
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DATE: 23 AUGUST 1944
TOR CODE ROOM: 1252
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PARAPHRASED BY: FISHER CHECKED: MARIE
ROUTED BY: 

FOR ACTION: COMINCH, CINCPAC, COM 3RD FLEET, COM 3RD PHIBFOR
FOR ACTION: COMBATPAC
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CONCRUDIV 4 SHOOTS ACTION COMINCH CINCPAC COM 3RD FLT COM 3RD PHIBFOR INFO TO COMBATPAC.

ESTIMATE TENNESSEE WILL BE AVAILABLE WITHOUT SERVICES 1 5 INCH MOUNT FOR STEALMATE.

2. CALIFORNIA MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR SECOND PHASE.

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COM 12TH FLEET SENDS ACTION CNO INFO COM 11TH PHIB COMPHIB UK COMUsbas France.

US LST 921 TORPEDOED AT 1417H0 IN POSITION 242 DEG
HARTLAND POINT DISTANT 11 MILES WHILE MAKING PASSAGE IN
EBC CONVOY TO FALMOUTH. BELIEVE U-BOAT. BOW REMAINED
AFLOAT AND HAS BEEN TOWED TO PORT.
75 SURVIVORS SO FAR INCLUDING MANY INJURED. FURTHER REPORT
LATER.

COMINCH... ACTION
ADM STARK... CNO 16...OPoS...23...BUSHIPS...SUPERS...
22G...22G...NAVAIDE...

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ALUSLO REPORTS 51,100 TON AFD TRINCOMALEE BACK BROKEN NOW SUNK. HMS VALIANT IN DOCK VERY NEARLY DRY WHEN ACCIDENT OCCURRED. SHIP SUBJECT TO VERY SEVERE STRAIN AND IS OUT OF ACTION. DAMAGE NOT YET ASCERTAINED BUT ANTICIPATE SHAFT OUT OF LINE SHIP ALSO HOLED FORWARD. DIVERS MAKING SURVEY NO LOSS OF LIFE REPORTED. DETAILS FOLLOW AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

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PARA A. USS FISKE TORPEDOED 47-1\°N 32-40\'
Ø21335Z.

ACTION TO ADMIRALTY FOR OIC. FROM COMINCH.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM USS NORMAN SCOTT (DD 690)

RELEASED BY

DATE 11 AUGUST 1944

TOR CODEROOM 1633

DECODED BY PLAIN

PARAPHRASED BY REA KNIGHT

ROUTED BY CONNORS

ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEES

COMINCH
CINC PAC
COM TASK FOR 52
COMDR 5TH FLEET

FOR ACTION

AIR MAILGRAM

COMSER FOR PAC
COM DR SERV SQDN 10
COM DES PAC

PRECEDENCE

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COM INCH
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COM TASK FOR 52
COM DR 5TH FLEET

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NCR 10436

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

REF: PAC FLT CONF. LTR 33 CL-18 PARA 2 (B) MATERIAL BATTLE DAMAGE REPORT.

HULL ITEMS: NO 1 HIT STARBOARD SIDE BRIDGE DECK. BRIDGE DECK BADLY HOLED. STARBOARD PELORUS BLOWN OVERBOARD. BULKHEADS AND DOORS PIERCED IN SEVERAL PLACES. STRUCTURE DECK BULKHEAD STARBOARD SIDE FROM FRAME 60 TO 70 PIERCED BY MANY HOLES. FRAME SUPPORTS warped. FIRE- MAIN SPRINKLING TO A 0103 M DEMOLISHED. LARGE HOLES IN OVERHEAD OF DIVISION COMMANDERS STATEROOM. NUMBER 1 LIFE FLOAT BLOWN AWAY. CHART STOWAGE DAMAGED. BRIDGE DECK SUPPORTS PUNCTURED. CODING ROOM AND MAIN RADIO BULKHEADS PUNCTURED. NUMBER 2 HIT AT FRAME 73 ON BULWARK BULKHEADS. FORWARD BOAT DAVIT. BULWARK AND DOOR DEMOLISHED. STARBOARD WHALEBOAT BLOWN AWAY. MAIN DECK BULKHEAD FRAME 65 BADLY

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PIERCED. FORWARD STARBOARD DAVIT PUNCTURED AND BENT. CIC BULKHEAD PIERCED. DIVISION COMMANDERS STATEROOM BADLY DAMAGED. VEGETABLE STOWAGE STARBOARD AND AMIDSHIPS RIDDLED BY SHRAPNEL. BULKHEAD AROUND UPTAKES TO NUMBER 1 STACK BADLY PIERCED. HIT NUMBER 3 ON NUMBER 1 STACK. STARBOARD SIDE RIDDLED. PORT SIDE ABOVE SEARCHLIGHT PLATFORM BLOWN AWAY. SEARCHLIGHT PLATFORM AND SUPPORTS PUNCTURED. NUMBER 2 FLOATER NET BLOWN AWAY. FORWARD TORPEDO CRANE GEAR BOX PUNCTURED. HIT NUMBER 4 ON NUMBER 3 40 MILLIMETER GUN. LARGE HOLES IN OVERHEAD B 105 HALF C. GUN SHIELD AND READY SERVICE RACK BLOWN OFF FORWARD. NUMBER 2 STACK AND PLATFORM PIERCED IN MANY PLACES. HIT NUMBER 5 ON NUMBER 2 TORPEDO MOUNT. AFTER TORPEDO CRANE PROBABLY WILL REQUIRE REPLACEMENT. HIT NUMBER 6 ON STARBOARD SIDE NUMBER 5 5 INCH TURRET. MAIN DECK PUNCTURED FROM FRAMES 175 TO 185. NUMBER 5 UPPER HANDLING ROOM FIREMAIN SPRINKLING DAMAGED.

ENGINEERING ITEMS: BOTH SEARCHLIGHT DAMAGED. MAY REQUIRE REPLACEMENT. REWIRING TO BOTH SEARCHLIGHTS NECESSARY. NUMBER 1 STACK REQUIRES REPLACEMENT. NUMBER 2 STACK REQUIRES REPAIR. EXTENSIVE OVERHAUL OF MAIN GYRO AND CONTROL PANEL NECESSARY. EXTENSIVE REWIRING REQUIRED THROUGHOUT THE SHIP, MOST IMPORTANT CIRCUITS BEING TO 40 MILLIMETER GUNS NUMBER 1, 3, AND 5 INCH GUN NUMBER 5, INTERIOR COMMUNICATION WIRING, GYRO COMPASS WIRING TO BRIDGE, AND VARIOUS LIGHTING AND POWER CIRCUITS. WHISTLE AND SIREN REQUIRE REPAIRS.

COMMUNICATIONS ITEMS: RADIO TRANSMITTING ANTENNA ARRAY DEMOLISHED.
TBS TRANSMITTER DEMOLISHED. ALL RADIO TRANSMITTERS REQUIRE THOROUGH CHECK. RECEIVER TRANSFER PANEL AND ASSOCIATED WIRING DEMOLISHED. RDF LOOP DAMAGED. ECM REQUIRED OVERHAUL. SG WAVE GUIDE REQUIRES REPLACEMENT. PPI SCOPE DAMAGED SLIGHTLY. COMPASS BINNACLE SECONDARY CONN DAMAGED. US MAIL BOX BLOWN AWAY.

ORDNANCE ITEMS: 5 INCH GUN NUMBER 5 AND 40 MILLIMETER GUN NUMBER 3 RECEIVED DIRECT HITS AND DEMOLISHED. PARTS MAY BE SALVAGED. SHIELD OF 5 INCH GUN NUMBER 3 PIERCED. TORPEDO MOUNT NUMBER 2 RECEIVED DIRECT HIT. TORPEDO MOUNT AND BLAST SHIELD REQUIRE REPLACEMENT. TORPEDO MOUNT NUMBER 1 DAMAGED AND INOPERATIVE. 40 MILIMETER DIRECTORS NUMBERS 1 AND 3 DAMAGED. 1 SPARE 40 MILIMETER BARREL DEMOLISHED. SOUND POWERED TELEPHONE CIRCUITS DAMAGED EXTENSIVELY. MACHINE GUN QUADRANT CONTROL CIRCUITS INOPERATIVE. CONTROL PANELS AND JUNCTION BOXES TO 40 MILIMETER GUN NUMBER 3 DEMOLISHED. VARIOUS LIGHTING AND POWER CIRCUITS TO GUNS AND MK 51 DIRECTORS DAMAGED. ALL TORPEDO CONTROL CIRCUITS INOPERATIVE.

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23......BUSHIPS......BUORD.......INFO
CNO.....0P5....20P...NAVAL DE...20E....20F.....0P5G......
MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF TRANSPORTATION

Subject: The MONTEREY Reflected.

1. The Navy reports that the MONTEREY, U. S. Troopship, 18,027 G/T, (Army allocated) was refloated 25 July and is proceeding to Oro Bay under her own power. The condition of the ship is reported very good. The MONTEREY grounded at 08 5 - 149 E (off Cape Ward Hunt Point, New Guinea) 23 July, (reported by memorandum of 24 July).

2. The MONTEREY sailed from Honolulu 11 July carrying a transshipment of 4,226 U. S. Army Troops of the 36th Division and was due Oro Bay 21 July.

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Chief, Control Division.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF TRANSPORTATION

Subject: The SEA FLYER Aground.

1. The Navy reports that the SEA FLYER, U.S. Troopship, 7,942 G.T. (Navy employed) carrying 1,541 U.S. Troops and 2,701 measurement tons of cargo grounded (position and date not indicated) while engaged in a movement in the Central Pacific. The troops were discharged but no information is reported on the progress of salvage work.

2. The SEA FLYER departed Honolulu 3 July and arrived Eniwetok, Marshall Islands, 10 July.

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COLORADO speaks action CINCPAC info CTF 51, CTF 52, COM 5TH FLEET, COM 5TH FLEET, COMBATDIV 4 and COMBAT PAC. NPM (RDO HONOLULU) PASS TO ALL BUT CTF 52 AND COMBATDIV 4 WHO HAVE LOCALLY.

PRELIMINARY REPORT.

COLORADO received about 15 hits believed 6 inch coast defense guns while bombarding Tinian. Casualties officers, 2 dead, 1 seriously wounded. Enlisted men 35 dead, 77 wounded.

Damage 15 inch 51 gun hit, 15 inch 25 hit, 6-20 mm, 2 underwater hits holed 2 blister fuel tanks and caused leak in third. Hit near water line flooded CPO quarters.

CATAPULT damaged by direct hit.

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COLORADO received several hits about 6 inch from Tinian shore batteries. Navy yard repairs appear required before further amphibious operations if ship can be spared. Unless otherwise directed will have her return Pearl as soon as she can be released from Forager.
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SPIC 569.14 SOB 24 July 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF TRANSPORTATION

Subject: The MONTEREY Aground.

1. The Navy reports that the MONTEREY, U. S. Troopship, 18,017 G/T, (Army allocated) grounded at 08 S-149 E (off Cape Ward Hunt Point, New Guinea) 23 July. The ship is listing badly but no casualties are reported. Troops are being removed.

2. The MONTEREY sailed from Honolulu 11 July carrying a transshipment of 4,226 U. S. Army Troops of the 38th Division and was due Oro Bay 21 July. The grounding occurred about 75 miles from Oro Bay and it is believed all troops were still aboard at time of grounding.

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SUBMARINE LOST IN PACIFIC DURING TRAINING EXERCISE.

The United States submarine S-28 recently was accidentally lost in the Pacific while engaged in training exercises. The depth of the water makes it impossible to salvage the submarine and hope has been abandoned for recovery of missing personnel.

Investigation is now in progress. There are no survivors. The next of kin have been notified.
(USS SKIPJACK SS-184 SENDS ACTION CNO INFO JAG COMINCH BUSHIPS SUPERS COM 12 SUBAD AND RYD MARE ISLAND HAVE BY HAND FOR INFO)

AT ABOUT 2210 7 JULY 1944 COLLIDED WITH

USS KING DD-242 IN LATITUDE 37-59 NORTH

LONGITUDE 123-28 WEST.

NO INJURIES TO PERSONNEL. INSPECTION WATEROBE SHOWS PRESSURE HULL AT FRAME 29 STARBOARD DENTED ABOUT 1" OVER AN AREA OF

ABOUT 4 SQUARE FEET. ENTERING DRYDOCK 11 JULY. REPORT FOLLOWS.

COMINCH... ACTION

16... 19... 23... JAG... BUSHIPS... SUPERS... OPUS...

BUOARD... CNO... 54... NAVYDE... 25OP...

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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RELEASED 9 JULY 1944
TOR CODEROOM 1713
DECODED BY LYNN
PARAPHRASED BY LYNN/TWINING
ROUTED BY BALDWIN

ADDRESSES

COMNAV EU
CTF 122
COM 11TH PHIB
COM LST FLOT 11

INFORMATION

COMINCH
COM LST GP 33
CLC 11TH PHIB

LOCATION

080800 *
NCR 6886

COMNAV EU PASSES LST 312 080800 ACTION TO COMINCH COM LST GP 33 CLC 11TH PHIB INFO TO COMNAV EU CTF 122 COM 11TH PHIB COM LST FLOT 11.

AT 0319 8 JULY WHILE MOORED AT USNA ASB DEPTFORD RECEIVED SERIOUS DAMAGE FROM ROBOT BOMB WHICH STRUCK LST 384 MOORED TO PORT SIDE AND DESTROYED WARDROOM COUNTRY, SUPERSTRUCTURE AND ADJACENT COMPARTMENTS BELOW MAIN DECK PORT SIDE. FOLLOWING CASUALTIES

DEAD 3 OFFICERS 2 ENLISTED
MISSING 1 OFFICER 2 ENLISTED
INJURED 9 ENLISTED

DELIVERED TO 200....
COMINCH RECEIVED AS COMNAV EU 081358.

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**ALUSLO CONFIRMS SINKING SS JEAN NICOLET US ON 2 JULY**

BY JAP SUBMARINE REF MY 8390C. 23 SURVIVORS LANDED ADDU ATOLL UP TO PRESENT. FURTHER DETAILS WHEN AVAILABLE. CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS NOT COMPROMISED.

