MR 420, Sec. 3 — ATTACKS AND SINKINGS OF ALLIED WARSHIPS
Nov-Dec, 1944

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(HALF MOON AVP 26 SENTS FOR ORIGINATOR USS GANSEVOORT
ACTION COMINCH CINCPAC COM 7TH FLT CTF 78 CTF 75
INFO COMSERFOPAC COMHEEDRONSOWESPAC COMDESPAC
COMDESRON 14)

DAMAGE RECEIVED USS GANSEVOORT (DD 608) RESULT SUICIDE
PLANE CRASH MINDORO 15501 30 DECEMBER BETWEEN FRAMES
110 AND 115. AFTER FIRE ROOM TOTALLY DEMOLISHED.
AFTER ENGINEROOM DAMAGE NOT KNOWN DUE FLOODING BOTH
COMPARTMENTS TO WATERLINE FROM 8 FOOT BY 8 FOOT HOLE
IN HULL PORT SIDE FRAME 120. BULKHEADS FORWARD ENGINE-
ROOM AND COMPT C 201 L NOT BADLY DAMAGED AND HOLDING
WELL. PERMANENT LIST 6 DEGS TO STARBOARD. NO STEAM

ELECTRICITY AVAILABLE. FORWARD ENGINE ROOM SHAFT
SPRUNG. 12 FOOT SQUARE HOLE FRAME 180 PORT ABOVE

WATERLINE. MAIN DECK TOTALLY DEMOLISHED BETWEEN FRAMES
110 AND 129. PAY ACCOUNTS SERVICE RECORDS CLASSIFIED

MATTER TRANSFERRED TO USS WILSON. SHIP NOT HABITABLE.
PERSOMNEL BLUE BEACH. DD 608 ANCHORED 12-21 NORTH

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121-02 EAST. CO BELIEVES IMPRACTICABLE TO TOW UNTIL DOCKING POSSIBLE. RECOMMENDS STRIPPING TO SUPPLY SHIPS PRESENT AND ARMY, AND LEAVING AT ANCHOR AND POSSIBLE LATER SALVAGE. 22 MEN MISSING TO DATE.
CTF 77 SENDS TO COMINCH INFO COM 7TH FLEET.

LST 469 SUNK RESULT ENEMY ACTION 21 DECEMBER.
LST 754 DAMAGED BY ENEMY TORPEDO 28 DECEMBER LATER SUNK BY OUR GUNFIRE. ALL THIS IN PHILIPPINES. MAY BE ANNOUNCED WITHOUT PREJUDICE.
NAVAL MESSAGE

DRATER
CINCPAC

RELEASED BY

DATE
30 DEC 44

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COMINCH (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESS

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(FROM CINCPAC TO COMINCH AND CNO ACTION AND INFO TO CONSEVENTHFLT)

RECOMMEND YOU RELEASE.

SUGGEST THAT AS FOLLOWS

"3 DESTROYERS OF THE US PACIFIC FLEET SANK AT SEA IN THE CENTRAL PACIFIC ON 17 DECEMBER 1944 WEST LONGITUDE DATE AS THE RESULT OF AND DURING A TYPHOON.

THE SHIPS LOST WERE THE USS HULL, LIEUTENANT COMMANDER JAMES ALEXANDER MARKS, USN, AGED 29, COMMANDING OFFICER, THE USS SPENCE, LIEUTENANT COMMANDER JAMES PAUL ANDREA, USN, COMMANDING OFFICER, AND THE USS MONAGHAN, LIEUTENANT COMMANDER FLOYD BRUCE GARRETT JUNIOR, USN, AGED 29, COMMANDING OFFICER.

THE COMMANDING OFFICER, 4 OTHER OFFICERS AND 49 MEN OF THE HULL WERE RESCUE.

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2/4 of the personnel of the Spence, including 1 officer of the Supply Corps, were saved.

6 of the personnel of the Monaghan were rescued.

The figures on survivors are the best obtainable to date and searches for additional survivors are continuing.

An investigation is in progress.

NOTE: RECEIVED RESTRICTED. RECLASSIFIED SECRET ACCORDING TO CONTENT.
MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL PARK:

General Marshall has requested that the following report just received in the War Department be passed on to the President:

"As reported in this morning's summary, the troop ship SS LEOPOLDVILLE was torpedoed and sunk three miles off Cherbourg. It was actually torpedoed at 1754 Z on the 24th of December and sank at 2000 Z. There were 2,255 personnel on board. There have been 1,144 survivors picked up in good condition. There are 632 members in the hospital. 256 bodies have been recovered. There are still 223 missing. This ship was carrying elements of the 66th Inf. Division."

H. M. PASCO,
Lt. Col., General Staff,
Acting Secretary, General Staff.

No other significant news to report.
NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER: CINCPAC

EXTENSION NUMBER:

ADDRESSEES: CINCPAC

ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE: COMHAWSEAFRONS

FOR ACTION: CINCPAC

COMHAWSEAFRONS

SCO FW; AREA GENPAC

COMMISION; CTF 17

ADV HQ SWPA LEYTE

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(CNB MANUS SENDS.)

NASHVILLE DEPARTED MANUS FOR PEARL VIA ROUTE ANTHONY

600 25TH. TIMES 2. SOA 18. ETA 1800 2ND JANUARY.

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TOR NCR 2205/25

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FROM CINCCWA ACTION GB 7 A INFO COM 10TH FLT C&R ADMIRALTY ACIC CINCCWA NSHQ CDRE (D) WA HQCC FONF

MY 241412 HMCS CLAYOQUOT SANK 64 SURVIVORS HAVE BEEN PICKED UP

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16...20G...FX37...BAD...CNO...NAVAIDE...NMCS.......

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CINCPAC SEDS TOP SECRET ACTION COMINCH AND HANDS INFO COM 3RD FLEET.

SIX SURVIVORS RECOVERED FROM HMONOCHAN STATE SHE CAPSIZED AND REMAINED AFOAT ABOUT ONE HALF HOUR THEREAFTER.

YOUR 211822. COM 3RD FLT 211818.

COMINCH COPIES 1 THROUGH 8.

ACTION F-30
(COM MTBRON 7TH FLT SENDS. ACTION CNO INFO COM MTBRON 16)

PT 300 TOTALLY DESTROYED BY COMBUSTION WITH ENEMY

SUICIDE PLANE AT 1600 ON 13 DECEMBER 300 YARDS OFF GUIMOT POINT MINDORO PHILIPPINE ISLANDS. BOAT BROKE IN TWO STERN SINKING IMMEDIATELY IN 6 FATHOMS. BOW SECTION BURNT AND SANK EIGHT HOURS LATER. NO REGISTERED PUBLICATIONS ABOARD. NO COMPROMISE OF RADAR OR ABK. 4 KILLED, 4 MISSING, 6 WOUNDED. NO EQUIPMENT SAVED.

COMINCH ACT.

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Top Secret Dispatch

From: COM 3RD FLT

Released by:

Date: 25 December 1944

TOR Coderook: 0730

Decoded by: McCLELLAN

Paraphrased by: LYNN

Checked by: DITTOED

Routed by:

For Action: CINCPAC

Address to: CINCPAC

Asterisk (*): Mailgram Address

Precedence: PRIORITY

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Routine: ROUTINE

Deferred: DEFERRED

Basegram: BASEGRAM

Information: COMINCH

Priority: PRIORITY

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Refer COMINCH and CNO 221630. Complete report in course of preparation. TF 38 made rendezvous with TG 30.8 on 17 December to refuel preparatory to Luzon strikes on U plus 4 to U plus 6 inclusive. Refueling prevented 17th by rough seas. No storm warning received from any source until CHANDCEULS 170155 (received 1424) but fleet personnel had suspected presence of incipient tropical storm to eastward by 1300 on 17th. Best first estimate of prospective storm movement was to northwest with eventual recurving to northeast. In view of fleets U plus 5 commitment and estimate of storms movements fleet steamed toward west. By 0500 18th it appeared...
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That storm was recurving to left instead of right and course was changed to Southward to get south of storm track and into waters where fueling could be accomplished. Still no Helpful data other than from forces in company.

At 0800 18th continuing observations and estimates confirmed belief that Typhoon had formed and was moving westward toward fleet. Fueling was discontinued and Commander 3rd Fleet directed the fleet to continue to the south. Speed to Southward could not be increased due to low fuel in DD's and also to Dangerous rolling of CVL's and CVE's. Courses were also restricted by rolling.

By late forenoon it appeared that the fleet would be south of Typhoon center when it passed but speed of center had increased to 20-25 knots and it was a close race.

Typhoon center passed about 30 miles north of New Jersey (Fleet

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Gusts to 93 knots were observed in New Jersey.

Fires in CVL hangar decks were presumably caused by runaway planes although detailed reports have not yet been received. The foundering of 3 destroyers is a matter of utmost military concern as well as sorrow for the loss of gallant officers and men and requires exhaustive investigation. Preliminary information indicates the spencer rudder jammed hard right before rolling over. Other damage was for the most part normal and a matter for regret rather than concern.

It is probable that winds of terrific intensity with seas in proportion were encountered in the center of the typhoon. The three lost DD were proceeding with a fueling group astern of the fleet and undoubtedly were run down by the center.
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Every effort was made to locate survivors while at the same time the force refueled and endeavored to deliver a strike on Luzon in accordance with 3rd Fleet obligations.

Failure to avoid the typhoon was due to

(A) No information from outside sources as to its existence or as to its movement after its existence was known.

(B) Proximity of storms birth place to position of Fleet.

(C) Erratic movement of storm compared to available history of December typhoons.

(D) Inability from available data to estimate typhoon position and movement until 0600 16th at which time the fleet was already caught in a precarious location.

(E) Low fuel following 3 days sustained strikes on Luzon and interrupted fueling on the 17th and bad rolling precluding high

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**SPEED ESCAPE.**

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PRELIMINARY AND INCOMPLETE REPORT ON STORM DAMAGE TO 3RD FLT 18-19 DECEMBER. HULL (DD355) AND SPENCE (DD512) CAPSIZED. SURVIVORS 41 AND 24 RESPECTIVELY. EXTENSIVE SEA AND AIR SEARCH CONTINUED THROUGH 22ND.

MONAGHAN (DD354) HAS NOT BEEN HEARD FROM SINCE RECEIPT OF AN INTERCEPTED DISPATCH AT 0545(1)/19 STATING SHE WAS TURNING TO A SOUTHERLY COURSE. COMDESRON 1 IN DEWEY (DD349) REPORTED THAT WHILE ON SAME COURSE DEWEY ROLLED MORE THAN 72 DEGREES TO STARBOARD THOUGH HEAVILY BALLASTED TO PORT. MONAGHAN BELIEVED LOST. BOARD OF INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONVENED.

4 CVL RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE STRUCTURAL DAMAGE. BELIEVE CAROT (CVL28) COMPENS (CVL25) AND SAN JACINTO (CVL36) CAN BE REPAIRED AT ULITHI BY ACTION-F-30.

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CANNABALIZING MONTEREY (CVL26) WHICH WAS MORE SEVERELY DAMAGED BY HANGAR FIRE DURING HEIGHT OF STORM AND WHICH WILL RETURN TO PEARL OR WEST COAST FOR REPAIRS.

4 CVE DAMAGED. NEHEMIAH RAY (CVE74) REPORTS DECK LIFTED SLIGHTLY BUT IS CONTINUING TO OPERATE AS ESCORT CARRIER. ALTAMAHA (CVE18) HAD DECK SWEEP CLEAR OF PLANES AND LOST SEVERAL AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AS DID CAPE ESPERANCE (CVE82). SOMEWHAT LESS DAMAGE TO KINJALEIN (CVE89). BELIEVE ALL THESE 3 TRANSPORT CVE'S CAN BE MADE OPERATIVE IN TIME FOR NEXT OPERATION.

7 DD AND 4 DE SUFFERED CONSIDERABLE HULL DAMAGE. ESTIMATE PERHAPS HALF OF THESE CAN BE MADE READY FOR SERVICE AT ULITHI. FLEET OLIERs AT SEA SUFFERED SOME DAMAGE BUT CAN BE MADE READY TO CARRY OUT THEIR TASKS.
EXTENSIVE RADAR AND RADIO DAMAGE SUSTAINED BY SHIPS MENTIONED AND MANY OTHERS. PROVISIONS ARE UNDERWAY TO EFFECT ESSENTIAL REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS AT ULIITI.
LST 359 TORPEDOED AT 11362/20 POSIT 42-04N 19-08W.
FOGG TORPEDOED AT 11512 WHILE PROCEEDING TO ATTACK.
LEE FOX UNTIL 1648 AND IRA JEFFERY UNTIL 2035
ASSISTED BY PLANES FROM AZORES CONDUCTED SEARCH.
RESULTS NEGATIVE THEN RELIEVED BY CTG 27.5
LST 359 2 ENLISTED MISSING 98 ENLISTED INCLUDING
4 INJURED AND 7 OFFICERS SURVIVED. FOGG REPORTED
14 MISSING 4 INJURED ALL ENLISTED. SURVIVORS OF
LST 359 AND 65 ENLISTED FROM FOGG INCLUDING ALL
INJURED NOW IN MATTOLIM. FOGG NOW BEING TOWED BY
CHINABERRY AND LT 643 LCI'S 419 AND 542 SALVONIA
WHO JOINED 22ND FROM AZORES IN COMPANY IN CASE RESCUE NEEDED. IRA JEFFERY ESCORTING GROUP TO HORTA. LST 359 BROKE IN 2 AT 1752Z AND BELIEVED SUNK. CTG 27.4 IN LEE FOX WITH CONVOY. ESTIMATE CROSS 30-00W AT 1600Z/23/

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KING TO WINITZ AND HALSEY EYES ONLY.

WHEN CONVENIENT AND NOT TO INTERFERE WITH MAJOR CURRENT OPERATIONS I NEED TO KNOW THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH CAUSED OPERATING UNITS OF 3RD FLEET TO ENCOUNTER TYPHOON WHICH RESULTED IN THE LOSS AND CRIPPLING OF SO MANY COMBATANT SHIPS.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: USS FOGG

RELEASED:

DATE: 22 DECEMBER 1944

TOR CODEROOM: 2025/22

DECODED BY: MCCOLELLAN

TYPE: C GREEN THOMSON

ROUTED BY: ADMIRALTY

ADDRESSEES: CINCLANT COMDESLANT COM10THFLT CESF COMCORTDIV 12 COMUSNAFORS AZORES SBNO AZORES NOIC HORTA FOGMA CINCWA ADMIRALTY

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME:

ACTION: COMINCH COMTASKGROUP 27.4. FOR INFO CINCLANT COMDESLANT COM10THFLT CESF COMCORTDIV 12 COMUSNAFORS AZORES SBNO AZORES NOIC HORTA FOGMA CINCWA ADMIRALTY. SBNO AZORES PASS TO ALL ADDRESSEES. FOGG SENDS.

SUPPLEMENTING WY21145Z ACOUSTIC TORPEDO STRUCK FROM STARBOARD SIDE IN PROPELLERS APPROXIMATELY FRAME 165. ALL COMPARTMENTS AFT OF FRAME 113 RUPTURED AND FLOODED. BULKHEAD FRAME 113 HOLDING. NO FURTHER SETTLING AND RIDING WELL BUT MAIN DECK CRACKING AT FRAME 125 WITH SECTIONS AFT OF THIS POINT WORKING. STERN SECTION MAY BREAK AWAY. REMOVING ALL BUT SKELETON CREW TO STAND BY SHIPS. CONSIDERED THAT THERE IS A FAIR CHANCE OF STERN SECTION BREAKING CLEAN IF IT GOES. ALL POSSIBLE DAMAGE CONTROL EFFORTS HAVE BEEN EXERTED. JETTISON BILL HAS BEEN EXECUTED AFT INCLUDING REMOVAL OF ALL ORDNANCE AFT FRAME 113. UPON ARRIVAL HORTA WILL BE NECESSARY DRYDOCK AND CUT AWAY OR REPAIR STERN SECTION BEFORE

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PROCEEDING FARTHER CONSIDERED NECESSARY REPLACE HULL ORDNANCE AND FITTINGS AFT FRAME 113 BEFORE SHIP CAN BE PUT BACK IN SERVICE. PCS 0503Z 22 DEC 40-20N 23-18W 235 5.5. WEATHER 7781 3133.
USS ST LOUIS DEPARTED PEARL FOR SAN PEDRO
23RD DEC. PASSENGERS NAVY CASUALS & OFFICERS
75 ENLISTED.
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REFER COM 3RD FLT 19/715 AND COMDESRON 1 19/11. HAS MONAGHAN BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR.

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CON 3rd Fleet sends action CINCPAC who passes info CONDESPAC CONSERVPAC INFO COMINCH ALL TFC'S 3rd FLT ALL TG's 3rd FLT.

Preliminary reports indicate Hull DD 350 rolled over and sank in approximate position 14-55 N 127-55 E on 18 December.

5 Officers including Commanding Officer and 36 men rescued by Tabberer (DE 418) also 13 men rescued by Robert F Keller (DE 419).

Spence (DD 512) rolled over and sank in approximate position 14-42 N 127-38 E on 18 December. Total Spence survivors 24 including Supply Officer rescued by Tabberer (DE 418) Smearer (DE 186) Gatling (DD 671). Monaghan (DD 334) also apparently lost as 6 survivors rescued so far no details yet.

Searches instituted commencing 0700/1 19th by 3rd Fleet Carrier Planes and vessels between limiting true bearings 320 and 355.
### Distances of 20 Miles from Point of Origin 12-00 N 129-00 E

Conducted daylight recce 320 to 040 distance 240 miles. Additional search 270 to 320 distance 50 miles made in late afternoon 19th. Commencing dawn 20th 3rd fleet carrier planes conducted morning 360 degree search 250 miles from point of origin. 16-00 N 128-00 E results negative. Additional searches from 2 CVE groups of TG 30.8 and special searches by land based air from Palau and Leyte fields over storm area made on 20th. Surface ships maintained search in vicinity reported sightings.

21 December TG 30.7 and special CVE group of Rudyerd Bay and Nenenta Bay 4 escorts making search in rectangular area Arundel by Rhumbline thru following points 16-50 N 128-11 E 15-55 N 129-07 E 14-27 N 127-35 E 15-22 N 126-38 E.

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TASK FORCE 38 ALSO CONTINUING SEARCH IN THIS AREA. FRAGMENTARY REPORTS INDICATE ADDITIONAL SURVIVORS ARE BEING PICKED UP TODAY. SEARCH OPERATIONS BY TF 38 WERE CONCURRENT WITH MOVEMENTS REQUIRED BY STRATEGIC COMMITMENTS.
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Preliminary report of storm damage 18 to 21 December. Aylwin DD355 leak in engine room damage to main circulating and fire and bilge pump (endangering stability) also electrical damage. Buchanan DD484 forward main switch board and gyro compass out. Cabot CVL25* SK radar and ye out of commission. Compan CVL21* SC antenna lost SK out of commission and antenna rent some damage result of electrical fires much loss of op side gear and ordnance material, structural damage to stacks and hangar deck bulkheads. Dewey DD349 evaps out of commission many electrical casualties, some structural damage including severe damage number.
STACK RESULT OF 72 DEGREE ROLLS. DYSON DD572 MUCH ELECTRICAL DAMAGE RESULT OF FLOODING FORWARD ENGINE ROOM FORWARD DISTRIBUTION BOARD AND AUXILIARIES BURNED OUT. HICKOXM DD673 SUFFERED SEVERE STRUCTURAL AND ELECTRICAL DAMAGE, STEERING MOTOR OUT, NUMBER 2 MAIN SWITCH BOARD AND EMERGENCY DIESEL OUT, CC ANTENNA LOST, FD DAMAGED, 1 BOAT AND FORWARD DAVIT LOST, HOLES IN MAIN DECK WHERE STANCHIONS PUFFED OUT, FLOODING IN CARPENTER SHOP AND CLIP ROOM, 1 BOILER SALTED, DAMAGE TO RADIO AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT. MONTEREY CVL26 EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO HANGAR DECK DUE FIRES, RADIO TRANSMITTERS ANTENNAE VENTILATION TRUNKS DAMAGED, POSSIBLE DAMAGE TO ARRESTING GEAR, OTHER STRUCTURAL AND ORDNANCE EQUIPMENT BADLY DAMAGED.

NANTAHALA AO60 FORWARDED POST DAMAGED AND 100 FEET MAIN DECK LIFE LINE CARRIED AWAY. MELVIN R NAWMAN DE416 LOST RADIO ANTENNAE AND MAST WITH ALL EQUIPMENT ATTACHED. NEHENTA BAY CVE74 LIFTED FLIGHT DECK SLIGHTLY CRACKED STARBOARD SIDE PLATING, SOME ORDNANCE MATERIAL DAMAGED. SAN JACINTO CVL3 DAMAGED AFTER ELEVATOR 2 BOILERS AND EVAPORATORS TEMPORARILY OUT. TABBERER DE418 LOST MAST AND ALL RADARS RADIOS OUT EXCEPT EMERGENCY OTHER MINOR DAMAGE. JICARILLA ATF104 OPERATING ON 1 ENGINE. CAPE ESPEERANCE CVE 68 SUSTAINED DAMAGE BEYOND REPAIR AIRCRAFT CARGO ROOM 3 ANTENNAE MISCELLANEOUS ORDNANCE EQUIPMENT MUCH TOPSIDE GEAR LOST AND OTHER MINOR STRUCTURAL DAMAGE. ALTAMAHA CVE 18 AIRCRAFT CARGO BOOM LOST SK AND YG ANTENNAE DAMAGED MISCELLANEOUS GEAR LOST
AND OTHER MINOR DAMAGE. MANY PLANES LOST FROM
CVA AND CVL DUE ELECTRICAL FIRES AND OVER THE SIDE.
OTHER DAMAGE UNREPORTED REPAIRABLE BY SHIPS FORCE.
REPORT OF LOST OR MISSING SHIPS BY SEPARATE DISPATCH.

ocabot listed as CVL 26...COMPENS AS CVL 25.

