ATTACKS AND SINKINGS OF ALLIED WARSHIPS

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(MANLOVE (DE 36) SENDS ACTION TO CTG 51.5. INFO COMCORTDIV 31 AND COMCORTDIV 73)

ATTACKED BY 2 TONYS AT 1834(1) IN STATION A 24. 1 PLANE SHOT DOWN AS IT ATTEMPTED SUICIDE DIVE OTHER DRIVEN OFF. PLANE STRAFED DECK CAUSING MINOR DAMAGE TO DECK AND SUPERSTRUCTURE. 1 MAN KIA. 10 WIA.

SA RADAR, RADIO ANTENNAE, NUMBER 3 INCH 50 GUN AND 1.1 GUN DISABLED.

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LST 34 sends via COMTASKFOR 53 action ADEE. Also action ComINCH CINCPAC (both) COMSERSVPAC ComSERON 10 ADCOMPHIBSPAC COMWESTSEAFRON. NPM pass info COM LST FLOT 5. COMPHIBSPAC has action by hand.

Ship damaged night of 4 April while beached on coral reef at Okinawa due to high winds and surf. Bottom severely buckled from frames 25 to 29 with numerous near ruptures. Large rupture in A-421 F. 2 small ruptures in A-423 F and 1 small rupture in A-422 F and A-425 F. Forward starboard lower corner of B-401 E T badly buckled near deck for a distance of about 8 feet in either direction. All ruptures and near ruptures are due to split beams and welds. Unable to inspect some tanks in vicinity of damage.
CTG 51.15 SENDS FOR LST 599 ACTION COMINCH
CINCPAC CTF 51 CTG 53.7 COM LST GROUP 62
(FLOT 21) HAS INFO BY MAIL. INFO COMSERVPAC
COMSERVRON 10 COMWESSEAFRON.

AT 0618 3 APRIL 1945 SHIP SUSTAINED A SUICIDE AIR
CRAFT ATTACK AT ANCHOR WESTERN ANCHORAGE KERAMA

RETO. FOLLOWING DAMAGE RESULTED.

HOLE IN MAIN DECK APPROXIMATELY 7' DIAMETER 10'
INBOARD PORT SIDE. FRAME 24. ADJACENT HOLE SAME
LOCATION 2' FORWARD OF 7' HOLE IS 15" IN DIAMETER.
MAIN DECK PIER FL ONLY.

2ND DECK FRAM 24. 6' INBOARD OF PORT SIDE HOLE 3'
IN DIAMETER. BULKHEADS LONGITUDINAL. TOAVFRS D*
MEMBERS AND INTERCOASTAL MEMBERS LOCATED ABOVE 3RD
DECK FORWARD FRAME 28 WARPED DUE TO FIRE. ELECTRI-
CAL APPARATUS AND WIRING FORWARD FRAME 28 DESTROYED,
BEYOND REPAIR EXCEPT BOW RAMP MOTOR AND TRUCK RAMP

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MOTOR. MOTORS MAY BE REPAIRED BY BAKING ORREWINDING. EMERGENCY FIRE PUMP IN BILGE CONTROL ROOM FLOODED AND NEEDS REPLACING. LCT 876 ABOARD SUSTAINED FOLLOWING DAMAGE.

HOLE 7' DIAMETER FRAME 23 AND TO PORT SIDE.
HOLE 4' DIAMETER FRAME 23 AND 25 AMIDSHIPS.
HOLE 2' DIAMETER FRAME 23 AMIDSHIPS.
ABOVE HOLES EXTEND THROUGH BOTTOM.

CARGO ABOARD.
20% OF VMF 322. MAG 33 CARGO SALVAGABLE.

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Hancock (CV 19) sends action to Cominch. CINCPAC ADV HQ CINCPAC Pearl Con 5th Fleet Info CONSPAC and CONSPAC Conson 10 CONAIRPAC COMPOSITEAFRON. NFM (ROD HONQ) Pass. CTF 58 and CTG 58.3 have for action by other means.

KIA 49 WIA 56 missing 35 picked up by other ships (1) personnel.

Damage report: At 1211 7 April hit by suicider with bomb at deck edge frame 40 port side. Armament. Number 1 5 inch twin mount some damage due to heat but operative. 40 mm quads numbers 6 and 6A burned out and partially demolished. 20 mm need 9 sights. Fire control radar mark 12 and 22 damaged must be replaced. Following items prevent effective flight operation. Both catapults out of commission due damaged retracting mechanism main motors and warped tracks, both pump rooms flooded. Forward plane elevator buckled upwards about 18 inches requires renewal of platform. Guides sprung and main piston shafts out of alignment locks bent. Hole in...
FLIGHT DECK FRAME 40 ABOUT 20 FEET SQUARE. TEMPORARY REPAIRS EFFECTED
BY SHIPS FORCE. 5 FORWARD GASOLINE FUELING STATIONS FLIGHT DECK
BADLY DAMAGED AND COMPLETELY INOPERATIVE. 6 HANGER DECK ROLLER CURTAINS
DESTROYED. HANGER DECK LIGHTING OUT. FLIGHT DECK LIGHTING REQUIRES
50 PERCENT RENEWAL. MISCELLANEOUS DAMAGE. 15 FOOT HOLE IN SHIPS SIDE
FROM FLIGHT DECK TO HANGER DECK. FORWARD AIRPLANE CRANE DAMAGED.
DEGAUSSING EQUIPMENT OUT OF COMMISSION CABLE CUT. DOORS BLOWERS VENT
DUCTS IN ELEVATOR PITS DAMAGED BY FIRE AND BLAST. HANGER DECK
SUPPORTING BEAMS AND STANCHIONS IN AREA OF HIT BENT AND DISTORTED
DOWN TO 3RD DECK. FIRING DAMAGE TO BOMB ELEVATOR BLB. BATTERY DECKS
AND FRAMES 30 TO 60 EXTENSIVELY DAMAGED BY FIRE BLAST AND WATER.
KIA 29 VIA 52 MISSING 35 PICKED UP BY OTHER SHIPS 67. PERSONNEL
KILLED MAINLY GUN CREW AND AIR DEPARTMENT.
CTG 51.15 ACTION ADEED SENDS FOR RODMAN (DMS 21) ACTION TO COMINCH CINCPAC CTG 51.15 CINCPAC INFO COM 5TH FLT COMSERVPAC COMINPAC COMSERVRON 10 COMINRON 20.

Between 1530 and 1830/6 April Rodman (DMS 21) under continued attack by large number enemy aircraft north-east of IE Shima in Okinawa area. Hit by 3 suicide planes carrying bombs 2 of which detonated. Additional bomb alongside punctured hull. Completely flooded below main deck forward frame 45. Superstructure gutted by fire. Hull opened to sea from forecastle to waterline frame 6 to 18 port 6 to 14 starboard, compartment A204 frame 33 to 39 starboard 5 feet wide, compartment A305 frame 35 to 40 port 6 feet wide. Stem keel and engineering plant intact. Fire control and interior communication systems out. Casualties officers KIA 0 WIA 1 MIA 0 Enlisted KIA 9 WIA 14 MIA 7. 4 planes shot down 4 others splashed around ship exclusive of 3 which hit Rodman. Extinguished fires and returned to port under own power.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT HOWORTH:** (DD 592) 060633 ON DAMAGE RECEIVED WHEN ATTACKED BY 5 ENEMY PLANES APRIL 6 OFF IS SHAE* OKINAWA.

**MAIN BATTERY** (10 GROUPS MISSING**) FLYING DIRECTLY INTO CONTROL OFFICER'S TELESCOPE. REAR OF DIRECTOR WAS SEPARATED FROM DIRECTOR EVIDENTLY BY FORCE OF PLANE ENGINE PASSING THROUGH, ALL INSTRUMENTS INSIDE DIRECTOR WERE DESTROYED OR MISSING. MARK 12 AND MARK 22 RADAR ANTENNAS WERE THROWN CLEAR AND DEMOLISHED. DIRECTOR RESTED ON PORT QUARTER OF FOUNDATION AT 90 DEGREE ANGLE FOR SEVERAL HOURS BEING HELD BY CENTER COLUMN CABLES AND SEVERAL 1/8 INCH LINES. THESE EVENTUALLY PARTED AND DIRECTOR FELL CLEAR OF SHIP IN 40 FATHOMS OF WATER STRIKING PORT TORPEDO DIRECTOR, LOOKOUT'S SEAT AND BRIDGE WINDSHIELD ALL ON PORT SIDE. PORT TORPEDO DIRECTOR AND LOOKOUT SEAT REQUIRE REPLACEMENT AND WINDSHIELD NEEDS REPAIRS. AIR DEFENSE CONTROL PANEL INCLUDING RANGE.
AND BEARING INDICATORS DESTROYED AND REQUIRE REPLACEMENT. FOUNDATION IS DISTORTED AND DEPRESSED AFT AND TO PORT FROM 1 TO 1 1/2 INCHES. THIS RESULTED IN SEVERE STRAINS TO ENTIRE SUPER- STRUCTURE DOWN TO MAIN DECK BETWEEN FRAMES 57 AND 72. IN THIS AREA ON MAIN SUPER AND BRIDGE DECKS FRAMES BEAMS AND STANCHIONS ARE WARPED AND TWISTED. ALUMINUM BULKHEADS HAVE RIVETS SHORN AND SOME BULKHEADS ARE TORN. WATERTIGHT BULKHEAD FRAME 72 SUPER- DECK IS TORN AT TOP AND IS BUCKLED AND DOOR FRAME TO WATERTIGHT DOOR 0172 IS WARPED PREVENTING CLOSURE OF DOOR. 2 STANCHIONS PORT AND STBD FRAME 61 MAIN DECK ARE SEVERED AT TOP. PORT WING OF PLANE STRUCK STARBOARD BRIDGE WINDSHIELD AND PILOT HOUSE DAMAGING WINDSHIELD AND WARPING FRAME OF DOOR TO PILOT HOUSE. MARK 14 MOD 8 SIGHT TO STBD MARK 51 DIRECTOR DAMAGED BUT HAS BEEN REPLACED FROM SPARE. PORT 36 INCH SEARCHLIGHT HAS LENS BROKEN AND FRAME WARPED AND WILL POSSIBLY REQUIRE REPLACEMENT. ABOUT 15 FEET OF WAVE GUIDE FOR SQ RADAR IS DISTORTED AND REQUIRES REPLACING.