**COMINCH...ACT**

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ON 27 JUNE, BAINBRIDGE STRUCK BY PRACTICE TORPEDO WHILE TARGET FOR TASK GROUP TORPEDO PLANES. FUEL OIL TANKS A 110 AND A 116 DAMAGED AT FRAMES 52 AND 53. REPAIRS EFFECTED NOB TRINIDAD.

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When beaching in Juno area 28th June L.S.T. 493 holed by uncharted underwater obstacle. Flooded main engine room to 12 feet during 8 hours caused by hole 3 feet by 5 inches alongside keel between frame 34 and 35. No damage to personnel and machinery in flood space is operative. Hole stopped with cement and vessel hauled up on beach. Ship pump can now control moderate leakage. Personnel and vehicles of British Army disembarked as scheduled. Vessel will be towed to UK for repair.

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MARYLAND TORPEDO DAMAGE FOLLOWS:

1. AIRCRAFT TORPEDO HIT PORT SIDE FRAME 8 AT SECOND PLATFORM. FORECASTLE DECK WITH CASTING AND FITTINGS UN-  
DAMAGED EXCEPT FOR SLIGHT DROOP FORWARD FRAME 9. SECTION OF BOW STRUCTURE ABOVE SECOND DECK FORWARD FRAME  
3 UNDAMAGED AND SALVAGEABLE. REMAINDER BOW STRUCTURE FORWARD FRAME 14 FROM BOTTOM OF KEEL TO MAIN DECK AND  
FORWARD FRAME 11 ABOVE MAIN DECK REQUIRES RENEWAL.

Five casting broken in 3 places and distorted below 2nd deck. Keel in place but unsalvageable forward frame 8.

DETAILS OF DAMAGE BEING FORWARDED AIRMAILGRAM.
ESTIMATE COMPLETION TEMPORARY REPAIRS FOR TRIP TO PEARL 1 JULY.

BUSHIPS...COG

23...COMINCH...OP05...CNO...200F...NAVAIDE....
SECRET

Preliminary report of damage to USS O'BRIEN resulting from explosion 1 projectile estimated 205 millimeter during bombardment Cherbourg area June 25 1944.

Large hole 12 feet diameter starboard after corner combat information center, forward twin 4.7 millimeter mount and structure damaged and out action. Starboard corner bridge torn away, forward stock casing and deck and structure vicinity pierced and dished in. All radars except FD battered and pierced by shell fragments including identification and test equipment and associated wiring. FD radar temporarily out commission due cutting coaxial line which is being repaired. Starboard 36 inch search light pierced but repairable. All radar equipment has been...

*Being serviced

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/1/94

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REMOVED BY REPAIR FORCE USS "NELVILLE FOR SALVAGE FOR
SPARE PARTS EXCEPT FD AND ALL ANTENNAS WHICH ARE SERVICEABLE.
STRUCTURAL DAMAGE DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH OPERATION OR FIGHT-
ing efficiency of ship. 46 MM MOUNT REMOVED FOR SALVAGE
OF PARTS. TEMPORARY REPAIRS STRUCTURE BEING MADE BY
TENDER.

CONTACT PASSED TO "CR FOR 23, BUSHIPS.  "CR CR 28162:

OP23....BUSHPHIS.....INFO
CMC....OP15....JAG...64...200P...DIV...BORD......
24E...24F...24G...
REPORT OF COLLISION BETWEEN USS LST 26 WHILE UNDERWAY AND
BELGIAN TRANSPORT LEOPOLDVILLE ANCHORED OFF CORES ROADS

ENGELAND 25 JUNE 1944 AT 0840C. DAMAGE TO BELGIAN SHIP-
CONSISTS MAINLY OF PURTURED BOC PLATE ABOVE WATERLINE AND
SHATTERED LIFE BOAT. DAMAGE TO LST CONSISTS MAINLY OF TORN
DECK AND TOPSIDE PLATING COVERING AN APPROXIMATE TOTAL AREA
OF 50 SQUARE FEET, BROKEN DEGAUSSING CABLES, BENT DAVID AND
SHATTERED SMALL BOAT. COLLISION CAUSED BY STRONG TIDAL SET

AGAINST BOC OF BELGIAN SHIP LEOPOLDVILLE ANCHORED IN CHANNEL
IN DARKNESS WITHOUT, ANCHOR LIGHTS

COMINCH PASS TO NCR FOR FURTHER DISTRIBUTION
TOR NCR 010147

OP23...BUSHIPS...JAG.....INFO

CNO.....00.....NAVuide.....200P.....16.....

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/1/94
OVERLORD

Summary of casualties to U.S. war ships:

a. Sunk:
   - Destroyer leader (2200 tons) MEREDITH
   - Destroyer (1700 tons) CORRY
   - Destroyer (1700 tons) GLENNON

b. Undergoing temporary repair U.K. to enable return to U.S. for complete repair:
   - Destroyer leader O'BRIEN—shell hit vicinity bridge.
   - Destroyer DAVIS (1850 tons)—slight damage by mine.
   - Destroyer NELSON (1850 tons)—stem off from torpedo attack (e.g.,
   - Destroyer DETROIT—collision.

c. Repairing in U.K. for return to operation status:
   - Battleship TEXAS (2700 tons)—shell hits (one dud) top conning tower.
   - Destroyer ENDICOTT—collision.

d. Repairs already completed U.K.
   - Destroyer leader BARTON—dud shell hit.
   - Destroyer LAFAYETTE—dud shell hit.
   - Destroyer PLUNKETT—sonar damage prior to operation.

It is noted that the BARTON, MEREDITH, O'BRIEN are under the command of Captain Freeman.
THE SARANAC TELLS COMINCH GINGPAC COMSERFORPAC INFO TO COMSERON EIGHT. RDO STATIONS PASS TO ADEES.

FIRST ESTIMATE BATTLE DAMAGE. 250-300 POUND BOMB PENETRATED PORT SIDE AFTER SUPERSTRUCTURE DECK AT FRAME 28 AND EXPLODED ON POOP DECK. HOLE IN SUPERSTRUCTURE DECK 10 BY 25 FEET. HOLE IN POOP DECK 2 BY 3 FEET. EXTENSIVE BLAST AND FRAGMENT DAMAGE TO SUPERSTRUCTURE WITHIN 100 FOOT RADIUS. 25MM MOUNT AND CLIPPING ROOM DESTROYED. LIVING AND WORKING SPACES PORT SIDE POOP DECK FRAMES 13 TO 45 DEMOLISHED INCLUDING SICK BAY AUXILIARY RADIO ROOM AND EQUIPMENT. EXTENSIVE STRUCTURAL DAMAGE IN PORT SIDE UPPER FIREROOM. FIRE IN DIESEL OIL TANK LOCATED INSIDE STACK FOLLOWED EXPLOSION. NO POWER FOR 7 HOURS THEN ABLE TO PROCEED ON 1 BOILER AT 9 KNOTS.

SECREm

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: CTF 58

RELEASED BY:

DATE: JUNE 22 1944

TOR CODEROOM 1313

DECODED BY: STEARNS/KOTEEN

PARAPHRASED BY: KOTEEN/ROKLAND

ROUTED BY:

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, THIS MESSAGE IS TO BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE 3rd CLASS ADMINISTRATION.

ACTION COMM 5TH FLEET INFO CINCPAC ALL TFGS 5TH FLEET CTF 58 ORIGINATOR. RADIO HONG PLEASE PASS TO ALL.

URDIGS 211147 FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY REPORT. ON 19 JUNE 353 AIRBORNE ENEMY AIRCRAFT LIKELY FROM CARRIERS WERE SHOT DOWN, OF WHICH SHIPS GUNFIRE ACCOUNTED 10. BUNKER HILL AND WASP SUSTAINED NEAR MISS KILLING 1 OFFICER AND 2 MEN WITH 4 OFFICERS 31 MEN INJURED. SUPERFICIAL SHIP DAMAGE. SOUTH DAKOTA HIT BY BOMB BUT MILITARY EFFICIENCY NOT IMPAIRED.

OUR LOSSES 21 PLANE IN COMBAT 4 OPERATIONAL. 13 PILOTS 6 AIRMEN 1 LOST IN COMBAT. 1 PILOT 1 AIRMEN 1 LOST OPERATIONALLY. ON 27 JUNE LAUNCHED 2 LATE AFTERNOON STRIKE ON ENEMY TASK FORCE. BASED UPON OBSERVATIONS, PERSONNEL AT SCENE OF BATTLE.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
RESCUED SURVIVORS SHOT DOWN IN AREA AND PHOTOGRAPHS, 1 CARRIER
OF HITAKA CLASS WAS SUNK, ANOTHER HITAKA CLASS CARRIER VERY
BADLY DAMAGED, LAST SEEN BURNING FURIOUSLY, PROBABLY SUNK.
SHOKAKU CLASS CARRIER RECEIVED 3 OR 4 1000 POUND SONG HITS
AND A GVL HIT AT LEAST ONCE. KOKO BATTLESHIP RECEIVED 1 HIT.
1 HEAVY CRUISER ALSO HIT. 1 DESTROYER BELIEVED SUNK 2 OTHERS
DAMAGED, 3 OILERS SUNK 2 OTHERS LAST SEEN BURNING. SEARCH
PLANES SAW ONLY 3 CARRIERS FOLLOWING DAY AND NO OILERS. AT
LEAST 5 CARRIERS WERE ORIGINALLY PRESENT. 15 OR 20 ENEMY
PLANES SHOT DOWN. OUR TOTAL LOSSES WERE 49 PILOTS AND 59
AIRCRAFTMEN KILLED OR MISSING IN ACTION DUE MANY PLANES HAVING
TO MAKE WATER LANDINGS DUE FUEL SHORTAGE. SOME THESE HAVE
PROBABLY BEEN RESCUED AS REPORTS NOT COMPLETE. MORE ACCURATE
ASSESSMENT DAMAGE TO ENEMY WILL BE POSSIBLE UPON RETURN OF
RESCUED PILOTS TO CARRIERS. 2 OFFICERS AND 6 MEN KILLED AND
OTHERS INJURED IN LANDING ACCIDENTS.

YOU CANNOT FIGHT IF THE OTHER MAN IS YELLOW.

DELIVERED TO 20G.
*RECEIVED AS RADIO HONI FOX INTERCEPT. DIRECTED TO COMINCH'S
ATTENTION FOR INFO BY SERVICE DISPATCH 220040 NCR 4529.
NAVY MESSAGE

FROM: USS SYLPH (PY12)
RELEASED BY: 21 JUNE 1944
DATE: 0019
TOR CODEROOM
DECODER: MACFARLANE
PARAPHRASED BY: HUTCHINSON
ROUTED BY:

COMASDEVANT CONSERVFOR ATLANTIC FLEET
CINCLANT COMDT NAVY YARD N.Y.

IF OPERATIONAL CHECK BELOW

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME:

ON OUTGOING DISPATCHES PLEASE LEAVE ABOUT ONE INCH CLEAR SPACE BEFORE BEGINNING TEXT

ACTION


AT 1130Q 16 JUNE 1944 WHILE ENGAGED IN SCHEDULED OPERATIONS THIS VESSEL AND THE USS BASS (SS164) COLLIDED AT LONG 71 DEGREES 30 MINUTES WEST LAT 40 DEGREES 59 MINUTES NORTH. CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE COLLISION HERE AS FOLLOWS:

DURING A PRACTICE DEPTH CHARGE RUN, WITH THE BASS PRESUMABLY AT ABOUT 100 FEET KEEL DEPTH, BASS ACCIDENTALLY SURFACED UNDERNEATH SYLPH WHICH PASSED OVER BASS FROM STARBOARD TO PORT, ABAFT HER CONNING TOWER.

INITIAL ESTIMATE OF DAMAGE FROM REPORTS OF DIVERS AND INTERNAL EXAMINATION OF THE SHIP SHOWS 2 MINOR LEAKS IN OUTER HULL OF SHIP: 1 ON THE STARBOARD SIDE OF KEEL IN FRESH WATER TANK NUMBER 1, AND 1 IN PORT NUMBER 6 MISSING. PROJECTOR SHAFT APPARENTLY NOT SEVERELY DAMAGED.

CONFIDENTIAL
BUT PROBABLY SLIGHTLY SPRUNG.
REQUEST CNO INFORM APPROPRIATE BUREAUS AND OFFICES OF
THE NAVY DEPT.

23...COG
O.P.05...BUSHIPS...JAG...20OP...COMINC...16...CNO....
NAVAIDE....19...190...SUPERS....BUORD....

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/2/94
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Coomer, Commissioner of the United States Department of the Navy, Washington, D.C.

COLLINS DEP LOT(5) FLOTILLA 15 SENDS MSG O'HARRINGTON PASS COMINCH FOR ACTION. COALANGAB 11TH PHIB HAS BY OTHER MEANS FOR ACTION. CTF 122 COM 11TH PHIB COM VEEU HAVE FOR INFO.

LOT 107 THIR COMMAND SUNK OFF COAST OF FRANCE. OMAHA AREA, OPERATION NEPTUNE 6 JUNE UPON RETREATING FROM BEACH AFTER HITTING ENEMY MINE. LOT 294 SUNK BY US TUG PUNTO AS DANGER TO SHIPING AFTER STRIKING ENEMY MINE ON BEACH SAME AREA 6 JUNE.

COMINCH PASSED TO NCR FOR FURTHER DISTRIBUTION

TOR NCR 172136

DELIVERED TO OP 24G

OP 23... BUSHIPS... INFO

OP 05... CNO... 19... 19G...

ADD: 9... HI.J. JACOB (PER 19G)

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FROM MISSION DAY, RDO WASHN PASS FOR ACTION TO CINC HCNCH FOR INFO TO CONAIRLANT CONFAIR QUONSET CONFAIR NORFOLK CON 3 & BUSHIPS. FAQ NEW YORK HAS HAND.