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COM 3RD FLEET SENDS ACTION CINC PAC INFO CTG 30.9 CTF 38.

MY 202235 INITIATES INVESTIGATION INTO CAUSES FOUNDERING HULL AND SPENCE AS PRELIMINARY MEASURE. REQUESTED IF PRACTICABLE THAT CINC PAC INITIATE ULTIMATE DESIRED ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES EMPLOYING PERSONNEL NOT ATTACHED TO TASK FORCE 38. PLEASE ADVISE.

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CTG 39.9
CINCPAC
CTF 38

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(ACTION TO CTG 39.9 INFO CINCPAC CTF 38 FROM COM 3RD FLEET.)

CONVENE INVESTIGATIONS TO INVESTIGATE CAUSES FOUNDERING HULL AND SPENCE. HOLD ALL SURVIVORS FOR INTERROGATION AND UNTIL INVESTIGATIONS ARE COMPLETED OR UNTIL OTHERWISE DIRECTED.

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(ALTAMAHA (CVE 18) SENDS ACTION COMINCH CINCPAC COM 3RD FLT CONTASKGROUP 30.8 INFO COMSERVPAC COMCARTRANSRONPAC COMSERON 10 COMAIRPAC. RDO HONO PASS TO ALL ADEES)

DAMAGE AND LOSSES SUFFERED AS RESULT OF TYPHOON. ALL RADIO ANTENNAE GONE EXCEPT TBS AND 1 RECEIVING. 26 HELLCATS, 9 AVENGER 3'S, 9 HELLDIVERS 3 PLUS ALL AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT LOST OVERBOARD OR DAMAGED BEYOND REPAIR. 1-40 MM DIRECTOR PLUS GUN MOUNT, 3 20 MM GUN MOUNTS PLUS 4 20 MM SIGHTS DESTROYED. 1 SLIGHTLY TWISTED LONGITUDINAL AT FRAME 32 STARBOARD 2ND PLATFORM, SK AND MG ANTENNAE SYSTEMS DAMAGED AND IN NEED OF EXTENSIVE REPAIRS. 24 INCH SEARCH LIGHT DESTROYED. 14 LIFERAFTS 7 FLOATER NETS 2 RUBBER RAFTS LOST IN

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ADDITION TO ALL LIFE RAFT SUPPORTS AND LIFE NETTINGS FROM FRAME 155 TO 162 STARBOARD. AIRCRAFT OUTRIGGER FRAME 07 STARBOARD DESTROYED. MANY ELECTRICAL SHORTS DUE TO SALT WATER DAMAGE. CAN OPERATE AS CARRIER IN EMERGENCY. BOTH AVIATION BOOMS DAMAGED, BELIEVE CAN MAKE EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO PERMIT LOADING.

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25...20E....OP03...31...NAV01DE....200P...CNO...OP05...
Tabberer (DE 418) sends action CinPacCom 3rd FLT CTG 30.9 info ATCOM Ulithi ConcorDiv 72

Without mast and with additional minor storm damage Tabberer (DE 418) proceeding direct Ulithi from noon posit 20 December 14-42 longitude 128-01 at SOA 18.8. Have aboard 4 enlisted survivors of Spence (DD 512) picked up in area of above posit. These in addition to 41 Hull survivors listed in Com 3rd Fleet 191357. Have no radar LNRTPK* IFF. ETA 200 22 December, all times EST.

*As received.

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(DEWEY SENDS ACTION TO CCMSERVACN 13 INFO CONDESACREP FWD AREA)

NUMBER 1 STACK HANGING OVER STARBOARD SIDE. ADVISE MOORING SHIP PORT SIDE TO 5 GROUPS MISSING CARD SIDE TO WITH CAMEL BETWEEN SHIPS. REQUEST TUG STANDBY IF AVAILABLE TO ASSIST IN MOORING SINCE STEERING BY SECONDARY CONTROL AND HAVE NO ENGINE ORDER TELEGRAPH. TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION VERY UNRELIABLE. ETA 1100.

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PARAPHRASED BY: JOHNSON
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FOR ACTION: COMBROFLT
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ADDRESSEES: COMBROFLT
ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE: 
INFORMATION: CTF 38 CTG 38.3 RUDYARD BAY TABBERER

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COMDESIV 100 SENDS ACTION COMBROFLT INFO CTF 38 CTG 38.3 RUDYARD BAY TABBERER.

AT 1200/1 COGSWELL KNAPP DEPARTING SEARCH AREA Latitude 15-06N 127-46E COURSE 295 SPEED OF ADVANCE 18 DIRECT FOR ESTIMATED STRIKE AREA OFF LUZON TO ARRIVE 0600/1 21 DECEMBER.

FOLLOWING SCATTERED SURVIVORS OF HULL DD 350 RESCUED VICINITY OF POINTS WHERE CRIES HEARD BY TF 38 LAST NIGHT LIEUT JG LLOYD GATES BOWTMD YBG-USNR, ALBERT TAYLOR FIRECONTROLMAN 1ST USN, GORDON KENNETH DERTHICK SEAMAN 2ND USNR AND BODY IDENTIFICATION TAG GEORGE WASHINGTON NORTHEY 964-06-543 BY KNAPP, COGSWELL HAS THOMAS A STEELY FIREMAN 2ND ON BOARD, KNAPP DESIRES TRANSFER 1 PATIENT WITH POSSIBLE INTERNAL INJURIES TO SHIP WITH GOOD HOSPITAL FACILITIES ON JOINING, RUDYARD BAY OPERATING IN AREA

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ASSISTED OUR SEARCH WITH PLANES AND HAS SURVIVORS FROM SPENCE
DO 512. TABBERER STILL RESCUING SURVIVORS IN NEARBY AREA THIS
MORNING. WEATHER CLEAR LIGHT WINDS HEAVY SWELLS STILL PERSISTING.

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CTF 94
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COMTASKUNIT 30.8.18 SPEAKS. ACTION COM 3RD FLT INFO CTF 94 ATCOM ULITHI ALL TF TG COMS 3RD FLT.

COM 3RD FLT 190542. ETA 0700 1 22 DECEMBER. SOA WBCMAT*KNOTS. NO CHANGES IN CONDITIONS. AT 191110Z
WHILE IN LAT 12-55-30 NORTH LONG 129-15 EAST HEARD WATERMAN (DE 740) CALLING CTG 30.8 AND ANY SHIP
ON TBS. UNABLE TO MAKE ANY CONTACT.

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CTF 77 SENDS ACTION COMINCH INFO COM 7TH FLT.

REID DD 369 SUNK 11 DECEMBER. LST 472 AND 738 SUNK 14 DECEMBER. RESULT ENEMY ACTION PHILIPPINES. MAY BE ANNOUNCED WITHOUT PREJUDICE.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: COMAAR SWPA
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TOR CODEROOM: 2105/19
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TYPED BY: STEEN/STEVENS
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ACTION TO COMAAR FIVE, COMAAR 13, COMAIR SEVENTH FLAT, COM SEVENTH FLAT PASS TO ALL NAVAL ADDRESSEES, INFO CINCSWPA, COM ALLIED NAVAL FORCES, COM THIRD FLEET, FROM COMAAR SWPA, AX 96077.

PASSING ON TO YOU FOR NECESSARY ACTION IS MESSAGE FROM FITCON FIVE. REQUEST ALL AIR COMMANDS KEEP SHARP LOOKOUT FOR DAMAGED SUBMARINE BARKAL. UNABLE TO SUBMERGE AND ANCHORED POSITION UNKNOWN. ASSUMED TO BE WORKING WAY BACK FROM SOUTH SHINA SEA. BRIEF ALL AIRCREWS ON THIS.

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(RUDYERD BAY (CVE 81) SENDS ACTION COM 3RD FLEET INFO CINCPAC)

AT 0030/1 IN POSITION 14-22 N 128-09 E SWEEPER (DE 186)

PICKED UP 5 SURVIVORS OF SWEPCO (DD 512).

STATEMENTS INDICATE SWEPCO CAPSIZED SUDDENLY AND BELIEVE FEW PERSONNEL SURVIVED.

(Sweptr = 2100 tons)

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**NOTE**

- ACTION CINCPAC FROM COM 3RD FLT. INFO CTG 30.8-CTF 38 CTG 30.9 ACOM ULITHI TABBERER

**DD**

- TABBERER LOADED ADDITIONAL SURVIVORS OF HULL VICINITY 14-57 N 127-58 E. RESCUED 5 OFFICERS INCLUDING COMMANDING OFFICER AND 36 MEN. CONTINUING SEARCH UNTIL RELIEVED ON STATION BY CVE IN XGSPCHYVDMAP* TASKGROUP 30.8. TABBERER THEN PROCEEDING ULITHI TO ARRIVE DURING DAYLIGHT ...** 2 DECEMBER.

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RDO HONOLULU FOX INTERCEPT

(CTG 38.5 SENDS ACTION CTU 38.5.1. RADIO HONO PASS FOLLOWING INFO ADDES COM 3RD FLEET ALL TASKFORCOMS AND ALL TASKGROUPCOMS 3RD FLEET CINC PAC, CTF 77 AND CTF 73.)

2 DD 2 DE 3RD FLEET UNACCOUNTED FOR. ALERT ALL V 445 SEARCHES.

COM 3RD FLEET 190715. NOON POSITIONS 17 DECEMBER 14-49 NORTH 129-36 EAST; 18 DEC (2 GRS MISSING) -15 NORTH 127-30 EAST;

19 DEC 12 -39 NORTH 128-36 EAST. SEND 2 ADDITIONAL SEARCHERS 111 V 445 AND 103 V 446 EARLIEST PRACTICABLE. REPORT BY URGENT DISPATCH TO 3RD FLEET ANY CONTACT.

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ACTION: F-30

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**191100 NCR 8611 (Use G. C. T.)**

Condesron 1 sends action com 3rd fleet contaskgroup 30.9 comservpac info contaskgroup 30.8 cinpac conodespacre f/wd area conodespac.

Intend arrive ulithi in dewey at 16301/21 December 1945.

Sonar gear fully operative. Require number 1 stack complete with whistle and siren. Ship effective anti submarine screen returning xoeir* unit ek* for reasonable period same employment in operating area. Monaghan last heard at about 0945 yesterday reporting depth nxy* return from course lnet* 30 to southward. Since dewey rolled more than 22 degrees to starboard on same heading while heavily ballasted to Port Fear Monaghan may have capsized.

*as received garbled groups being serviced cominch copies 1 to 8 incl.

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- CINCPAC
- CONDESAC
- CTG 30.9
- CTG 30.3

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TABBERER (DE18418) SENDS FOR ACTION COM THIRD FLEET AND INFO CINCPAC, CONDESAC, CTG 30.9, CTG 30.3

PROCEEDING ACCORDANCE COM THIRD FLEET 190342 DIRECT TO ULITHI DAWN 20 DECEMBER, CONTINUING TO FIND HULL (DD 350) SURVIVORS IN GENERAL AREA CORRECTED POSIT 14-57N 127-56E. HAVE RECOVERED FIVE OFFICERS INCLUDING COMMANDING OFFICER AND 35 MEN. ETA ULITHI 09001/22 DECEMBER. HAVE NO RADAR AND NO IFF.

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ACTION: F-30

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OPT: 190922

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DIA. 123999, Sec. 3, or Sec. 3B

LR 101

BY RT, NARA, Date 10/1/94
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: USS MELVIN R NAWMAN (DE 416)

RELEASED BY: 0434

DATE: 21 DECEMBER 1944
TOR CODEROOM: ELY

DECODED BY: LENIHAN/MCKEEL

ROUTED BY: TELSHOW

ADDRESSEES: COMINCH
CINCPAC
CTG 30.7

INFORMATION: COMSERVPAC
COMSERVRON 10
COMDESPAC

PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY
ROUTINE
DEFERRED

DISMASTED BY STORM RESULTING IN LOSS OF ALL MAST

ALSO ATTACHED EQUIPMENT STANDARD FOR A DESTROYER ESCORT.

COMINCH PASSED TO NCR FOR FURTHER DISTRIBUTION
TOR NCR 0541/22

OP05G...12...23...BUSHIPS...INFO...
JAG...CC...200P...NAV AIDE...25...20E...OP05...
CNO...30....

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LR 101
7-RT, NARA, Date 4/3/78

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DATE 12-20

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1. CTF 77 SENDS ACTION TO CINC PAC INFO TO COMINSTEAFRON COM CORPAC CO-3RVRPAC COM 7TH FLEET COM SWPA COMORDIV 15 CNB MANUS NASVILLE COMINCH.

2. BATTLE DAMAGE NASVILLE NOW ENROUTE LEYTE TO MANUS.

REQUEST AUTHORITY TO RETURN HER TO WEST COAST NAVY YARD FOR REPAIRS AND ROUTINE OVERHAUL.

NAV AIDE...2/F/OP...
TOP SECRET DISPATCH

FROM: USS MASCOWA
RELEASED BY:
DATE: 19 DEC 1944
TOR CODEBOOK: 1224
DECORATED BY: DIEBEL
PARAPHRASED BY: DIEBEL
CHECKED BY: ROWLAND
DOTTED BY: DIEBEL

ADDRESS: COM 3RD FLEET

OP PRIORITY:
COM 3RD FLEET
CTU 36-6-6
COMDESRON 1

OP PRIORITY:
190957
NCR 8247

HONOLULU INTERCEPT

ACTION COM 3RD FLEET INFO ALL TASK FORCOMS TASKGROUP ONS 3RD FLEET CTU 36-6-6 COMDESRON 1. FROM MASCOWA AG83.

YOUR 1909435 NEGATIVE.

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**TOR CODE ROOM:** 1827

**DECODED BY:** DIESEL

**PARAPHRASED BY:** DIESEL

**CHECKED BY:** ROWLAND

**ROUTED BY:** DIESEL

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**HONOLULU INTERCEPT**

COM 3RD FLEET SENDS ACTION CTG 36.5 INFO ALL TASKFORCOMS TASKGROUPS 3RD FLEET CTG 77 CTG 73.

STILL HAVE SPENCE (DD512) MONAGHAN (DD3354) WATERMAN (DE74#)


*GARBLED GROUP

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**HONOLULU INTERCEPT**

COM 3RD FLEET SENDS ACTION MASCOMA INFO ALL TASK FORCOS'T TASK GROUPS COM 3RD FLEET CTU 36.8.6 COMDESRON 1.

DO YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION PRESENT POSITION, CONDITION OR LAST KNOWN POSITION OF SPENCE (DD512), MONAGHAM (DD354) OR WATERMAN (DE745).

COMINCH: C2OTES #1 TO #8 INCLUSIVE.

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HONO INTERCEPT

COM 3RD FLT SENDS TOP SECRET ACTION CINCPAC. INFO CINCSOWESPAC CTF 77 CTG 30.9. CTF 38 HAS INFO BY OTHER MEANS.

TYPHOOON CENTER PASSED 30 MILES NORTH OF FLEET GUIDE MIDJAY 18TH. TRACKED BY SM RADAR. GUSTS TO 93 KNOTS FLEET TOOK BEATING. TABBERER (DE 418) MENDING. HULL (DD 350) CAPSIZED WITH LITTLE WARNING AT 1030. ONLY 10 ENLISTED SURVIVORS AT TIME OF REPORT. SEVERAL OTHER STRAGGLERS STILL UNREPORTED.

MATACO TOWING DISABLED JICARILLA TO ULITI. MONTEREY COMPENS SAN JACINTO BEING SENT IN TO ULITI FOR SURVEY OF DAMAGE AND REPAIRS. ESTIMATE NOW MONTEREY WILL BE SENT PEARL RESULT OF JIKYOKU HANGER DECK FIRE WHICH BROKE OUT DURING HEAVY ROLLING.

DYSON LAWS BENHAM HICKOX AYLFIND TABBERER WITH ASSORTED DEARRANGEMENTS WILL ESCORT CRIPPLES. FUELING NOW PROCEEDING IN CALM WEATHER.
LAT 12-00 LONG 129-00, STRIKE INTENTIONS AND MOVEMENTS OF CRIPPLES IN SEPARATE DESPATCHES.

* AS RECEIVED

COMINCH: 1-8 INCL.
NAVAL MESSAGE

DRAFTER: COM 3RD FLT
RELEASED BY:
DATE: 19 DEC 1944
TOR CODE: 490036
DECODED BY: MC CORMACK
TYPED BY: MC CORMACK
ROUTED BY:

MONAGHAN WATERMAN
MELVIN R NAWMAN
NEBENTA BAY

INFORMATION
FOR ACTION

PRECEDENCE: 000000000
PRIORITY: DEFERRED
ROUTINE: DEFERRED

IF OPERATIONAL CHECK BELOW

182300 NCR 7405

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME:
DATE: 182300
TIME: NCR 7405

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HONO INTERCEPT

(ACTION MONAGHAN WATERMAN M R NAWMAN NEBENTA BAY FROM COM 3RD FLT)

REPORT YOUR POSITION AND PRESENT CONDITION BY RDO IMMEDIATELY

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FROM USS LIDDLE (APD 60) ACTION TO COMINCH US FLEET COMINCH PACFLT COM 7TH FLEET COM TASKFORCE 78 INFO TO COMSERFOR PACFLT COMSERFOR 7TH FLEET ADCOMPHIBSPAC.

DAMAGE FROM JAP CRASH PLANE 7 DECEMBER CONSISTS OF TOTAL DEMOLITION FLYING BRIDGE. CIC. RADIO CENTRAL. PORT SIDE OF SIGNAL BRIDGE AND FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT WITH WIRING AND FITTINGS. ALL RADAR INCLUDING SA. SL. BK. BL. BN. RADIO INCLUDING TRANSMITTERS TBL. TBS. TDE. TDQ. VHF. RECEIVERS RAO. RBA. RBB. RBC. RBL. TBS. VHF. ALL A 3 SCR 610. 1 SCR 508. 1 DEAD RECKONING TRACER AND 1 PLOTTER. 1 FATHOMETER 1 24 INCH AND 2 12 INCH SIGNAL SEARCHLIGHTS 2 PITLOGS AND 2 GYROS REPEATERS. BRIDGE PELORUS. 4 VENT FANS AND MOTORS. DEGAUSSING CONTROLS ENTIRE FIRE CONTROL

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CENTRAL STATION INCLUDING MARK 51 DIRECTOR WITH MARK 15
SIGHT. MARK 51 STEREO RANGEFINDER. REMOTE DEPTH CHARGE
RELEASE 1 20MM GUN AND MOUNT 1 LCVP. MAST, FITTINGS AND
EQUIPMENT SEVERELY DAMAGED. SONAR RECEIVER INOPERATIVE.
STACK AND UPTAKE REQUIRE EXTENSIVE REPAIRS.
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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/44

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NAVAL MESSAGE

(D) USS BAYFIELD

RELEASED BY

DATE 19 DEC 1944

TOR CODEROOM 0203

DECODER ZIMMERMAN

Routed by D SMITH

U.S. NAVY

182008 NCR 7853

(From USS BAYFIELD (APA 33), Washington Radio Pass to COMINCH for action. Also Action to CINCPAC, COMPHIBSPAC, ADCOMPHIBSPAC and Info to COMSFPAC COMTRANSRON 15 all of whom have by hand)

At 0452Z 14 December this vessel in collision with USS WHITESIDE (AKA 90) in Malaee Bay, Maui Th. 4 feet of stem of BAYFIELD above first platform deck crushed and folded back to a depth of 1 to 3 feet. Small hole in starboard side between frames 1 and 2 just above 2nd platform deck. Plating in immediate vicinity of above dished in moderately. All damage well above waterline. No personnel injured. No machinery derangement.

Estimate 2 days Navy Yard to repair. Drydocking not required.

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FROM

CINCWA

RELEASED BY

DATE

21 DEC 44

TOR CODEMARK

273/28

DECODED BY

THOSEN

PARAPHRASED BY

CHECKED BY

Routed By

TELSHOW

SUPPORT:

SHIPS AND AUTHORITIES WESTERN APPROACHES

MAND 119N

PREVIOUSLY CONCERNED SHORE AUTHORITIES

DECIMAL

PRIORITY

ROUTINE

DEFERRED

BASEGRAM

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DR. OUTGOING DISPATCHES PLEASE LEAVE ABOUT ONE INCH CLEAR SPACE BEFORE BEGINNING TEXT SEE COPY RECEIVED BY HAND FROM BAG POSSIBLE POSITION OF THE CONTACT IS THE ENOUGH 1/2 MILES TO WEST OF MARKED WRECKS. POSITION RELATIVE TO THE WRECK WILL BE PROMULGATED BY SIGNAL MY 14154 DECEMBER REFERS.

2. THE BUOY IS DESIGNED TO MAKE A SERIES OF SHORT ASCII TRANSMISSIONS AT HALF SECOND INTERVALS FOR 10 SECONDS IN EVERY 4 MINUTES OF FREQUENCY "E". DANGER TRANSMISSIONS SHOULD BE AUDIBLE UP TO 2 OR 3 MILES AFTER EXITING THE AMPLIFIER TO RECEIVE THE FREQUENCY Buoys will remain as accurate as possible the position is secured with one buoy northwest of the wreck.