PORT FLAG BAG REQUIRES REPLACEMENT. 3 STAYS SUPPORTING MAST WERE SEVERED BUT HAVE BEEN TEMPORARILY REPAIRED. RESULTING FIRE CAUSED
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MINOR DAMAGE BUT WAS QUICKLY CONTROLLED. OTHER MINOR DAMAGE INCLUDES SEVERING MAIN RADIO ANTENNAS, AMIDSHIPS AND LIFELINES PORT SIDE AFT BY 2 ADDITIONAL PLANES THAT CROSSED THE* AND CRASHED CLOSE ABOARD. SHIP SEAWORTHY BUT HAS ONLY LOCAL CONTROL FOR GUN BATTERY.

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ON 6 APRIL AT ABOUT 1500 EMONS DMS-22 ENGAGED LARGE NUMBER ENEMY PLANES IN OKINAWA 03 AREA. 6 PLANES SHOT DOWN. 5 CRASHED EMONS. 4 MISSED. HITS IN COMBAT BRIDGE GUN AND STERN. PLANES CRASHING STERN AND BRIDGE CARRIED BOMBS AND STRAFFED. SECTION AFT FRAME 175 SEVERED. INTENSE FIRES FROM MAIN DECK UP BETWEEN FRAME 65 AND GUN 1 FORWARD. ALSO FIRES ASTERN. DAMAGE TO MAIN ENGINE INOPERATIVE, RUDDER GONE, MAGAZINES EXPLODED, WATER FLOODED FORWARD AND AFTER COMPARTMENTS. SHIP ABANDONED ABOUT 1900 AND LATER SUNK BY GUNFIRE BY ELYSON DMS 19. ALL PUBLICATIONS RADAR EQUIPMENT DESTROYED AND DEPLOYED.

**ACTION: F-4**
ENGINE SPACES SECURED. CASUALTIES OFFICERS SURVIVORS 6 WIA 6 WIA 6 KIA 1 CREW SURVIVORS 121 WIA 65 MIA 33 KIA 16.

COPIES 1 TO 6 INCLUSIVE TO COWINCH.
CTG 51.15 Action Order Sends for Originator USS HENRICO also COMINCH, CINCPAC, COMPHIBSPAC. Info COMSERVPAC CONSERRON 10 ADCOMPHIBSPAC, COMWSEAFRON.

USS HENRICO (APA 45) was hit by a Japanese Suicide Bomber on 2 April 1945. Damage is as follows. Communications, Radio 1, Flag Plot 1 and 2, Army and Navy Operations, Communications Office, Coding Room, Signal Log Room, Air Support Control Room (With all Radio Fixtures), Radar Plot, Completely Destroyed. Engineering, All Electrical Power Lost Due to Concussion, Severe Salt Water Damage to All Electrical Equipment.


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PORT SIDE ALL DECKS ABOVE 2ND DECK FROM FRAMES 106-120.
TRASH BIN. TRASH BURNER ROOM. NCO QUARTERS AND CREWS

QUARTERS (COMPARTMENT B201T) DESTROYED. WILL BE ABLE TO
GET UNDERWAY UNDER OWN POWER ON 11 APRIL 1945. SPEED 12 KNOTS.
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(ABOVE FROM HAYNESWORTH 070600, RDO HONOR PASS TO ALL EXCEPT COM 5TH FLT AND CTF 58 WHO HAVE BY OTHER MEANS, CTF 58 ENCRYPTS AND TRANSMITS FOLLOWING FOR HAYNESWORTH (DD 700) ACTION TO COMINCH CINCPAC COM 5TH FLT AND INFO COMSERVPAC COMSERON 10 COMDESPAC CTF 58 COMWESSEAFRON)

(PASSED BY CTF AS 080312)

DAMAGES INCURRED BY SUICIDE DIVE ATTACK ON 6 APRIL AS FOLLOWS:

- RADIO AND RADAR TRANSMITTER ROOM STARBOARD SIDE DEMOLISHED
- BY IMPACT, GUTTED BY FIRE AND OPEN TO WEATHER. MAIN RADIO COMPLETELY GUTTED BY FIRE, SC AND S RADAR TRANSMITTERS DEMOLISHED. SC RECEIVER INDICATOR DAMAGED EXTENSIVELY. FORWARD STARBOARD TWIN 40 MM GUN AND GUN PLATFORM WRECKED. GALLEY STARBOARD BULKHEAD TORN OPEN AND WIRING ON GALLEY OVERHEAD SEVERELY BURNED. STARBOARD LONGITUDINAL IN GALLEY OVERHEAD DISTORTED. ALL WIRING IN DAMAGED AREAS SERIOUSLY BURNED. ALL DAMAGE CONFINED BETWEEN FRAME 65 AND 68 FROM MAIN DECK TO BRIDGE LEVEL. 40 MM CLIPPING ROOMS AND RADAR TOWER ROOM INTACT.
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**ACTION REPORT DANIEL T GRIFFIN (APD 38) TRF VAOIXG**

**DIVE BOMB ATTACK IN SCREENING STATION A 12 UXPGD**

DROPPED 2 BOMBS NEAR HIPS NO DAMAGE. 1 SPLASHED 1 PROBABLE.

2 JUDYS MADE SUICIDE ATTACK IN STATION A 11 AND 12 AT 1815/1. FIRST CRASHED INTO ** OF MORRIS (DD 417) SECOND DISINTEGRATED BY DIRECT HIT 5 INCH. GRIFFIN SUSTAINED STRUCTURAL DAMAGE BEYOND SCOPE SHIPS FORCE WHILE FIGHTING FIRE ALONGSIDE MORRIS.

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SPLINTER SHIELD FORWARD AND AFT DEMOLISHED 2 1/2 MN MOUNT. NUMBER 36 MADE SEVERAL HOLES IN MAIN DECK AND BOTH MOTOR "HOLE BOATS AND OTHER SUPERFICIAL DAMAGE. 1 HIT FROM STARBOARD SIDE PASSED BETWEEN NUMBERS 3 AND 4 TURFETS STRUCK PORT SIDE MAIN DECK FRAME 1/8 CAUSING SUPERFICIAL DAMAGE AND RICOCHETED CLEAR. 1 HIT PENETRATED SIDE FRAME 73 STARBOARD 3 FEET ABOVE SECOND DECK PIERCED 5 WATER TIGHT BULKHEADS AND EXPLODED FRAME 73 PORT SIDE IN CREWS BERTHING SPACE. APPARENTLY LOW ORDER BURST BUT CONCEivable DAMAGE CAUSED TO VENT DUCTS, ELECTRIC CARLIES AND WIRING, WATER AND STEAM LINES IN ITS PATH AND 5 INCH BULGHOIST NUMBER 18. ARMORED DECK FRAME 73 STARBOARD 16 FEET INWARD FROM SIDE GOUGED AND DEFLECTED DOWNWARD ABOUT 1 INCH.

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BUTT SEA. TEMPORARY REPAIRS CAN BE EFFECTED BY SHIP FORCE EXCEPT TO HOLE IN BLISTER PORT SIDE WATERLINE. SEA WORTHY AND BATTLE EFFICIENCY NOT REDUCED BEYOND THAT REPORTED BY 28&8406 MARCH. THIS REPORT COVERS PARA 24 AND 28 PACFLEET 33 CL-33. AIRMAIL LETTER FOLLOWS.

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Wake Island damaged. Departed area helmet for Kerama Retto at 1750 escorted by DE 405. CTG 51.6 send 1 ATF to tow

If necessary, CTG 51.5 send 1 escort and 2 PCE (R). Tug join escort at point Choir unless rendezvous with Wake Island effected before arrival that point.