COLLIDED WITH DREDGE CREST OF NEW YORK IN AMBROSE CHANNEL AT 1715. DAMAGE AS FOLLOWS:

- STRIKE HOLE 4 BY 5 FEET IN SHEAR/FORWARD STARBOARD HOUSEPIPE. 2 NUMBER 5 SHELL PLATES FRACUTURED BETWEEN FRAMES 1 TO 10 3 FT ABOVE WATER LINE
- FORE PEAK BATTLE PLATES AND FRAMES BUCKLED AND TORN THIS AREA
- STARBOARD ANCHOR BROKEN AT SHANK. ANTI CASCADING STEM BENT. NO APPARENT UNDERWATER DAMAGE. DREDGE TOWED TO DOCK. NO PERSONNEL CASUALTIES EITHER SHIP OR DREDGE. PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE TO REPAIR DAMAGE 7 DAYS AT STATEN ISLAND.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/1/94

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CODE PASSED TO NAVCON FOR TRANSMISSION TO CINCLANT COMAIRLANT COMFAIR QUONSET COMFAIR NORFOLK COM 3 AS 172013.

SECRET
COMMANDER LOT(5) FLOTILLA 18 SENDS RDO WASHINGTON PASS COMINCH FOR ACTION. COMLANCRAB 11TH PHIB HAS BY OTHER MEANS FOR ACTION. CTF 122 COM 11TH PHIB COMNAVEU HAVE FOR INFO.

LOT 197 THIS COMMAND SUNK OFF COAST OF FRANCE OMAHA AREA, OPERATION NEPTUNE 6 JUNE UPON RETREATING FROM BEACH AFTER HITTING ENEMY MINE. LOT 294 SUNK BY US TUG PINTO AS DANGER TO SHIPPING AFTER STRIKING ENEMY MINE ON BEACH SAME AREA 6 JUNE.
**NAVAL MESSAGE**

**NAVY DEPARTMENT**

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171318 FOR 0850

**ACTION:**

FOX INTERCEPT

(CTG 53.16 SENDS NPM TO PASS TO ADEES PLUS CINCPAC FOR INFO.)

**SECRET**

TG 53.16 UNDERWENT ENEMY AERIAL TORPEDO ATTACK AT 1800K

AT LATITUDE 13-35 N LONGITUDE 148-57 E 4 MILES

ATTACKED 3 DOWNED. LCI 466 TORPEDOED. HAVE LCI IN TOW

BUT COUNT HER OUT FOR W-DAY.

DELIVERED TO 26 G.

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**NAVAL MESSAGE**

**DRAFTER**
USS KALK

**ADDRESSES**
COMINCH
COS 7TH FLEET
CTF 76

**PRECEDENCE**
RUTINE
DEFLRED

**TOR CODE ROOM**
2179

**DECRYPTED BY**
SCHMIDT

**PARAPHRASED BY**
FISHER / HERMAN HUBBE

**ROUTED BY**
WILLIAMS FISHER

**INFORMATION**
COMINCH
COS 7TH FLEET
CTF 76

**PRIORITY**
RUTINE
DEFLRED

**OPERATIONAL CHECK BELOW**
151253
NCR 7982

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**ACTION**

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BOMB DAMAGE SUSTAINED BY KALK 12 JUNE OFF BIAK. ESTIMATED 100 KILO BOMB EXPLODED IN SUPERSTRUCTURE FRAME 94. DESTROYED TUBE MOUNT, TORPEDOES AND ALL STRUCTURE BETWEEN STACKS. MAINDECK FRAMES 24 TO 103 HOLED AND DISHED IN DEPTH 2 FEET. FORWARD ENGINE ROOM PIPING DISMANTLED STARBOARD SHAFT FINS, FORWARD UPTAKES RUPTURED STACKS AND BRIDGE PERMANENT.

COMINCH PASSED TO NCR FOR FURTHER DISTRIBUTION

TOR NCR 151602
NCR DISTRIBUTION 23 BUSHIPS INFO

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**Date:** 4/18/44

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CO USS LST 376 SENDS ACTION COM 12TH FLEET, CTF 122, RDC WASHINGTON (PASS TO SECONAV, COMINCH). INFO COM LANTACRAB 11TH PHIB, COM 11TH PHIB, COM LST FLOT 12.

LST 376 TORPEDOED BY ENEMY, BURNED OUT, AND SUNK BY ESCORT GUN FIRE ON 9 JUNE 1944. LATITUDE 49-43 N, LONGITUDE 14-53 W ENROUTE ASSAULT AREA. APPROXIMATELY 67 PERCENT NAVAL PERSONNEL SURVIVED. ARMY SURVIVALS UNKNOWN. ALL PUBLICATIONS SUNK WITH SHIP IN 30 FATHOMS OF WATER.

COMINCH...ACT
23...BUSHIPS...OP05...CMO...BUPERS...19....
19C...26Y...23R...ARMY...BUONR...210P....
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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: CINCPOA
RELEASED AT:
DATE: 14 JUNE 1944
TOR CODEWORD: 2245
DECODED BY: BERNER
PARAPHRASED BY: DUMMIT/MCCORMACK
ROUTED BY:

ADDRESS
COMINCH
COM 5TH FLEET
COMSOPAC
JANCONCENADAK

INFORMATION
FOR ACTION

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142336 NCR 7/15 OPERA

COMINCH GETS ACTION FROM CINCPOA. INFO COM 5TH FLEET, COMSOPAC, JANCONCENADAK.

GENPAC DAILY SUMMARY 13 JUNE:

BAING (SS 386) REPORTS AT 143849Z DAMAGED WITH 1 HIT NORTHBOUND AO NORTH OF MARIANAS. OTHER INFO HAS BEEN PASSED.

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141563B NCR 6836

DATE 14 JUNE 1944

TO CODEROOM 141754

DECODED BY MCPherson

PARAPHRASED BY ELY/McCORMACK

ROUTED BY NORRIS

SPEED: OTHERWISE INDIATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE AND IS ADMINISTRATIVE.

REFERENCE BY 1111/4 REGARDING COLLISION BETWEEN US LST 345 ATTACHED FORCE G AND HMS V LCT 7839 (18).

REPAIRS BEEN EFFECTED BY HM DOCKYARD SOUTHAMPTON REPLACEMENT ITEMS INCLUDE 1 3/8THS INCH STRIP SHEET STEEL 24 FEET LONG BY 4 FEET WIDE AND 1 3/8THS INCH STRIP SHEET 3 FEET LONG BY 1 FOOT WIDE. PATCHES WELDED OVER HOLES. FRAME NUMBER 2 AND DISPLACED ANGLES CAN BE STRAIGHTENED AND REPLACED

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(FOLLOWING IS DAMAGE AND CASUALTIES IN KALK BOMB EXPLODED POOP DECK VICINITY. FRATE 95 DESTROYING TORPEDOES, TUBES AND SUPER STRUCTURES BETWEEN DECKS HULL INTACT EXCEPT DECK OVER FORWARD ENGINE ROOM AND FIREROOM. FORWARD BOILERS APPEAR UNDAMAGED STARBOARD SHAFT FROZENKIN FLOODING (SENT AS RECEIVED) NO MACHINERY FORWARD ENGINE ROOM OPERATIVE SG RADAR Plotting room radio and all guns operating. Personnel casualties dead 16 missing 14 WOUNDED and transferred 35 slightly wounded 16 TOTAL 71.)

*AS RECEIVED PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS COM 7TH FLT 154145

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NAVAL MESSAGE

DRAFTER: LCT FLOT 18
FROM:  
RELEASED BY: 14 JUNE 1944
DATE:
TOR CODEROOM: 3082
DECODED BY: HOOPS
PARAPHRASED BY: WOODWARD/HOCHSTEIN
ROUTED BY: 

ADDRESS: COMLACRAB 11TH PHIB
COMINCH
COMNAVCEU CTF 122
COM 11TH PHIB

INFORMATION: 

PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED

NAVY DEPARTMENT

ADDRESS:

ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED

PRECEDENCE:

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FROM LCT FLOT 18. ACTION TO COMLACRAB 11TH PHIB, radio Washington Pass to Cominich for action. Info to Comnavceu CTF 122 and Com 11th PHIB for info by other means.

FOLLOWING LCT'S THIS COMMAND SEVERELY DAMAGED BY ENEMY MINES OBSTACLES AND GUNFIRE AS THEY ATTEMPTED BEACHING EASY RED OMAHA AREA FRENCH COAST. 6 JUNE 1944. LCT 36 LCT 25 LCT 305 LCT 364 LCT 332. LCT 27 OVERTURNED AND SUNK WHILE ATTEMPTING BEACHING. ALL CRAFT NOW LYING ABANDONED BROACHED ON BEACH APPEAR TO BE BEYOND REPAIR.

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(USS NELSON TALKS PASS TO COMINCH AND CTF 122 FOR ACTION AND TO CINCLANT AND COMDESLANT FOR INFO.)

E-BOAT TORPEDO HIT STARBOARD SIDE FRAME 177. #4 MOUNT AND ALL STRUCTURE AFT OF FRAME 173 MISSING. WRINKLING AND TEARING OF HULL AT VARIOUS POINTS FROM FRAME 145 AFT. ALL COMPARTMENTS AFT OF FRAME 147 FLOODED.

BEING TOWED TO PORTSMOUTH ENGLAND.
MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF TRANSPORTATION

Subject: Additional Invasion Ship Casualties.

1. The Navy reports the following additional ship casualties in the English Channel since the initial invasion of France.

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<td>Cargo</td>
<td>697</td>
<td>6/9</td>
<td>50-12 N 03-43 W</td>
<td>Torpedoed and sunk by E-Boat.</td>
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<td>DUNGRANGE</td>
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<td>621</td>
<td>6/9</td>
<td>50-12 N 03-43 W</td>
<td>Torpedoed and sunk by E-Boat.</td>
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<td>CHANT 60</td>
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<td>390</td>
<td>6/11</td>
<td>Invasion Area. 12 (English Channel)</td>
<td>Capsize and sunk. (Marine Casualty).</td>
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2. Previously reported invasion ship casualties (memorandum dated 9 June 1944) included 3 U.S. Vessels totaling 20,705 gross tons, 5 British Vessels totaling 17,235 gross tons and 1 Norwegian Vessel of 8,325 gross tons. Total ships and tonnage reported damaged or sunk to date follows:

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<td>Total</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>8</td>
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The ST. JULIEN and DINARD, both British Hospital Ships, (reported missed in memorandum of 9 June) have arrived at Southampton in a damaged condition.

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TALBOT SENDS ACTION TO COMINC CINCPAC CG 5TH FLT COCGRU 3 5TH PHIB FOR INFO TO CINCPAC CONSERVPAC CONSERVRON 19 COMPHIBPAC COMCRUDIV 9 RADIO HONOLULU PASS TO ALL EXCEPT CONSERVRON 19.

TALBOT IN COLLISION WITH PENNSYLVANIA DAMAGE AS FOLLOWS:

STEM AND BOX FRAMING BACK TO FRAME 2 UPSET TO PORT ABOUT 6 INCHES EXTENT 2 FEET ABOVE TAPERING OFF AT 4 FEET BELOW WATERLINE. PEAK TANK LEAKING ONLY THROUGH SMALL OPENINGS IN SEAYEKAD* FEW PULLED RIVETS. ENTIRE BOX BACK TO FRAME 13 SET TO PORT ABOUT 6 INCHES THROWING SHARP BUCKLE IN SHELL FROM MAIN DECK TO TURN OF BILGE. BOX SECTION SET AFT AND UP ABOUT 2 INCHES THROWING NUCKLE IN MAIN DECK AT AFTER END OF BILLBOARDS. CHAIN LOCKER PEAK TANKS AND LOWER SOUND ROOM SLOW FLOODED

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THROUGH PULLED RIVETS AND OPENED SEAMS, STARBOARD SHELL DRESSED FRAMES 20 TO 49 NEAR WATERLINE AND FRAMES 17 TO 25 SHEAR STRAKE WITH SHORT TEIRS*. FRAMES INBOARD UPSET UNIFORMLY ABOUT 3 INCHES. PRAIRIE MAKING TEMPORARY REPAIRS. POSSIBILITY SONAR GEAR WILL BE INOPERATIVE. WILL PROCEED ON MISSION ASSIGNED. THIS COMBINES SUBPARAGRAPH A AND B PARAGRAPH 2 PACFLT COMM LETTER 33-43.

*AS RECEIVED.
CHICSWPA SENDS VIA COM 7TH FLT ACT COTTONHILL INFO CNO, CHICSWPA, COM 3RD FLT.

US DESTROYER-KAIK ATTACKED BY 4 ZEKES AT 1945 K TODAY WHILE ESCORTING BARGE TOW INTO BOSNEK. 1 ENGINEERoom AND FIREROOM COMPLETELY OUT. MAIN POWER REGAINED AFTER 6 HOURS AND NOW PROCEEDING TO HOLLANDIA IN CONVOY.

PERSONNEL CASUALTIES UNDETERMINED BUT RELIEVED LIGHT.

PO4YIO SHOT DOWN 1 TOSBY AND 1 BETTY BETWEEN PALAU AND HALEIHARA. ECHelon 9 LST 3 DD 2 DE ARRIVED BOSNEK TODAY FROM HOLLANDIA 24 HOURS LATE BECAUSE OF STORMS.

ECHelon 14 LST 5 DD LEAVING HOLLANDIA DUE BOSNEK JUNE 14.

1 CA 2 CL 14 DD ARRIVED SECADLER FROM BIAK AREA.

3 DD'S PROVIDING GUNFIRE SUPPORT SARMI AREA. 4 TROOPERS

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ESCORTED BY 3 DE ENROUTE CRETIN TO SARAI. 4 TROOPERS
3 DE'S ENROUTE SARAI TO FINSCHAVEN. MACARTHUR.
PASSED BY COMNAVEU UNDER 171242 FOR INFO COMINCH.
FROM LST 538 ACTION CINC PORTSMOUTH COMNAVEU, CONSERFOR 122 COMLANCRAB 11THPHIB COM LST (FLOT) 86 AND COMDR LST GROUP 12 ARE INFO.