3. UNLESS THE CIRCUMSTANCES DEMAND AN IMMEDIATE CONTACT THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE IS TO BE ADOPTED FOR A CONTACT IN THE VICINITY OF A MARKED WRECK HAS BEEN CLASSIFIED AS BOTTOMED A/S SHIPS IN CONTACT ARE TO TUNE AMPLIFIERS TO RECEIVE "E" FREQUENCY AND LISTEN FOR TRANSMISSIONS. IF THESE ARE

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No. 2 FILE
No. 3F-1 OR CHARTROOM
No. 4 SPECIAL

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HEARD THE POSITION OF THE BUOYS IS THEN TO BE FIXED AS ACCURATELY AS POSSIBLE RELATIVE TO THE CONTACT. IF THE CONTACT IS THEN FOUND TO BE WITHIN 2 CABLES OF THE REPORTED POSITION OF THE WRECK RELATIVE TO THE BUOY IT MAY BE ASSUMED THAT THE CONTACT IS IN FACT THE WRECK, OTHERWISE, OR IF NO TRANSMISSIONS ARE HEARD, THE CONTACT MUST BE DEALT WITH IN THE ORDINARY WAY.

4. IN AREAS WHERE 2 OR MORE WRECKS EXIST WITHIN 3 MILES OF EACH OTHER IT IS THE INTENTION ONLY TO MARK ONE OF THEM. NO CONFUSION SHOULD ARISE BECAUSE THE POSITION OF THE WRECK MARKER WILL BE GIVEN RELATIVE TO ONE OF THE WRECKS AND ITS POSITION RELATIVE TO THE OTHER CAN THEREFORE BE PLOTTED.

5. CODE WORD FOR THIS DEVICE IS WINNER.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/1/1994

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**RELEASED BY**

Date: 18 DEC 44

**TOR CODEROOM** 1951

**DECODED BY** TURLEY

**TYPED BY** WATKINS

**ROUTED BY** MORRIS

**INFORMATION**

- CESF
- NGB NORFOLK
- NAVY YARD NORFOLK
- CINCLANT
- CONSERVANT

**PRECEDE**

- PRIORITY
- ROUTINE
- DEFERRED

**ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME:**

- 181845
- NCR 1493

**ACTION**

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| CINCPAC COM 3RD FLT CTG 30.7 |

| COMSERTFORPAC CONSERVPAC COMDESAP CONSERVON 10 COM MOAWEN* |

**PRECEDENCE**

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| 2 Routine |

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**HONO INTERCEPT**

(GIVE TO CINCPAC COM 3RD FLT AND CTG 30.7 FOR ACTION COMSERTFORPAC COMDESAP COM MOAWEN* FOR INFO.)

GUARDING HONOLULU FOX, NOW ENGAGED IN PICKING UP SURVIVORS OF HULL (OD350) IN APPROXIMATE LATITUDE 13-32' N LONGITUDE 128-11' E RENHAM (OD796) ALSO IN VICINITY. HULL CAPSIZED WITH LITTLE WARNING AT ABOUT 1030/1. ONLY 2 LIFE RAFTS LAUNCHED AND NEITHER YET SIGHTED BY US. HAVE 10 ENLISTED SURVIVORS LAUNCHED AND WILL REMAIN IN AREA SEARCHING UNTIL AFTER DAYLIGHT OR UNTIL OTHERWISE DIRECTED. AMPLIFYING REPORT OF OWN DAMAGE FOLLOWS. FOREMAST OF TABBERER (DE 418) CARRIED AWAY IN WIND OF GALE INTENSITY 1830/1. ALL OTHER DAMAGE MINOR. ABLE TO MAKE ANY SPEED UP TO 24 KNOTS PERMITTED BY SEA. ALL RADARS OUT AND ALL RADIOS EXCEPT EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT.

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FROM CTF 71 ACTION CTF 77 INFO COM7THFLT.

REENCIPHERED BY COM7THFLT AS 190531 TO 7TH FLT COMAF 5 COMAF 13 AND COMFEAF/COMAAF.

AT 141302 BERGALL REPORTED THAT SHE WAS BADLY DAMAGED BY 5 INCH SHELL FROM ESCORT IN ATTACK ON CA 2140/1 13TH IN.

POSIT 08-10 N 105-37 E AND WAS UNABLE TO DIVE OR STAND HEAVY SEA. BERGALL'S POSITION AT TIME OF TRANSMISSION WAS CARBLED BUT WE BELIEVE TO BE IN VICINITY GREAT NATION.

ANGLED AND PADDLE WERE DIRECTED TO ASSIST BERGALL BUT NO CONTACT WAS MADE WITH HER BY PADDLE NO WORD HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM ANGLER NOR FURTHER WORD FROM BERGALL SINCE HER ORIGINAL REPORT. OUR ASSUMPTION IS THAT BERGALL WITH ASSISTANCE AND ESCORT OF ANGLER ARE WORKING THEIR WAY BACK TO SAFE HANDS. IT IS REQUESTED THAT ALL AIR COMMANDS BE NOTIFIED OF THESE CIRCUMSTANCES AND DIRECTED TO KEEP SHARP LOOKOUT. WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM  USS WHITE SIDE
RELEASED BY
DATE  18 DECEMBER 1944
TOR CORDEROOM  181231
DECODED BY  GREENE
TYPED BY  GREENE/DE
ROUTED BY  VOYSEY

ADDRESS:  COMINCH
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UNIT:  171900  NCR 7015

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1. AT 0451Z 14 DEC 1944 THIS VESSEL IN COLLISION WITH USS BAYFIELD (APA33) IN MAALAEA BAY MAUI TH RECEIVED FOLLOWING DAMAGE. STARBOARD NOSE FRAME 51 WAS PENETRATED BY STEM OF BAYFIELD TO DEPTH OF APPROXIMATELY 6 FEET FROM BULWARKS TO SHIPS BOTTOM. WIDTH OF HOLE ABOUT 4 FEET. FORWARD HALF ONLY NUMBER 2 DEEP TANKS FLOODED. THESE TANKS WERE EMPTY. 847 BARRELS FUEL OIL LOST FROM PENETRATED TANK A 905 F FRAME 51. $7000 PROVISIONS DAMAGED SECOND DECK FRAME 51. DEGAUSSING CABLES SERVED FRAME 51. NO PERSONNEL INJURED. NO MACHINERY DERANGEMENT. NO SPREAD OF DAMAGE. ESTIMATE 7 DAYS NAVY YARD TO REPAIR. DRYDOCKING REQUIRED.

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COM..BU SHIPS..INFO

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(ACTION COM FIVE FROM COMPASEAFRON INFO COMCARIBSEAFRON COMGULFSEAFRON COMEASTSEAFRON CINCLANT HONOLULU (CL 48) NOB GTMO COMINCH COMDT NAVY YARD NORFOLK FAO NORFOLK.)

ADD TO MY 161948.

HONOLULU (CL 48) PROCEEDS BY FOLLOWING ROUTE.

(D) 14-55 75-37.
(E) 8 MILES EAST OF NAVASSA ISLAND
(F) 20-02 73-33
(G) 16 MILES WEST MATHEWTOWN LIGHT.
(H) 11 MILES WEST MAYAGUANA ISLAND LIGHT.
(J) 24-59 72-34.
(K) 29-59 71-48.
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NAVAL MESSAGE

DRAFTER EXTENSION NUMBER ADDRESSEES PRECEDENCE
FROM ___ COMSUBLANT ___
RELEASED BY ___
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TOR CODEROOM ______ 0314 ___
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COMINCH ACTION CNO BUSHIPS CESF COM 3 INFO.*

MY DESPATCHES 161853** AND 161824** NO CASUALTY TO BASS.
LOSS OF CONTACT DUE BREAKDOWN BASS SONAR TRANSMITTER
RESULTING IN MUTUAL MISUNDERSTANDING BASS AND PARTICIPATING SURFACE UNIT.

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161824
NCR 5709

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BY 161653.

BASS SURFACED WITHOUT ASSISTANCE AT 1325Q. WRITTEN REPORT WILL FOLLOW WHEN DETAILS KNOWN.

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(COMINCH ACTION CHO BUSHIPS CESF COM 3 INFO)

IN POSITION 41-28.5 NORTH 71-41.5 WEST BASS DOVE AT 0623Q
16TH RENDERING SERVICES TO CORDIV 9. PERISCOPE IN SIGHT AT 0628 AND NO CONTACT OR COMMUNICATION SINCE. SEARCH OPERATIONS COMMENCED AT 0915 AND NOW IN PROGRESS BY CORDIV 7 AND 9
PENGUIN FALCON BARRACUDA 4 PLANES 1 EQUIPPED WITH MAD. WEATHER PROHIBITS BLIMP OPERATIONS. AM PREPARED TO CONDUCT RESCUE OPERATIONS WHEN LOCATED. BASS EQUIPPED WITH MARKER BUOY.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM USS DRAGONET
RECEIVED BY
DATE 15 DEC 1944
TOR CODE ROOM 1701
DECLUED BY LENIHAN
TYPED BY TURLEY
ROUTED BY

IF OPERATIONAL CHECK BELOW □

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FOR ACTION

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(DRAGONET SENDS ACTION TO COMINCH, INFO TO CINC PAC AND COMSUBPAC.)

CURILES

AT 2217Z, 14TH WHILE SUBMERGED AT 70 FEET 6 MILES SOUTH MARSUWATI* GROUNDED ON UNCHARTED REEF OR PINECLES*

NEAR 47-57.5 LONG 153-08.5 OWN COURSE 090 SPEED 2 KNOTS

CHART SHOWS 69 TO 70 FATHOMS, SEAS CALM VISIBILITY UNLIMITED, COMPLETELY FLOOD ED FORWARD TORPEDO ROOM, IMPOSSIBLE DETERMINE DAMAGE, REQUIRE REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT

IN FORWARD ROOM PORT SOUND GEAR AND REPAIR UNKNOWN DAMAGE TO HULL, UNABLE TO DIVE, NO PERSONEL/CASUALTIES

PROCEEDING MIDWAY 4 ENGINES SPEED ABOUT 16 KNOTS, DASH PRESCRIBED ROUTING, POSITION 45-56 N, 155-36 E

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DELAY DUE TO GARBS

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NAVAL MESSAGE

STATIONS PASS TO SECNAV COMINCH CNO CINCPAC COMDESPAC COM 7TH FLT COM 7TH PHIBPAC COMDESPAC 7TH FLT COMDESRON 5 COMDESDIV 10. COMPHILSEAFRON HAS INFO AND SENDS FOR REID (DD 369) SUNK BY SUICIDE AERIAL ATTACK AT 0806Z DEC 11 1944 POSIT 09-50 N 124-55 E IN 600 FATHOMS OF WATER.

NO COMPROMISE OF PUBLICATIONS. 4 OFFICERS AND 96 ENLISTED MISSING 3 ENLISTED KNOWN DEAD 15 OFFICERS AND 144 ENLISTED SURVIVORS OF WHICH 3 OFFICERS AND 25 ENLISTED WOUNDED.

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HONO INTERCEPT

ABOUT 0800 SLOW TOW UNDER ATTACK BY BANDITS 4 DOWN.
AT 1033 BOMBS DROPPED ON MINESWEEPERS AHEAD NO CASUALTIES.
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(USS NASHVILLE (CL 43) SENDS, NPM (RDO HCLM) PASS ACTION CINCPAC INFO COMCRU PAC; CONSERVPAC, NSS (RDO WASH) PASS ACTION COMINCH, NAP (RDO HOLLANDIA) PASS ACTION COM 7TH FLT ALSO INFO COMCRUDIV 15 COMSERV 7TH FLT CTF 74 AND CTF 76.3)

AT 14571 IN LATITUDE 28-56 N LONGITUDE 123-27.6 E A SINGLE ENGINE JAP PLANE SPIRALED IN FROM CLOUDS BROAD ON STARRCAORD QUARTER ACROSS THE STERN AND CRASHED FROM APPROXIMATELY 2000 FEET RELATIVE INTO PORT AFTER 40 MM QUAD WHERE IS BELIEVED 1 1100 LB BOMB EXPLODED. ANOTHER BOMB CROSSED OVER EXPLODING ON STARRCAORD SIDE. AN INTENSE FIRE IN PORT 5 INCH READY AMMUNITION WAS EXTINGUISHED IN ABOUT 5 MINUTES. CONSIDERABLE MINOR STRUCTURAL DAMAGE FROM BOMB FRAGMENTS AND FROM EXPLODING 5 INCH AMMO. BOTH STACKS RIDDLED. 5 5 INCH READY ROSES DEMOLISHED. ABOUT 12 SMALL HOLES IN MAIN DECK. GALLEY TEMPORARILY OUT OF COMMISSION. CONSIDERABLE ELECTRICAL DAMAGE. SK AND FORWARD SQ OUT OF COMMISSION. MINOR FIREFLAME RUPERTURES. 2 36 INCH SEARCHLIGHTS AND DRIVES DEMOLISHED.

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RADIO ANTENNAE DOWN. FOLLOWING ARMAMENT OUT OF COMMISSION. 5 5 INCH GUNS AND MOUNTS, 1 40 MM Quad, 7 20 MM GUNS AND MOUNTS, 2 MARK 51 DIRECTORS, NO CASUALTY IN ENGINEERING PLANT. OFFICERS KILLED IN ACTION: 2 SHIPS OFFICERS, 5 AMPHIB 9 STAFF OFFICERS, 3 SHIPS OFFICERS WOUNDED, 4 AMPHIB 9 STAFF OFFICERS WOUNDED, 125 ENLISTED PERSONNEL KILLED IN ACTION, 175 INJURED.

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OFFICIAL AND UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT SOVIET VESSELS SUNK MY DUT 071115 WERE PROLETARI OF ABOUT 1000 TONS WITH CREW OF ABOUT 35, AND REVOLUTSIA SMALL VESSEL WITH CREW OF ABOUT 15.
13 DECEMBER REPORT. ASSAULT FORCE L-3 REPORTED UNDER HEAVY AIR
ATTACK 1500 13TH. ESTIMATED POSITION LAT 08-45N LONG 123-22E.
SUICIDE PLANE CARRYING BOMB CRASHED PORT SIDE NASHVILLE. RESULTING
FIRES UNDER CONTROL. NASHVILLE ESCORTED BY STANLY RETURNS LEYTE
DURING DARKNESS. ATTACK FORCE COMMANDER (R ADM STRUBLE) NOW IN
DASHIELL. DURING AIR ATTACK ABOUT 16301 HARADEN DD 585 DAMAGED.
POSIT LAT 08-40N LONG 122-33E. DETAILS UNKNOWN. CALDWELL PREVIOUSLY
REPORTED DAMAGED DURING SUPPLY RUN TO ORMOC RETURNED LEYTE. 34
ENLISTED DEAD OR MISSING. 8 OFFICERS 33 ENLISTED WOUNDED. LSM 42
STRAGGLER FROM SAME CRNCC RESUPPLY RUN DAMAGED BY BOMB. POSIT LAT
10-32N LONG 124-43E. SHIP BEACHED EXTENT DAMAGE AND PERSONNEL
CASUALTIES UNKNOWN. LIBERTY SHIP (SS WILLIAM LADD) REPORTED AFIRE

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FROM CTF 77
RELEASED BY
DATE DECEMBER 13 1944
TO CODEBOOK 2023
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FROM CTF 77 TO CINCSWPA INFO COM 7TH FLEET COMINCH CINCPOA COM 3RD FLEET.

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RESULT BOMBING 11 DECEMBER NOW SUNK.
LCT 1275 SUNK DURING SAME ATTACK. PT 323 REPORTED HIT BY SUICIDE PLANE 11 DECEMBER NOW REPORTED.
TOTAL LOSS. UNKNOWN TYPE ENEMY VESSEL PREVIOUSLY REPORTED SUNK BY PT TORPEDO ATTACK NOW ESTIMATED AS APD OR DE. NIGHT 12/13 NAVY PBY SANK 2 LUGGERS AND STRAFED DOCKS SANDAKAN BORNEO. PBM SANK SMALL FREIGHTER OFF MINDORO.

COPING COPIES 1 THROUGH 8.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: USS CALDWELL
RELEASED BY: [Redacted]
DATE: 14 DEC 44
TOR CODEROOM: [Redacted]

DECODED BY: [Redacted]
TYPE BY: KULKA
ROUTED BY: [Redacted]

CTF 75
COMMON
CINCPAC
COM 7TH FLT

PRIORITY: P
DEFERRED: D

CTF 78
COMDESPAC
COMDESRON 14
CTF 78
CONSERVPAK

PRIORITY: P
DEFERRED: D

HIT BY SUICIDE PLANE MAIN RADIO ROOM 2 MIYOGFHE
ROOM EXPLODED GUNS 1 AND 2, ALL COMPARTMENTS FORWARD FRAME 00, ALL MAIN DECK COMPARTMENTS FRAME 35 TO 47 DEMOLISHED. CIC, BRIDGE, DIRECTOR, TORPEDO DIRECTOR, FIRST PLATFORM DECK COMPARTMENTS FRAME 25 TO 55 MODERATE DAMAGE FROM FRAGMENTS AND FIRE. 5 TORPEDOES JETTIISONED. KILLED OR MISSING IN ACTION. 34. WOUNDED IN ACTION 37. ENGINEERING PLANT UNDAMAGED.

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USS CALDWELL ORIGINATES AND SENDS VIA CTF 75 WHO IS AN ACTION ADEE.

HIT BY SUICIDE PLANE MAIN RADIO. NUMBER 2 WJVGFGN.* ROOM EXPLODED. GUNS 1 AND 2, ALL COMPARTMENTS FORWARD FRAME 69, ALL MAIN DECK COMPARTMENTS FRAME 35 TO 47 DEMOLISHED. CIC, BRIDGE, DIRECTOR, TORPEDO DIRECTOR, FIRST PLATFORM DECK COMPARTMENTS FRAME 29 TO 55, MODERATE DAMAGE FROM FRAGMENTS AND FIRE. 5 TORPEDOES JETTISONED. KILLED OR MISSING IN ACTION 34. WOUNDED IN ACTION 37. ENGINEERING PLANT UNDAMAGED.

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PARAPHRASED BY: MCDougALL
ROUTED BY: MCDougALL

ADDRESS: CTF 71

(Agarbled Call) All TFC's 3rd FLT
All TFC's 7th FLT

Urgent
Routine
Deferred
Basegram

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IF OPERATIONAL CHECK BELOW

Original till in DATE AND TIME GROUP (Use G. C. T.)

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

HONO INTERCEPT

CTG 77-3 originates to Admiral Struble
Attack Force Commander and Staff transferred to Dashiell
at 1700 and resumed exercise of OTC functions at 1730.
He ** a Class 3 Cryptos. Plane which hit Nashville
only one which closed at 1513. Others apparently went
over CVE Group. 4 Twin motored planes came in at 1800
shot down by CAP close to formation. All times 1. Convoy
on schedule. Nashville and Stanley depart about 1930.

** 2 Garbled Groups

COMINCH: 1-8 Incl.

ACTION: F-30

No. 1 ADMIRAL No. 2 FILE No. 3F-1 OR CHARTROOM No. 4 SPECIAL

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**OP SECRET DISPATCH**

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  - Routine
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**FROM:** CG 75-3

**RELEASED BY:**

**DATE:** 13 DEC 1944

**TK CODEDOG:** 1125

**DECODED BY:** MONROE

**PARAPHRASED:**
- DORSEY (Checked)
- JOHNSON (Dittoed)

**ROUTED BY:** DORSEY

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**ALL TFC'S 3RD FLT COMINCH (Garbled Cincoa Call)**

**ALL TFC'S 7TH FLT CincoWestPAC 3Lt (Unlisted Call)**

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**13009** NCR 2259

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Originator fill in DATE AND TIME GROUP

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**THIS IS TOP SECRET.**

RADM STRUBBE TRANSFERRED DASHIELL RETURNING NASHVILLE TO LEYTE. GENERAL DUNKEL MINOR INJURIES WITH US. COLONELS MURPHY MORRISEY INJURED RETURNING IN NASHVILLE. CAPTAIN MCDILL DEAD COLONEL HILL MISSING.

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**ACTION:** F-30

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(CTF 62 ORIGINATOR, RADIO WASHINGTON PASS ACTION CINCLANT INFO COM NOB BERMUDA)

COLLISION HURON AND JAMES FENIMORE COOPER CTF 62

WILL NOT CONVENE BOARD OF INVESTIGATION UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED, WILL SUBMIT ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT SUBSTANCE OF WHICH WILL BE CONFINED PRINCIPALLY TO INFORMATION WHICH CAN BE OBTAINED FROM JAMES FENIMORE COOPER.

23...COC.

GO: INCH...CNO...OP5...JAG...38...CP56...NAVAIDE...35...

CODE PASSED TO CINCLANT AND NOB BERMUDA AS NSS 122120
NOR 1515.
TOP SECRET DISPATCH

DATE: 13 Dec 1944

FROM: CINCSP A

RELEASED BY: VIA CM7THFLT

TO: COMINCH

DECODED BY: OLSSON

PARAPHRASED BY: WOODWARD

CHECKED BY: BENNETT

ROUTED BY: WOODWARD

ADDRESS: COMINCH

INFORMATION: COMINCH

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1. CRITICAL
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31. Action: F-30

Navy Search planes shot down 3 enemy planes and destroyed small AK off Masbate on 13th. PT 323 seriously damaged by crash diving plane in Surigao Strait on 16th. Hughes hit by bomb and suicide diver 10th Surigao, seriously damaged topped to San Pedro. BLID, DD 369, sunk by suicide crash while on CMNC resupply mission 12th.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/1/44

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**NLR 101**

By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/94
HUGHES (DD413) SENDS VIA CTF 75. COMINCH ACTION. CTF 75 GETS ACTION BY HAND.