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(COM FIFTH FLEET SENDS ACTION COMSERON 10 INFO COMSERON 10 REP LEYTE AND COMPHIBGROUP 13 (RDO LEYTE PASS TO BOTH) CTF 57 AND HMS GAMBIA.)

DAMAGED ULSTER (DD) TOWED BY GAMBIA (CA) PROCEEDING FROM 010452Z POSIT 21-27 NORTH 125-37 EAST DIRECT FOR LEYTE SOA 8 KNOTS.

RENDER ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE.
FROM SKYLARK (AM 63), ACTION TO SECNAV.

COMMANDING OFFICER REGRETS TO REPORT LOSS OF SKYLARK (AM 63) ON 28 MARCH 1945 DUE TO EXPLOSION OF 2 ENEMY MINES WHILE SWEEPING. 5 MIA 25 WIA. MISSING ARE ENLISTED MEN CASE FIREMAN 1/C, TYPER FIREMAN 1/C HORTON MOM 1/C, STOLLE FIREMAN 1/C AND ZEIGLER EM 3/C. ADDITIONAL NAME DATA NOT AVAILABLE. AMPLIFYING REPORT FOLLOWS.

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(Nevada originates. NPM (RDO HONOL) pass action CINCPAC Pearl and COM 5TH FLI INFO COMSERVPAC and COMSERON 10. RDO WASHN give action COMINCH & CNO. NPM (RDO GUAM) give action CINCPAC ADV. NPG (RDO SAN DIEGO) give INFO COMMERSEAFRON. CTF 52 and COMBATRON 1 have locally)

JAP SUICIDE PLANE STRUCK STARBOARD SIDE MAIN DECK AFT FRAME 96. TURRET 3 OUT OF COMMISSION BECAUSE OF D3 HOOP CRACKED GOUSE (?)

AND LARGE GOGUM IN LEFT GUN AND MANY DEEP GOUSES IN RIGHT GUN. VERTICAL CRACK BARBETTE ARMOR TURRET 3 AT BUTT SEAM

ABOUT 4 FEET LONG 1 FOOT ABOVE DECK LEVEL DEPTH ABOUT 3/8 INCHES RELATIVE BEARING FROM CENTER LINE 135 APPEARS WHOLE SECTION HAS BEEN DISTURBED. TURRET 4 VENTILATION DUCT'S PORT AND STARBOARD REQUIRE REPLACEMENT. RANGEFINDER TURRET 3

HOLED REQUIRES REPLACEMENT. 3 20 MM MOUNTS DEMOLISHED. 1 PLANE DEMOLISHED AND JETTISONED OTHER PLANE DAMAGED BEYOND CAPACITY SHIPS FORCE TO REPAIR. STARBOARD AIR PLANE BOOM DAMAGED AND REQUIRES REPLACEMENT. NUMBER 3 DECK WINCH

ACTION: F-A

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DEMO LISHED. EXTENSIVE DAMAGE MAIN DECK AFT STARBOARD HOLED IN MANY PLACES WITH CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO CPO QUARTERS.

TRANSVERSE BEAMS BUCKLED FRAMES 94 THROUGH 98 AND 103 THROUGH 105. MAIN DECK BETWEEN FRAMES 91 AND 99 DEPRESSED DOWNWARD TO A MAXIMUM OF 15 INCHES. MISCELLANEOUS DAMAGE TO VENT DUCTS, FRESH WATER PIPING, FUEL OIL VENTS, ELECTRICAL FITTINGS AND WIRING.

THIS REPORT COVERS PARAGRAPH 2A AND 2B PACFLT CONFIDENTIAL LETTER 33CL-43. AIRMMAIL LETTER FollowS.
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(COM 5TH FLT PASSED INFO TO CINCPAC ADV HQ. CINCPAC PEARL ALSO HAS INFO.)
(FROM CTG 58.4 ACTION CTF 58.)
UNDER ATTACK BY MANY SMALL RAIDS 0730 TO 0930. FULL DETAILS NOT AVAILABLE BUT SEVERAL TWINS AND SINGLES SHOT DOWN BY SHIPS GUNFIRE. 1 PROBABLE JUDY HIT ENTERPRISE WITH 650 POUND BOMB ON FORWARD ELEVATOR AT 0740. LOW ORDER DETONATION CAUSED MINOR DAMAGE AND CASUALTIES. TWIN ENGINE PLANE SHOT DOWN CLOSE ABOARD INTREPID AT 0807 CAUSED MINOR DAMAGE KILLED 1 AND INJURED 13. BOTH ENTERPRISE AND INTREPID FLIGHT OPERATIONAL.

Empire Strikes

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FROM: OMSUBPAC

RELEASED BY: 24 MARCH 1945

TO: CINCPAC ADV HDQ

DATE: 24 MARCH 1945

SUBJ: CTF 58

REMARKS: LOCAL AND INFO CTF 58

REMARKS: PUFFER AND KINGFISH NOT INVOLVED. BY 231836. REQUEST YOU HOLD UP YOUR SEARCH UNTIL WE GAIN MORE INFORMATION.

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COMSUBPAC SENDS ACTION COM 5TH FLEET. INFO CTF 58 AND LOCALLY TO CINCPAC ADV HQ

FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM SUBMARINE ICEFISH.

"PUFFER ABANDONING SHIP. POSIT 23-42 N 123-26 E. ICEFISH LEAVING AREA FOR RESCUE." HAVE ASKED ICEFISH FOR MORE DETAILS AND IF MESSAGE AUTHENTIC IT IS PROBABLY KINGFISH WHO IS LIFEGUARDING FOR YOU ON STATION NUMBER 13. REQUEST YOU CONDUCT AN AIR SEARCH OF THAT AREA FOR SURVIVORS.

COMINCH: COPIES 1 TO 8 INCLUSIVE.
ORIGINATOR FRANKLIN (CV 13). TO CTG 58.2 COMINCH AND CINCPAC.

CTG 50.8 PASSED TO COMCRUDIV 16 FOR ACTION COM 5TH FLEET CTF 58 CTG 58.2 CINCPAC BOTH HQ COMINCH FOR INFO AS 252230. PASSED AT THE REQUEST OF CTG 58.4.

INTERIOR DAMAGE TO SHIP MORE EXTENSIVE THAN ORIGINALLY REPORTED. 3 BOMBS PENTRATED TO 4TH DECK.

6 QUARTER TONNERS 20 1/8 TONNERS 16 TINY TIMS EXPLODED ON DECK 4 TINY TIMS WENT OFF IN HANGAR.

FORWARD BOILERS UNUSABLE BUT CAN MAKE 21 KNOTS.

SHIP REQUIRES REBUILDING FROM 2ND DECK UP INCLUDING REPLACING OF HANGAR DECK ARMOR. ALL RADIO AND RADAR GONE ISLAND STRUCTURE HAS EXTENSIVE FIRE DAMAGE.

CLEARING WRECKAGE AND VOYAGE REPAIRS PROCEEDING SATISFACTORILY. ON LATEST COUNT FRANKLIN HAS ABOARD FACTORY.
103 OFFICERS AND 589 ENLISTED MEN INCLUDING 2
OFFICERS AND 2 ENLISTED MEN UNFIT FOR DUTY. HAVE
BURIED 251 BODIES AT SEA MANY BEYOND IDENTIFICATION.
UNKNOWN NUMBER BODIES STILL IN INACCESSIBLE LOCATIONS.
EVIDENCE OF LARGE NUMBERS COMPLETELY CREMATED.
DO NOT DESIRE RETURN OF ANY PERSONNEL. I HAVE
FUEL FOOD AND MEN TO MAKE PEARL DIRECT.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: COM5THFLT
RELEASED BY: 
DATE: 21 MAR 45
TOR CODE ROOM: 2203
DECODED BY: SLUTZ
TYPED BY: SLUTZ

CINCPC ADVON
COMSERON 10
CTF 58

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RECEIVED BY CINCPC ADV AS 210128.
PASSED BY CINCPC/POA ADV AS 210814 INFO TO CINCPC/POA
PEARL COMAIRPAC COMINCH COMSERVPAC COMDESPAC.

(RDO GUAM PASS ACTION CINCPC ADVON INFO COMSERON 10,
CTF 58 HAS BY VISUAL)

MY 200452.
4 OTHER DAMAGED CARRIERS ARE INTREPID ENTERPRISE YORK-
TOWN WASP. INTREPID MINOR DAMAGE FROM NEAR MISS.
YORKTOWN DAMAGE NOT SERIOUS. ENTERPRISE AND WASP
REQUIRE REPAIRS. HAVE ORDERED FRANKLIN WASP ENTERPRISE
SANTA FE ESCORTED BY DESRON 52 TO ULITHI. FRANKLIN
FOR VOYAGE REPAIRS AND ONWARD ROUTING PEARL WITH SANTA
FE. WASP AND ENTERPRISE FOR LOCAL REPAIR IF PRACTICABLE.