TORPEDOED AT 110222B 49-45N 00-35W MADE GOLD AREA
86 ENLISTED 3 CREW CASUALTIES 4 PASSENGERS
CASUALTIES DRY DOCK NECESSARY. MAKE NECESSARY REPAIRS TO RETURN TO UNITED KINGDOM.

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290...NAVAILDES..(PER 19C)
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WHEN COMBATANT VESSELS ARE DAMAGED TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT THEIR REPAIR IS NOT JUSTIFIED AND THEIR RETURN TO U.S. IS IMPRACTICAL SUB-BOARD OF INSURV WILL BE APPOINTED BY ADEES TO RECOMMEND DISPOSITION TO INSURV WASHINGTON. U.S. OWNED VESSELS UNDER LEND LEASE WHICH FOREIGN NAVIES DESIRE TO RETURN TO U.S. CUSTODY ARE TO BE DELIVERED TO DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES OF ADEES AND SURVEYED AS OUTLINED ABOVE. SUB-BOARDS ARE TO BE GOVERNED BY CHAPTER FIFTY ONE OF NAVREGS IN SO FAR AS PRACTICABLE.
MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF TRANSPORTATION

Subjects: Invasion Ship Casualties.

1. The Navy reports the following ship casualties in the English Channel timed with the invasion of France.

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<td>US Cargo</td>
<td>7176</td>
<td>6/7 50-10 W 00-40 W</td>
<td>Mined.</td>
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<tr>
<td>WEST HOMAKER</td>
<td>US Cargo</td>
<td>5428</td>
<td>6/6- English Channel 7</td>
<td>Torpedo from aircraft during invasion operation. Proceeding to destination with skeleton crew.</td>
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<td>DINARD</td>
<td>Br. Cargo</td>
<td>2313</td>
<td>6/7 49-31 W 00-35 W</td>
<td>Mined - In tow.</td>
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<td>SAMBUT</td>
<td>Br. Hosp. Ship</td>
<td>7176</td>
<td>6/6 51-08 W 01-33 E</td>
<td>Shelled and sunk by shore battery.</td>
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The following two marine losses, not definitely identified with the invasion, also are reported.

| CHANT 63 | Br. Tkr. | 6/5 Off Flamborough Head, UK | Capsized and sunk. Total loss. (Marine casualty).          |
| CLEARPOOL | Br. Cargo | 5404 | Skitter Bank, above Paul, Humber, UK | Aground - Total loss. (Marine casualty).          |

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HARDING ORIGINATOR. CINC PLYMOUTH PASS TO COMINCH AND COMDESRON 18 FOR ACTION; CTF 122, 124, COMDESLANT AND CINCLANT FOR INFO. COMDESDIV 36 HAS BY HAND FOR INFO.

IN ACCORDANCE USNR ARTICLE 720A REFERENCE IS MADE TO COMDESDIV 36 J-717329 AND J-717312 OF JUNE, NOT TO ALL. NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OTHER THAN THE FOLLOWING:

- SUBSTANTIATION OF DAMAGE TO BOTH PROPELLORS, WHICH HAS BEEN MADE BY DIVING. PROPELLERS WILL REQUIRE REPLACEMENT.
- DAMAGE TO SCUD CRAFT CONSISTS OF HOIST AND LOWER SHAFT BEING STUCK IN CENTER POSITION AND BINDING OCCURS WHEN SHAFT IS TRAINED. ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS APPEAR NORMAL. NO FURTHER DAMAGE EVIDENT.
- COMINCH PASSED TO NOR FOR FURTHER DISTRIBUTION: 23...BUORD...BUSHIPS...FOR INFO

16...19...JAG...OP5...NAVADMIN...GNO...
TOR NOR 45/5/8

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CINC PLYMOUTH PASS TO CNO CINCLANT COMDESLANT FOR INFORMATION. BY OTHER MEANS COMDESRON 18 HAS FOR ACTION AND CTF 122 CTF 124 COMBATDIV 5 HAVE FOR INFO COMDESRON 36 SENDS

(HDD)

HARDING STRUCK SUBMERGED OBJECT DURING BOMBARDMENT ENEMY TROOPS OFF ROCHES DE GRANCAP. DAMAGE TO PROPELLORS AND SOUND DUCHE ONLY. FROM VIBRATION BELIEVE BLADES DAMAGED BOTH PROPELLERS. WITHOUT EXCESSIVE VIBRATION SHIP ABLE TO MAKE 15 KNOTS. HAS EXPENDED ONLY 4% AMMUNITION. RECOMMEND SHE REMAIN IN FIRE SUPPORT AREA UNTIL AMMUNITION EXPENDED THEN SENT TO PLYMOUTH FOR DRYDOCKING.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM USS NASHVILLE

RELEASED BY

DATE 6 JUNE 1944

TOR CODEROOM 2135

DECODED BY MCPherson

PARAPHRASED BY DUMMIT/WALP/MANUEL

ROUTED BY MORRIS

MUSL8

CONTICH

GRC

COM 7TH FLEET

CTF 74

CONCRUDIV 15

COMSERFORPAC

CONCRUPAC

CONSERV 7TH FLEET

CONSERV 7TH FLEET

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PARTMENTS. SHIP VIBRATES SLIGHTLY MORE THAN NORMAL AT HIGH SPEED. NO DAMAGE TO ENGINEERING PLANT OR ARMAMENT. DRAFT INCREASED 2 1/2 FEET AFT. 4 MEN INJURED; NONE SERIOUSLY.

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23...BUShips...BUORD...INFO
Bupers...BuMED...@...JAG...OP5...CNO...NAVAIDE...20P...
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10 TO 20 JAP PLANES AT 111513 DIVE BOMBED AND
STRAFED OUR SHIPPING CONCENTRATING ON DDS OFF
BOSNEK. 10 DIVE BOMBERS ATTACKED USS REID. 1 DEAD
2 WOUNDED INCLUDING 2 OFFICERS. MINOR STRUCTURAL
DAMAGE SHRAPNEL Holes SEVERAL NEAR Hisses. USS BACHE
AND USS NU.STIN ALSO ATTACKED BUT APPARENTLY UNDAMAGED.
COVER FORCE OFF BIAK TONIGHT 1 CA 3 CL KENN D D.
CLOSE SUPPORT 4 DD 1 PF. ECHELON 8 LST 1 AK 5 DD 1 PF
DUE BOSNEK TOMORROW FROM HOLLANDIA. 16 LCI'S
ARRIVING CRETIN FROM HOLLANDIA. 2 APA'S WITH 3 DE'S
ENROUTE FROM CAPE CRETIN TO SARM TO VIA HOLLANDIA.

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PT RESULTS NIGHT 2/3. AITAPE BOATS LANDED ARMY SCOUTS WEST OF SUIAN. HOLLANDIA BOATS LAND SCOUTS VAND TEMOENA ISLAND.

MAC ARTHUR

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FROM NCWTF TO ANCXF FOR ACTION. NSS (RADIO WASHINGTON) PASS TO COMINCH FOR INFO. INFO TO COMNAVEU AND CTF 124

MY 282139B DAMAGE TO SHIPS REPORTED.

(A) THURSTON PROPELLER SHAFT REARING CAPS FRACTURED BY NEAR BOMB MISS. PRESENT INDICATIONS TEMPORARY REPAIRS COMPLETE 31 MAY.

(B) MCCOOK HAD 1 PROPELLER STRUT BENT BY NEAR MISS AND FS RADAR ANTENNA BLOWN OFF. PROPELLER SHAFT NOISY IN OPERATION BUT NO OVERHEATING AT 25 KNOTS.

(C) 1 LCT HULL DAMAGED AND BEACHED TO PREVENT SINKING. 1 LCT ENGINES DAMAGED. 1 LCVP SUNK PRESUMABLY BY PARACHUTE MINE.
**Naval Message**

**From**: USS Hutchins (Indef Call)  
**Released By**:  
**Date**: 29 May 1944  
**TOR Code Room**: 8935/29  
**Decoded By**: Kurtz  
**Paraphrase By**: Kurtz/Hochstein  
**Routed By**:  

**Addressess**:  
- CINCPAC  
- COM 7TH FLT  
- CONDES PAC  
- CONSERV PAC  
- USS Dobbin  
- CONSERV 7TH  
- CTF 75

**Precedence**:  
- Priority  
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- DD/DB  
- DD/DB

**Originating fill in Date and Time**: 280135 NCR 3640  
**GCT**

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(USS Hutchins Originator, RDO Washn (NSS) Give Action COMINCH. RDO Hondo (HPD) Pass Action CINCPAC Info CONDES PAC AND CONSERV PAC. RDO Canberra (VHC) Give COM 7TH FLT For Action CONSERV 7TH For Info. CTF 75 Has By Visual)

While covering landing Black Island 27 May Hutchins damaged as follows by 14.7 Jap shell. 5" Entry hole Outboard side of starboard vegetable locker frame 75. Forward wall same compartment ripped out 4" each side of foremost and foremost cleared half through. Forward side by 12" hole 4' above main deck. 2 by 3 foot hole in after port corner of radar transmitter room. 1 level of SC transmitter carried away. Various types of SC 2 and 3K and 8L damaged. 6 by 5 foot hole Outboard bulkhead port passageway miscellaneous cable piping doors ducts damaged. On same day all damage repaired satisfactorily for unlimited operations. Delivered 24G

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PT 339 AGROUND IN ENEMY TERRITORY NIGHT 26/27 MAY.
ABANDONED. 3 MAJOR EXPLOSIONS DESTRUCTION BELIEVED COMPLETE. CSP 127ºBW REGISTER NUMBER 82141 LOST IN FOOT OF WATER IN TRANSIT TO RESCUE BOAT. LOCATION Ø4-Ø1 SOUTH 144-40 EAST ABOUT 500 YARDS NORTHWEST HARBOR. OTHER SECRET AND CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS SALVAGED. RADAR DESTROYED.
ENDICOTT GROANS.

THIS SUPPLEMENTS MY 264623 NOT TO ALL. DAMAGE MORE EXTENSIVE THAN FIRST ESTIMATED. FOLLOWING COMPARTMENTS FLOODED FORWARD MESS HALL ICE MACHINE ROOM FORWARD 5 INCH MAGAZINES FUEL TANKS A-2F AND A-4F FORWARD 20MM MAGAZINE NOT YET EXAMINED BUT ESTIMATED SATISFACTORY. VENTILATING MOTORS DAMAGED IN COMPARTMENT A-101EM 2 MINOR HOLES COMMISSARY STORE ROOM W/T BULKHEAD AT FRAME 45 RUPTURED AT OVERHEAD. PORT SIDE HULL RUPTURED ON HALF ROUND AT FRAME 49. 5 INCH GUN NUMBER 1 NOT OPERATIVE IN AUTOMATIC DUE BROKEN CABLES. 5 INCH GUN NUMBER 2 COMPLETELY OUT COMMISSION DUE TRAINING RACK PROBABLY OUT ALIGNMENT HYDRAULIC SYSTEM RUPTURED AND GUN SHIELD DENTED.

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NEAR TOP ON PORT SIDE. PLATFORM NUMBER 2 20MM GUN DAMAGED REQUIRING STRAIGHTENING AND REINSTALLATION. BRIDGE DECK BADLY RUPTURED UNDER PORT TORPEDO DIRECTOR AND 24 INCH SEARCHLIGHT. BRIDGE BULWARKS BADLY DISTORTED AFTER HALF BRIDGE PORT SIDE. Degaussing COILS M AND F CUT AND PULLED FROM FORWARD AND AFT THROUGH STUFFING BOXES. KEEL WILL BE EXAMINED BY DIVER ON 27TH. ESTIMATED 10 TO 14 DAYS FOR PRELIMINARY WORK TO MOVE SHIP TO PORT FOR PERMANENT REPAIRS. 1 PERSONNEL CASUALTY LT(JG) I G SUNDERMANN E-V-G USNR FRACTURED SCAPULA AND ABRASION FOREHEAD TRANSFERRED NAVAL HOSPITAL MILFORD HAVEN NO RELIEF REQUIRED EXPECT RETURN 10 DAYS. DETAILED REPORT AND FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE FORWARDED VIA AIRMAIL.

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COM 6TH FLEET SUMMARY WEEK ENDING 24TH 25TH MAY.

REPORTED:

DETLOUSEE TO COM 6TH PHIB 24 MAY
16 LCI OF FLOT 26 ARRIVED BIZERTE UGS 41 MAY 24.

DETACHED:

SC 639, 697, TO FRENCH ORAN 22ND.

DAMAGED:

PHILADELPHIA, LAUB, KY 231858. PHILADELPHIA DOCKS
MALTA, LAUB NAPLES. BOARD OF INQUIRY MEETS 1 JUNE.

PT 274 DUE ERRATIC SK 13 TORPEDO LODGED IN SIDE.

AZIO NAPLES AREA.

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2 CL UNTIL PHILADELPHIA COLLISION, 1 O' DD/2 AM, 7 PC, 11 SC, 13 YJS, 17 LST, 31 LCT, 27 LCI.

GUN/FIRE SUPPORT:
19TH BROOKLYN EXPENDED 315 ROUNDS ON DUMPS IN TERRACINA SPERLONGA AND GAETA SETTING FIRES.
23RD BROOKLYN KEARLY AND ERICSSON FIRED 462 ROUNDS KARLDEA AREA WITH GOOD RESULTS. ENEMY RETURN FIRE INACCURATE.
24TH WITH SAME GROUP FIRED 499 ROUNDS VICINITY AREA TROOPS AND DUMPS WITH GOOD EFFECT.
25TH KENDRICK FIRED 331 ROUNDS. ACCURACY ENEMY FIRE INCREASED BUT NO CASUALTIES.