(Damage to Hughes was first reported yesterday)

PLANE WITH BOMB CRASHED INTO PORT SIDE MIDSHEPS LAT 13-15N LONG 125-20E INFLECTING FOLLOWING DAMAGE: PORT SIDE FORWARD ENGINE ROOM DEMOLISHED. FORWARD ENGINE ROOM AND AFTER FIRE ROOM FLOODED.

LARGE HOLES IN MAIN DECK AND PORT SIDE BETWEEN FRAMES 102 AND 108. MIDSHEPS DECKHOUSE DESTROYED. AFTER BULKHEAD BRIDGE EMERGENCY CABIN CRUSHED. AFTER TORPEDO TUBES AND MOUNT DESTROYED. ALL THIS AT 100800Z DECEMBER.

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COMDESRON 14 SAYS.

FIRST AMPLIFYING REPORT MY 11820. AIR ATTACK BY ABOUT 10 NIP SINGLE ENGINED PLANES. REID DD 369 SANK IN 2 MINUTES AFTER SUICIDE ATTACK. 1 SUICIDE CRASH 20 FEET FROM BOW CALDWELL NEGLIGIBLE DAMAGE. SURVIVORS REID NOW UNKNOWN. CONDUCTING SEARCH MORE LATER. 8 P-38'S AND 4 F4-U'S NOW VICINITY. CONVOY UNHARMED. REQUEST STRONG AIR SUPPORT FOR DAYLIGHT TOMORROW AT LATITUDE 10-30N LONGITUDE 124-42E.

COMINCH COPIES 1 THROUGH 8. PASSED BY CINCPAC TO COMGENPOA COM 3RD FLEET COMINCH INFO AS 11380.

ACTION: F-30
CINCSWPA SENDS VIA COM7THFLT ACTION COMINCH INFO CNO CINCPAC COMSOPAC

MARYLAND SAINT LOUIS AND ESCORTS DEPARTED MANUS YESTERDAY FOR PEARL. NAVY SEARCH PLANES ON 8TH DESTROYED 3 PETERS DAMAGED SEVERAL SMALL AK
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**ACTION:** F-30

**ORIGINATOR:** USS MAHAN SUNK DECEMBER 7 CANOTEs SEA LAT 19-50 NORTH LONG 124-24 EAST. ALL ROB PUBLICATIONS AND DEVICES AND ECM PLACED ON BOARD MOUNT MCKINLEY PRIOR TO SINKING. COMPROMISE PUBLICATIONS REMAINING ON BOARD NOT PROBABLE.

RECEIVED SECRET, RECLASSIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONTENT.

**TOP SECRET**

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USS WARD (APD 16) SUNK 0230Z 7 DECEMBER BY BLUE DESTROYER GUNFIRE AS FIRES BECAME COMPLETELY OUT OF CONTROL RESULT DAMAGE INFLECTED BY ENEMY AIRCRAFT. POINT 10-50-42 NORTH LAT 124-32-30 EAST LONG. SUNK IN NINE FATHOMS WATER DEPTH CHARGES LOCKED ON SAFE. ECM PLUS ROB PUBLICATIONS PREVIOUSLY TRANSFERRED. NO CODES COMPROMISED. NO LOSS OF LIFE. FORWARDING LIST OF INJURED VIA AMGM

* 1 GROUP MISSING

COMINCH...ACT

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**RECEIVED AS 120545.**

CTF 77 REENCYPHERS HIS 120545 WHICH DOES NOT BREAK.

COMINCH GETS ACTION AND INFO TO COM 7TH FLT.

COOPER (DD 585) SUNK 3RD DECEMBER. LSM 23 SUNK 5TH DECEMBER.

BOTH RESULT ENEMY ACTION PHILIPPINES.

FOLLOWING LOST IN CRWOC OPERATIONS 7TH DECEMBER: LSM 316 MAHAN (DD 364) WARD (APD 16). LATTER 2 WERE SERIOUSLY DAMAGED. PERSONNEL WERE RESCUED AND BOTH SHIPS SUNK BY BLUE FORCES. FOREGOING SINKINGS MAY BE ANNOUNCED WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

COMINCH COPIES 1 TO 8 INCL.
**NAVY MESSAGE**

**NAVAL MESSAGE**

**FROM** 03-00

**RELEASED BY** V.C. CHAPLINE

**DATE** 9 DECEMBER 1944

**TEN CODE/DOM** 1624

**DECODED BY** STOLTZ

**ROUTED BY** NAHES

**ADDRESS** COMDTNYBOS

**FOR ACTION** CONSERVPAC

**INFORMATION** CONSERTRON 10 REPORT MANUS

**CINCLANT** U.S.S. CANBERRA (CA-76)

**PRECEDENCE** 1

**PRIORITY** ROUTINE

**ROUTINE** DEFERRED

**DEFERRED**

**OPERATIONAL CHECK BELOW**

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

**ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME:**

**DATE** 091446

**TIME** NCR 8817

**ACTION**

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/44

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**ADDRESSEES**

- COMINCH
- CINCPAC
- COMDESPAC
- COM7THFLT

**PRECEDENCE**

- TOP SECRET
- TOP
- PRIORITY
- ROUTINE
- DEFERRED
- BASEGRAM

**TOP SECRET**

**ACTION**: F-30

**LAMSON DD 367 SENDS ACTION TO COMINCH INFO CINCPAC COMDESPAC COM7THFLT**

**LAMSON DD 367 STRUCK AT 11/13/71 DECEMBER 7 BY SUICIDE JAP FIGHTER AT BASE OF BRIDGE STRUCTURE PORT SIDE AFT. BRIDGE GUTTED FROM FORECASTLE DECK UP INCLUDING ALL FIRE CONTROL RADIO RADAR AND SONAR AND CIC GEAR. BOTH STACKS DAMAGED LAUNDRY DESTROYED, FORWARD CIC ROOM FLOODED AND DAMAGED.**

**COMINCH**: COPIES 1 TO 8 INCLUSIVE.

**TOP SECRET**

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COMSUBSLANT ORIGINATOR, INFO TO SUBBASE NEW LONDON USS BRAY AND USS CUTTFISH...REQUEST CNO RELAY TO APPROPRIATE BUREAUS AND OFFICES NAVY DEPARTMENT.

DURING SCHEDULED SUBMERGED APPROACH CUTTFISH SS 171 COLLIDED WITH TARGET BRAY DE 739, NO PERSONNEL CASUALTIES. FOLLOWING DAMAGE SUSTAINED:

BY CUTTFISH—BOTH PERISCOPE SDOJ MASTS DAMAGED BEYOND REPAIR, PERISCOPE SUPPORT CASTING CRACKED THROUGH

ON BRAY—PORT MAIN SHAFT COUPLING BOLTS IN FLANGE ABAFT THRUST BEARING PULLED OUT PERMIT TING AFTER SECTION SHAFT MOVE ART & INCREASE PROBABLE DAMAGE 1 SPRING BEARING, ONE SECTION LINE SHAFTING AFT OF SPRING BEARING BORED, PORT PROPELLER DAMAGED BEYOND REPAIR.

CUTTFISH REPAIRS WILL BE EFFECTED LOCALLY TIME DEPENDENT PROCUREMENT NEW PERISCOPE CASTING. BRAY REPAIRS REQUIRE NAVY YARD AVAILABILITY BEING REQUESTED SEPARATELY.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/94
LY. ABLE TO PROCEED ON ONE SHAFT. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT FOLLOWS.

COMINCH...COG
23...16...19...JAG...BUSHIPS...19C...BUPERS...BUORD...
OP05...CNO...00...NAVIADE...200P...FX37...20M...

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CTF 77 SENTS FOR CO MAHAN.

MAHAN SUNK ABOUT 1600 DECEMBER 7TH CAMOTES SEA RESULT HITS BY 3 SUICIDE TWIN ENGINE BOMBERS. POSIT LAT 17-50 N LONG 124-24 E. FORCED ABANDON SHIP RESULT UNCONTROLLED FIRES AND EXPLODING MAGAZINES. SHIP SUNK BY FRIENDLY GUN AND TORPEDO FIRE. 1 OFFICER 5 MEN KILLED OR MISSING.

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*BEING SERVICED.

ACTION: F-30

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TOR CODE ROOM: SOWERS
DECODED BY: SOWERS/BENNETT
ROUTED BY: CINCLANT TELLS COMINCH AND COM 10TH FLEET FOR INFO

SS JAMES F COOPER AND HURON (PF 19) IN COLLISION AT 080520Z POSIT 36-45 N 47-01 W. HURON IN SINKING CONDITION. DIRECT CHOCOTAW PROCEED BEST SPEED TO SCENE OF COLLISION AND REPORT TO COMCORTDIV 57.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/2/94

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(ACTION COM NOB BERMUDA AND CTG 23.1 FROM CTF 62. RDO BERMUDA PASS INFO CINCLANT COM 10TH FLT C&R)
RDO BERMUDA PASSED TO CINCLANT, COM 10TH FLT C&R AND USS CURBAS AS 081230)

COMCORTDIV 15 IN AMICK VOICE CALL SCOTTY ESCORTS CARROLL TOWING HURON TO BERMUDA VIA DIRECT ROUTE COURSE 252 SPEED 4. GUARDS 500 3000 VOICE 2656 VOICE TBS. BOTH ESCORTS ORDERED REJOIN UGS 92 WHEN RELIEVED BY BERMUDA TUG AND ESCORT. POSITION HURON 081000Z 37-00N 47-45W. HURON IS HOLED ABOVE AND BELOW WATER LINE STARBOARD SIDE OF ENGINE ROOM WHICH IS FLOODED. JAMES F COOPER IS HOLED IN STEM AND HAS FLOODED PEAK TANK. BELIEVE SHE IS ABLE TO CONTINUE WITH CONVOY. IF UNABLE TO MAINTAIN SPEED WILL PUT ON STRAGGLERS ROUTE.
WEATHER 4072 1035

FX37 COG
COMINCH 19-19C BUSHIPS 23-16 JAG BUORD OF O5
39-50 NAVAIDE 200P WEATHER

061130Z 35-43N 47-01W WX 4072 1035
FROM CTF 62, ACTION COM NOB BERMUDA PASSED INFO TO COM 10TH FLT C & R CINCLANT.

PASSED BY BERMUDA TO COM 10TH FLT C & R CINCLANT FOR INFO AS 080945 ATO.

USS HURON AND MERVES JAMES FENIMORE COOPER COLLIDED AT ABOUT 080820Z. HURON ENGINE ROOM FLOODED IN SINKING CONDITION ALL POWER LOST. COOPER BOW STOVE IN TAKING ON WATER. REQUEST 1 SALVAGE TUG IF PRACTICABLE WITH ESCORT. AM INVESTIGATING SITUATION.

DO NOT KNOW WHETHER HURON WILL STAY AFLOAT OR NOT. BELIEVE MERVES WILL BE ABLE TO PROCEED.

POSIT 36-45 N 47-01 W

FX37... COG

COMINCH... 16... 19... 23... 0P05... BUSHIPS... 39...

JAG... BUPERS... BUORD... 00... NAVATDE... CNO...
ACTION CNO INFO MOSCOW.

PERSISTENT REPORTS FROM UNOFFICIAL BUT BELIEVE

RELIABLE LOCAL SOURCES THAT 2 SOVIET COASTAL
VESSELS SUNK BY SUBMARINE OFF RYBACHI PENINSULA
NIGHT OF 5 DECEMBER

16....ACT

COMINCH....CNO....20G....NAVAIDE....200P.....

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NAVAL MESSAGE

USS COOPER

8 DEC 1944

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STRONG

WHITTINGTON

VOSBURGH

90532

NCR 6567

USS COOPER ORIGINATES...

RECHECK OF COOPER POSITION SINKING IS LATITUDE 10-54 NORTH LONGITUDE 124-36 EAST. DEPTH OF WATER ABOUT 68 FATHOMS. COMPROMISE REGISTERED PUBLICATIONS AND DEVICES IMPROBABLE.

COMINCH....ACTION

2OR....20K....19G....20Y.....
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM

RELEASED BY 7 DEC 1944

DATE 0136

TOR CODEROOM STEARNS

DECODED BY BACH

ROUTED BY VOWBURGH

PARAMETER

CINCSWA (COM 7TH FLT) [ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEES]

COMINCH

CNO

CINC PAC

CONSOPAC

INFORMATION FOR ACTION

061155 NCR 5429

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CINCSWA SENDS VIA COM 7TH FLT ACTION COMINCH INFO CNO CINC PAC CONSOPAC.

M/V ANTOINE SAUGRAINE SERIOUSLY DAMAGED IN AIR ATTACK ON CONVOY OFF LEYTE ON 5TH. SALVAGE BEING ATTEMPTED. TOTAL OF 413 SURVIVORS.

APPARENTLY NO LOSS OF LIFE. MUGFORD, DD 389 SUFFERED SUICIDE CRASH AMIDSHIPS DURING AIR ATTACK 5TH ON LEYTE GULF. LEFT DEAD IN WATER BEING TOWED SAN PEDRO. DAMAGE UNDETERMINED.

MOROTAI PT'S SHELLED GUN POSITIONS GORANGO POINT ON 4/5.

MACARTHUR

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MUGFORD (DD 389) SENDS ACTION CTF 75 COM 7TH FLEET INFO COMSERFORTHFLTL COMDESPRON 6. NSS (RADIO WASHINGTON) PASS ACTION COMINCH. NPM (RADIO HONOLULU) PASS INFO CINCPAC COMSERVPAC COMDESPAC.

PRELIMINARY DAMAGE REPORT DUE TO SUICIDE PLANE CRASH AT 17161/5 DECEMBER. MACHINE SHOP AND BATTERY LOCKER WRECKED. UPTAKES AND STACK TO BOILERS 3 AND 4 RUPTURED AND BURNED. UNDETERMINED DAMAGE TO NUMBER 2 FIRE ROOM. 20 MM PLATFORM PORT SIDE SMASHED AND 1 20 MM GUN DESTROYED. MAIN DECK HOLED ABOVE NUMBER 2 FIREROOM. DAMAGE TO ELECTRICAL WIRING UNDETERMINED. MOTOR WHALE BOAT LOST BELIEVED ADRIFT. SG RADAR INOPERATIVE. NO APPARENT DAMAGE TO SIDE PLATING.

SHIP PROCEEDING UNDER OWN POWER AT 12 KNOTS. DETAILED REPORT FOLLOWS.

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23......BUSHIPS......BUORD......

20G.....CNO.....200P.....00.....NAVAMED.....20E.....25......
CTF 77 GIVES ACTION COMINCH.

YOUR 541844 ANSWERED BY MY 541122. POSITION SINKING LAT 18-54N LONG 124-36E. DEPTH WATER 68 FATHOMS. NO PRESUMPTION COMPROMISE CLASSIFIED MATERIAL.

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(USS DRAYTON DD 366 ORIGINATOR)

FOLLOWING DAMAGE INCURRED BY USS DRAYTON DD 366,
DURING JAPANESE AIR ATTACKS 5 DECEMBER 1944,
AT 04501 BOMB LANDED OFF STARBOARD BEAM,
2 INCH HOLE IN TANK A F NUVP* ABOUT 2 FEET ABOVE
WATERLINE,
OTHER SUPERFICIAL DAMAGE,
AT 11061 PLANE CRASHDIVED INTO NUMBER 1 5 INCH GUN
PUTTING GUN OUT OF COMMISSION,
NUMBER 1 MAGAZINE FLOODS TO STOP FIRE,
MAGAZINE NOW DRY

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*AS RECEIVED OP05 CON JS0 90 2000 30 NAVAIDE...
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**WHAT WAS POSITION OF SINKING AND DEPTH OF WATER URDIS 4247 REFERS. IS THERE ANY PRESUMPTION OF COMPROMISE CLASSIFIED MATERIAL.**

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/44

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NEW YORK BB34 IMMOBILIZED 3 HOURS 3 DECEMBER RESULT CASUALTIES BOTH MAIN ENGINES. NUT SECURING ASSISTANT CYLINDER PISTON IN HIGH PRESSURE CYLINDER PORT ENGINE BACKED OFF AAR HIGH PRESSURE VALVE ROD BENT. NUT SECURING VALVE SPLICE AFTER LOW PRESSURE STARBOARD ENGINE BACKED OFF. DURING PREVIOUS PASSAGE NUT SECURING PISTON ON INTERMEDIATE CYLINDER ROD PORT ENGINE BACKED OFF. PRESENT SPEED 16.5 KNOTS. REQUEST IMMEDIATE MANUFACTURE ONE MAIN ENGINE HIGH PRESSURE VALVE STEM COMPLETE IN ACCORDANCE BUENOC DREAMING 34-B-Ø SIPBIFFEE EXCEPT WHERE PLAN SHOWS ROD DIAMETER 3.508 ROD TO BE 3.451. ALSO MANUFACTURE ONE ADDITIONAL HIGH PRESSURE VALVE STEM.
WASHER PIECE G 1 NUT PIECE D ONE LOCK NUT PIECE E AND BALANCE PISTON NUT PIECE F
FROM CTF 77 ACTION CINCWPAC INFO TO COMINCH CINC PAC COM 7TH FLEET COMAAF CONDESPAC COM 5TH AIR FORCE.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION 063120. CATALINAS COVERED BY FIGHTERS RESCUED TOTAL 8 OFFICERS INCLUDING COMMANDING OFFICER USS COOPER AND 130 ENLISTED MEN ON 3 DECEMBER. SINGLE CATALINA RESCUED 2 OFFICERS 54 ENLISTED MEN IN A RECORD BREAKING TRIP. PATROLS NIGHT 3-4 DEC FOUND 2 JAP SURVIVORS NIL FRIENDLY. HAVE REASON BELIEVE OTHER SURVIVORS MAY HAVE REACHED SHORE AND MAY BE RECOVERED LATER.

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(CTF 77 SENDS ACTION TO CNO INFO COM 7TH FLEET CINCPAC.)

REFERENCE COMMANDING OFFICER USS COOPER REPORT 040355.

REESTIMATE POSITION SINKING WHICH AGREES WITH DIVISION COMMANDER 120 COMMANDING DESTROYERS GROUP IN ORMOC BAY PLACES POSITION SINKING COOPER LAT 16°-54 NORTH LONG 124°-36 EAST. DEPTH OF WATER 68 FATHOMS. COOPER CARRIES CLASS 3 ALLOWANCE INCLUDING ECM. POSSIBILITY COMPROMISE NOT BELIEVED TO EXIST AS POSITION IS UNDER SURVEILLANCE 6TH ARMY TROOPS. ARTILLERY AND AIR FORCES WILL PREVENT ANY ENEMY ATTEMPTS AT SALVAGE OPERATIONS.

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THIS IS COM 7TH FLEET ANSWERING YOUR 281677 BATTLE DAMAGE TO COLORADO AND ST. LOUIS INITIALLY REPORTED IN CTG 77.2 DISPATCH 270822 WAS AMPLIFIED BY CTG 77.2 DISPATCH 271455. THESE SHIPS WERE PART OF A FORCE ASSIGNED THE TASK OF INTERCEPTING AND DESTROYING ENEMY NAVAL FORCES ATTACKING OR THREATENING TO ATTACK OUR FORCES AND LAND POSITIONS IN LEYTE GULF OR OUR LINES OF COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EASTWARD THEREOF. AT THE TIME OF THE ATTACK THIS FORCE HAD BEEN HEAVILY REINFORCED BY SHIPS BEING ASSEMBLED FOR THE ASSAULT ON MINDORO.

HEAVY SHIPS OF THE FORCE OPERATED IN LEYTE GULF WITH DESTROYER...
PICKETS OPERATING TO THE EASTWARD OF LEYTE GULF AND IN THE LOWER SURIQAO STRAITS. DUE DELAY IN MINDORO ASSAULT HEAVY SHIPS IN LEYTE HAVE BEEN REDUCED TO 4 CRUISERS. OTHER HEAVY UNITS HAVE BEEN RETIRED TO KOSSOL WITH CVE GROUP.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

ADAMS ORIGINATOR BY HAND TO COMINDIV 8

WHILE PROCEEDING NOROLFT TO YORKTOWN IN ACCORDANCE

COTCLANT CONFIDENTIAL SPEEDLETTER SERIAL 05776 DATED

20 NOVEMBER 1944, ADAMS STRUCK SUBMERGED OBJECT DISTANT

8,000 YARDS BEARING 268 DEGREES FROM THIMBEL LIGHT.

SHIP WAS PROCEEDING IN CHANNEL LEADING FROM VICINITY

BUOYS 8 AND 10 THIMBE SHOAL CHANNEL APPROACHING

BELL BUOY ON COURSE 041. MANEUVERING SPEEDS BEING USED

TO AVOID CONVERGING FORMATION LSM'S STARBOARD AND TUG

WITH TOW PORT. CASUALTY CONSISTED FEATHERING 1 BLADE

PORT PROPELLER DEPTH INCH AND HALF LENGTH EIGHT INCHES.

WILL REQUIRE STRAIGHTENING OR REPLACEMENT PROPELLER.