IN ATTACKS LATE AFTERNOON 20TH ENTERPRISE HIT SECOND
TIME FIRST BEING ON 18TH. ALSO HALSEY POWELL WITH
STEERING GEAR DAMAGE WHICH SLOWED HER TO 10 KNOTS AND

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HAS REQUIRED PROTECTION FROM TASK FORCE 58 LESS TASK GROUP 58.2. REPAIRS HER STEERING GEAR EXPECTED SHORTLY WHEN SHE WILL SPEED UP TO 25. NO DAMAGE REPORTED AIRCRAFT TORPEDO ATTACKS LAST NIGHT. SEVERAL PLANES SHOT DOWN BY ANTI AIRCRAFT AND NIGHT FIGHTERS. MY 0800/1 (MINUS 9) POSITION 27-25 NORTH 134-50 EAST HEADING TOWARD BEDBUG. HALSEY POWELL ASTERN WITH THE SULLIVANS. FRANKLIN GROUP AHEAD.

NEW SUBJECT.
YOUR 201729 SEE MY 200615.

COPY TO 20G
MAILGRAM

COM 5TH FLT PASS TO CINCPAC AND COMINCH FOR INFO.

DAMAGE REPORT PART 2. 2ND DECK AFT OF FRAME 80 BURNED OUT. 3RD DECK AFT OF FRAME 80 HEAVILY DAMAGED, BY EXPLOSIONS FIRE AND FLOODING. AFTER TWIN 5 INCH MOUNTS READY MAGAZINES EXPLODED. ALL MAIN MAGAZINES PURPOSELY FLOODED. EXTENSIVE FIRE DAMAGE IN ISLAND. COLLATERAL FIRE AND EXPLOSION DAMAGE THROUGHOUT SHIP. TOP MAST DOWN. ABOUT 1500 PERSONNEL TRANSFERRED OR PICKED UP BY OTHER SHIPS. ABOUT 250 MEN 75 OFFICERS ON BOARD.

ESTIMATE 1200 KILLED, MISSING, OR UNACCOUNTED FOR. CAPTAIN A.J. ISBELL USN PASSENGER KILLED. FIRES OUT.

STEERING CONTROL REGAINED LIST UNDER CONTROL. STEAMING AT 13 KNOTS WITH 4 BOILERS AND ON 2 ENGINES. DOWN BY THE TAIL BUT CHINS UP.

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USS WASP CV 18 SENDS FOR ACTION TO COMINCH CINCPAC ADV HQ AND PEARL COMSFTHFLEET CTF 58 CTG 58.1 INFO COMAIRPAC COMSERCVPAC COMSERON 10 AND COMWESSEAFRON. RADIO GUAM NPN PASS TO ALL ADDEES. CTG 58.2 HAS BY HAND FOR INFO.

AT 0709 19 MARCH NEAR SHIKOKU ISLAND JUDY DOVE FROM AHEAD OUT OF SOLID OVERCAST RELEASING SAP BOMB WHICH STRUCK FLIGHT DECK AMIDSHIPS AT FRAME 119 PENETRATED HANGAR DECK AT FRAME 124 AND DETONATED WHILE PASSING THROUGH 2ND DECK AT FRAME 127 RESULTING IN FOLLOWING DAMAGE AND CASUALTIES:

IGNITED AIRCRAFT ON HANGAR DECK BLEW 16 BY 24 FOOT HOLE IN SECOND AND 19 BY 22 FOOT HOLE IN THIRD DECKS, DEMOLISHED GALLEY AND ALL EQUIPMENT THEREIN, DESTROYED ALL LAUNDRY EQUIPMENT, RUPTURED MANY FIRE MAINS, FLOODED COMPARTMENTS B429E B429E AND B431E, PARTIALLY FLOODED NUMBER 4 FIRE ROOM, DID EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO DOORS HATCHES BULKHEADS UPTAKES ELECTRIC CABLES AND HYDRAULIC EQUIPMENT ON SECOND THIRD AND FOURTH DECKS BETWEEN FRAMES 121 AND 142 AND, DEMOLISHED APPROXIMATELY 400 BUNKS. 2 AIRCRAFT

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BURNED AND 30 DAMAGED BY SALT WATER. FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT INOPERATIVE:

NUMBER 4 FIREROOM GALLEY LAUNDRY BERTHING FACILITIES FOR 400 FIRE MAINS BETWEEN FRAMES 110 AND 158 AND, NUMBER 3 ELEVATOR WHICH IS APPARENTLY OUT OF ALIGNMENT DUE ADJACENT BULGES IN HANGAR DECK.

FIRES RAPIDLY EXTINGUISHED AND FLOODING PROMPTLY CONTROLLED. NORMAL FLIGHT OPERATIONS RESUMED WITHIN 1 HOUR. FIREROOM AND ALL COMPARTMENTS NOW DRY. WRECKAGE BEING CLEARED. TO DATE 102 DEAD AND APPROXIMATELY 200 INJURED OF WHICH 20 ARE CRITICAL.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM CTF 58

RELEASED BY

DATE 24 MARCH 45

TOR CORDEROM 2139/24

DECoded BY SAPP

PARAPHRASED BY MC GOMACK

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( COMINCH GETS FOR INFO FROM CINCPAC ADV HQ. REENCRYPTION OF CTF 58. 200930 ORIGINALLY SENT ACTION CTF 58 AND LATER PASSED BY HAND BY COM 5TH FLT TO CINCPAC ADV HQ. CINCPAC PEARL ALSO HAS INFO )

PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 241453

"1ST REPORT ENTERPRISE DAMAGE. MAIN RADIO OUT. TBS 1 AND 2 OUT. SKYFORDARD OUT. MAIN CIC OUT. NO BIND INDICATOR. AUXILIARY CIC AND SC 2 IN COMMISSION. 40MM GUN MOUNTS 3 AND 5 OUT. PRIMARY FLY BURNED OUT. SLIGHT INCENDIARY FIRES STILL ON FLIGHT DECK. BELIEVE CAN OPERATE LIMITED LATER TONIGHT"
CINCPAO ADV HQ ENCYPHERS CTG 58.4 190447 FOR INFO COMINCH.
ORIGINALLY SENT ACTION CTF 58 AND LATER PASSED BY HAND
BY COM 5TH FLT TO CINCPAO ADV. CINCPAO PEARL ALSO HAS
INFO.

CINCPAO ADV HQ PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 241451.

"AT 1507 (MINUS 9) 18TH YORKTOWN RECEIVED HIT STARBOARD
SIGNAL BRIDGE FROM ESTIMATED 600 LB. BOMB Dropped BY
PROBABLE JUDY. BOMB DETONATED OUTSIDE AT 2ND DECK FRAME
120 AFTER PIERCING SIGNAL BRIDGE LEVEL AND 20 MM SPONSON
TORE HOLE 15 FT. SQUARE IN SHIP'S SIDE VICINITY SHIPFITTERS
SHOP AND GENERALLY PERFORATED SIDE FLIGHT DECK TO WATER-
LINE. CASUALTIES 4 DEAD 18 WOUNDED. OPERATING ABILITY
YORKTOWN NOT IMPAIRED."
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FROM: CINCPAC ADV HQ
RELEASED BY:
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DECODED BY: LYNN
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CTG 50.8
CTU 50.8.3
CON 5TH FLT
CTG 50.9
CTF 56
USS FRANKLIN
USS PITTSBURGH

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME GROUP

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CINCPAC ADV HQ ORIGINATES.

CON 5TH FLEET REPORTS FRANKLIN (CV 13) HIT BY SUICIDE WITH BOMB
AT 192700 J. CAUSING BAD FIRES. NOW IN TOW OF PITTSBURGH (CA 72)

COUSE SOUTH SPEED 8 POSITION NOT KNOWN. UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED
TASK UNIT 50.6.3 PROCEED DUE NORTH FROM FIRELY AT BEST SOA.

CON 5TH FLT ADVISES CTG 50.8 THAT TWO GROUPS WILL FUEL ON 22ND.

OTHERS LATER.

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VESSEL SANK AT PIER BOSTON NAVY YARD. RESTING ON BOTTOM IN 30 FEET OF WATER AT LOW TIDE. ALL COMPARTMENTS FLOODED NO CASUALTIES TO PERSONNEL. FLOODING CAUSED BY IMPROPER OPERATION OF TORPEDO TUBE DOORS. THIS IS FIRST AND SECOND DISPATCH. COMMANDANT CONSIDERS SHIP IS YARD'S RESPONSIBILITY AND IS PROCEEDING WITH SALVAGE AND COURT OF INQUIRY.
MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF TRANSPORTATION.

Subject: Further information on the J. W. McANDREW and the BEAR.

1. The Navy reports that the J. W. McANDREW, U.S. Troopship 7,777 G/T (Army owned) and the French Aircraft Carrier BEAR (on special assignment to the Army), which were badly damaged by collision (reported by memoranda 13 and 14 March) at sea on 13 March, are now proceeding under escort to Ponta Del Gada, Azores at 6 knots and are estimated to arrive that port at 0800Z 17 March.