EXERCICES:
CONCORP 2 WITH APS CONTINUING DAY AND NIGHT LANDING AREAS.
5 DD SHORE BOMBARDMENT.
4 DD COORDINATED ATTACKS WITH 3 TO 6 A/C 24TH.
2 DD FIGHTER DIRECTOR WITH 4 A/C 24TH.
2 TT/RESCUE AND TOLLING 24TH.
60 VESSELS CONDUCTED AQ PRACTICE 6 SC AND 1 AM A/G TRAINING WITH SAME SUB OFF PALERMO.
A/C LAID EXPERIMENTAL SMOKE SCREEN OVER GUS 4° 2317°° ALGIERS.

MISCELLANEOUS.
5 DD AND 1 AM ESCORT J SHIPS WITH VED CONVOYS.
SC 522 (SO) 576, 638, 676 TASK GROUP 81.12 REPORTED FATAL I TEMPROARY DUTY IN ADRIATIC.
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ENDICOTT SENDS. US NAVY MILFORD HAVEN PASS ACTION COMINCH, CTF 129. INFO CINCLANT, COMDESLANT, CTF 122, CDD 18, CDD 36.

HAD COLLISION WITH AMERICAN EXPORT LINE STEAMSHIP EXHIBITOR AT 260417B IN IRISH SEA LAT 51-28.6 N LONG 04-58.5 W. DAMAGE SUSTAINED OWN SHIP: 6-FOOT WEDGEホール 5 FEET DEEP TOWARD KEEL ON PORT SIDE BETWEEN FRAMES 41 TO 45 FROM MAIN DECK TO BELOW WATER LINE. KEEL APPARENTLY UNDAMAGED. PORT SUPERSTRUCTURE DAMAGED AROUND BRIDGE AND PORT SIDE WITH 24-INCH SEARCHLIGHT AND TORPEDO DIRECTOR KNOCKED OFF FOUNDATIONS. COMPARTMENTS A-203L AND A-305-3A EACH FLOODED. SOUND GEAR MAY BE DAMAGED. DEGAUSSING CABLES M AND F CUT AT SCENE. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES NONE. STEAMSHIP WOULD NOT REPORT WHETHER DAMAGED OR NOT. ESTIMATED SLIGHT IF ANY. DID NOT REPORT NAME OF STEAMSHIP; ONLY US DESTROYER. REQUEST NAVY YARD DOCKING NEEDS DRY DOCKING NECESSARY.

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JOSS LAUB STRUCK STARBOARD SIDE FORWARD NUMBER 3 GUN. BOTH AFTER ENGINEERING SPACES FLOODED. ADJACENT COMPARTMENTS COMPARETIVELY FREE OF WATER. SEVERAL MEN INJURED 2 MEN MISSING. QUANTITY TOPSIDE AMMUNITION DEPTH CHARGES AND TORPEDOES JETTISONED. ELECTRICAL POWER STEERING CONTROL. UNABLE USE MAIN ENGINES.

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PRELIMINARY REPORT.

THIS AFTERNOON WHILE HANDLING AMMUNITION IN A NESTED
LST IN WEST LOCK EXPLOSION OCCURRED RESULTING IN
FIRE AND TOTAL LOSS 6 OR MORE LST'S. OTHERS IN CANAL
AND ADJACENT NEST MAY BE DAMAGED. LST'S WERE COMBAT
LOADED. OF THOSE LOST 6 HAD LVT'S ON DECK AND 2 HAD
PONTOONS CAUSEWAYS ON THE SIDE. ALL HAD LVT'S
ABOARD. CASUALTIES PROBABLY CONSIDERABLE BUT NUMBERS
AT PRESENT INDEFINITE. FIRE AND EXPLOSIONS CONTINUE
BUT SHIPS NOT ALREADY DAMAGED HAVE CLEARED AREA.
WILL MAKE PRESS RELEASE HERE WHEN INFORMATION IS
MORE DEFINITE.
(COMINCH and CINCLANT pass to BUSHIPS and other bureaus concerned. RDO Algiers give to COMNAVMAW)

Amplifying report of damage occurring when hit in center of stern apparently by acoustic torpedo at 0118Z on 3 May. All after frame 153 blown off. Hull frame 139 aft bent up at 45 deg angle. Deck buckled at frame 142. Main deck badly buckled at frame 126 which buckle extends down sides and diagonally across bottom to frame 121. 5 feet of stringer strake port side slightly buckled at frame 98. Depth charges and debris hurled by explosion caused extensive damage to deckhouse mainly on port side aft of frame 106. Require replacement of entire ship set of frame 120 including all ordnance plus torpedoes. Due to damage sustained in CGS A-TEC (3/14 1110) 5 foot sections.

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OF FRAME AND BULKHEADS ABOVE UPPERMOST STRINGER REQUIRE
STRAIGHTENING BETWEEN FRAMES 30 AND 59 AND FRAMES 72 AND
99 ON PORT SIDE.

COMINCH...ACT
BUSHEFS...CNO...OP5...JAG...OP...2OP...
NAVY...23...
IN ACCORDANCE COMNAVNAW 2 CL-43 IT IS REPORTED THAT ON MORNING MAY 9 1944 THE USS PC 558 WAS STRUCK AND SUNK BY TORPEDO FROM ENEMY SUBMARINE. TOTAL LOSS OF SHIP RESULTED. NO GOVERNMENT OR PERSONAL PROPERTY WAS SAVED. IN VIEW OF TOTAL LOSS FURTHER SUMMARY REPORT WILL NOT FOLLOW.
THIS IS CONNAVNAW. ACTION COMINCH.

PC 558 TORPHEOED AND SUNK BY SUBMARINE AT 0952.

POSITION 38-31 N 13-43 E WHILE INVESTIGATING RADAR CONTACT. TOTAL LOSS. DETAILS OF SURVIVORS TO FOLLOW.

1 COPY OP-23C
MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF TRANSPORTATION

Subject: Sinking of LST 507.

1. The Navy reports that LST 507 was sunk by torpedoes from enemy E-Boat at 30 N - 03 W (near Port Talbot in the English Channel) on 28 April. The ship was reported to be enroute to practice areas.

Casualties are reported as follows:

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LST 507 arrived in the United Kingdom with Convoy SC-155 on 3 April.

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AG of Transp. for Opns. (for Col. Nowak)
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Chief, Water Div., ODT
Casualty Branch, AGO
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N. M. OOE,
Colonel, T. C.,
Chief, Control Division.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM  SO B4 EG

RELEASED BY

DATE  5 MAY 1944

TOR CODEROOM  $5138

DECODED BY  VISSCHER

PARAPHRASED BY  TOUPASZ

ROUTED BY  BALDWIN

FOR ACTION  GINOWA

ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

PRIORITY

ROUTINE

DEFERRED

PRECEDENCE

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE UNLESS ADMINISTRATIVE.

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0976/KMS 5c FOR INFORMATION REFERENCE USS DONNEL.

HAVE 2 AMERICAN TUGS IN CONVOY DESTINATION GIBRALTAR.

BY POSITION COURSE AND SPEED 45°-51° NORTH 11-55° WEST 225 DEGREES 5 KNOTS. WEATHER 4562 8163°.

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(S.O. E.G. 2ND INFO USS HOPPING CINCLANT ADMTY CMDRE(D) WA ESCORT CONTROL LONDONDERERY CTG 21.16 FROM CINCW.)

IF NOT IN CONTACT WITH ENEMY SEND 2 SHIPS WITH BOATS TO ASSIST USS HOPPING IN TRANSFER CREW OF USS DONELLY MY O4046 REFER. USS DONELLY STOPPED IN APPROXIMATE POSITION 47-48 NORTH 19-55 WEST AT 1200 3RD.

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(USS HOPPING INFO CINC CINCLANT ADMTY COMNAVEU CMDRE(D) W.A. CTG 21.16 ES. CONTROL O. LONDONDERRY 2ND EG FROM CINCWA. ADAMSALTY PASS TO COMNAVEU.)

IN VIEW OF ALL CIRCUMSTANCES I WOULD PREFER YOU TO SINK USS DONNELL AFTER ALL PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN REMOVED TO AVOID RISK OF FURTHER CASUALTY.

2 SHIPS OF 2ND ESCORT GROUP USS MONAGHAN TO ASSIST YOU WITH THEIR BOATS TO TRANSFER CREW.
DONELL HIT BY TORPEDO 1800 Z 3RD IN FANTAIL WATERTIGHT FORWARD FRAME 124 LAT 47-49 LONG 19-55 BELIEVE SALVAGEABLE IF ESCORT AND TOW AVAILABLE. HOPING STANDING BY HAS DELIVERED 3 ATTACKS WITHOUT DEFINITE RESULTS AND IS AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS DONELL HAS NO SCREWS. 12 MISSING PLUS 15 CASUALTIES COUNT NOT YET COMPLETE. 4 ESCORTS PROCEEDING WITH 32 SHIPS.
**NAVAL MESSAGE**

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DONELLI HIT IN STERN 47-49 N 19-55 W. BELIEVE AT PRESENT WILL STAY AFLOAT. HOPPING STANDING BY. CONVOY PROCEEDING WITH 4 ESCORTS.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF TRANSPORTATION

Subject: Further Information On the PAUL HAMILTON.

1. Latest information concerning the PAUL HAMILTON advises that the vessel was seen to explode with such violence that all personnel aboard are considered lost.

2. The PAUL HAMILTON, U. S. Cargo, 2276 G/T, (Army allocated) was sunk (reported by separate memoranda 21 and 25 April) by an aerial torpedo on night of 27 April, off Algiers, when Convoy UGS-38 was attacked by enemy aircraft.

3. A summary of persons reported aboard, now considered lost, are listed below:

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**Naval Personnel and Action**

- **From:** COMAIRSOLs
- **To:** COMAIRSOPAC
- **Revised By:** COMSOPAC
- **Date:** March 30, 1944
- **Code Room:** 292147
- **Decoded By:** JOHNSON
- **Paraphrased By:** SPENCE/LURIE
- **Route By:**

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**Naval Message**

HONO I-N-T-E-R-C-E-P-T

(COMAIRSOLs SENDS ACTION COMAIRSOPAC INFO COMSOPAC CTF 31 COM 7TH FLT)

RABaul CVC29SHEEP MAJOR DILL AT 0830L APRIL 29 (WIND EAST TO BUSI BRITAIN) REPORTED 2 SHIPS LASSUL BAY 15 MILES EAST CAPE LAMBERT 1 ON REEF 1 UNDER WAY. FORMATION AT LOW ALTITUDE CLIMBED TO 6000 FEET, WAS FIRED ON BY AA FROM SHIP. MAJOR DILL AND LIEUT COCKRAN DIVED ON SHIP UNDER WAY LATTER BEING SHOT DOWN. UPON RECEIPT MAJOR DILL'S REPORT AIROP GREEN NOTIFIED "THE POSSIBLE CUNBOATS REPORTED LASSUL BAY 15 MILES EAST OF CAPE LAMBERT 1 ON REEF STRIKE IMMEDIATELY". GREEN ISLAND STRIKE AT 1430L SINKING BOTH SHIPS LIEUT (JC) J P KNIGHT BEING SHOT AT.

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DOWN. REPORTS FROM AIRCRAFT CARRIE AND JUMBO INDICATE
THIRTEEN SURVIVORS FROM PT BOAT RESCUED OFF CAPE
LAMBERT BEING RETURNED TO BASE AND THAT 2 PTS
DEPARTING GREEN 21\$\$1 RESCUE MISSION WITH JUMBO
DEPARTING 23\$\$1 TO COVER. FIGHTER COVER FOLLOWING
AT DAYLIGHT. THIS INFORMATION BEING BROADCAST 7ST,
WILL ADVISE FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS. NO INFORMATION
HERE OF PTS IN AREA OF ATTACK.

1 CCPY TO 2\$C
NSS (RADIO WASHINGTON) PASS TO COMINCH FOR ACTION. NPM (RADIO HONOLULU) PASS TO CINCPAC AND CTG 19.2 FOR ACTION, TO COMSERVPAC AND COMDESPAC FOR INFO. CDS 53 HAS BY HAND. BENHAM (DD 796) SENDS.

DAMAGE REPORT. FOLLOWING DAMAGE SUSTAINED BY BENHAM (DD796) AFTER COLLISION WITH UHLMANN (DD687) AT 2153 HWT 24 APRIL IN AREA OFF OAHU TH. VESSELS ATTACHED TASK GROUP OPERATING AS SCREEN FOR COMCARDIV 1. BOW DEFLECTED TO PORT AT AN ANGLE OF 15 DEGREES IS BUCKLED AND EXTENSIVELY DAMAGED FROM WATER LINE TO MAIN DECK BACK TO FRAME 21. EXTENT OF UNDERWATER DAMAGE UNTERMINED.

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UHLMANN ORIGINATES.

USS UHLMANN (DD 687) DAMAGED BY COLLISION WITH USS BENHAM (DD 796) DURING NIGHT MANEUVERS. PROCEEDING PEARL UNDER TOW. BOTH FIREROOMS AND FORWARD ENGINE ROOM FLOODED. HOLES BELOW WATERLINE FRAMES 75 TO 111 PORT. DAMAGES AMIDSHIP DECKHOUSE SPACES, 1 TORPEDO TUBE MOUNT, 1 40MM MOUNT, EMERGENCY RADIO, DECK WINCH, AND BOAT. ENGINEERING DAMAGES INCIDENTAL TO FLOODING. CASUALTIES 2 ENLISTED MEN KILLED, MEDICAL OFFICER AND 2 ENLISTED MEN INJURED.

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16...19...23...JAG...BUSHIPS...BUPERS...OP/e5...BUORD.
CN0...00...NAVAIDE...BUMED...200P...20E...19C...

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NAVIGATION MESSAGE

FROM: CINCPAC

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 25 APR 1944

TOR CODEROOM: 2113

DECODED BY: KIRKBRIDE

PARAPHRASED BY: KIRKBRIDE / NC COMB

ROUTED BY:

(Comairpac, Comdespac, Comservpac, Comhawseafron have info)

While acting as part of screen for Essex and San Jacinto in TG 19.2, with Comcdiv 1 as OCE, Benham (DD 788) and Uhlmann (DD 687) in collision about 0720/25 April at 20-22 N 159-02 West. 2 Dead, 3 slightly injured, Benham bow damaged to frame 30, with buckled forecastle and open shell plate, proceeding Pearl own power at 5 knots.