VIBRATION NOTED ON INCREASING SPEED AFTER CLEARING

FAIRWAY BELL BUOY. SHIP POSITION ACCURATELY BEING
PLOTTED BY LAND MARKS USCG CHART 1222. WIND BRISK
VISIBILITY EXCELLENT. TIDE FLOODING HOUR AND HALF.
LEAST DEPTH OBSERVED 4 FATHOMS. CASUALTY NECESSITATES
INTERCHANGE YARD AVAILABILITY PERIOD AND SPECIAL MINING
OPERATIONS OTHERWISE NO CHANGE IN TENTATIVE SCHEDULE.
ESTIMATE ADVISABLE SPEED LIMITATIONS 25 KNOTS DUE
VIBRATION PORT ENGINE. DETAILED REPORT BEING FORWARDED.

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BUORD.....NAVAIDE.....CNO.....200P.....00.....30.....28.....

CINC PAC SENDS ACTION COM7THFLT INFO COMINCH CINCSWPA CONSEVPAC CTF 77 CTG 77.2 COMCRUDIV 4 COMBAT PAC.

REQUEST YOU DIRECT MARYLAND (BB46) PROCEED PEARL FOR BATTLE DAMAGE REPAIRS.

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DUSK 29TH MARYLAND HIT BY SUICIDE PLANE BETWEEN FORWARD TURRETS. 2ND DECK WRECKED. DAMAGE INTERFERES WITH TRAINING NUMBER 1 TURRET. 20 KILLED MORE THAN 30 INJURED. SAUFLEY SUFFERED MINOR DAMAGE. AULICK RECEIVED DIRECT BOMB HIT BRIDGE AREA. TOPSIDE STRUCTURE SERIOUSLY DAMAGED. MOROTAI PB4Y SEARCHER ON 28TH SANK SMALL SHIPPING AND STRAFED PLANES IN PORTO PRINCESSA AREA. DESRON 22 AGAIN SWEPT CAMOTES SEA. SANK SEVERAL BARGES.

MACARTHUR.

RECLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO CONTENT.

CINCSUPA SENDS VIA COM 7TH FLEET ACTION COMINCH INFO CNO CINCPAC COMSOPAC.
COMSERVPAC SENDS ACTION NYDS PuGET SOUND AND MARE ISLAND INFO BUSHIPS BUORD BUAEER COMAIRPAC

INTREPID ARRIVES COAST APPROXIMATELY 25 DECEMBER.
NO ALTS ON (A) LIST BUT FOLLOWING HIGHLY IMPORTANT ALTS TOP (B) LIST. COMPLETE RELOCATION OF CIC AND AIR PLOT TO GALLERY DECK. REPLACE MARK 4 RADAR WITH MARK 12 AND 22. COMPLETE INSTALLATION ADDITIONAL 40 MM MOUNTS. REARRANGEMENT RADAR ANTENNAE. CAN YOU UNDERTAKE WITHOUT SERIOUS INTERFERENCE AVAILABILITIES MY SERIALS 00151 TO NYD MARE ISLAND AND 00152 TO NYD PuGET SOUND BUSHIPS.......COG

23...20E...25...BUORD...BUAEER...COMINCH...CNO..31

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RE: PROCTG 77.2

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LEATEST MARYLAND DAMAGE REPORT. AFTER DAYLIGHT INSPECTION BELIEVE 2 TO 3 MONTHS NAVY YARD AVAILABILITY REQUIRED TO REPAIR DAMAGE UPPER MAIN AND SECOND DECKS; BULKHEAD VICINITY FRAME 39; BULKHEADS 26 AND 51 BLOWN LOOSE FROM DECK. SUPPORT STANCHIONS ON 2ND DECK TORN AWAY FROM DECK. EXTENSIVE ELECTRICAL, VENTILATION AND PIPING DAMAGED. SICK BAY AND SHIP FITTER SHIP AREAS AND FORWARD HEADS REQUIRE REBUILDING. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES. KILLED: 31 ENLISTED. SERIOUSLY WOUNDED 1 DENTAL OFFICER AND 29 ENLISTED. MISSING NONE. COMINGH: 1-8 INCL.

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INFORMATION COMINCH, CINC PAC, COM 3RD FLT, COM 7TH FLT, CINC WES PAC, CTF 75

SUMMARY FOR LEYTE GULF ON 29TH.

TRANSFERRED FUEL PROVISIONS AND AMMUNITION FROM COLORADO AND ST LOUIS WHO DEPARTED 1010 FOR MANUS. DAY QUIET IN GULF UNTIL DUSK WHEN DIV BOMBING AND SUICIDE ATTACKS BY A FEW PLANES DAMAGED MARYLAND. 1 PLANE CRASHED BETWEEN FORWARD TURRETS. DECK DAMAGE INTERFERED WITH ARMAMENT OF NUMBER 1 TURRET. SECOND DECK AREA WRECKED. 203 DEAD AT LEAST 30 INJURED. AULICK AND SAUFLEY HEAVILY ATTACKED. SAUFLEY MINOR DAMAGE. AULICK HIT BY BOMBS IN BRIDGE AREA. SERIOUSLY DAMAGED TOPSIDE STRUCTURE, MANY CASUALTIES. MINIMUM OF 5 PLANES SHOT DOWN OR CRASHED INTO SHIPS.

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FOLLOWING DAMAGE RESULT 2 SUICIDE PLANE CRASHES 1 ON UPPER DECK FRAME 87 PORT AND 1 NEAR MISS ABOUT 100 FEET FROM SIDE OF FRAME 56 PORT AT 1143 27 NOVEMBER, UPPER DECK HOLED ABOUT 5 X 10 FEET, DECK BEAMS AND BULKHEADS FROM FRAME 82 TO 87 RUPTURED WARPED AND SPRUNG.

EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO VENTILATION DUCTS AND ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS IN HIT AREA, FIRE MAIN RISERS IN AREA CUT, DISBURSING OFFICE DEMOLISHED

ALL CALCULATING AND PAY ACCOUNT SYSTEM MACHINES AND SOME RECORDS AND ACCOUNTS DESTROYED, OCCASIONAL MINOR DAMAGE DUE TO SHRAPNEL HOLES

AND FLYING DEBRIS EXTENDS FROM FRAME 70 TO THE Stern. AFTER 24 HOURS, THERE IS EVIDENCE OF SLIGHT LEAKAGE IN COUNTER FLOODING GRIDS B-150 AND 154V. THESE WERE DRY IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ACTION. PRESENT LEAKAGE CAN BE CONTROLLED BY PERIODIC BLOWING OUT. DAMAGE TO ARMAMENT

WILL NECESSITATE REPLACEMENT OF 2 FIVE INCH/51 MOUNTS COMPLETE MARK 15 MOD 8 WITH ASSOCIATED FIRE CONTROL EQUIPMENT FOR 1 MOUNT, 1 40 MM1 QUAD MOUNT MARK 5 YORK SAFE AND LOCK COMPANY AND ALL ASSOCIATED WIRING.

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**HONO INTERCEPT**

SAILED COLORADO 1900/1. MARYLAND DAMAGE SERIOUSLY AFFECTS BATTLE EFFICIENCY. PROBABLY REQUIRES YARD REPAIRS. ENDEAVOR CONTACT COLORADO. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS.

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**TOP SECRET**

Handle only in accordance with "Top Secret" instructions contained in article 76, Navy Regulations.
ATTACKED BY AIRCRAFT 17-00 LAT NORTH
127-22 LONG EAST.
COM7THFLT SENDS ACTION COMINCH INFO CNO CINCPAC COMSUBSPAC (NPM RDO HONO) PASS COMSUBS 7THFLT CTF 77

DEEPLY REGRET NECESSITY REPORTING THAT DUE FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES CONSIDER GROWLER PROBABLY LOST RESULT ENEMY ACTION. GROWLER DEPARTED FREMANTLE 20 OCT TO CONDUCT SEARCH AND ATTACK WITH HARDHEAD AND HAKE IN LUBANG CALAVIT CALAMIAN AREA. ON SEVEN NOV ORDERED TO SHIFT PATROL TO WESTERN LUZON. LAST DISPATCH FROM GROWLER WAS 071530 REQUESTING URGENTLY NEEDED SJ RADAR PARTS. SUSEQUENT EFFORTS TO EFFECT RENDEZVOUS AND REACH BY DISPATCH FAILED. ORIGINAL DATE TO LEAVE PATROL SET AT 1 DEC AND ETA FREMANTLE 11 DEC BUT BELIEVE ABOVE CIRCUMSTANCES INDICATE LOSS.

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AIR ATTACK 1135-1220 27 NOVEMBER SUICIDE PLANE CRASH ON MAIN DECK FRAME 128 STARBOARD. HOLE BLOWN IN MAIN DECK 24 BY 24 FEET. BULKHEAD 126 BLOWN OUT FROM MAIN DECK TO 3RD DECK LEVEL SAME SIDE. NUMBEROUS SHRAPNEL HOLES IN 3RD DECK BETWEEN FRAMES 127 AND 134 STARBOARD UP TO 18 INCHES IN DIAMETER. 4 INCH HOLE IN SHELL PLATING FRAME 130 STARBOARD 1 FOOT ABOVE 3RD DECK LEVEL. AND FIRE MAIN RUPTURED AT FRAME 126 IN HANGAR/IN MAIN GSK STOREROOM C'S 309A WITH 80 PERCENT LOSS GSK STORES, GASOLINE PUMP AND TRUNK AT MAIN DECK DEMOLISHED, INCIDENTAL PIPING, GAUGES, VALVES DESTROYED. MAIN DECK BUCKLED WITH NUMBEROUS SHRAPNEL HOLES AFT OF TURRET 5. HANGAR HATCH BLOWN UP

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ASHRIS

ONTO CATAPULT AND JETTISONED, PLANE ELEVATOR BADLY BUCKLED.

BOTH CATAPULTS DAMAGED BEYOND REPAIR. 1 PLANE BLOWN OVERBOARD
OTHER PLANE AND BULK OF AIRCRAFT SPARES DAMAGED BEYOND REPAIR.

BARRELS ALL 3 GUNS TURRET 5 BADLY PITTED AND DEEPLY GOUGED AND
CONSIDERED UNSAFE. 2 FOOT VERTICAL HAIRLINE CRACK IN FACE
PLATE, VENTILATION TO PYROTECHNIC STORAGE C 513 AND 1 HALF M
AND DIESEL FIRE PUMP ROOM C 313 E DESTROYED. 5 INCH GUN 7 DEEPLY
GOUGED AND CONSIDERED UNSAFE. AVIATION LUBE OIL STORAGE TANKS
DESTROYED, BOTH MOTOR WHALE BOATS BUCKLED WITH SHRAPNEL,
DAMAGED BY FIRE AND CONSIDERED BEYOND REPAIR. GENERAL USUAL
DAMAGE OF ALL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT AND CABLES IN AFFECTED AREA.

70 PERCENT PLUMBING AND FIXTURES CPO HEAD AND WASHROOM DESTROYED.

RESULT 2ND SUICIDE PLANE CRASH CLOSE ABOARD VICINITY FRAME

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ARMOR BELT MISSING. FOLLOWING SECTION ARMOR BELT LOOSE AND WORKING ON RIVETS. UNDETERMINED LENGTH 80 POUND PLATE FORWARD FRAME 61 MISSING. HULL PLATING OF COMPARTMENTS A 424 A, A 54 A V, B 90 V, B 908 F, B 914 F, B 920 F MULTIPLE HOLES TO SEA SHELL PLATING APPEARS TO BE TORN LOOSE AT FRAME 61. BULKHEAD 61 HAS 5 INCH WRINKLE 4 FEET INBOARD IN COMPARTMENT AGE. BULKHEAD 61 AND 1 HALF SLIGHTLY WRINKLED ON PORT SIDE BETWEEN B-1-1 AND B-2.

COMINCH COPIES 1 TO 8 INCLUSIVE.
USS BELLEAU WOOD Assigned Hunter's Point for Scheduled Availability. Daly to United Engineering Alameda
EXPERIENCED DAY FOR BOTH SIDES. NIPS WELL ORGANIZED AS RESULT THEIR AIR
ACCURATE ESTIMATE. DETERMINED WITH DAY/ATTACK BREACHED FIGHTER
DEFENSE USING WHAT APPEARED TO BE FAKE TORPEDO ATTACK COORDINATED
WITH DIVERS. 1 DIVER MISSED HANCOCK WITH BOMB SHOT DOWN OVER SHIP
BURNING FRAGMENTS ON SHIP NO LOSS BATTLE EFFICIENCY. CONSIDERABLE
DAMAGE INTREPID HANGAR DECK AND ABOVE FROM 2 SUICIDE CRASHES WITH
BOMBS. 1 YOUNG SUICIDER NEAR MISSED WITH BOMB AND BOUNCED OFF
CABOT'S FLIGHT DECK FORWARD CAUSING QUICKLY CONTROLLED FIRE WHILE
A SECOND PLANE WAS SHOT OUT OF HIS DIVE AND CRASHED IN WATER CLOSE
TO SHIP. CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE BUT SHIP CARRIED ON ALL DAY. ESSEX
HAD 1 PLANE HIT CATTALK NEGOCIABLE LOSS OF BATTLE EFFICIENCY. 3
ADDITIONAL PLANES SHOT DOWN BY 38.2 AA FIRE. PRELIMINARY
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NAVAL MESSAGE

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COM 3RD FLT
COMINCH CTG 38.2
COMAIRPAC COMSERCYPAC CTF 38 CTG 30.9

CINC PAC SENDS ACTION COM 3RD FLT INFO COMINCH COMAIRPAC COMSERCYPAC CTF 38 CTG 30.9 CTG 38.2.

YOUR 260755 NOT TO ALL.
DIRECT INTREPID (CV 11) PROCEED PEARL FOR BATTLE DAMAGE REPAIRS.

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**PASSED BY CINCPAC TO COMINCH AND COMPASSAFRON FOR INFO AS 270032.**

**COM 3RD FLT SENDS INFO CTG 36.9 CTF 38 CTG 38.2 CINCPAC ADMIN WHO PASSES ACTION CINCPAC**

**TG 38.2 NOW ENROUTE ULITHI WITH ESTIMATED BATTLE DAMAGE DESCRIBED MY 260748 AND PERSONNEL CASUALTIES AS IN MY 260743. BELIEVE ULITHI CAN HANDLE INDEPENDENCE CABOT AND HANCOCK BUT NO ESTIMATE DATE ODS YET POSSIBLE. BELIEVE INTREPID DAMAGE WILL NECESSITATE NAVY YARD REPAIRS. FURTHER REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION AFTER ARRIVAL ULITHI.**

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**ACTION**

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(INFO COMSUBPAC FROM CTG 17.7)


COPY TO 20G.
PRELIMINARY DAMAGE REPORT RESULT 2 JAP SUICIDE CRASHES ON DECK WITH
BOMBS TODAY AT 1255 AND 1259 HOURS. 1 BOMB EXPLODED ON HANGAR DECK.
2ND UNDERNEATH FLIGHT DECK. 1 HOLE IN FLIGHT DECK 15 FEET IN DIAMETER
CENTERED FRAME 135 DISTORTION AREA 54 BY 30 FEET. ANOTHER HOLE 34
BY 8 FEET CENTERED ABOUT FRAME 151 WITH SLIGHT DISTORTION. NUMBER
2 ELEVATOR CUT OF COMMISSION 5TH AFTER CABLES SEVERED. NUMBER 3
ELEVATOR CUT OF COMMISSION "THROUGH OUT OF LINE. SEVERAL ARRESTING
GEAR AND BARRIER UNITS DECOMPLISHED. HP AIR LINES TO ARRESTING AND B
BARRIER UNITS SHATTERED. ELECTRIC WIRING UNDER PLATFORM AND GALLEY
DECKS ESPECIALLY THAT FOR CIC SEVERED BY SHRAPNEL AND FIRE. TOO HOT
TO DETERMINE DAMAGE TO CIC EQUIPMENT. ALL DAMAGE CONFINED ABOVE
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**HANGAR DECK. PERSONNEL, AT LEAST 54 DEAD 35 SERIOUS AND 15 MINOR INJURIES. MISSING UNDETERMINED AS YET. SEVERAL POSSIBLY 15, OFFICERS AND CREW PERFORMED MARVELOUSLY.**

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(OMAHA CL4 SENDS)

WHILE TRANSFERRING MAIL AT SEA BOW OF GUSTAFSON DE 182
STRUCK NO. 4 PROPELLER OF OMAHA CL4. PROPELLER BLADES
OUT
BENT AND SHAFT/OF LINE. SLIGHT LEAK IN PEAK TANK OF
GUSTAFSON. REQUEST CNO INFORM NECESSARY NAVY DEPT
BUREAUS

COMINCH...COG

16...19...BUSHIPS...23...BUPERS...BUORD...HAG...

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HONOLULU (CL48) HEREBY ASSIGNED AVAILABILITY AT THE NAVY YARD NORFOLK UPON ARRIVAL ABOUT 25 DEC 1944 FOR BATTLE DAMAGE REPAIRS AND INSTALLATION 5"/38 BATTERY INCLUDING BLISTERS. ADVANCE PLANNING AND PREFABRICATION MUST BE EXPEDITED. COMMANDANT IS REQUESTED TO REPORT ESTIMATED TIME TO COMPLETE AS SOON AS FULL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE.

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OPNAV 20-67

241915
HONOLULU WITH ESCORTS ALBERT WILLIAM GRANT AND ANDERSON DEPARTED 240200 (Z) ROUTE MARGARET TO PEARL. SPEED OF ADVANCE 15. ETA 291900 (Z).
QP 20, QPE 57, QPH 49-C 30, QPY 15. COMMUNICATIONS USF 70(A) CENT COM 2. ALL SHIPS GUARD NPM( RDO HONO) PRIMARY CONTINUOUSLY AND 355 KCS WITHIN 200 MILES OAHU HONOLULU ALSO GUARDS NPM( RDO HONO) SECONDARY. O.T.C. CAPT H. R. THURBER IN HONOLULU.

COMINCH.......COG

FX37...19....19C....20M.....CNO.....200P.....NAV. DE...

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ACTION TO CINCPAC FROM CONSUBPAC.

(Passed by CINCPAC to CONWESTSEAFRON and COMINCH for info as 2415/16)

TOP SECRET.

REGRET REPORT THAT SUBMARINES ESCOLAR TANQ AND SHARK ARE ALL OVERDUE FROM PATROL AND MUST BE PRESUMED TO/LOST.

LETTERS GIVING ALL DETAILS WILL FOLLOW.

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ACTION: F-30
UR 220550 SAIL HONOLULU TO NORFOLK FOR BLISTERS AND 5 INCH 38 BATTERY. THOROUGH STUDY INDICATES 6 MONTHS FOR REPAIRS TO BATTLE DAMAGE 8 MONTHS FOR MODERNIZATION WHICH MAY BE ANTICIPATED BY 1 MONTH.
(CINCPAC COMCRUPAC INFORMED.)

MY 210239*CORRECT HONOLULU ETA EAST COAST PORT ABOUT 25 DECEMBER.

*REQUEST AVAILABILITY EAST COAST YARD HONOLULU (CL48) ABOUT 15 JAN.

23...ACT
BUORD...BUSHIPS...BUPERS...COMINCH...19...19C...
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**NAVAL MESSAGE**

**FROM:** USS TETON

**RELEASED BY:** 22 NOV 1944

**TOR CODEROOM:** 2616

**DECODED BY:** SACHS

**TYPED BY:** READY

**ROUTED BY:** WHITTINGTON

**ADDRESS:** ATCOPHIBFORPAC

**PRECEDENCE:** DEFERRED

**PRIORITY:** RRRRRRRR

**INFORMATION:** CNO CINCPAC CINCPAC COMPHIBFORPAC COM 15

**IF OPERATIONAL CHECK BELOW:** □

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**ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME:**

**DATE:** 22 NOV 1944

**TIME:** 24:346

**GCT:** NCR 267

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**ACTION:**

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COMSERVRON 10 SENDS ACTION COM 3RD FLEET INFO CTU 30.9.1 COMSERV PAC CINCPAC BUSHIPS COMCRUDIV 6 CTG 38.4 Wichita and CNO.

RESULTS DIVERS INSPECTION SHAFTING USS WICHITA NUMBER 4 SHAFT, PROPELLER AND TAIL SHAFT MISSING FROM MAIN STRUT SLIGHTLY DAMAGED FORWARD END, SHORT STRUT STERN TUBE SHAFT BENT ABOUT 3 INCHES. NUMBER 3 SHAFT OUT OF ALIGNMENT DUE BROKEN SHORT STRUT. UNKNOWN. IN VIEW ABOVE AND OLD BEND ON SECTION LINE SHAFT NUMBER 3 SHAFT STRONGLY RECOMMEND SHE BE RETURNED PEARL FOR COMPLETE SHAFT ALIGNMENT ALL AS WELL AS REPAIR OF DAMAGE.

23...COG
BUSHIPS...0PO5...COMINCH...CNO...NAVAIDE...200P...
CONSERVPAC 160223 GIVING CONSIDERATION INSTALLATION 5" 38 GUNS ON HONOLULU WHICH NECESSITATES ADDITION OF BILSTERS. ABOVE ACCOMPLISHED ON SAVANNAH BY NAVY YARD PHILADELPHIA IN NINE MONTHS. REQUEST YOUR ESTIMATED TIME MAKE REPAIRS NOT INCLUDING ABOVE ALTERATION. IF YOUR ESTIMATE TO COMPLETE BATTLE DAMAGE HONOLULU ABOUT EQUALS TIME REQUIRED COMPLETE SAVANNAH MODERNIZATION AND YOU CONCUR SIMILAR MODERNIZATION HONOLULU PROPOSE SHIP BE SENT PHILADELPHIA BECAUSE EXPERIENCE THERE PLUS FACT MORE DOCKING FACILITIES AVAILABLE EAST COAST. REQUEST EARLY REPLY IN ORDER START MATERIAL PROCUREMENT AND WORK. SEE CNO 311410 OCTOBER.