2. The ATHLONE CASTLE, British Troopship 33,564 G/T, is scheduled to sail from New York on 15 March with Convoy GU-62 to embark the 2,000 troops at Ponta Del Gada and transship them to E.T.O.

3. The J. W. McANDREW and the BEAR departed New York 7 March in Convoy GU-61, the former carrying 7,947 U.S. troops and 1,702 merchantmen U.S. Army cargo, and the latter carrying 65 U.S. Army planes and 125 U.S. Army troops. Seventy U.S. troops were lost by the collision.

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Colonel, TQ,
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14 March 1945.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF TRANSPORTATION.

Subject: Further information on the J. W. McANERIN and the BEARN.

1. The J. W. McANERIN, U. S. Troopship 7,977 G/T (Army owned) and the BEARN, French Aircraft Carrier (on special assignment to U.S. Army), both ships badly damaged by collision at 41-50 N 36-30 W (Northwest of the Azores) on 13 March (reported by memorandum 13 March), are proceeding under same escort at 4 knots to Ponta Delgada, Azores for emergency repairs. They are estimated to arrive at that port 0107Z 19 March.

2. The J. W. McANERIN is badly holed below the water line and is able to make 4 knots. The BEARN has a broken stern and is able to make 6 knots. Neither of the ships have usable bow anchors.

3. The collision casualties are as follows:
   From the J. W. McANERIN:
   U. S. Troops 70 dead and missing
   U. S. Navy 1 dead
   From the BEARN:
   French seamen 4 dead

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RESUME OF VESSELS LOST BY ENEMY ACTION DURING MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1945.

BRITISH BY SUBMARINE. EVERLEIGH. ALEXANDER KENNEDY. ORISKANY. EGHOLM. NORFOLK COAST. REGENT LION. POINT PLEASANT PARK.

TOTAL BRITISH BY SUBMARINE 7 VESSELS OF 26829 TONS. BRITISH BY MINE. AURETTA. SAMPA. ROYAL BRITISH BY MINE 2 VESSELS OF 11790 TONS. BRITISH BY E BOAT GOODWOOD. BLACKTOFT.

TOTAL BRITISH BY E BOAT 2 VESSELS OF 3889 TONS. TOTAL BRITISH ALL CAUSES 11 VESSELS OF 42508 TONS.

AMERICAN BY SUBMARINE. PETER SILVESTER. HORACE GRAY. THOMAS SCOTT. ALCEDO. TOTAL AMERICAN BY SUBMARINE 4 VESSELS OF 22901 TONS. AMERICAN BY AIRCRAFT. HENRY BACON. TOTAL AMERICAN BY AIRCRAFT 1 VESSEL OF 7177 TONS. AMERICAN BY MIDGET SUBMARINE. HENRY B PLANT. TOTAL AMERICAN BY MIDGET SUBMARINE 1 VESSEL OF 7240 TONS. AMERICAN BY MINE. NASHABA. TOTAL

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AMERICAN BY MINE 1 VESSEL OF 6054 TONS. TOTAL AMERICAN BY ALL CAUSES 7 VESSELS OF 43,372 TONS. ALLIED BY SUBMARINE. PERSIER DORVUS. TOTAL ALLIED BY SUBMARINE 2 VESSELS OF 6699 TONS. NEUTRAL BY SUBMARINE. DETTIFOOS. TOTAL NEUTRAL BY SUBMARINE 1 VESSEL OF 1564 TONS. GRAND TOTAL 21 VESSELS OF 94,143 TONS.

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COMINCH.....CNO.....FX37.....20G.....BAD.....23.....30.....
From: Com 5th Fleet
To: Cincpac Advon
120950

Suicide attacks were made by 2 twin engine planes both carrying bombs. One plane hit Sorlen Island boat repair base and other hit RANDOLPH starboard quarter at flight deck level. Some material damage Sorlen Island, 2 dead, 6 injured. RANDOLPH after 60 feet starboard side flight deck has hole 40 feet wide. Sections underneath wrecked. Estimate can be repaired ServRon 10 in 3 to 4 weeks. See my 120435. 11 RANDOLPH planes destroyed, 6 seriously damaged. 18 dead, 47 injured; 22 of whom transferred to RELIEF. Plane loss and casualty data subject to later revision by RANDOLPH. Examination Jap planes with notes and maps found therein indicates planes came from Konoya via Okinawa or Minami Daito. See memorandum sent you today by officer messenger. Third plane discharged this morning wrecked in shallow water near Yap. Yap airstrips remain non-operational but are being covered by daylight strike and dusk cap to eliminate possibility of staging. Additional precautions being taken. Recommend withholding release regarding attack unless announced by Japs in which case restrict release to destruction 2 planes.
COM 3RD/5TH FLT PASSED FOR INFO TO CINCPAC/CINCPA ADV HED AND RED PEARL, COMSERVPAC AND TO COMAIRPAC AS 130231. CINCPAC/CINCPA ADV HED PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 131112.

AT 0009K 11 MARCH RANDOLPH WAS HIT BY KAMEKAZI AT STARBOARD EDGE OF FLIGHT DECK FRAME 205. ENEMY AIRCRAFT WAS FRANCES CARRYING BOMB OF UNDETERMINED SIZE. BOMB AND STARBOARD ENGINE WENT UNDER FLIGHT DECK WHERE BOMB EXPLODED IN AVIATION ENGINE SHOP AND AFTER HANGAR SPACE. FIRE AND BOMB EXPLOSION CAUSED FOLLOWING DAMAGE. 27 DEAD OR MISSING OF WHICH 21 BODIES RECOVERED. 52 INJURED STILL UNDER TREATMENT. HOLE IN STARBOARD HALF OF FLIGHT DECK FRAME 197 TO FRAME 209. EXTENSIVE DAMAGE BY FIRE TO FLIGHT DECK ABAFT FRAME 193. ARRESTING GEAR UNIT FRAME 190 BADLY DAMAGED. ALL SHOPS, STOREROOMS, GUNS AND EQUIPMENT BETWEEN FLIGHT DECK AND HANGAR DECK ABAFT FRAME...
BADLY DAMAGED. VERTICAL FLIGHT DECK SUPPORT FRAME 203
STARBOARD BENT AND TWISTED. ROLLER CURTAINS DAMAGED BOTH
SIDES ABAFT FRAME 145. SOME DAMAGE TO HANGAR AND FAN TAIL
AND SECOND DECK RESULTING IN FLOODING OF 5 COMPARTMENTS
SECOND AND THIRD DECK. SEVERAL HOLES IN HULL PORT QUARTER
ABOVE WATER LINE CAUSED BY ASSISTING CRAFT. 1/4 AIRCRAFT
DESTROYED PLUS 12 DAMAGED BEYOND CAPACITY THIS SHIP. 3
JAPANESE BODIES RECOVERED. 1 CHART SHOWING PENCIL COURSE
143 DEGREES FROM DAITO SHIMA, ESTIMATES TO EFFECT TEMPORARY
REPAIRS VARY FROM 14 TO 30 DAYS WITHOUT REPLACEMENT OF
ARRESTING GEAR UNIT CONTROLLING ARRESTING WIRES 1 AND 3.

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ACTION CINCPAC ADVON VIA RADIO GUAM. WAIHAI PASS INFO CINCPAC PEARL AND COMAIRPAC. COM 5TH FLEET SENDS INFO BY MAIL CTF 58 USS RANDOLPH CTF 52 AND CTF 54.

(PASSSED BY CINCPAC/POA ADVHED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 121459)

MY 111216 NOT TO ALL.
SUICIDE ATTACKS WERE MADE BY 2 TWIN ENGINE PLANES BOTH CARRYING BOMBS. 1 PLANE HIT SORLEN ISLAND BOAT REPAIR BASE AND OTHER HIT RANDOLPH STARBOARD QUARTER AT FLIGHT DECK LEVEL. SOME
MATERIAL DAMAGE SORLEN ISLAND 2 DEAD 6 INJURED. RANDOLPH AFTER 64 FEET STARBOARD SIDE FLIGHT DECK HAS HOLE 40 FEET WIDE.

SECTIONS UNDERNEATH WRECKED. ESTIMATE CAN BE REPAIRED SERVRON 10 IN 3 TO 4 WEEKS SEE MY 124435. 11 RANDOLPH PLANES DESTROYED

6 SERIOUSLY DAMAGED. 18 DEAD 47 INJURED 22 OF WHOM TRANSFERRED TO RELIEF. PLANE LOSS AND CASUALTY DATA SUBJECT TO LATER

REVISION BY RANDOLPH. EXAMINATION JAP PLANES WITH NOTES AND MAPS FOUND THEREIN INDICATES PLANES CAME FROM KANOYA VIA OKINAWA

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OR MINAMI DAITO, SEE MEMORANDUM SENT YOU TODAY BY OFFICER MESSER. 3RD PLANE DISCHARGED THIS MORNING WRECKED IN SHALLOW WATER NEAR YAP. YAP AIRSTIPS REMAIN NONOPERATIONAL BUT ARE BEING COVERED BY DAYLIGHT STRIKE AND DUSK CAP TO ELIMINATE POSSIBILITY OF STAGING. ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS BEING TAKEN. RECOMMEND WITHHOLDING RELEASE REGARDING ATTACK UNLESS ANNOUNCED BY JAPS IN WHICH CASE RESTRICT RELEASE TO DESTRUCTION 2 PLANES.