Uhlmann has both firerooms and number 1 engine room flooded, to extent not yet clear.

Norman Scott (DD 699) standing by Uhlmann, taking her in tow.

Fleet tugs Tekesta, Pakana departed Pearl 1100Z to assistance Uhlmann. Further details later.
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**CONFIDENTIAL**

«NEBRASKA (BRITISH) TORPEDODE 53035Z AT 11-55 S 19-53 W SEEN TO SINK DOCUMENTS OVERBOARD IN METAL BOXES. BOAT WITH CAPTAIN LANDED THIS PORT SURVIVORS FROM 2 REMAINING BOATS LANDED FREETOWN AND ARACAJU.»

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: CONDESLANT
RELEASED BY:
DATE: 16 APRIL 1944
TOR CODEROOM: 2249
DECORATED BY:
PARAPHRASED BY: HERWITZ/GIBSON
ROUTED BY: HUTCHINSON

PRECEDES: CESF

CTG 21.7 NYD NEW YORK COMINCH USS WEBER CNO
USS ENRIGHT CINCLANT

162159 NCR 232

ORIGINATE FILL IN DATE AND TIME:

REQUEST YOU DISPATCH TUG IMMEDIATELY INTERCEPT ENRIGHT. LATTER KEEP TUG INFORMED OF POSITION AND MOVEMENTS. UNDERSTAND TUG WILL BE ALLEGHENY WHICH WILL PROCEED WITHIN THE HOUR. CESF ADVISE REFER CTG 21.7 DISPATCH 161930*

*SEALED SECRET.

23........CGG

COMINCH........JAG........BUSHIPS........16........FX37

19........19C........NAVAIDE........OPDC........

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**Addressed to Comdeslant**

**Information**

CNO Cinclant, Com East Sea From NYD New York

*Unless otherwise indicated this dispatch will be transmitted with deferred precedence and as administrative.*

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(CTG 21.7 Sends.)


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CIRCLANT

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COM 2

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NYK NEW YORK

GROUP 1 AFTL C & R

CIRCLANT

OPPOPPPP

(CTG 21.7 SENDING)

USN ENRIGHT HIT ON PORT QUARTER BY PORTUGUESE

HIBERISH AT NOON AT 1612.6Z IN POSITION 37.56.6,

69-55. HIBERISH WITH HOLE IN BOX SOME PROBABLY CAUSED

BY 8 EXPLODED DEPTH CHARGES PROCEEDING TO PHILADELPHIA

AT 6 KNOTS. ENRIGHT PROCEEDING NEW YORK WITH WEATHER

STANDING BY.

WET THE 9/14 0059

WETHE WEATHER PASSED

CODE INCH...COG

FX37...JAG...23...16...19...BUSHIPS...NAVCADE

BUERS...BUOD...BI...19C...CNDC

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RELEASED BY:
DATE: 16 APRIL 1944
TOR CODEROOM: 1244
DECODER: LAWRENCE
PARAPHRASER: DUMIT/VALP/LJH
ROUTED BY: MORRIS

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GONEASTSEAFRON
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CTG 21,5 SAYS.

SS PAN PENNSYLVANIA TORPEDGED AT 1216Z POSITION
46-27 N 69-24-30 W.

1 COPY DP-22G

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TOR NCR 1941/16

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/94
CONCORDIV 58 SENDS FOR USS HOLDER VIA RDS ALCIERS.
ACTION COMINCH AND INFO COMNAVNAW.

INITIAL ESTIMATE DAMAGE CAUSED BY AERIAL TORPEDO.
2 EXPLOSIONS IN RAPID SUCCESSION ON PORT SIDE AT FRAME
78 A FEW FEET BELOW WATER LINE. MACHINERY AND BULKHEADS
IN COMPARTMENTS BETWEEN FRAMES 58 AND 99 DEMOLISHED.
MAIN AND SUPERSTRUCTURE DECK IN VICINITY OF EXPLOSION
SPLIT AND BULGED APPROXIMATELY 4 FEET. STACK BROKEN FROM
BASE. MUFFLER SPACE SMASHED. FORWARD MAST BENT. EXTENT
OF DAMAGE TO KEEL UNKNOWN UNTIL DRY DOCKED. AMPLIFYING
REPORT FOLLOWS.
FROM 7TH FLT FOR COMSUBPAC INFO COMSUBWESBRAC COMDR 7TH FLT COMINCH CINCPC.

SCAMP REPORTS SHIP BADLY DAMAGED BY BOMB HIT BALLAST TANK BY FLOAT PLANE ON 7TH. PROCEEDING EAST ALONG 24-20 N NEAR 131-20 TO EQUATOR AT 138-20. STILL GUARDING BELLS. SENDING DACE AS TEMPORARY ESCORT.
IN LATITUDE 40-21 NORTH LONGITUDE 62-36 ABOUT
1700 APRIL 7 CHAUPIN SUSTAINED FOLLOWING
DAMAGE FROM RAMMING ENEMY SUBMARINE. A-204 HOLE
FOUR FEET BY EIGHT INCHES. A-205 HOLE THREE FEET
BY SIX INCHES. BELIEVE TANKS A-4 C-4 AND C10
RUPTURED. ICE MACHINE ROOM FLOODED. COMMANDING
OFFICER WOUNDED IN LEG AND ABDOMEN. PRESENT
CONDITION SATISFACTORY. CNO INFORM INTERESTED
PARTIES.

COMINCH....COG.
23...OP05....JAG....00....NAVAIDE....200P.....
CNO...BUSHIPS....BUPERS....BURNED....BUORD.....
19...19C....FX37....20G.....
(ALUSNA CAPTAIN SENDS)

AT APPROX 10 HOURS GCT 1 APRIL AT 34-25 SOUTH 18-19 EAST SS DAHOMIAN BRITISH TORPEDOED OR MINED. NO FURTHER INFO YET.

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16...FX37...90R...20G...CNO...NAVAIDE...BADO...32....

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COMMTBRON 8 SENDS ACTION CNO INFO TO COM 7TH FLT
COMMTBRON 7TH FLT HAS INFO BY HAND.

AS RESULT BOMBING STRAFING ATTACK BY ALLIED PLANES
PT'S 121/353 DESTROYED 1240 MARCH 27 POSITION 151 EAST
25-17 SOUTH.
PT 353 BURNED AND SANK IN DEEP WATER
PT 121 EXPLODED, BURNED, CAPSIZED. PORTION OF BRD
STILL LEFT FLOATING AFTER CONSIDERABLE SHELLING WITH
47 MM AND DROPING 2 DEPTH CHARGES CLOSE ABOARD IN
ATTEMPT TO SINK. BOATS CARRIED ABK. SO RADAR.
CSP 1274 BM. EXTRACTS RECOGNITION SIGNALS FOR MARCH
26/27. NO CLASSIFIED MATTER OR EQUIPMENT BELIEVED
COMPROMISED. OTHER BOATS AND PLANES NOW MAKING FURTHER
SEARCH OF AREA. FULL REPORT FOLLOWS BY LETTER.

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CNO... ACT NO FURTHER DST UNTIL SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZ.

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1 COPY 2C G.

(CU 17 Convoy Escort of DE 325)
RESUME OF VESSELS SUNK DURING FEB.

BRITISH BY SUB: KHEDIVE ISMAIL, SAN ALVARO, PALMA, ASCOT, MARGIT, SILVERMAPLE. TOTAL 6 SHIPS OF 34375 TONS.

BRITISH BY AIRCRAFT: EL GRILLO. TOTAL 1 SHIP OF 7,264 TONS.

BRITISH BY SURFACE CRAFT: PHILLIP H. TOTAL 1 SHIPS OF 865 TONS.

BRITISH BY UNKNOWN: FORT ST. NICOLAS, TOTAL 1 SHIP OF 7154 TONS.

TOTAL BRITISH 9 SHIPS OF 50,373 TONS.

AMERICAN BY AIRCRAFT: EDWARD BATES. TOTAL 1 SHIP OF 8175 TONS.

AMERICAN BY SUB: E C. SEEBERT. TOTAL 1 SHIP OF 9181 TONS.

TOTAL AMERICAN 2 SHIPS OF 16357 TONS.

ALLIED BY SUB: CHUNG CHENG, VIVA, EPIAMONDAS C. EMBIRICOS.

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TOTAL 3 SHIPS OF 1535 TONS.

ALLIED BY LINE: ILE DE BREHAS, TOTAL 1 SHIP OF 6176 TONS.

TOTAL ALLIED 4 SHIPS OF 21535 TONS.

GRAND TOTAL 15 SHIPS OF 88765 TONS.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: USS LCI 544
RELEASED BY: 11 MARCH 1944
TOR CODEROOM: 0703
DECODED BY: WALP
PARAPHRASED BY: DUMMIT
ROUTED BY: MORRIS

DATE: 0703

COM LCI FLOT 8
COM LCI GROUP 22
COM 15
NOB KEY WEST
GULF SEAFRON CINCLANT
COMPASEAFRON COMINCH DEFERRED
P D CRISTOBAL

BERNER 100415 NCR 4421

AT 092129Z IN LAT 05-41 N LONG 81-11 W LCI(L) 544 MAIN ENGINES STOPPED DUE TO WATER IN FUEL. LCI(L) 543 STRUCK STARBOARD SIDE OF stern, PUTTING LARGE HOLE IN THEIR PORT BOX AND 3 SMALL HOLES IN stern OF 544. NO PERSONNEL CASUALTIES. UNDERWAY AT 120000Z SPEED 4 KNOTS UNTIL SEA MODERATES. WILL ADVISE INFO ADDRESSEE TIME OF ARRIVAL LATER.

COMINCH PASSED TO NCR FOR FURTHER DISTRIBUTION

BUSHP yap 23 16 19 BUPERS BUORD JAG
NAVYDE 16 CNO

TOR NCR 110957

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**NAVAL MESSAGE**

**DRAFTED BY:** COMRADE AFRON

**RELEASED BY:**

**DATE:** 07 MAR 1944

**TOR CORDEROOM:** 6708319

**DECODED BY:** BOWMAN

**PARAPHRASED BY:** ADAMS / THOMSON

**ROUTED BY:** PIPP

**ADDRESS TO:** COMMUNICATION

**FROM:** COMMUNICATION

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**URDLS 341444.**

**SS GUITARRO REPORTS AT 24-46 N 07-16 W 08002 MARCH 3**

**WHILE PROCEEDING SURFACED BASE COURSE 153 TRUE**

**ZIGZAGGING BY 165 TRUE SPEED 17.5 BEING PICKED UP BY**

**THEIR UNDERWATER SOUND GEAR BEARING 000 RELATIVE.**

**DIVE TO PERISCOPE DEPTH. OBSERVED NOTHING. LOUD SCREW**

**NOISES AUDIBLE ABOVE HIS OWN ON STARBOARD SIDE AND**

**VERY CLOSE. DIVED TO 160° DUE REPORT FROM SOUND OF**

**HIGH SPEED SCREWS POSSIBLY TORPEDO. OBJECT PASSED**

**CLOSE BY OR OVER. 2 MEN IN CONTROL ROOM CLAIM TO HAVE**

**HEARD ENEMY DIVING KLAXON. LOST CONTACT AT 0815Z.**

**REMAINED IN AREA FOR 1/2 HOUR FAILED TO REGAIN CONTACT.**

**ARK TORPEDOES OR SHOTS FIRED. ENTIRE ACTION UNDER WATER.**

**CAPTAIN CERTAIN AN ENEMY SUBMARINE.**

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ALUSNA BEYROUTH

RELEASED BY

DATE 6 MARCH 1944

TOR CODEROOM 1793

DECODER 3HOAF

PARAPHRASED BY SAMUEL

ROUTED BY HARRINGTON

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE AND AS ADMINISTRATIVE.

ALUSNA Cairo

CNO

$61027 NCR 1493

ALUSNA PASS TO JICAME. INFO CNO.

AT 1850 YESTERDAY BRITISH MOTOR LAUNCH TOTALLY DESTROYED AT BERTH IN HARBOR BY AMMUNITION AND DEPTH CHARGE EXPLOSIONS. FIRE ORIGINATED IN ENGINE ROOM AS PROBABLE RESULT OF SHORT CIRCUIT. CASUALTIES ESTIMATED DOZEN KILLED 30 WOUNDED. 1 TUG SUNK AND SEVERAL CAJUES AND MOTOR LAUNCHES DAMAGED. HARBOR INSTALLATIONS SLIGHTLY DAMAGED. FULL WRITTEN REPORT FOLLOWS AFTER INVESTIGATION.
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5 MARCH 1944

**TOR CODE ROOM**

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**DECODED BY**

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**PARAPHRASED BY**

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**ROUTED BY**

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**NAVY DEPARTMENT**

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FROM: COMNAVNAV
RELEASED BY:

DATE: 4 MARCH 1944

TOR CODEROOM: 742259
DECODED BY: KURTZ
PARAPHRASED BY: KOHOUTEK

ROUTED BY:

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(I) FROM COMNAVNAV. ACTION COMINCH CNO. INFO COM 8TH PHIB.

RECOMMEND FOLLOWING SHIPS BE STRICKEN FROM NAVY LIST: YT 198 MINED AND SUNK OFF ANZIO 18 FEBRUARY.
LCT(5) 26 DROVE IN TWO IN HEAVY SEA OFF PANZA 25 FEB
SUNK BY GUNFIRE.
LST 342 DRIVEN ON ROCKS PANZA DURING STORM THEN SANK
IN 15 FATHOMS WATER.
LCT(5) 23 DESTROYED BY FIRE AT DOME 29 APRIL 1943.
RECOMMEND INFORMATION THESE VESSELS AND VESSELS MENTIONED
COMINCH 271845 FEB NOT TO ALL BE RELEASED 31 MARCH.
NOT TO ALL.
MEMORANDUM FOR THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF:

Subject: Ship Casualties in the Anzio-Naples-Salerno Area.