COMINCH & CNO....ORIG BUPERS....23....NAVYDEP....200P..... CNO....0P15....BUSHIPS.....

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(CTG 30.9 sends Action CINCPAC info COMFWDAREA COMTHIRDFFLEET COMSRRVPAC CTG 38.3 CNO (RDO WASHINGTON PASS) ATCOM ULITHI)

A059 USS MISSISSINEWI SUNK IN ULITHI OPPOSITE MUGAI CHANNEL ENTRANCE BY SUBMARINE TORPEDO AND SUBSEQUENT INTERNAL EXPLOSION AND FIRE. LARGE NUMBER OF SURVIVORS. EXACTLY HOW MANY CASUALTIES NOT YET KNOWN.
HONOLULU ESCORTED BY HAROLD C THOMAS AND ALBERT W
GRANT DEPARTED MANUS FOR MAJURO 0300Z 19TH. SOA
15 ROUTE GLADIOLA. ETA MAJURO 1000Z 23RD. ON ARRIVAL
MAJURO THOMAS TO RETURN MANUS OTHER VESSELS OBTAIN ONWARD
ROUTING TO PEARL. QPE 57. ALL VESSELS GUARD NPM
(RDO HONO) PRIMARY HONOLULU ALSO NPM SECONDARY.

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TOR NCR 1542/19

(CNB MANUS SENDS)
(RANDOLPH SENDS TO COMFAIR NORFOLK. INFO COMAIRLANT SUPSHIPS NEWPORT NEWS BUSHIPS NYD NORFOLK. COMFAIR PASS TO EXTRA YARD PLANNING NOB)

3RD HANGAR DECK ROLLER CURTAIN FRAME 48-52 STARBOARD DAMAGED IN MODERATE SEA FROM BROAD ON BOW WHILE STEAMING AT SLOW SPEED. RIVETS TEARING WITH CURTAIN MASHED IN BY SEA FORCING ROLLERS OUT OF TRACK. SUCH CASUALTY WOULD SERIOUSLY IMPAIR NIGHT OPERATIONS.

REQUEST REPAIRS BE ARRANGED TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN 48 HOURS AFTER ARRIVAL AND REMEDIAL ACTION INITIATED TO PREVENT RECURRENCE UNDER AVERAGE SEA CONDITIONS AND SPEED.

BUSHIPS....COG 23....31....OP03....BUAFR....COMINCH....CNO....OP05....200P....NAVAIDE....3-72

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(COMSERON 10 SENDS ACTION TO COMSERVPAC. RDO MANUS PASS INFO TO CNB MANUS AND SERON 10 REP MANUS. RDO WASHN GIVE INFO TO BUSHIPS, BUORD AND CNO. ALSO INFO ARE CINCPAC, COM 3RD FLT, RENO, COMDESPAC AND VESTAL)

ESTIMATE RENO READY FOR TOW ABOUT 10 DECEMBER WITH MAJOR PORTION FLOODED COMPARTMENTS UNWATERED AND SUFFICIENT TOPSIDE WEIGHTS REMOVED TO RESTORE STABILITY AND WITH ADEQUATE STRUCTURAL STRENGTH REPLACED TO PERM SAFE TOWING IN NORMAL SEAS.

39...COG

BUSHIPS..BUORD...23...COMINCH...CNO...200P...

NAVAIDE...

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: OP-23
RELEASED BY: R. W. H. McKELLY
DATE: 17 NOVEMBER 1944
CODE ROOM: 2/11/17
DECODED BY: C. GREEN
ROUTED BY: TEL-CHOW

TO: DMC

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OP-23 PASSED BELLEAU WOOD SECR 842247 NCR 15745 BY AIRMGRAM TO NAVAL DRYDOCKS HUNTERS POINT FOR INFO AS 172011 NCR 5332.

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COMINCH...BUISNIPS...BUAER...BUORD...21E...0P35...
SEOG...JAG...29OP...NAVAFLE...36...CNO...OP15G...

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(PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO BY RDO HONO AS 170628)

2 Holes pressure hull RONQUIL after GUNFIGHT but still able make emergency dive. Critically wounded man in BURLFISH. Their 2300Z 16TH POSIT 32-25N 140-30E. Headed east in moderate Gale. I am joining them for support. Ryding ROBBINS* and HARLFINGER* out of deck gun ammunition. Present plan to run east until well clear of Bonins.

FURTHER ADVICE LATER. WX 02503 08670 66155.

*AS RECEIVED
(COM 7TH FLT GIVES ACTION COMINCH)

YOUR 132103 NOVEMBER. READ SUNK BY AERIAL TORPEDO IN
LEYTE GULF 1 NOVEMBER EVERSEOLE SUNK BY TORPEDO 150 MILES
EAST OF DINAGAT 29 OCTOBER. SHELTON SUNK BY TORPEDO OFF
MOROTAI 3 OCTOBER. AMS 70 FOUNDERED WHILE SLEEPING IN
LEYTE GULF 17 OCTOBER. PT 368 DESTROYED AT HALMAHERA 11
OCTOBER. THESE LOSSES CAN BE ANNOUNCED WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

PT 320 ANNOUNCED IN COM 7TH FLEET 120020 NOVEMBER.
FURTHER LOSSES CAN BE ANNOUNCED WITHOUT PREJUDICE AS
FOLLOWS. (AT) SONOMA DESTROYED BY AIRCRAFT BOMB IN LEYTE
GULF 22 OCTOBER. LST 269 BEACHED IN LEYTE GULF DUE MORTAR
FIRE 22 OCTOBER. LCI 1067 HIT BY AIRCRAFT BOMB EXPLODED
AND ABANDONED IN SAN PEDRO BAY 24 OCTOBER. PT 493

DESTROYED BY ENEMY GUNFIRE IN SURIGAO STRAIT 25 OCTOBER.
CVE SAINT LO SUNK BY SUICIDAL DIVE BOMBER OFF SAMAR 25
OCTOBER. CVE GAMBIER BAY SUNK BY GUNFIRE OF ENEMY TASK
FORCE OFF SAMAR 25 OCTOBER. DD HOEL DD JOHNSTON DE ROBERTS
SUNK BY GUNFIRE OFF SAMAR 25 OCTOBER. LOSS OF SUBMARINE
DARTER TO BE ANNOUNCED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRESENT POLICY.

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FROM NAVY
HOLLANDIA
*(RADIO/PASSED FOR INFO TO COM 3RD FLT, CTF 38, AND ALL
TASK GROUP COMMANDERS OF TF 38 UNDER ORIGINAL DATE TIME
GROUP. RADIO HONOLULU PASSED TO CONANT FOR INFO AS
15/631.)*

1 PROBABLE CARRIER 25-57 S LAT 121-50 E LONG ** AT
14223°1 BETTY SHOKAKU CLASS CARRIER.

** GARBLED GROUP.

DELIVERED
TO OP-20G
ADMNY INFO SBNO AZORES COMINCH CINCLANT FROM FOGMA

USS FRAMENTS 156245. IT IS ASSUMED THAT ENQUIRY INTO THIS COLLISION WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY US AUTHORITIES.

COMINCH...GOQ

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DRAFTER: CTF 17.16

RELEASED BY

DATE: 15 NOVEMBER 1944

TOR CODE DIA: 151326

DECODED BY: LENKE

PARAPHRASED BY: BENNETT

CHECKED BY: SJOSTEIN

ROUTED BY: 

ADDRESS: CTF 17 (COMSUBPAC)

AFFILIATES: ROACH'S RAIDERS

PPPPPPPP

PRIORITY: 1

ROUTINE: 2

DEFERRED: 3

BASEGRAM: 4

FOR ACTION: 

INFORMATION: 5

141532 NCR 5314

ORIGINATOR fill in DATE AND TIME GROUP (Use G. C. T.)

PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO BY NPM (RADIO HONOLULU) AS 152222.

(CTF 17.16 TO COMSUBPAC INFO ROACH'S RAIDERS)

SERIAL 4.

FOLLOWING FROM HALIBUT BY VISUAL AT 1400Z IN POSITIONS 12

MILES NORTH YASHI ISLAND: SEVERE DPLTH CHARGING WRINKLED FORWARD

HULL FORWARD TORPEDO ROOM FORWARD BATTERY CONING TOWER FORWARD

BULKHEAD. BOW TUBES OUT OF LINE. 5 CELLS CRACKED. SHAFTS NOISY.

STEERING DAMAGED. CAN CIVE NO RADIO NOW HERE TO FIX 33,000 FUEL.

14 FISH. RETURNING." PINTADO IN COMPANY HEADING TOWARDS SAIPAN AT

15 KNOTS UNTIL HALIBUT RADIO FIXED OR INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED FROM

YOU FOR VISUAL TRANSMISSION TO HALIBUT. FULL 64,500 FISH 16

WX 058231 16979 051222.

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ACTION: F-30

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: USS Reno (CL 96) (Indef Call)  
TO: CTF 38  
DATE: 18 November 1944  
TOR: WLP  
DECODER: WLP  
ROUTED: CTF 38  
ADDRESSEE: COMSOUTH CTF 38  
COMSOUTH COM SKUFRAC  
AMPHIBIAN FOR ACTION  
COMFORSOUTH TO COMCRU PAC  
COMSOUTH COM CRU PAC  

time: 0533

(From USS Reno CL 96 Action to COMINCH CTF 38 Info to Comsouthish Comcrupac and Consenvron to the latter hast by hand)

While steaming at 15 knots on station in prescribed disposition at 2325 13 November struck by submarine torpedo port side frame 91 about 2 feet below knuckle. Following structural damage resulted. Shell carried away entirely.

Frames 90 to 100 in strakes C D and E, dented in frames 77 to 110. Main deck stringer strake bowed upward 2 UJMN.

Inboard strakes carried away frames 88 to 96 between stringers and deckhouse and wrinkled across to starboard stringer which is undamaged. 2nd deck and 1st platform carried away frames 90 to 96 from shell inboard 20 feet. Longitudinal bulkhead inboard of C 404 F carried away entirely. Bulkhead 88 slightly distorted, bulkhead 90 distorted and ruptured in way port stem tube. Bulkhead 96 distorted and ruptured near connection to 2nd deck stringer strake B 946 F punctured. Shell plate which also cut into after engine room at frame 85 above bridge keel. 40 MM mount and foundation frame 89 port carried.

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AWAY. ALL COMPARTMENTS FLOODED BELOW 2ND DECK BETWEEN FRAME 77 AND 107 AND BELOW 1ST PLATFORM TO 110. C-201-L AND C-202-L AWASH. TEMPORARY PARTIAL FLOODING OCCURRED ALONG 2ND DECK IN ADJACENT SPACES AND IN AFTER FIRE ROOM. STEERING ENGINE AND FORWARD MAIN DISTRIBUTION BOARD BADLY DAMAGED BY SHOCK. ALL ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS IN FLOODED AREA OUT. SHAFTING STRUTS PROPS AND SHELL BELOW STRAKE B APPEAR INTACT.

*AS RECEIVED

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**First Report**: Damage to MINDANAO from explosion. Details of blast and fittings damaged. Maindeck flooded, watertight bulkheads breached. Steering gear inoperative. General hull fittings above main deck extensively damaged. All vital services damaged.

**Details**: Damage to MINDANAO from explosion. Watertight bulkheads breached, flooding maindeck. General hull fittings above maindeck extensively damaged. All vital services inoperative.

**Total Count**: Present count shows total damage.
192 CASUALTIES INCLUDING 9 OFFICERS OF WHICH ABOUT 35 DEAD
INCLUDING 4 OFFICERS.  SOME CRITICALLY INJURED. 1 MAN MISSING.
DETAILED REPORT LATER.

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CINCSWPA SENDS VIA COM SEVENTH FLIGHT ACTION COMINCH INFO CNO CINCPAC COMSOPAC X SIGNED MACARTHUR.

AT 08471 ON NOVEMBER 16 MOUNT HOOD (AE-11) EXPLODED FROM UNKNOWN CAUSE AND SANK WHILE AT ANCHOR IN SEEADLER HARBOR ADMIRALTIES. PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE INDICATES 22 OFFICERS 250 ENLISTED ABOARD. NO SURVIVORS. 1 OFFICER

16 ENLISTED MEN ASHORE AT TIME OF BLAST. CASUALTIES ON NEARBY SHIPS 109 KILLED 593 INJURED. FLYING DEBRIS AND BLAST CAUSED MINOR DAMAGE TO ABOUT 29 SHIPS ANCHORED IN VICINITY. 8 YMS AND MINDANAO (ARG31) SUFFERED SEVERE DAMAGE. NUMEROUS CONVOYS MOVING TO AND FROM LEYTE.

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DRAFTER
FROM COM3RDFLT
RELEASED BY
DATE 11 NOVEMBER 1944
TOR CODE 1130

ADDRESSES
CINCPOA

FOR ACTION
COMAIRPAC CTF 38

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NCR 9496

TOR CODE 1130

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CHECKED BY DORSEY

ROUTED BY HOFNER

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COM3RDFLT SENDING TOP SECRET. CINCPOA ACTION GIVE INFO COMAIRPAC. ALSO INFO CTF 38.

WITH THE LOSS OF THE PRINCETON, THE RETURN OF THE BELLEAU WOOD AND FRANKLIN TO PEARL FOR BATTLE DAMAGE REPAIR AND THE AVAILABILITY GRANTED THE LEXINGTON BY MY 1102545 MY CARRIER FORCE IS TEMPORARILY REDUCED TO 9 CV'S AND 6 CVL'S. REQUEST BUNKER HILL YARD OVERHAUL BE DEFERRED UNTIL NECESSARY STRENGTH OF TF 38 *****

*****REMAINDER OF MSG UNDECIPHERABLE.

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CTG 30.9 DELIVERS BY HAND TO FRANKLIN (CTU 30.9.7) FOR ACTION. INFO GOES TO COM 3RD FLT CINC PAC COMINCH CTG 96.3 PD ULI THI CTU 57.6.2 CTF 57 COMAIR PAC.

CAPTAIN GEHRES IN FRANKLIN FORM TU 30.9.7 CONSISTING FRANKLIN BELLEAU WOOD LANSdowne LARDNER WOODWORTH WHEN READY 11 NOVEMBER PROCEED PEARL VIA POINT SUSAN ROUTE TINTYPE AND TURNPIKE SOA 18.5 TO POINT TWAIN THENCE 16.

UPON REPORTING 2 OR 3 DESTROYER ESCORTS AS RELIEF ESCORT AT POINT TWAIN RELEASE LANSdowne LARDNER WOODWORTH TO CARRY OUT BASIC ORDERS CTU 57.6.2. COMMUNICATIONS USF 70 A AND CENTCOM 2 REVISED. TASK UNIT DISSOLVED ON ARRIVAL PEARL.

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CTG 30.9  110412
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(USS OBERRENDE DE 344 SENDS)

AT ABOUT 08551 NOVEMBER 10 USS Mt HOOD BLEW UP IN MANUS HARBOR. THIS VESSEL ANCHORED NEARBY SUFFERED THE FOLLOWING DAMAGE. HOLE THROUGH MAIN DECK PORT SIDE FRAME 15 ABOUT 5 FEET IN DIAMETER DOWN THROUGH FIRST PLATFORM DECK AND SIDE OF SHIP FLOODING LOWER SOUND ROOM. UNEXPLODED 8 INCH SHELL ENTERED AFTER ENGINE ROOM WRECKING SWITCHBOARD.

MAST ALMOST SEVERED ABOUT 5 FEET BELOW SL ANTENNA, HOLE STARBOARD SIDE SHIP FRAME 89 JUST UNDER MAIN DECK 2 FEET BY 1 FOOT. FRAMES AND HULL PLATING FROM FRAME 89 TO 95 BADLY BENT IN. CONSIDERABLE MINOR DAMAGE TO MAIN DECK SUPERSTRUCTURE AND TOPSIDE EQUIPMENT BY FALLING OBJECTS.

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MAILGRAM

AS A RESULT OF EXPLOSIONS ABOARD AMMUNITION SHIP USS "MANUS" ABOUT 0900, 10 NOVEMBER, 1944 AT SEADLER HARBOR, THIS VESSEL SUSTAINED SEVERE DAMAGE. PRELIMINARY INSPECTION OF HULL SHOWS MANY LARGE AND SMALL HOLES THROUGH BRIDGE, FORECASTLE, AND MAIN DECKS. RAILINGS AND MUCH OF FLYING BRIDGE DESTROYED. DAMAGE BELOW WATERTYPE DIFFICULT TO ASCERTAIN. SOME FRAMES IN ENGINE ROOM AND DEPTH CHARGE LOCKER BROKEN AND SPLINTERED. BOLTS PULLED THROUGH FRAMES. BELIEVE CONCUSSION SPRUNG PLANKING, AS THERE IS INORDINATE BUT NOT YET DANGEROUS LEAKAGE. CONDITION OF MACHINERY CAN BE ONLY ROUGHLY DETERMINED. SHIP'S POWER STILL SECURED BECAUSE OF FIRE HAZARDE.

MAIN ENGINES NOT SERIOUSLY DAMAGED. AUXILIARIES UNDER GOING REPAIR AND MANY PARTS LOST. BELIEVE THERE ARE NUMEROUS SMALL LEAKS IN PIPING. WIRING IS RUPTURED IN MANY PLACES AND MOST CIRCUITS ARE GROUNDED. DECK MACHINERY AND ARMAMENT ALL DAMAGED.

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FROM: CNB MANUS

RELEASED BY: 

DATE: 15 NOV 1944

TO: CODEO

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PARAPHRASED BY: ELY

ROUTED BY: ELY

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.ORIGINATOR TELL IN DATE AND TIME GROUP (USE G. C. T.)

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

(FROM CNB MANUS.)

AT 0047 1 15 NOV MOUNT HOOD (AE 11) EXPLODED AND SANK BERTH 36B SEEADLER HARBOR. MINDANAO (ARG 3) AND 6 OR 7 YMS PLUS INDETERMINATE NUMBER SMALL BOATS SEVERELY DAMAGED. PERSONNEL MOUNT HOOD LOST EXCEPT FEW MEN AND 1 OFFICER KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN ABSENT. NUMERIOUS PERSONNEL CASUALTIES VESSELS ANCHORED NEARBY. CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE UPPERWORKS ARGENCE (AQ 31) MINDANAO (ARG 3) AND TALBOT. BOARD OF INVESTIGATION BEING CONVENED. DETAILS LATER

ACTION: F-4

COMING: COPIES 1 TO 8 INCLUSIVE

no. 1 ADMIRAL

no. 2 FILE

no. 3F-1 OR CHARTROOM

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**NAVY DEPARTMENT**

**FROM:** INDMAN 11TH NAVDIST

**RELEASED BY:**

**DATE:** 10 NOV 1944

**TOR CODEROOM:** 0956/10

**DECODED BY:** D SMITH

**RECEIVED BY:** ROLL

**ADDRESSEES:**
- JOINT DIRECTOR OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE
- COMSERV PAC
- COMCARDIV 25
- BUSHIPS
- BUARD
- BUAEK
- CINCPAC
- COMAIRPAC
- REPBASE SAN DIEGO
- NAVDROCKS TERMINAL IS ASTINDIAN SAN PEDRO

**ADDRESS NUMBER:** 100254

**PRECEDENCE:** 1

**ASTRISK (+) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE:**
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- ROUTINE
- DELETED

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(INDMAN 11TH NAVDIST ORIGI NATES ACTION COMSERV PAC WHO GIVES INFO CINCPAC COMAIRPAC. OTHERS INFO REPBASE SAN DIEGO NAVDROCKS TERMINAL IS ASTINDIAN SAN PEDRO BUSHIPS BUARD BUAEK COM CARDIV 25)

YOUR 082303 FANSHAV BAY (CVE 70) AND WHITE PLAINS (CVE 66) ASSIGNED NAVAL REPAIR BASE SAN DIEGO KALININ BAY (CVE 68) ASSIGNED NAVAL DRYDOCKS TERMINAL ISLAND

**BUISHP....COG**

**BUAEK....BUORD....COMINCH....19....19C....200B**

**OP5...23....COM....BUYERS....31....OP03....CNO**

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COMMANDING OFFICER SAMUEL B ROBERTS (DE 413) SENDS VIA COMSERV 7TH FLEET ACTION COMINCH INFO COM 7TH FLEET COMCORTDIV 69 COM 3RD FLEET. RDO HONOLULU PASS INFO CINCPAC COMDESPAC.

SHIP SUNK DUE ENEMY ACTION OCTOBER 25 CASUALTIES APPROXIMATELY 90 MEN 3 OFFICERS DEAD OR MISSING.

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**NAVAL MESSAGE**

**FROM:** CINC PAC  
**RELEASED BY:**  
**DATE:** 9 NOVEMBER 1944  
**TOR CODE ROOM:** 0644  
**DECODED BY:** PETERSON  
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(CINC PAC SENDS ACTION TO COM 3RD FLEET INFO ADEES COMINCH COMAIR PAC CTF 38 CTG 30.4 CTG 30.9.)

MODIFY MY DIS 032325. ROUTE FRANKLIN AND BELLEAU WOOD DIRECT TO PEARL.