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COM 5TH FLEET

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12 MARCH 1945

TOR CODEROOM
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PARAPHRASED BY
HUGHES, GREENE

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COM 5TH FLT SENT 111216 ACTION CINCPAC ADV HQTRS WHO NOW REENCEPTHERS AND PASSES INFO COMINCH COMAIRPAC CINCPAC PEARL HQTRS.

(RECEIVED AS 111624.)

"JAP SUICIDE PLANE CRASHED RANDOLPH (CV 15) AT ANCHOR ABOUT 2010K STARTING FIRE NOW UNDER CONTROL. CASUALTIES 1 KNOWN DEAD ABOUT 25 INJURED. SECOND SUICIDE PLANE CRASHED SORLEN ISLAND SAME TIME DAMAGING BUILDINGS. MORE LATER."

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: COMBATRON 2
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COM 5TH FLY
CTF 58

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COMBATRON 2 ORIGINATES. RADIO WASHINGTON PASS ACTION COMINCH. RADIO GUAM PASS ACTION CINCPAC ADVANCED. RADIO HONOLULU PASS ACTION TO CINCPAC PEARL COM 5TH FLY. COM TASK FORCE 58 HAS INFO BY HAND.

AT 00513 K DURING SIMULATED NIGHT TORPEDO EXERCISES USS YARNALL DD 541 IN COLLISION WITH USS RINGGOLD DD 500 IN POSITION LATITUDE 12-54 NORTH LONGITUDE 138-08 EAST. REFER TO RINGGOLD DISPATCH 040244 AND YARNALL DESPATCH 040500 FOR DAMAGE REPORTS.

COM DESDIV 50 IN RINGGOLD WITH YARNALL ESCORTED BY SIGSBOE DD 502 SCHRÖDER DD 501 SIoux ATF 75 AND MOLALA ATF 106 PROCEEDING TOULITHI. RINGGOLD UNDER OWN POWER YARNALL BEING TOWED STERN FIRST BY MOLALA.

BOTH DAMAGED VESSELS REQUIRE DOCKING AND EXTENSIVE STRUCTURAL REPAIRS.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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REPORT OF DAMAGE.

BOW TO FRAME 30 DISPLACE TO STARBOARD AT ANGLE OF 30 DEGREES. ALL COMPARTMENTS FORWARD OF FRAME 30 BELOW SECOND PLATFORM DECK FLOODED. A302-L FLOODED TO 18 INCHES. A303 HAVE FLOODED TO 42 INCHES. RUPTURE 3 FEET wide FROM FRAME 30 TO FRAME 24 PORT SHELL PLATING 2 FEET ABOVE WATER LINE. SHELL PLATING ON FRAME 30 STARBOARD RUPTURED ONE FOOT WIDE BY THREE FEET LONG. FIREMAIN SEVERED FORWARD OF FRAME 42.

SIX MEN INJURED. 1 DEAD, D. E. STACH, CW (AA), 2998957, USN.

DAMAGE RESULT OF COLLISION WITH USS RINGGOLD DD 500 DURING NIGHT TORPEDO EXERCISES. PROCEEDING ULITHI BEING Towed stern FIRST BY USS MOLALA ATF 106. SOA 6 KNOTS ETA DAWN 6 MARCH.
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DEEPLY REGRET NECESSITY REPORTING BARBEL (SS 318) OVERDUE FROM PATROL AND CONSIDERED LOST. BARBEL, LIEUT COBDR C L RAQUET, DEPARTED FREE.

MANTLE 3 JANUARY VIA LOMBOK AND KARIMATA STRAITS FOR PATROL SOUTH CHINA SEA. 13 JANUARY DIRECTED JOIN BLUEGILL AND BREAM PATROL WESTERN APPROACHES BALABAC STRAIT CONNECTION LINGAYEN OPERATION.

APPROACHES BALABAC STRAIT CONNECTION LINGAYEN OPERATION. 27 JANUARY TO 3 FEBRUARY PEROCH GABILAN RELIEVED BREAM BLUEGILL THEN TUNA BLACK-FIN RELIEVED PEROCH GABILAN. 5 FEBRUARY ORDERED CHARR TO RELIEVE BARBEL THAT AREA B FEBRUARY AND BARBEL PATROL OFF CAURANAH BAY. 6 FEBRUARY TUNA REPORTED UNABLE CONTACT BARBEL PREVIOUS 48 HOURS. 7TH TUNA REPORTED BARBEL FAILED TO KEEP RENDEZVOUS AND ALL EFFORTS TO CONTACT BY SEARCH AND VOICE RADIO NEGATIVE. 16 FEBRUARY ORDERED BARBEL DEPART CAURANAH BAY AREA SUBIC. BARBEL FAILED TO ARRIVE.

TUNA AND BLACK-FIN WERE IN VOICE COMMUNICATION WITH BARBEL IN AREA WEST OF BALABAC EVENING 4 FEBRUARY AND REPORTED HAVING BEEN ATTACKED BY DEPTH CHARGES FROM ENEMY AIRCRAFT. STRANGE PERISCOPE WAS SIGHTED.

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BY TUNA IN SALE AREA 9 FEBRUARY, VISIBILITY EXCELLENT AND IMPROBABLE BARBEL DRIFTED INTO ENEMY MOORED MINEFIELDS. CONSIDER BARBEL LOST IN ACTION PROBABLY ENEMY AIRCRAFT BUT POSSIBLY SUBMARINE. CREW TUNA AND BLACKFIN HAVE KNOWLEDGE THIS LOSS DUE TO SEARCH. ALL PRECAUTIONS FOR SECURITY TAKEN BUT RECOMMEND THAT LOSS BE PUBLISHED WITHOUT WAITING USUAL PERIOD.

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1704T/28 FEBRUARY 1945. ELECTRIC WATER HEATER INSTALLED IN CREW'S HEAD FOR USE OF FORWARD BATTLE DRESSING STATION EXPLODED. CASUALTIES 1 FATAL, 2 HOSPITALIZED, 9 MINOR INJURIES RESULTING FROM STEAM AND FLYING DEBRIS. MINOR DAMAGE TO OUTER HULL BETWEEN FRAMES 42 AND 44 STARBOARD. MAJOR DAMAGE TO ADJACENT NON-WATER TIGHT BULKHEADS AND DOORS. MINOR DAMAGE 1 STEAM RADIATOR, 2 FLUSHING TANKS, 1 CLEANING GEAR LOCKER, MISCELLANEOUS FITTINGS ADJACENT AREAS. MATERIAL DESTROYED: 1 WESIX ELECTRIC WATER HEATER, 12 PORCELAIN WASH BASINS, 1 NON-WATER TIGHT DOOR, 2 URINALS, 1 WC TROUGH, 3 MIRRORS, 40 FEET OF VENT DUCTS, APPX 100 FEET MISCELLANEOUS PIPING. VESSEL PROCEEDING WITH SHAKEDOWN UNTIL SCHEDULED POST SHAKEDOWN AVAILABILITY. ESTIMATED COST TWO THOUSAND, ESTIMATED TIME TO COMPLETE AFTER MATERIAL IS AVAILABLE FOUR DAYS. BOARD OF INVESTIGATION CONVENE BY ORDER COMSPSGCOTPAC.
USS BENNETT (DD 473)

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4 MARCH 1945

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1. USS BENNETT DD 473 SENDS ACTION COMINCH CINCPAC COM 5TH FLT CTF 51 INFO CONSERVPAC COMSERON 10 COMDES PAC COMMESSEA FRON COMDES RON 45. RDO HONOLULU PLEASE PASS.

2. SHELL PLATING PORT SIDE FRAME 15 PUNCTURED AT 3RD PLATFORM.

COMPARTMENT A502A AND A403A FLOODED. CAUSE UNKNOWN

POSSIBLY DUE TO DUD BOMB OR TORPEDO DROPPED BY BETTY SHOT DOWN 1 MARCH. HOLE IN PLATING IS 17 BY 30 INCHES. SHIPS FORCE EFFECTING EMERGENCY REPAIRS. A403A PUMPED DRY TEMPORARY PLATE SPOTTED. A502A STILL FLOODED. BULKHEADS HOLDING. DOCKING REQUIRED. NO MACHINERY DERANGEMENTS.

NO PERSONNEL CASUALTIES.

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About 1245 Feb 26 while sweeping Manila Bay struck Jap contact mine est 300 lbs frame 54 starboard about 12 ft below waterline. Both engine rooms provision storeroom plus various tanks flooded. General workshop CPO quarters galley wrecked. Upper deck broken and buckled frames 48 to 60. Draft increased about 4 feet. Expect dock 2 March but will require towing to rear area after patching. 2 enlisted killed. 1 officer 17 enlisted wounded.