1. The following compilation of ship casualties in the Anzio-Naples-Salerno Area during the period 25 January to 23 February, 1944 is furnished for the information of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

2. Total casualties, excluding marine casualties, for this period have been as follows:

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UNITED STATES FLEET
HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF
NAVY DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Serial: 00713

1 MAR 1944

Subject: Ship Casualties in the Anzio-Naples-Salerno Area.

To summarize, of the 37 vessels sunk or damaged in this area during this period, 24 were sunk or damaged by enemy air.

E. J. KING
Admiral, U.S. Navy.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: COMHAWSEAFRON
RELEASED BY
DATE: 1 MARCH 1944
TOR CODE: 1437
DECODER: REA
PARAPHRASED BY: BAKER
Routed By: HARRINGTON

ACTION COM 12 FROM COMHAWSEAFRON. INFO COMINCH CONTENTH FLTC\&R COMWESSEAFRON COMFAIRWESTCOAST CONDESPAC, CTG 12.4

213\(2/29) TG 12.4 COMPOSITION INTREPID MERTZ CAPPS
DEPARTED SPEED OF ADVANCE 18 KNOTS FOR SANFRAN VIA
(K) 24-4\(N) 152-\(W) 28-95 146-\(W)
(N) 31-4\(W) 140-\(W) 34-2\(W) 132-\(W)
(L) 37-90 125-\(W) CHOP MARCH 2ND. ETA 17\(00Z/05

ALL VESSELS GUARD NPM (RDO HONOLULU) FOX SHIFTING TO NPG (RDO SANFRAN) FOX \(0000Z/02. INTREPID SERIOUSLY DAMAGED AFT. STEERING BY ENGINES DUE LOSS RUDDER. ALL EXPLOSIVES REMOVED EXCEPTING READY SERVICE AMMUNITION. GASOLINE TANKS EMPTY AND PURGED. WILL REQUIRE PILOT AND AT LEAST 3 TUGS BEGINNING OF SWEEP CHANNEL. ADDITIONAL TUGS REQUIRED INSIDE BAY. VESSEL READY ON ARRIVAL TO ENTER DOCK IF AVAILABLE. CTG 12.4 IN INTREPID

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FROM COM 7TH FLI ATU FEBRUARY 1944
TO COM 12 NA D

FURTHER TO BY 27442

PRESIDENT GRANT STRUK JMUMA REEAT RED 13-5 KNOTS.

PERSONNEL EXCEPT 1 COMPANY DSLLSHIPS COMPLEMENT REMOVED.

CARGO BEING DISCHARGED TO LCH, 2 DATS, 1 CORVETTE.

1 PC, 1 LIBERTY SHIPS PLUS CIVILIAN SALVAGE VESSEL STANDING BY. SALVAGE PROBLEMATIC.

COMINCH... ACT.
FX37... 9... G... DUSHPES... 19... 16... BYPERS... 
SWORD... CMH...

ADD 23... (PER OCMO)

ADM. NAVAID... AG... (PER 190)

DECLASIFIED
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: COM7THFLT

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 27 FEB 1944

TOR CORDEROM: Ø555/27

DECODED BY: SMITH

PARAPHRASED BY: RIEHL

ROUTED BY: WIDMAN

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COM7THFLT SENDS ACTION COMINCH, INFO CINCPAC, CNO, COM 12 N.D., COMSOWESPACSEAFRON.

XAP

PRESIDENT GRANT ENROUTE MILNE BAY GROUNDED ULUMA REEF

POSITION 11°37' S 150°58' E; EARLY MORNING 26 FEB.

SHIP REPORTS DOUBLE BOTTOM FORWARD HALF OR SHIP PUNCHED DAMAGE TO INNER BOTTOM UNDETERMINED. SALVAGE VESSEL AND TUGS ENROUTE. SHIPS STANDING BY TO REMOVE TROOPS IF NECESSARY.

COMINCH... ACT

FX37... 39... CG... JAG... 23... BUSHIPS... 19... 16... BU... BUPERS... BUORD... CNO... Ø... NAVAGE...

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(CTG 21.9 ORIGINATOR, COM 10TH FLT C & R ACTION ADEE PASS TO COMINCH FOR INFO.)

REFER MY 26703 EL COTTON IS NOW STARTING TOWARDS BERMUDA WITH USS MARCHAND AT ABOUT 7 KNOTS. BOARDING PARTY FROM RICKETS UNABLE TO EXTINGUISH SMOULDERING FIRES IN MURFREESBORO COMPARTMENTS OVER HIGH OCTANE GASOLINE TANKS.

CTG 21.9 HAS TRANSFERRED TO RICKETS WHICH STANDS BY TANKER ATTAINING YOUR ORDER WHETHER TO REMAIN OR REJOIN CU 15. REQUEST ESCORT BE DETAILED TO RELIEVE USS MARCHAND.

FX37...ACT

COMINCH...16...28C...39...ANPB...B20...CR

23...CNO...NAVPOX...29O...19...19C...JAG...

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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RELEASED BY:
DATE: 27 FEB 1944
TOR CODEROOM: 262353
DECODED BY: KNAPP
PARAPHRASED BY: KOHOUTEK
ROUTED BY: KNIGHT

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDIcATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE AND AS ADMINISTRATIVE.

261527
NCR 5627

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27...19...19C...2W...SF...BUERS...2F...BUORD...3W...BU .SHIPS...BUSHANDA...CRS...CNO...NAV  "SECRET"

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**OPERATION**

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**FROM CTF 24.**

AT 38-10 N 51-33 W SR EL COSTON IN COLLISION WIH MURFREESBORO AND WITH USS MARCHAND 26.S 25. MURFREESBORO BURNED AND ABANDONED BUT STILL AFLOAT AT 261615. OEN UNACCOUNTED FOR. EL COSTON TAKING WATER FORWARD WITH WATERS 2 MATES AND HALF OF CREW REPORTED MISSING. EL COSTON STEERING TO EAST (EASTARD) ATTEMPTING CONTROL FLOODING. USS MARCHAND DAMAGED HULL STARBOARD ENGINE USELESS BOAT SMASHED RICKETS BE AT SCENE. REMAINDER CONVOY PROCEEDING. SORREL PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO SCENE AND ASSIST AS PRACTICABLE ADVISING ETA. TRANSMIT SEA REPORTS AS USUAL.

FX37...COG

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: COM 8TH PHIB
Released by:
Date: 21 FEB 1944
TOR Code Room: 1246/21
Decoded by: MEYER
Paraphrased by: HULSER/WJR/KOHOUTE
Routed by: MURRIS

TO: COMNAVNAV
ADDRESSEE: COMINCH
CHI
CHIO
COM US LCT (5) Flot 12
COM US LCT (5) 34c

INFORMATION:

ACTION

COMNAVNAV INFO COMINCH CNO CINCHED COM US LCT (5) Flot 12, CO US LCT (5) 34c. COM 8TH PHIB SENDS

US LCT (5) 34c parted tow line and abandoned in heavy seas 191155A. Later broached on PT Croce Pantellaria. All salvageable parts removed. Wreck hauled off by USS Narragansett and sunk by gunfire 36-49-45 North 11-55-50 East. Should be stricken from Navy Register. No personnel casualties.

COMINCH...COG
16...19...23...JAC...USHIPS...SUPERS...SWORD...
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INTERCEPT

AM SENDING 2 DESTROYERS, STEMBEL AND STEPHEN POTTER, ON AHEAD TO ARRIVE SANDBOLT At 0630Y 19TH. REQUEST THEY BE FUELED IMMEDIATELY IN ORDER TO REJOIN NORTH OF ENTRANCE AT 1100. INTREPID UNMANAGEABLE AT SPEEDS LESS THAN 2. HEAD WINDS WILL DELAY ARRIVAL REMAINDER TASK UNIT AT MAJURO UNTIL DAYLIGHT 20TH.

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- COMCRUPAC
- CONSERVFORPAC
- CONCRUDIV 13
- COMINCH & CNO
- COMM NYMI
- COM 12

**INFORMATION**

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**BIRMINGHAM ORIGINATOR. NPM PASS TO CINCPAC FOR ACTION COMCRUPAC CONSERVFORPAC CONCRUDIV 13 FOR INFO. NSS PASS COMINCH CNO. BY HAND TO COMM NYMI. NFX PASS TO COM 12 ALL INFO.**

**CL**

**BIRMINGHAM IN COLLISION WITH SS MANUKAI 1938T 7 FEBRUARY OFF POER 32 SAN FRANCISCO. MARE ISLAND PROCEEDING WITH REPAIRS. ESTIMATE EXTENSION REF 7 DAYS INCLUDING DOCKING PRB NOT YET HELD. NO INJURY PERSONNEL.**
CTF 39 HAS BY HAND.

BELIEVES DAMAGE DUE INTERNAL EXPLOSION ORIGINATOR UNDETERMINED. STEERING ENGINE OUT OF COMMISSION.

COMPT C295L, C297 DEMOLISHED. MAIN DECK BULGED 18 INCHES MAXIMUM FRAME 185 TO STERN OIL SPRINKLED. 3 AFTER 20 MM'S SHIELD STARBOARD DEPTH CHARGE RACKS BEYOND REPAIR. Q AND N DEGAUSSING COILS ARE DAMAGED.

DIVERS REPORT NO APPARENT UNDERWATER DAMAGE.

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200P...NAVALDE...10...CNO...BUORD...23.....

BUSHIPS...ØPØ.....

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF TRANSPORTATION

Subject: LST-228 and Cargo a Total Loss.

1. The Navy advises that the LST-228 (Navy owned and operated) and her cargo are now beyond salvage. The LST-228 parted cables and grounded at Val Point, Angra Bay, Terceira Island, Azores, on 20 January (reported by separate memorandum 24 January with troop and cargo summaries attached). Salvage operations delayed by storms were definitely halted when ship caught fire 28 January. No casualties were reported.

2. The LST-228 sailed from Hampton Roads 5 January for the Azores in Convoy UGS-29, carrying 151 U.S. Troops and 1,213 measurement tons of Army Cargo.

3. The New York and Hampton Roads Ports of Embarkation and Stock Control Division, ASF, have been notified in order to expedite action on replacement of cargo lost if such is determined necessary.

LUKE W. FINLAY,
Lt. Colonel, T. C.,
Chief, Control Division.

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30 January

Naval Losses During Shingle:

UNITED STATES:

* PORTENT (Minesweeper) —- Mined and Sunk
LCI-20 (Infantry Landing Craft) —— Bombed and beached
PLUNKETT (Destroyer) —— Bombed and Damaged
MAYO (Destroyer) —— Mined and Damaged
PREVAIL (Minesweeper) — Damaged by near bomb miss
* YMS 30 (Small Minesweeper) — Mined and Sunk
* LCI(L)-32 (Large Infantry Landing Craft) — Mined and Sunk
* BOWNOW (Destroyer) — Damaged in air attack.

GREAT BRITAIN:

PALOMARES (Fighter Direction Ship) —— Mined and Damaged
* JANUS (Destroyer) —— Glider bombed and sunk
* JERVIS (Destroyer) —— Glider bombed and damaged
LST 422 (Tank Landing Ship) —— Mined and gutted by fire
LST 366 " " " —— Badly damaged by bombs.
* SPARTAN (Light Cruiser; 5770 Tons; Launched 1942) —— Bombed & sunk.

In addition to the above losses, 1 LCI (Infantry Landing Craft) and 11 LCT's (Tank Landing Craft), were beached near Anzio by bad weather. Also, "moderate" damage was been caused among the landing craft by German bombing attacks on Anzio, but the damage was not further specified.
USS PLUNKETT

RELEASED BY
27 JANUARY 1944

TOR CODEROOM
TOUSIGNANT

DECODED BY
MITCHELL/ROBERTS

PARAPHRASED BY
ROLL

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THIS FROM PLUNKETT TO COMINCH CINCLANT FOR ACTION. INFO COMINCH CINCLANT COMDESLANT COMDESRON 7 CTF 81 AND VICE OPNAV.

INITIAL ESTIMATE DAMAGE FROM BOMB HIT ON 1.1 GUN PLATFORM: 36 INCH SEARCHLIGHT, 1.1 GUN, NUMBER 5 20 MM GUN MISSING. LOADING MACHINE, NUMBER 6 20 MM GUN, SUPERSTRUCTURE FROM FRAME 126 TO 152 AND EMERGENCY RADIO ROOM DESTROYED. 28 FOOT HOLE IN DECK AT FRAME 133. NUMBER 2 GENERATOR DEACIDATING TANK DESTROYED. AFTER ENGINE ROOM AND MACHINERY BADLY DAMAGED. DECAUSING EQUIPMENT AND AFTER SWITCH BOARD DESTROYED. NO COMPARTMENTS FLOODED. AFTER STACK AND UPTAKES RIDDLED. STEAM LINES DOWN AND RUPTURED IN AFTER ENGINE ROOM. ALL ELECTRICAL WIRING AFT REQUIRES RENEWAL. ALL K GUNS DAMAGED. FORWARD BULKHEAD OF AFTER ENGINE ROOM

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SPRUNG A TO W 160 RPM ON STARBOARD ENGINE WITHOUT EXCESSIVE VIBRATION.

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JAG...

TOR NCR 27134B
MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF TRANSPORTATION

Subject: Grounding of LST-226

1. The Navy reports the LST-226 (Navy owned and operated) aground at Val Point, Angra Bay, Terceira Island, Azores (36°38' N - 27°31'W) on 20 January 1944. Vessel parted her cables and drifted ashore holding both engine rooms. May not certain vessel can be floated but a tug is standing by to tow her to Praia Bay where the chances for cargo salvage will be better. Since no mention was made concerning casualties and as vessel was due Azores on 17 January and mishap occurred while at anchor it may be presumed that the Army personnel aboard, who were bound for the Azores, were debarked earlier.

2. The LST-226 sailed from Hampton Roads 5 January for the Azores in Convoy UGS-29 carrying 151 U.S. Troops and 1213 M/T of Army Cargo.