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TOR NCR 0801/09

19...19C...INFO  
FX37...20M...31...0P-03...NAVAIDE...  
CNO...SECRET  
200P...
CL-48, USS HONOLULU, PRELIMINARY DAMAGE REPORT.

1. REPORT ON DAMAGE TO USS HONOLULU, CL-48, CAUSED BY EXPLOSION OF AN AERIAL TORPEDO. HONOLULU WAS ATTACKED BY TORPEDO PLANE WHILE PARTICIPATING IN BOMBARDMENT OF LEYTE ISLAND. TORPEDO HIT SHELL PLATING AT FRAME 51, PORT SIDE, TRAVELING ON COURSE ALMOST PERPENDICULAR TO SHIP'S HEADING PROBABLY HIT C STRAKE OF PLATING. RESULTANT DAMAGE INDICATED TORPEDO EXPLODED OUTSIDE SHELL PLATING.

2. DIESEL GENERATOR, LOCATED ON SECOND PLATFORM BLOWN INWARD AND UPWARD. A STRAKE DEFLECTED INWARD, NOT RUPTURED. SIDE ARMOR BLOWN INWARD. ONE INTACT, DEFORMED SECTION SIDE ARMOR FOUND INSIDE SHIP, WEDGED INTO STRUCTURE. THESE FACTS INDICATE EXPLOSION MIGHT HAVE

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TAKEN PLACE SLIGHT DISTANCE FROM HULL BELOW SECOND PLATFORM.

3. REPORT OUTLINES STRUCTURAL, FLOODING, EQUIPMENT DAMAGE.

4. REPAIRS MADE AT THIS ADVANCED BASE ARE TEMPORARY.

5. INASMUCH AS NAVY YARD TO WHICH VESSEL WILL BE ASSIGNED FOR FINAL REPAIRS HAS NOT BEEN DESIGNATED, NO REPORT HAS BEEN MADE TO ANY NAVY YARD BY THIS ACTIVITY.

6. MORE DETAILED REPORT WITH DRAWINGS AND PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE FORWARDED AT LATER DATE.

A. STRUCTURAL DAMAGE.

ALL STRUCTURAL DAMAGE OCCURRED ON PORT SIDE BETWEEN FRAMES 45 AND 59 FROM SECOND DECK TO BOTTOM. FLAT AND VERTICAL KEELS NOT DAMAGED. OUTLINE OF STRUCTURAL DAMAGE.
| SHELL PLATING: | A, B, C, D, E, F, G, STRAKES | FR. 45 TO FR. 50. |
| SIDE ARMOR BELT: | 8 | FR. 45 TO 55. |
| 2ND DECK: | FR. 49 TO FR. 55, SHELL TO CENTERLINE |
| 3RD DECK: | FR. 45 TO 57, SHELL TO CENTERLINE |
| 1ST PLATFORM: | (ARMORED DECK) FR. 45 TO FR. 56 SHELL TO CENTERLINE |
| 2ND PLATFORM: | FR. 45 TO FR. 59, SHELL TO CENTERLINE |
| INNER BOTTOM: | FR. 45 TO FR. 59, SHELL TO CENTERLINE |
| TRANSVERSE BULKHEAD: | AT FR. 49 FROM 2ND DECK TO HOLD FROM SHELL TO BARBETTE |
| TRANSVERSE BULKHEAD: | AT FR. 51 FROM 1ST PLAT. TO 2ND PLAT. FROM SHELL TO CENTERLINE |
| TRANSVERSE BULKHEAD: | AT FR. 53½ FROM 1ST PLAT. TO 2ND PLAT. FROM COMPARTMENT FACING TOWARD CENTERLINE |
TRANVERSE BULKHEAD: AT FR. 55 1ST TO 2ND PLAT. AFT BULKHEAD OF DIESEL GEN. COMPARTMENT A-532E.

TRANVERSE BULKHEAD: AT FR. 55 2ND PLAT. TO HOLD FROM SHELL TO CENTERLINE.

TRANVERSE BULKHEAD: AT FR. 61 - A HOLE CUT IN ARMOR PLATE TO REMOVE MAN FROM COMP. A-425C.

TRANVERSE BULKHEAD: AT FR. 56 3RD DECK TO 1ST PLAT. FROM SHELL TO CENTERLINE.

FLOORS: FR. 45 TO 57 SHELL TO VERTICAL KEEL.

LONGITUDINAL BULKHEADS:
- OF COMPARTMENTS 3RD DECK A-312-6L CENTERLINE A-314-4L.
- OF CREWS SPACE 1ST PLAT. A-420L. FR. 45 - FR. 49.
- OF ARMORY 1ST PLAT. A-424A FR. 56 TO 61.
- OF COMPARTMENT 2ND PLAT.
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B-526T, CENTERLINE A-524T.

LONG. BULKHEAD: OF DIESEL GEN. COMPT.
A-532F (2ND PLAT).

LONG. BULKHEAD: OF DIESEL OIL TAND. WMPT.
A-622F (HOLD)

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| FR. 52 FROM 2ND DECK TO KEEL |
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| FR. 59 FROM 2ND DECK TO KEEL |

LIST OF FLOODED COMPARTMENTS Follows:

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OIL AND WATER TO 2 FOOT ABOVE DECK: APPARENTLY FLOODED THROUGH DAMAGED SPRINKLING SYSTEM, SINCE OIL SEEN. STREAMS HAD RUN DOWN BULKHEADS AT REGULAR INTERVALS.

A-532-M DEMOLISHED
A-527-M NO

A-536-C YES

A-534-C ASSUMED

A-533-C YES

A-526-T YES
A-530-T OIL AND WATER
A-533-T OIL AND WATER

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C. EQUIPMENT - DESTROYED BY FORCE OF THE EXPLOSION.

1. ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT.

(A) DIESEL GENERATORS AND EQUIPMENT OF COMPARTMENT A-532E.

(B) THE I.C. EQUIPMENT OF COMPARTMENTS A-536C AND A-533C.

(C) THE ELECTRICAL MOTORS FOR 5" AMMUNITION HOISTS LOCATED ON PORT SIDE IN COMPARTMENT A-316-L.
2. MACHINERY EQUIPMENT.

(A) EVERYTHING IN DIESEL GENERATOR COMPARTMENT A-512E ON SECOND PLATFORM COMPLETELY DESTROYED.

(B) HYDRAULIC PUMPS OF 5" AMMUNITION HOISTS DESTROYED. HOISTS LOCATED ON PORT SIDE, BETWEEN FRAMES 49 AND 56.

3. COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT.

(A) PORT ENDS OF TWO I.C. PANELS IN COMPARTMENT A-533C DESTROYED WHEN FORCE OF EXPLOSION PUSHED IN ADJACENT LONGITUDINAL BULKHEAD OF COMPARTMENT A-532E.

4. ORDNANCE EQUIPMENT.

(A) PORT HOISTS FOR 5" AMMUNITION BETWEEN FRAME 40 AND 55 DESTROYED.

(B) FLARE BACK OCCURRED IN 40MM AMMUNITION TRUNK FRAME 51 DESTROYING EQUIPMENT AND BLOWING DOOR OFF IN OFFICERS WARDROOM.
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PT 320 destroyed by direct bomb hit 5 Nov
LEYTE. AIRNORSOLS HIT HUTS AND BRIDGES IN
KAVIENG AND RABAUL. CONVOY OF APA ARRIVED
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DEPARTED MANUS FOR PEARL. ONE OBB AND ONE
DE ENROUTE MANUS TO PHNATO.

MACARTHUR

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PRELIMINARY PERSONNEL CASUALTIES

KILLED 4 MISSING 19

INJURED. NO FURTHER RE UNTIL TOMORROW. 30.7 IS WITH US.

* * * * * GROUPS MISSING

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FROM LCI 406
RELEASED BY 7 NOV 44

TOR CODE ROOM HENKE
DECODED BY HENKE/Telshow
Routed By Telshow

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1. COMINCH
2. CINCPAC
3. CTF 59
4. COMSERVPAC
5. COM LCI FLOT 13

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(COM LCI FLOT 13 HAS BY HAND.)

AT 1430Z/2 NOV THIS VESSEL WHILE ON PICKET DUTY IN LATITUDE 07-13.5 N LONGITUDE 134-18.5 E WAS STRAFED BY 1 US PLANE. FOLLOWING DAMAGE RESULTED. HULL AND SUPERSTRUCTURE PUNCTURED 60 TIMES BY 50 CALIBRE. NO UNDERWATER DAMAGE. FIRE IN ENGINE ROOM BURNED OUT ALL WIRING, GENERATORS, PUMPS, INSTRUMENTS AND PANEL BOARD. MAIN ENGINES ESTIMATED BEYOND PRACTICAL REPAIR. SUPERSTRUCTURE IN VICINITY ENGINE ROOM HAS BADLY WARPED DECK AND BULKHEADS. APPROXIMATELY TWO THIRDS WIRING THROUGHOUT SHIP REQUIRES REPLACING. AIRMAIL LETTER TO ALL ADEES FOLLOWS GIVING DETAILS.

COMINCH PASSED TO NCR FOR FURTHER DISTRIBUTION
TOR NCR 1829
23....BUSHIPS....INFO
CNO....JAG...00.....200P.....NAVIADE....30....

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: CINCSWPA
RELEASE: COM 7TH FLT
DATE: 7 NOV 1944
TOR CODEBOOK 222
DECODED BY: DORSEY
TIMED BY: SMITH
ROUTED BY: SAMUEL

ADDRESS
ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE
FOR ACTION
PP PRORITY
ROUTINE
DEPENDED
PP DEPRORTY
ROUTINE
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CINCSWPA SENDS VIA COM 7TH FLT ACTION COMINCH INFO CNO CINCPAC CONSOPAC.

ANDERSON DD 411 DAMAGED BY SUICIDE ZEKE 1 NOVEMBER 12 KILLED 5 MISSING 17 WOUNDED. ON 3RD PT SHOT DOWN 1 LILY OFF TACLOBAN. REENFORCEMENT GROUP INCLUDING 17 ZAK ARRIVES LEYTE. MARINE PLANES, DESTROYED HUTS AND BRIGADES IN SOUTHERN NEW IRELAND. NORSOLS PTS STRAFED AND MORTARED NEW IRELAND BOU-GAINVILLE CHOISEUL.

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MACARTHUR:
OP03... OP01... 16... 20G... SHO OP 20.

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PT 320 TOTALLY DESTROYED BY DIRECT HIT FROM ENEMY BOMB 0220/1 5 NOVEMBER SAN PEDRO BAY LEYTE PI.
EXPLOSION THREW DEBRIS OVER WIDE AREA. GASOLINE BURNED FOR 2 HOURS. ONLY SMALL PORTION OF BOW REMAINED AFLOAT.
ONLY 1 ENLISTED SURVIVOR. BODIES 3 OTHER ENLISTED RECOVERED. 2 OFFICERS 9 MEN STILL MISSING. NO RADAR OR ABK COMPROMISE CONSIDERED POSSIBLE. REGISTERED PUBLICATIONS WILL BE REPORTED SEPARATELY.
COMINCH...ACT
30...20E...CNO...OP05...BUISHIPS...BUPERS...BUORD...
200P...00. NAVAUDER...2OR...20Y...20K...
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NAVAL MESSAGE

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RELEASED BY:
DATE: 5 NOVEMBER 1944
TOR CODEROOM: Ø635
DECODED BY: SJOSTEN
TYPED BY: SJOSTEN/BENNETT
ROUTED BY: 

ADDRESSES
ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

URGENT

COM 3RD FLEET

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CINCPAC
ALL TFC'S 3RD FLT
ALL TGC'S 3RD FLT
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COMDESIV 100 ORIGINATES RADIO HONOLULU PLEASE PASS ACTION COM 3RD FLEET INFO COMINCH CINCPAC ALL TASKFORCOMS AND TASKGROUPCOMS 3RD FLEET ARAPAH0 EXTRACTOR ATR 50.

300 MI. NW OF PALAU

NOON POSITION 5 OCTOBER* 13-13-45 NORTH 132-52-15 EAST. DRIFTING SLOWLY SOUTHWEST WITH WIND AND CURRENT BELIEVE WE WILL MAKE IT IF WEATHER HOLDS UNTIL NEXT TUG ARRIVES.

* AS RECEIVED.

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PORT AND 10 STARBOARD, INCLUSIVE.

TWO 5" PIPE STANCHIONS FROM POOP DECK TO GIRDER, FRAME 133, TORN OUT. LONGITUDINALS 8 PORT TO 3 PORT INCLUSIVE, REMOVED OR DAMAGED FROM FRAME 132 TO 138, LONGITUDINALS 2 PORT TO 10 STARBOARD INCLUSIVE, REMOVED OR DAMAGED FROM FRAME 132 TO 141, N.T.

BULKHEAD FRAME 132 WARPED FROM FLIGHT DECK TO POOP DECK (02 LEVEL). N.T. BULKHEAD, FRAME 138, WARPED AND DAMAGED EXTENSIVELY BY FRAGMENTATION HOLES, FROM FLIGHT DECK TO POOP DECK (02 LEVEL).

C-0201EL (BERTHING SECTION BETWEEN FRAME 138 AND 144). GUTTED BY FIRE. NUMEROUS WELDS CRACKED.

C-0201EL (PHOTOGRAPHIC DEVELOPING AND PRINTING ROOM). GUTTED BY FIRE. EXTENSION PLATFORM BUCKLED. PANEL DOOR AND FRAME SPRUNG.

C-0201EL (PHOTOGRAPHIC FINISHING ROOM). GUTTED BY FIRE. HOLES CUT IN DECK OVERHEAD. PANEL DOOR BLOWN OUT. PASSAGeway N.T. BULKHEAD WARPED.

C-0201EL (TORPEDO WORKSHOP), BOTH FORE AND AFT BULKHEADS SPLIT BETWEEN FRAME 129 AND 132, PORT HALF OF AFTER BULKHEAD CRACKED AND WARPED. DECK IS WARPED SLIGHTLY.

C-0310-1/2M (30 AND 50 CAL R.S. STOWAGE AND BELTING ROOM). DEMOLISHED AND REMOVED.

(FLIGHT DECK GEAR Locker (03 LEVEL) FRAME 135 TO 138, STARBOARD). GUTTED BY FIRE. INBOARD BOUNDARIES WARPED.

C-0305E (FOAMITE GENERATOR STATION). GUTTED BY FIRE.

C-0305-1/2C (RADAR PARTS STOWAGE). GUTTED BY FIRE. BULKHEADS WRINKLED.

(GASOLINE SHOP-HANGAR DK. LIGHT CONTROL REPAIR SHOP AND PASSAGE WAY FRAME 126 TO 129 STARBOARD). GUTTED BY FIRE. FLIGHT DK.

SECRET
LONGITUDINALS WARPED. BULKHEADS WARPED.

(SQUADRON GEAR LOCKER FRAME 129 TO 132 STARBOARD). GUTTED BY FIRE. BULKHEADS WARPED. DOOR MELTED AWAY.

C-0307M & C-0308M (R.S. ROCKET STOWAGES, FORMER CREW'S W.C.S.). SCORCHED BY HEAT. BULKHEADS WARPED.

C-0309M & C-0310M (40 MM R.S. AMMUNITION). SCORCHED BY HEAT. INSULATION DAMAGED.

C-0311E (FOAMITE GENERATOR STATION). GUTTED BY FIRE.

C-0311-1/2L (AVIATOR'S READY ROOM). GUTTED BY FIRE. BULKHEAD FRAME 138 WARPED.

C-0314L (EMERGENCY BATTLE DRESSING STATION). SLIGHT FIRE DAMAGE.

C-0315E (ARRESTING GEAR REPAIR SHOP). GUTTED BY FIRE. BULKHEADS WARPED.

(FLIGHT DECK AND WALKWAYS - STARBOARD WALKWAY). ALL RAILINGS DESTROYED AFT OF FRAME 125. LADDERS DESTROYED AT FRAME 131 AND 150.

(FLIGHT DECK). PLANKING REDUCED TO CHARCOAL AFT OF FRAME 120. THE DOWN CHANNELS AND DRAINAGE SYSTEM AFT OF FRAME 120 STOPPED UP WITH MELTED METAL.

(LANDING SIGNAL PLATFORM, SCREEN AND MECHANISM, FRAME 142 PORT). DESTROYED OR DAMAGED BEYOND REPAIR.

(SAFETY NETS FRAME 139 TO 144 PORT). DAMAGED BEYOND REPAIR BY FIRE.

(PORT AND STARBOARD LOOKOUT PLATFORMS, FRAME 147-150). GUTTED BY FIRE. SHIELDS AND DECK WARPED. FIVE (5) BATTLE GEAR BOXES DEMOLISHED.

(FLIGHT DECK OVERHANG). GIRDER FRAME 144 AND 145 SUPPORTING OVERHANG OF FLIGHT DECK ARE WARPED FROM STARBOARD SHELL OF SHIP OUTBOARD. LONGITUDINALS NOS. 10 TO 15 STARBOARD INCLUSIVE.
DECK Longitudinals warped.
(Athwartship passage, frame 144-145). Bulkheads and flight

(RAMFARTSHIP CATWALK, FRAME 150). Starboard end warped.

(Damage to arresting gear). 1. Arresting unit (NAF87994) was knocked loose and fell into living space. The unit is

ruined. The piping from the unit to the control and relief valves was severely burned and twisted. The control and relief valves were burned. The accumulator was burned. All gauges on the valves and accumulator were destroyed by fire. The piping for the high pressure air was severely burned and damaged. All control cables leading to #1 arresting unit were destroyed.

2. Arresting unit (NAF87994) is still secured to overhead but it was totally damaged by fire and twisted and bent by the impact of the hit. The support beams for this unit are twisted and in some places totally destroyed. The unit may possibly be salvaged. The pipe leading from the unit to the control and relief valves was burned and twisted. The control and relief valves were severely burned. The accumulator was severely burned. All gauges and valves on the control and relief valves and accumulator were destroyed by fire. Piping for high pressure air was burning and damaged. All control cables leading to #2 arresting unit were destroyed.

3. Several yielding elements either totally destroyed or are completely useless due to molten metal deposits. These elements are on the first, second, third, and fourth wires. Two and possibly more deck sheaves and covers are damaged due to molten metal deposits. All purchase cables on both #1 and #2 units were damaged by fire. At least 20 spare cross deck pendants were destroyed and a spare purchase cable was damaged by fire. Many spare arresting gear parts were destroyed by fire. (#9 40mm mount). Complete installation damaged beyond repair. (#9 40mm director). Mark 51, MOD. 2, complete with sight and pump for mount #9 damaged beyond repair.
(50 GUN PLATFORM). WARPED. SUPPORTING GIRDER WARPED. AUTOMATIC STOPS AND START MECHANISM OF 40MM AMMUNITION HOIST IN C-0201EL, FRAME 133 DAMAGED. (21 M.W.B. AND PLATFORM). GUTTED BY FIRE. BOAT JETTISONED.

ENGINE, SHAFT, AND SCREW RETAINED FOR SALVAGE. FIVE (5) LIFE RAFTS AND FOUR (4) FLOATER NETS DESTROYED OR JETTISONED.

(AFTER ELEVATOR), 1. FORWARD PLATFORM BEAM - WEB AND LOWER FLANGE PARTIALLY WRINKLED AND BUCKLED. 2. OUTER PLATFORM BEAM - WEB SLIGHTLY WRINKLED. 3. AFTER PLATFORM BEAM - WEB SLIGHTLY WRINKLED, LOWER FLANGE SLIGHTLY BUCKLED. 4. ELECTRICAL WIRING TO PLATFORM CONTROLS DESTROYED. 5. WELD JOINT CRACKED NEAR AFTER STBD. CABLE. 6. SIDE PLATFORM PLATE STBD. SIDE - SLIGHTLY WRINKLED, AFT. 7. THREE (3) AFTER STBD. CABLES SUBJECTED TO TERRIFIC HEAT, RECOMMEND RENEWAL. 8. AFTER SINGLE SHEAVES (PORT AND STBD) IN OVERHEAD SUPPORT SLIGHTLY OUT OF LINE. (GASOLINE STATION NO.7). FIRE DESTROYED FILTERS, VALVES AND PIPING. AIR DRIVEN DEGASSING PUMP COMPLETELY DESTROYED. ABOUT 100' OF PIPING (2") DAMAGED BY HEAT.

(VENTILATION). SUPPLY MOTOR AND FAN FOR SYSTEM 02-136 AND ALL DUCTS IN C-0201EL SECTION BETWEEN FR. 132 AND 138 WRECKED. EXHAUST DUCTS IN C-0201EL SECTION BETWEEN FR. 132 AND 138 FOR SYSTEM 02-127-3 WRECKED. EXHAUST DUCT IN PHOTOGRAPHIC DEVELOPING AND PRINTING ROOM FOR SYSTEM 02-127-3 COLLAPSED. SUPPLY DUCT IN PASSAGE OUTSIDE PHOTOGRAPHIC FINISHING ROOM TO C-102E AND C-06E DAMAGED. SUPPLY DUCTS IN C-0201EL SECTION BETWEEN FR. 138 AND 144 FOR SYSTEM 02-143-2 DAMAGED. EXHAUST DUCTS IN C-0201EL SECTION BETWEEN FR. 138 AND 144 FOR SYSTEM 02-143-1 DAMAGED. NATURAL SUPPLY DUCT IN C-0201EL FOR C-109L DAMAGED. BOTH AIR CONDITIONING UNITS AND DUCTS TO C-0311-1/2L AVIATOR'S READY ROOM DEMOLISHED. SUPPLY DUCT IN C-107LA AVIATION ARMORY FOR SYSTEM 02-136 DAMAGED. EXHAUST DUCT IN C-103E STORAGE BATTERY SHOP FOR SYSTEM 02-127-3 DAMAGED. SUPPLY DUCT IN C-106E SHIPFITTER AND SHEET METAL SHOP FOR SYSTEM 02-136 DAMAGED. (PIPING SERVICES). FIREMAIN DESTROYED IN C-0201EL SECTION BETWEEN
FR. 132 AND 138, FIREMAIN RUPTURED IN PHOTOGRAPHIC ROOMS, SPRINKLING TO C-0309M, C-0310M, AND C-0310-1/2M ALL RUPTURED.