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USS SARATOGA SENDS ACTION COMINCH CINCPAC BOTH ADVANCED AND PEARL COM 5TH FLEET CTF 52 CTF 58 INFO COMSERVPAC COMSERON 10 COMAIRPAC.

THIS AMPLIFIES MY 210500 211325 NOT TO ALL.


THIRD FRAME 4 AND 4TH HIT FR 13 PORT EXTENSIVE FIRE AND BLAST DAMAGE FWD FR 22 TO HALL AND ALL WIRING WINDLASS ROOM WIRING AND EQUIPMENT EMERG RADIO AND CATAPULT MOTORS AND CONTROLS. FLIGHT DECK TO BE REPLACED FORWARD FR 15. CATAPULT TRACKS DAMAGED. EXCEPT FOR WIRING PIPING CABLES CATAPULT MACHINERY.

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APPEARENTLY NOT DAMAGED. FIFTH HIT PLANE DEMOLISHED. AIRPLANE CRANE BOMB HIT FR 25 STD 15. 25 HOLE FLIGHT DECK AND BUCKLED SLIGHTLY OUTBOARD. STATEROOMS BELOW DEMOLISHED. SIXTH HIT FR 42 PORT HOLE FLIGHT DECK 20. 24 WITH DAMAGE DOWNWARD TO A-204-7. 7TH NEAR MISS AT TURN BILGE FR 121 STD. SUMMARY. FUEL TANKS LEAKING FR 144-150 STD DUE TO RUPTURE AT FRAME 121 AT TURN BILGE DAMAGE REQUIRING Docking. EXTENSIVE FIRE HANGER CAUSED APPARENT DAMAGE MAJORITY CABLE. REPLACEMENT REQUIRED NO 1-6 40 MM MOUNTS NO 1-4 5 INCH MOUNTS PLUS ADJACENT CONTROL WIRING. SHRAPNEL CUT RADAR CABLES AND MINOR DAMAGE ISLAND.

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ABOUT 1100 FEBRUARY-21 WHILE SCREENING 9 KNOT CONVOY OFF SOUTHERN END NEGROS ISLAND PHILIPPINES HIT BY SUBMARINE TORPEDO ABOUT FRAME 115 PORT 6 FEET BELOW WATERLINE. PORT SHELL BROKEN AND BUCKLED FROM MAIN DECK DOWN TO AND INCLUDING DECK BETWEEN FRAMES 96 AND 130. STARBOARD SHELL BUCKLED AT FRAME 113 FROM KEEL TO SHEER STRAKE. MAIN DECK STRINGER FRAME 110 ALSO SLIGHTLY BUCKLED. MAIN DECK OPENED UP FROM INBOARD EDGE OF PORT STRINGER PLATE TO CENTERLINE FRAMES 105 TO 125 AND BULGED UPWARD IN WAY OF PORT STRINGER PLATE AND TO STARBOARD OF CENTERLINE AS FAR AS STARBOARD STRINGER PLATE. 40 MM GUN FOUNDATION PORT FRAME 114 BROKEN LOOSE, FORWARD ENGINE ROOM AND AFTER FIRE ROOM OPEN TO SEA. AFTER ENGINE ROOM FLOODED TO 14 FEET ABOVE KEEL FOR ABOUT 3 HOURS BUT LEAKS BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL AND SPACE UNWATERED. PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION INDICATES ALL EQUIPMENT IN AFTER FIRE ROOM COMPLETELY DEMOLISHED AND ALL EQUIPMENT.
PORT AFTER QUARTER FORWARD ENGINE ROOM UNSALVABLE. HAVE BEEN
DROUGHT LEYTE FOR TEMPORARY REPAIRS. 17 ENLISTED KILLED. 2
MISSING. 19 MEN AND 1 OFFICER WOUNDED.

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RELEASED BY
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DECODED BY DORSEY
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ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE
CINCPAC
COM 3RD FLEET COMSERNVPAC COMFORD AREA CTG 17-10

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RADIO HONO PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 241732.

COMSUBFOR DEEPLY REGRETS TO REPORT THAT A TRAGIC MISTAKE MADE BY GUARDFISH RESULTED IN SINKING OF USS EXTRACTOR AT 232127Z IN POSITION 15-44 NORTH 135-29 EAST. 60 AND 72 PERSONNEL WERE RESCUED. 6 PERSONS ARE MISSING. COMFORD AREA HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONVENE A COURT OF INQUIRY AT GUAM.

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RDO HONO PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 24013.

AT 2127Z 23RD FIRED 4 TORPEDOES AT SHIP INCORRECTLY IDENTIFIED THROUGH PERISCOPE AS I-165 CLASS JAPANESE SUBMARINE. FIRING POSIT 15-44 AND 135-29. UPON SURFACING AND PICKING UP SURVIVORS DISCOVERED THAT WE HAD SUNK USS EXTRACTOR OUT OF GUAM ON SPECIAL MISSION. NOW HAVE 73 SURVIVORS INCLUDING CO. NO SERIOUS INJURIES. SIX MISSING AFTER THOROUGH SEARCH OF AREA. PRESENT POSIT 15-30 AND 135-29. SPEED OF ADVANCE 12.3. ETA GUAM RENDEZVOUS 2200Z THE 25TH.

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The document contains a naval message from CTF 77, dated 22 February 1945, encoding information about the action taken by CINCSWPA TARLAC LEYTE and COMINCH CINCPAC-GUAM regarding the continued search for mines in the Corregidor area. The message mentions the torpedoing of Renshaw (DD 499) at 0259Z on 21 February while escorting a westbound convoy southeast of Negros, with both engine rooms and the fire room flooded. Towing back to Leyte, the immediate intensive hunter killer search continues not productive so far. In the Corregidor area, 2 gunfires have remained on station, with the 21st and coordinated searches for mines continuing. There were 2 enemy air attacks in the Lingayen area on the night of 20/21 with no damage to the convoy.

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SHIPPING. SAN PEDRO PT'S SUPPORTED ARMY OCCUPATION OF CAPUL AND BIRI ISLANDS AND AYLEN NORTHERN SAMAR ON 19TH, 20TH AND 21ST. ENEMY GUNFIRE INFLECTED MINOR DAMAGE ON BOATS. NO CASUALTIES. (ON 20TH NAVY SEARCHERS SANK A SMALL AK AND DAMAGED 5 MORE OFF FORMOSA.) DESTROYED 2 JUNKS OFF INDO-CHINA AND SANK A SMALL AK SOUTHWEST OF HONGKONG.)
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**FROM USS LUNGA POINT (CVE 94).**

**PASSED BY CTG 52.2 AS 211527 FOR INFO TO CTF 51 CINCPOA (BOTH HDCTRS) COMM 5TH FLEET COMAINPAC COMINCH.**

**UNDER ATTACK 2 ZEKE SUICIDERS. 1 SHOT DOWN AT 1846K AND SECOND HIT SHIP FRAME 68 STARBOARD AFTER END OF ISLAND AT 184 (GROUP MISSING). SECOND ZEKE HIT BY GUN FIRE AND BURNING LAST 3½ YARDS. BURNING WING DEPOSITED ON FLAG BAG.**

**FUSELAGE SKIDDED ACROSS FLIGHT DECK, LANDING IN WATER PORT SIDE EXPLODING. NUMBER 2 BARRIER CARRIED AWAY OVER SIDE.**

**NUMBER 3 STARBOARD BARRIER CARRIED AWAY. DAMAGE TO SIDE RADIO ANTENNAS, FLAG HOISTS, AND GUN SIGHTS OUT. REPAIRED. WILL BE FLIGHT OPERATIONAL 0600K THURSDAY. 1 OFFICER AND 9 ENLISTED MEN BURNED OR INJURED. NO DEAD OR MISSING.**

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CTG 52.2 SENDS. COM 5TH FLEET GETS AND CTF 51 GETS FOR ACTION LOCALLY. RDO GUAM PASS CINCPAC QUAM. RDO HONO PASS COMAIRPAC. RDO WASH PASS COMINCH. THIS IS TOP SECRET.

PRELIMINARY REPORT TASK GROUP 52.2 LESS TASK UNIT 52.2.1 UNDER AIR ATTACK FROM 1730 TO 2100. SARATOGA HIT ABOUT 1745 BY 4 SUICIDERS AND IS NOW PROCEEDING SOUTH 23 KNOTS WITH SITUATION UNDER CONTROL. BISMARCK SEA HIT ABOUT 1850 ON FANTAIL BY SUICIDER BURNED FURIOUSLY WITH MANY EXPLOSIONS AND FINALLY TURNED OVER BELIEVED SUNK. CAPTAIN PRATT OF BISMARCK SEA NOW IN CHARGE AT SCENE PICKING UP SURVIVORS. ESCORTS HAVE BEEN ORDERED RETURN THIS TASK GROUP AFTER SURVIVORS DELIVERED TO BEACH. LUNGA POINT HIT SITUATION UNDER CONTROL. EFFECT ON AIR OPERATIONS UNKNOWN AT PRESENT. 4 ENEMY PLANES SHOT DOWN BY SHIPS GUNFIRE ESCORT CARRIER GROUP. SARATOGA AND CAP SCORPION UNKNOWN.