3. Troop and cargo summary attached.

LUKE W. FINLAY,
Lt. Colonel, T.C.,
Chief, Control Division.

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**LST-226 - Troop and Cargo Summary**

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USS HAMMANN RAMMED BY CROUCH AT NOB NORFOLK PIER.
1 MAIN FRAME BADLY SPRUNG 1 BENT. 21 INTERMEDIATE FRAMES BENT. DAMAGE TO PORT SUPERSTRUCTURE. POSSIBLE FURTHER DAMAGE UNDETERMINED NOW. PRESENT ESTIMATE COMPLETION TEMPORARY REPAIRS 1800/24TH.

COMINCH....ACT
19....19C......
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ADD....23.....BUSHIPS.....ADD JAG.....BUORD.....
CNO.....∅.....NAVAIDE....

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MY 301821 LATEST FROM ARMY SOURCES ON ELNA WRECK SURVEY SHOWS VESSEL ON ROCKS WITH STERN SUBMERGED AND PROBABLY BROKEN UNDER BRIDGE. ESTIMATED EACH STORM WILL CAUSE MORE DAMAGE. SALVAGE OF EITHER VESSEL OR CARGO DURING WINTER CONSIDERED IMPRACTICABLE BY ARMY SURVEY PARTY.

FX37...ACT
16...19...23...JAC...EUS:IPS...NAVTADE...
OP-35G...CO:INCH...39...COAST GUARD...28...
DUPERS...DUERD...CHO...14...

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF TRANSPORTATION

Subject: Survivors of the CAPE SAN JUAN.

1. A radio from New Caledonia, dated to-day, gives the following revised list of the survivors of U.S. Troops which were aboard the U.S. Troopship CAPE SAN JUAN when she was torpedoed and sunk 13 November at 22 S - 178 W (near Fiji Islands), (reported by separate memoranda 12, 15 and 17 November).

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**HMS Tweed on A/S Sweep Torpedoed at 1613 7 January in Position 44-18 N 21-17 W. Sank at 1615. Tweed, Nene, Waskesiu in line abreast from port to starboard, distance 2 miles. Speed 13. A/S Search Red 80° to Green 80° Mean Line of Advance. No change in speed on gaining contact.**

**ACI 138 Para 20 not complied with due to insufficient time. Consorts reduced 7 knots. Tweed 15 degrees in turn at time of explosion. Explosion indicates probably non-contact pistol. First echo believed fish former echo at 1612 at 1000 yards bearing 120° degrees Green. Ship hit at break of quarter deck aft starboard side. Wind and sea 2 with 1/2 mile visibility. Waskesiu gained contact, attacked, but no evidence of kill.**

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TOR CODEROOM 439/6
DECOR por ROSENTHAL
PARAPHRASED BY ROSENTHAL
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COM 12TH FLEET TO COM 12TH FLEET

CINC MEDS 041701A TO ADMIRALTY REPORTS

THE DESTROYERS HOLCOMBE AND TYNEDEALE TORPEDOED
AND SUNK WHILE HUNTING U BOAT ON 12 DECEMBER.
LOST ALMOST CERTAINLY DUE TO U BOAT ATTACK WITH
GREAT TORPEDOES. INQUIRY IN UK INTO TECHNICAL
ASPECTS APPEARS DESIRABLE AS THE FACTS CONCERNING
THE LOSS OF THEIR SHIPS ARE CLEARLY ESTABLISHED.
NAVAL MESSAGE
NAVY DEPARTMENT

FROM: COM 7TH FLT
RELEASED BY:
DATE: 6 JAN 44
TOR CODE ROOM: 962826
DECODED BY: YORK
PARAPHRASED BY: THOMSON
ROUTED BY: HILL

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COM 7TH FLT SENDS ACT COMINCH INFO GNO.

REGRET REPORT PT 145 DESTROYED BY BURNING
AND FRIENDLY GUNFIRE TO PREVENT CAPTURE BY
ENEMY AFTER SHE HAD BEEN PUSHED BROADSIDE ON
A REEF BY SURF WHILE PURSUING ENEMY BARGE NIGHT
OF JAN 4 NEAR MINDIRI (POLMERN BAY) NEW GUINEA.
ALL CLASSIFIED EQUIPMENT DESTROYED AND PAPERS
BURNED, ALL PERSONNEL SAFE.

COMINCH...ACT
23...19...19C....

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: USS TRIPOLI

RELEASED BY: 5 JAN 44

TOR CODE/ROOM: 1021

DECODED BY: STONE

PARAPHRASED BY: STONE

ROUTED BY: HILL

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CVE

TRIPOLI DAMAGED BY GASOLINE FIRE ON WATER STARBOARD SIDE WHILE ALONGSIDE PIER REPAIR BASE SAN DIEGO. EXTERNAL DAMAGE TO RADIO ANTENNAE, SUPERSTRUCTURE WIRING RIGGING, FORWARD 40 MM GUNS AND DIRECTOR. NO INTERNAL DAMAGE. 1 FATALITY. ESTIMATE REPAIRS REQUIRE EXTENSION AVAILABILITY ABOUT 7 DAYS TO JANUARY 14.

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TOR NCR 1412/95

23...BISHIPS...2PM...19...19C...31...OP-83....

NAVAlDE...(BUORD...SUBERS...CNO....

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**NAVAL MESSAGE**

**FROM**: AP0 2
**ADDRESSES**: COM INCH, COM 7TH FLEET
**FOR ACTION**: PRIORITY
**PRIORITY**: COM 1ST FLEET, COMSERFORSWESTPAC, COM APO FLOT 7
**ADDRESS NUMBER**: 041927

**TOR CODEROOM**: BERNER
**DECODED BY**: C STRONG
**PARAPHRASED BY**: 
**ROUTED BY**: 

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**ORIGINATOR**: Fill in date and time:

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**ACTION**: F-0
**DATE**: 4 JANUARY 1944

**TIME**: 20

(CompHib Pass COM APO FLOT 7 Info)

APC 2 Damaged on 21 Nov 155L December by enemy bombing. Estimated damaged seams in after part sprung by near misses causing serious leakage. Main engine jolted out of alignment with shaft. Rudder sluggish. Under water damage can only be ascertained by docking.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM COMDESRON 19

RELEASED BY

DATE JANUARY 3, 1943

TOR Coderoom 1809

DECODED BY DE LA MATYR

PARAPHRASED BY STRICKLAND

ROUTED BY

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CINCLANT COMINCH

OP OP OP OP OP DEFERRED

DESLANT ADMIN NY NEW YORK

COMDESLANT COMEASTSEAFRON

OP OP OP DEFERRED

USS TURNER SANK AT ABOUT 0750 Q AFTER APPARENT EXPLOSION AND FIRE UNDETERMINED ORIGIN WHILE AT ANCHOR IN APPROXIMATE POSITION 3.5 MILES 322 DEGREES FROM AMROSE LIGHT IN ABOUT 45 FEET OF WATER. WATER OVER WRECK 7 FEET.

ORIGINAL EXPLOSION ESTIMATED DIRECTLY AFT NUMBER 2 GUN OCCURRED AT 0616 QUEEN. SUBSEQUENT EXPLOSIONS ONE MAJOR CAUSED FINAL SINKING. SUBMARINE ACTION CONSIDERED UNLIKELY ALTHOUGH SEARCH INSTITUTED. POSSIBILITY OF MINE. MY CURRENT BELief THAT CAUSE WAS MOST LIKELY INTERNAL EXPLOSION AND PROBABLY MOUSETRAP AMMUNITION ABAFT NUMBER TWO UPPER HANDLING ROOM. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS UNKNOWN. PILOT BOATS BELIEVED TO HAVE RESCUED SOME.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: COM 3

RELEASED BY:

DATE: 3 Jan 1944

TOR CORDEROOM: 031535

DECODED BY: YOUNG

PARAPHRASED BY: YOUNG

ROUTED BY: SOBEL

OP
PRIVILEGE
PRIORITY
ROUTINE
DEFERRED

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

1943 7:20 T.S.

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F 3 TO CINCLANT COMINCH COMDESRON 19 FOR INFO AS 031502.

TUBOROXL DEGREES THREE AND ONE HALF MILES FROM

AMBR0SE. NO DATA ON SURVIVORS. COAST GUARD PATROL

REPORTED HE BELIEVED ABOUT FIFTY ON PILOT BOAT

COMINCH...COG

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PASS TO NECESSARY PARTIES
(PASS TO COM 3 AS O312Q5 FOR INFO TO CINCLANT, COMINCH, COMDESLANT.)

AT O750Q TURNER AFTER LARGE EXPLOSION
TURNED OVER ON STARBOARD SIDE AND SANK
LAT 40-29.5 LONG 73-52.

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NAVY MESSAGE
FROM CTF 64
RELEASED BY
DATE 3 JAN 1944
TOR CODE ROOM 031539
DECODED BY GOLDEN
PARAPHRASED BY GOLDEN
ROUTED BY SOBEL

OP 0P OP
PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED
OP 0P OP PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED

931440 NCR 7830

PASS AS NECESSARY.
PASSED BY COM 3 FOR INFO TO CINCLANT COMINCH
COMDES LANT AS 931442

USS TURNER APPARENTLY CAUGHT FIRE
AT 1616 FURTHER DETAILS LATER
SHIP ANCHORED ABOUT 3 MILES NORTH OF AMBROSE.

COMINCH...COG

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DURING LANDING SAIDOR JANUARY 2ND AT 1600 L SMITH AND HUTCHINSON COLLIDED. SMITH HAS FOLLOWING DAMAGE.
SIDE PLATING AND MAINDECK AND FRAMES 3FT OF FRAME 185 BUCKLED COMPARTMENT D311V FLOODED D212A OPEN TO SEA. DEGAUSSING COILS M AND Q CUT. 2 DEPTH CHARGE RACKS SMOKE SCREEN GENERATOR AND PYROTECHNIC LOCKER MISSING. SPEED NOT REDUCED.
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TOR NCR: 640924 NCR DISTRIBUTION:

COMINCH....ACT 0P23.....BUShIPS...16...19....
NAV...ADE.JAG...BUPERS...BUORD...CNO...ØØ.....

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF TRANSPORTATION

Subject: Survivors of the ROHMA.

1. A radio from Algiers, received to-day, gives the following revised list of the survivors of U.S. Troops and American Red Cross which were aboard the British Troopship ROHMA when she sank from enemy air attack 26 November off Bougie, Algeria, (reported by separate memorandum 27 and 29 November).

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<th>FORCE - ORGANIZATION</th>
<th>ABOARD</th>
<th>SURVIVORS</th>
<th>MISSING OR DEAD</th>
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<td>30 763</td>
<td>19 280</td>
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<td>Total Troops</td>
<td>92 1,889</td>
<td>66 900</td>
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<td>7 4</td>
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The high casualty list is reported due to darkness, a heavy sea and the initial bomb damage. Six rescue vessels were present and adequate life saving equipment was aboard.

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Lt. Colonel, T. C.,
Chief, Control Division.
MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL STARR:

Subject: Additional information on the JOHN P. GAINES.

1. Information just received indicates that 11 men (7 U.S. Army Enlisted Men, 3 Civilian Crew and 1 Navy Enlisted Man) are still missing from the JOHN P. GAINES, U.S. Cargo, 7,276 G.T., which was grounded (reported in separate memorandum 25 November) in Alaskan waters on 25 November. These men are reported in a powered life boat and the Navy is hopeful of their rescue.

2. Survivors are listed as follows:

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<td>5</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>WM. L. THOMPSON (Due Seattle 3 Dec.)</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td><strong>5</strong></td>
<td><strong>2</strong></td>
<td><strong>25</strong></td>
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3. The JOHN P. GAINES is now reported breaking up against beach of Big Koniag Island, Shumagin Islands (95 W - 159 W) with only the mast and deckhouse above water. The sea is very rough, and prospects of salvage are virtually nil.

For the Chief of Transportation:

LUKE W. FINLAY,
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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL SIKER:

Subject: Additional Information Regarding Loss of the ROHMA.

1. The ROHMA, reported Saturday as bombed and sunk 26 November off Djidaa off (between Algiers and Bone), carried the following U.S. personnel, bound for CBI:

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<td>Total</td>
<td>92</td>
<td>1889</td>
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2. The ROHMA sank within one-half hour after being hit. The bomb damage, supplemented by heavy seas and darkness which hampered rescue work, resulted in approximately half of the personnel becoming casualties according to preliminary estimate. This information was received from HQ AFGH ALGIERS. Identification of the casualties by unit is expected as soon as that information can be assembled and dispatched.

For the Chief of Transportation:

LUKE W. FINDLAY,
Lt. Colonel, T. C.,
Chief, Central Division.
MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL STYER:

Subject: Additional data regarding loss of the ROMHA.

1. The ROMHA, British troopship, which was sunk 26 November off Djidjelli (reported by previous memoranda 27 and 29 November) was hit amidship by a glider bomb and the resultant explosion set the ship on fire.

2. There were 2,202 personnel aboard composed of:

- 92 U.S. Officers
- 1,889 U.S. Enlisted Men
- 7 Civilians
- 214 Crew

A total of 894 survivors have been accounted for leaving 1,308 missing. Units are being regrouped at Bizerte for transshipment to destination.

3. Adequate life saving equipment was reported aboard ship.

For the Chief of Transportation:

LUKE R. FINLAY,
Lt. Colonel, T. C.,
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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL STIER:

Subject: Sinking of the ROHMA.

1. Paraphrase of radio from Algiers, just received, states:

"Off Djudjali (between Algiers and Bone) 26 November at 1730 ROHMA carrying 92 Officers, 1299 Enlisted Men and 7 Civilians enroute India was bombed and sunk. Survivors will be staged at North Africa until transshipment is arranged."

2. The Navy reports the ROHMA was hit and taken in tow 1700 26 November.

3. The ROHMA, British Troopship, 8600 G/T, was enroute from Oran to India in KMF-26 and is reported to be carrying U.S. Troops. An effort is being made to secure details and further report will be made as soon as additional information is received.

For the Chief of Transportation:

LUKE W. FINLAY,
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