COOLING LINE TO C-0311-1/2-L DAMAGED BEYOND F.M. CUT-OUT 02-141-1. FIREMAIN RISER TO C-0311E FROM CUTOUT 02-141-3 AND FIRE PLUG 03-138 MELTED OR DAMAGED. FRESH WATER LINES THROUGH C-107LA DAMAGED ABOVE MAIN DECK. L.P. AIR LINES, GALLERY WALKWAY DAMAGED AFT OF FRAME 120. H.P. AIR LINES DAMAGED AFT OF FRAME 132.

(ELECTRICAL DAMAGE). 1. ALL POWER CIRCUITS, LIGHTING CIRCUITS AND FEEDERS ON 02 AND 03 DECK ABAFT FRAME 127 EITHER BADLY DAMAGED OR TOTALLY DESTROYED. 2. ALL MAIN OUTLETS, FEEDERS, LIGHTING CIRCUITS AND JUNCTION BOXES ON BOTH PORT AND STBD CATWALKS ABAFT FRAME 127, EITHER BADLY DAMAGED OR TOTALLY DESTROYED. 3. ELECTRICAL CABLES CUT, BURNED AND BADLY DAMAGED IN THE FOLLOWING COMPARTMENTS: BATTERY LOCKER, CAMERA STOWAGE, BOMBSIGHT STOWAGE. ALL OVERHEAD AND BULKHEAD CABLES IN PASSAGE WAY TO THESE COMPARTMENTS ALSO BADLY BURNED AND DAMAGED. 4. ALL FLIGHT DECK LIGHTING CABLES AND FIXTURES ON FLIGHT DECK AND WALKWAYS, BURNED OUT ABAFT FRAME 127. 5. BATTERY CHARGING PANEL AND EQUIPMENT BADLY BURNED AND COMPLETELY SOAKED WITH SALT WATER.

6. BOMBSIGHT PANEL AND MOTOR-GENERATOR SET IN BOMBSIGHT STOWAGE SOAKED WITH SALT WATER. 7. FEEDER 3FE-104-1 IN C.P.O. MESS HALL AND OTHER OVERHEAD LIGHTING CABLES, CUT BY GUN FIRE AND BURNED BY ELECTRICAL FIRE. 8. CONTROL CIRCUITS FOR 20 AND 40MM AMMUNITION HOIST #2, BURNED AND BADLY DAMAGED ON 02 DECK CONTROL STATION. 9. VENT SYSTEM 02-136-2 OUT OF COMMISSION AND VERY BADLY DAMAGED. 10. CABLE FEEDER TO VENT SET 02-143-1 SHORTED AND BURNED. CABLE TO VENT SET 02-143-2 BURNED. 11. Degaussing Cables D-Q-2 AND D-Q-10 IN C-0201EL BURNED. 12. FEEDERS FOR EXHAUST VENT 02-127-2 BURNED AND DAMAGED. 13. BOTH THE 117 VOLT AND 440 VOLT COMPRESSORS IN PHOTO LAB OUT OF COMMISSION (SOAKED WITH SALT WATER). 14. BATTERY CHARGING MOTOR-GENERATOR SET IN AVIATION ELECTRICAL WORKSHOP WAS SUBMERGED IN SALT WATER. SHIP'S SERVICE LIGHTING TRANSFORMERS ALSO PARTLY SUBMERGED IN SALT WATER. 15. BOTH AIR-CONDITIONING UNITS N.A.F.T.
READY ROOM BURNED OUT AND SUBMERGED IN SALT WATER. 16. POWER PANEL #2-135-1 AND POWER PANEL #1-132-2 AND POWER PANEL #1-134-2 SPRAYED WITH SALT WATER. 17. GARBAGE GRINDER EQUIPMENT SPRAYED WITH SALT WATER. 18. EXHAUST VENT 1-132-2 SPRAYED WITH SALT WATER. 19. SCUTTLEBUTT IN CPO MESS AND C-0201EL SOAKED WITH SALT WATER. 20. STERILIZERS IN AFT BATTLE DRESSING STATION AND AFT EMERGENCY DRESSING STATION SATURATED WITH SALT WATER. 21. TWENTY (20) 117 VOLT BULKHEAD FANS DESTROYED BY FIRE.

DECK LIGHTING CONTROL STATION BURNED OUT. 22. FEEDER TO #10 GUN MOUNT BURNED BY FIRE. 23. CABLE FOR AFT ELEVATOR CONTROL CIRCUIT SCARRED AND BURNED. 24. AFT HANGAR DECK LIGHTING CONTROL STATION BURNED OUT. 25. CONTROL CIRCUIT FOR #1 BOAT HOIST BURNED. THRUST MOTOR AND HOIST MOTOR SUBJECTED TO INTENSE HEAT. 26. TWENTY (20) 175 AMPERE-HOUR BATTERIES, THIRTY (30) AVIATION BATTERIES AND FOUR (4) 50 AMP-HOUR BATTERIES DESTROYED. 27. DRILL PRESS AND EMERY WHEEL MOTORS IN SHIPFITTER SHOP SOAKED WITH SALT WATER. 28. VENT EXHAUST 1-134 SPRAYED WITH SALT WATER.

(photographic equipment damaged). WATER-CHILLING MACHINERY DAMAGED BEYOND REPAIR. PARTS CONSIDERED SALVAGEABLE. WATER-COOING UNIT RUINED BY FIRE. ALL SENSITIZED MATERIALS (FILMS AND PAPERS) WERE RUINED BY SALT WATER. ALL BUT A FEW HAND-HELD CAMERAS WERE RUINED BY SALT WATER AND FIRE. 95% OF PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT WAS RUINED BY SALT WATER AND FIRE DAMAGE. (AVIATION RADIO & RADAR EQUIPMENT). TEST EQUIPMENT SUBJECTED TO HEAT, SHOCK, AND SALT WATER DAMAGE, THAT MUST BE REPLACED. 11 IE35A - ABK TEST EQUIP. 1 LAVOIE 105 WAVE METER. 1 RCA VOLTMETER. 1 L.O.-2 BFO 32. 1 DUMONT 241 OSCILLOSCOPE. 1 GENERAL RADIO 804-B SIGNAL GENERATOR. 1 TS-24 ZB-X TEST OSCILLATOR

1 CWI 201-63 POWER SUPPLY FOR ASB RANGE CALIBRATOR. 1 AUDIO OSCILLATOR #652. 1 HAZELINE 1017 PULSE & SWEEP GENERATOR. 1 ASB RADAR RANGE CALIBRATOR. 1 SL-1 POWER SUPPLY; 1 SL-1 TRANSFORMER. 1 HICKOK TUBE TESTER. 1 TS10/APN TEST SET FOR ALTIMETERS.

(EQUIPMENT JETTISONED AFTER SALVAGED OF PARTS). 5 IFF UNITS TYPE AN/APX-1. 3 IFF UNITS TYPE ABF. 3 AN/ARC5 VHF RECEIVERS. 3
800-1 C ECLIPSE AVIATION MOTOR GENERATORS, 4 COMPLETE SETS
OF ASB-7 RADAR, 4 AN/APN-1 RADIO ALTIMETERS, 3 AN/ARC-4 VHF
UNITS (WE-233A)
(EQUIPMENT IN A DOUBTFUL CONDITION & NOT YET TESTED). 1 LINCOLN
ARCWELENDER. 2 100 E VOLT METERS, 1 LAVOIE 105 WAVE METER, 1 IE 35A
AND 1E 35B TEST UNITS, 1 19X SIGNAL GENERATOR. 1 COMPLETE SE-1
SLOTTED LINE, 1 HEADSET AND MIC TESTER, 1 LM-13 FREQ METERS, 1
MEGGER, 1 HICKOK TUBE TESTER, 1 TEST RECEIVER & TRANSMITTER FOR
IFF,
(DAMAGE TO AVIATION ELECTRIC EQUIPMENT). 2 OHM METERS: 1 WESTON
MODEL 663 TYPE 4 SERIAL 6093 AND 1 WESTON MODEL 697, 1 GENERATOR
TEST STAND REEVES, VARI-SPEED MOTOR-DRIVE SIZE 5281-C-18 SERIAL
MD-13855 GEAR RATIO 1.49-1 MAXIMUM RPM - 5000 MINIMUM RPM -1000
AP 7.5 BELT M-554127, 1 VARI-SPEED ELECTRIC FAN 115 VOLT 35
AMP. 12 FGF-5 BATTERIES) THESE IN BATTERY SHOP. 10 TBM BATTERIES
AIRCRAFT. 11 FGF DESTROYED BY FIRE, 1 TBF DAMAGED BY EXPLOSION
AND FIRE, EQUIPMENT SALVAGED. 5 FGF, 8 TBF, 2 FM2, 1 TBF SOAKED
BY SALT WATER BELIEVED FLYABLE.

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EXTRACTOR AND ATR 50 ESCORT YMS 396 DEPART ULITHI 1700 4 NOVEMBER PROCEED ASSISTANCE RENO. 1100 4 NOVEMBER POSITION LAT 13-49 NORTH LONG 132-07 EAST. ARAPAHO PROCEEDING SAME DUTY.

COMMUNICATIONS CENTCOM 2 GUARD NPM(RDO HONO) FOX. EXTRACTOR CANNOT TRANSMIT. ATR 50 GUARDS FOR HER. SOA 10.

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PROCEED IMMEDIATELY ASSISTANCE RENO. 11001 4 NOVEMBER

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**FOR ACTION:**

**ADRESSEES:** COMINCH, CINCPAC, ALL TFG'S 3RD FLEET, ALL TCG'S 3RD FLEET, COMOESDIV 100.

**PRECEDENCE:**

**URGENCY:** URGENT

**ACTION:** CTG 38.7

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PROCEED IMMEDIATELY BEST SPEED TO POSITION LATITUDE 13-49 NORTH LONGITUDE 132-07 EAST WHERE RENO IS DAMAGED AND IN TOW.

UPON ARRIVAL CONDUCT ANTI SUB SWEEP IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY RENO.

REMAIN VICINITY RENO GROUP UNTIL OTHERWISE DIRECTED.

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**ALL TFC AND TGC 3RD FLEET CTU 30.5.1**

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- CTG 30.9 DIRECT ATF SAIL ACCORDANCE MY 031504 PROCEED IMMEDIATELY

**ASSISTANCE RENO 110014 NOVEMBER POSITION LAT 13-49 NORTH LONG 132-07 EAST. SAIL 1 ADDITIONAL ATF TO RENDEZVOUS WITH TU 30.8.17 IN VICINITY LAT 16-00 NORTH LONG 131-40 EAST. IF POSSIBLE ALSO SEND ARS OR ATR TO ASSISTANCE RENO.**

**CTG 30.5 PROVIDE ANTI SUB COVER DAY AND NIGHT AS PRACTICABLE.**

**COMDESDIV 100 REMOVE ALL EXCESS PERSONNEL FROM RENO. HAVE DESTROYER TOW WHILE TUG ATTEMPTS PUMPING ALONGSIDE.**

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COM 3RD FLT SENDS ACTION CTU 30-8-17 CTU 30-8-3 ZUNI INFO CAPERTON KNAPP COMINCH CINCPAC ALL TFC TGC 3RD FLT RENQ.

RENO TORPEDOED VICINITY LAT 13-46N LONG 131-27E. DIVERT IMMEDIATELY TO LAT 15-08N 134-08E THENCE TO LAT 16 LONG 131-48E. REMAIN IN GENERAL VICINITY LATTER POINT UNTIL OTHERWISE DIRECTED. SEND ZUNI TO ASSISTANCE OF RENO IMMEDIATELY.

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AMMEN (DD 527) SENDS. ACTION COMINCH VIA RDO WASHN. COM 7TH FLT, CTF 75 HAS ACTION BY HAND. INFO CINCPAC COMDESPAC VIA RDO HONO. INFO ALSO COMBOMRON 2 (VICE COM 7TH FLT) COMDESRON 24 COMSERVFOR 7TH FLT AND COMNAVBASE MANUS.

ON 1 NOVEMBER AMMEN (DD 527) DAMAGED ON SUPERSTRUCTURE BY JAP SUICIDE PLANE ON SHALLOW DIVE CRASHING BETWEEN STACKS. SPEED LIMITED TO ABOUT 28 KNOTS BY STACK GASES CONTAMINATING BLOWER INTAKES. PRINCIPAL DAMAGE REQUIRING REPLACEMENT AS FOLLOWS 2 SMOKE STACKS COMPLETE ABOVE FLANGE BASE NEAR UPPER DECK LEVEL. 1 STANDARD MAGNETIC COMPASS AND BINNACLE. 1 COMPASS COMPENSATING COILS CONTROL PANEL. 2 36 INCH SEARCHLIGHTS WITH ALL ATTENDANT APPARATUS ABOVE ROLLER PATH.
2 atmospheric exhaust pipes above yoke junction. 1 whistle and siren. 3 life floater nets and receptacles therefor.
2 mark 51 aa directors. Moderate amount miscellaneous wiring piling structural work required on platforms around stacks. Several radio antennae missing.
CINCSWPA SENDS VIA COM 7THFLT TO COMINCH FOR ACTION INFO CNO CINCPAC COMSOPAC SIGNED MACARTHUR.

HEAVY JAP AIR ATTACKS CONTINUE AGAINST OUR FORCES IN LEYTE GULF. ON 1 NOVEMBER ABNER READ (DD 526) SUNK BY AERIAL TORPEDO 3 ADDITIONAL DD'S SERIOUSLY DAMAGED. NIGHT 31/01 CATALINA SANK 7,000 TON OILER IN WESTERN SULUS. LEYTE PT'S REPULSED 3 AIRCRAFT ATTACKS MORNING 1 NOV. NORSELS AIR AND PT'S MADE REGULAR RAIDS IN THE AREA.

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SUMMARY OF DAMAGE BY GROUNDING: BROKEN SKEG. CHAFFED KEEL, REPAIRS BEING EFFECTED.

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MY SECRET MAILGRAM 290459 OCTOBER.

THIS IS SECOND BATTLE DAMAGE DESPATCH GIVING DETAILS AND REPLACEMENT ITEMS REQUIRED.

CATAPULT TRACK SEVERED AND DISTORTED IN 2 PLACES REQUIRES REPLACEMENT OF TRACK AND SUPPORTING DECK STRUCTURAL MEMBERS.

ANCHOR WINDLASS PORT WILDCAT AND BULL DRIVE GEAR DEMOLISHED COMPLETE ANCHOR WINDLASS SHOULD BE REPLACED.

20 STRUCTURAL BEAMS AND STIFFENERS SUPPORTING FLIGHT DECK FORWARD HAVE BEEN SEVERED WEAKENING FLIGHT DECK SUPPORT.

1 FOOT HOLE IN HULL 7 FEET BELOW WATERLINE STARBOARD SIDE FRAME 10 AND 1 FOOT HOLE IN HULL 5 FEET BELOW WATER LINE.

FRAME 11 REQUIRE REPAIRS.

COMPARTMENT A-1-W FLOODED.

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CTG 78.2, INFO ADEE SENDS FOR CO ABNER READ ACTION SECHNAV COMINCH AND COM 7TH FLT INFO CINCPAC COMDESPAC CTG 77.1 COMDESRON 24 AND COMDESDIV 48

USS ABNER READ (DD 526) SANK AT 14151 NOVEMBER 1ST LAT 10-42-30 NORTH 125-22-15 EAST, LEYTE GULF PHILIPPINES. AS RESULT OF SUICIDE DIVE INTO AFTER STACK BY BURNING JAP PLANE AT 13421. INITIAL FIRES WERE FOLLOWED BY EXPLOSIONS OF AFTER MAGAZINES AND READY SERVICE AMMUNITION. SUMMARY OF DEAD, INJURED, AND MISSING FOLLOWS:

MISSING 15. COMDESDIV 48 AND COMMANDING OFFICER AMONG SURVIVORS AND UNINJURED. REMAINING CREW AND OFFICERS INCLUDING STAFF COMDESDIV 48 ACCOUNTED FOR AND ABOARD USS PINKNEY APH 2. ALL RECORDS AND ACCOUNTS LOST.

NOTE: REC'D CONFIDENTIAL; RECLASSIFIED PER CONTENTS.
Damage sustained by Anderson hit by suicide Zeke 18301
November 1st. 2 boilers burned out. Minor structural
damage not affecting seaworthiness. Considerable wir-
ing damage. Communications curtailed. Can make 22
knots. 1 sound gear operable. Main battery in com-
mission. Torpedoes jettisoned. Radars working.
Casualties 12 men killed, 1 officer 4 men missing,
1 officer 16 men wounded transferred to Pinkney.
Same day 2 aircraft torpedoes launched close range
avoided by smart ship handling. Intends returning as
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YOUR 301445 TEMPORARY REPAIRS FRANKLIN TO PERMIT FLIGHT

OPERATION ESTIMATED 3 WEEKS AND SHIP IN FOLLOWING

CONDITION. FLIGHT DECK REPAIRED AND STRENGTHENED TO

PERMIT TAKING OFF AND LANDING PLANES, 2 WORKING OUT OF

4 DAMAGED BARRIERS, NUMBER 3 ELEVATOR OUT OF COMMISSION

AFTER HORR ELEVATOR OUT OF COMMISSION, GALLERY STRUCTURE

IN WAY OF DAMAGE TORN OUT, WATER TIGHT INTEGRITY*

SECOND THIRD AND FOURTH DECKS IN WAY OF DAMAGE IMPAIRED

DAMAGE TO BOILERS AND AUXILIARIES REDUCE SPEED TO ABOUT

30 KNOTS. PERMANENT COMPLETE REPAIRS WILL REQUIRE

ABOUT 2 MONTHS IN NAVY YARD.

BELLEAU WOOD CAN BE TEMPORARY REPAIRED REPLACING

ARRESTING GEAR OBTAINING SAME FROM TRANSPORT CVE.

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REPLACING DECK ABASH AFTER ELEVATOR, REPLACING 40 MM TWIN AND DIRECTOR. IF NEW WIRE OBTAINED IN TIME CAN PUT ELEVATOR IN FULL COMMISSION. OTHERWISE DANGEROUS DUE OVERHEATED WIRE AND SHOULD ONLY BE USED IN EXTREME EMERGENCY. STRUCTURE BENEATH FLIGHT DECK NOT TO BE REPLACED FOR PRESENT. ESTIMATED TIME 10 DAYS.

ESTIMATED TIME TO COMPLETELY REPAIR AT NAVY YARD 4 WEEKS ARRESTING GEAR WILL BE OBTAINED BY REMOVING FROM TRANSPORT CVE.

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ALL TIMES ITEM 1 NOVEMBER. NIMEROUS BOGEY ON SCREWS FROM O'CRA\Y ROU\ ONWARD. ESTIMATED 10 LOW FLYING TORPEDO PLANES AND DIVE BOMBERS SIGHTED AT 0950. IN NEXT 15 MINUTES AMMEN AND CLAXTON WERE HIT BY SUICIDE DIVES AND KILLEN BY DIVE BOMBER. AMMEN AFTER MARK 51 DIRECTOR AND SEARCHLPIE OUT. CLAXTON HOLED FORWARD AND STEERING BY ENGINES BUT FLOODING UNDER CONTROL. KILLEN HEAVILY FLOODED BUT FINALLY CONTROLLED FLOODING. ABNER READ HIT BY VAL WHILE SCREENING CLAXTON AT

1342 AND SANK AT 1415. KILLEN AND CLAXTON SENTUVS* NORTHERN TRANSPORT AREA. AMMEN WITH ME. COMDESRON 5 IN FLUSSER WITH

LAMSON MAHON AND SMITH REPORTED TO ME AT 1130. HESEGBR LOVE EDRADF* PTCKET 10 MILES BEYOND POINT FIN WAS NOT BOTHERED BUT BUSH ON PATROL NEAR AMAGUSON* POINT SUCCESSFULLY DOGGED BETTIES AND FISH MOST OF MORNING. CORPIT* AIR OVER ME NOT VERY EFFECTIVE AND WAS 4 PLANES AT MOST BUT MORE OFTEN 2 OR NO. HAVE 3 FRIGATES AND A TUG NEAR POINT RER FOR ANTSUB PATROL EASTERN ENTRANCE. EXPECT PRESENCE OF SWEEP UNIT NORTH

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OF HONOLULU WILL PREVENT SUBS ENTERING THERE. ENEMY CRUISERS SIGHTED IN VERDE ISLAND PASSAGE AND BATTLESHIPS AND CRUISERS IN SULU SEA ALL HEADING EAST COMBINED WITH SUCCESSFUL AIR ATTACKS MAKES MY SITUATION SERIOUS. REQUEST REPORTED ENEMY SURFACE UNIT BE HIT BY BOMBING AND THAT MY FIGHTER COVER BY INCREASED AND MAINTAINED.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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TYPED BY: STEARNS/Rowell
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ADDRESS: CTF 77

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