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TASK FORCE 51 ATTACKED BY UNKNOWN NUMBER JAP SUICIDE PLANES COMMENCING ABOUT 1640K TODAY 21ST. REPORTS INCOMPLETE. ATTACKS CONTINUING. KNOWN DAMAGE AS FOLLOWS: SEE SARATOGA 210800 AND 210910 SHOWING HITS BY 4 SUICIDE BOMBERS. LST 477, 20 FOOT HOLE 5 FEET ABOVE WATER LINE STARBOARD BOW. KEOHK HAS A TOY IDIC* FIRE. ALL SHIPS SEAWORTHY. SAGINAW BAY ATTACKED AT 1830K RESULTS UNKNOWN. BISMARCK SEA FULLY HIT SENDING TUGS TO ASSISTANCE. ATTACKS MADE BY ZERES AND BETTYS NUMBER OF WHICH SHOT DOWN.

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BISMARCK SEA HAS BEEN BADLY HIT BY SUICIDE PLANE. REQUEST TUG BE SENT TO ASSIST IMMEDIATELY. RENDEZVOUS BEARING 106 DISTANCE 28 MILES FROM POINT HOTROCKS.

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HONO INTERCEPT

STRIKED BY 3 SUICIDE ZEKES 1 AFT 1 AMIDSHIPS ON STARBOARD SIDE 1 ON FORECASTLE. 9-FOOT HOLE AT WATER LINE STARBOARD SIDE. FIRE ON FORECASTLE BURNING ALL PLANES ON DOW. 5 DEGREES LIST TO STARBOARD LIGHT FIRE IN HANGAR AND NO 1 F P01 EROOM. MY POSITION AT 1745K 24-56 NORTH 142-21 EAST.

PROCEEDING SOUTH 23 KNOTS. NO ESTIMATE OF CASUALTIES.

SITUATION UNDER CONTROL.

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HOPEWELL DD 681 SENDS: ACTION GOES TO COMINCH COM 7TH FLT CTF 77 CTG 77.3. RDO Guam Pass CINCPAC Advanced. RDO Hono Pass CINCPAC Pearl COMDESPAC and COMSERVPAC all for Info. Also Info are COMSERV 7th FLT and COMDESRON 21.

HOPEWELL DD 681 SENDS AMPLIFYING REPORT TO MY 141015. FOLLOWING HITS RECEIVED. 1 6 INCH SHELL FRAME 63 STARBOARD 5 FEET BELOW MAIN DECK. DETONATED IN A206L (ENG LOG ROOM) WITH MAJOR DAMAGE IN IC AND DIESEL GENERATOR ROOMS. 1 5 INCH SHELL AT BASE #1 TORPEDO TUBE PORT SIDE. DETONATED INTO BATTERY CHARGING ROOM AND LAUNDRY. 5 INCH SHELL SEARCHLIGHT PLATFORM STARBOARD SIDE DETONATED INSIDE #1 STACK. 3 INCH SHELL BASE #1 STACK ALSO DETONATED INSIDE. FORWARD FIREROOM INOPERATIVE DUE TO RUPTURED STACK. C AND R DAMAGE. BULKHEADS IN VICINITY SHIPS OFFICE, IC ROOM, OFFICERS STATEROOMS 207 AND 208. OFFICERS HEAD. ALL RUPTURED, SPRUNG, WARPED.
FUEL OIL TANKS A2F, A3F, A507F RUPTURED. 5 FOOT HOLE IN LOG ROOM DECK. WATERTIGHT INTEGRITY FRAMES 54 TO 71 IMPAIRED DUE TO SPRUNG HATCH AND DOOR FRAMES AND PERFORATED BULKHEADS AND DECKS.

"1 STACK REQUIRES REPLACEMENT INCLUDING NEW ATMOSPHERIC EXHAUST LANE. DECK UNDER #1 TORPEDO TUBE RUPTURED.

FOLLOWING ITEMS REQUIRE REPLACEMENT OR EXTENSIVE REPAIRS:

1 TORPEDO TUBE AND MOUNT.

GYRO COMPASS AND SWITCHBOARD.

236 INCH SEARCHLIGHTS.

17MC SEWER UNIT 1C ROOM.

MK 1 MOD 7 COMPUTER.

VENTILATION SETS 1-88 AND 2-67.

ALL LAUNDRY EQUIPMENT.

DIESEL GENERATOR AND SWITCHBOARD.

ALL IC, FC, AND POWER CABLES VICINITY HITS REQUIRE REPLACEMENT.
LAVALEETE ORIGINATES FOR ACTION TO COMINCH, CTF 77, CTF 77-3, CTF 78, COM SEVENTH FLEET AND INFO CINC PAC, CONSERV FOR PAC, CONSERV FOR SEVENTH FLT, COM DES PAC, COM DES RON 21, COM DES DIV 42.

IN ENTRANCE TO MARIVELES HARBOR STRUCK MINE VICINITY OF COFFERDAM PORT SIDE. FORWARD FIRE ROOM FLOODED AND WRECKED. FORWARD MESS HALL, MAGAZINES AND HOLDS FLOODED. COMBAT INFO CENTER WRECKED, ICC ROOM WRECKED AND FLOODED. SHIP DOWN BY HEAD 8 FEET. NOW ALONGSIDE GRIFFING (ASIJ) AT SUBIC AND ALL STEPS BEING TAKEN TO REMOVE TOPSIDE WEIGHTS AND PUMP OUT FLOODED SPACES. TWO ENLISTED KILLED, FOUR MISSING, ONE OFFICER THREE ENLISTED SERIOUSLY WOUNDED, 19 WOUNDED.
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YMS 48 SENTS ACTION COMINCH COM 7TH FLT CTF 78 WHO HAS INFO ADDRESSES CINCPAC ADV HQ AND PEARL COMSERTFOR 7TH FLT COMSERVPAC FLT COMSERTON 4 7TH FLT CTF 77.

YMS 48 SUNK IN ACTION JAP SHORE BATTERIES WHILE SWEEPING APPROACHES MANILA BAY 14 FEBRUARY CASUALTIES 3 MISSING 4 STRETCHERS.

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HOPESWELL (DD681) ORIGINATOR. ACTION COMINCH COM 7TH FLT CTF 77 CTG 77.3. RDO GUAM PASS INFO CINCPAC ADV HDQ RDO HONO PASS INFO CINCPAC PEARL COMDESPAC CONSERVAPAC COMSERV 7TH FLT COMDESRON 21 WHO HAS ALSO GET INFO.

DURING FIRE SUPPORT MISSION OFF CORREGIDOR 14 FEBRUARY HOPESWELL (DD681) RECEIVED 4 HITS FROM SHORE BATTERIES. 2 5 OR 6 INCH 1 FORWARD STACK 1 BETWEEN DIESEL GENERATOR ROOM AND PLOTTING ROOM. 2 PROBABLY 3 INCH 1 FORWARD STACK 1 BASE FORWARD TORPEDO MOUNT. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES 6 MEN 1 OFFICER DEAD 8 WOUNDED INCLUDING 3 SERIOUSLY. MATERIAL DAMAGE. LARGE HOLE FORWARD STACK AT SEARCHLIGHT LEVEL. SEARCHLIGHTS AND PLATFORM DAMAGED. FUEL TANKS A2F AND A507F RUPTURED. FWD TORPEDO MOUNT WRECKED. CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE COMPUTER IC AND FC SWITCHBOARDS AND gyro COMPASS. SALINITY INDICATOR AND ALARM SYSTEMS FIRE AND ENGINE ROOMS.

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ENGINE TELEGRAPHS, RUDDER ANGLE INDICATOR INOPERATIVE. ABLE TO
MAKE 30 KNOTS. 5 INCH BATTERY IN LOCAL CONTROL. COMPLETE REPORT
FOLLOWS.

DELIVERED TO 20G
USS FLETCHER DD 445 SENDS.  
PRELIMINARY REPORT OF DAMAGE.  

WHILE BOMBARDING MARIVALES HIT AT FRAME 25 STARBOARD SIDE MAIN DECK 3 FEET INBOARD BY 6 INCH SHELL FROM CORREGIDOR ON FEBRUARY 14TH.  SHRAPNEL PERFORATED GUN 1 CPO QUARTERS GUN 1 HANDLING ROOM AND MAGAZINE AND SIDES OF HULL ABOVE WATERLINE IN SEVERAL PLACES.  BOTH FORWARD MAGAZINES FLOODED WHEN FIRE BROKE OUT IN WUN* 1 MAGAZINE.  FRESH WATER LINES FORWARD SEVERED IN MANY PLACES.  GUN 1 OUT OF COMMISSION GUN 2 NO HYDRAULIC DRIVE.  NUMEROUS ELECTRICAL LEADS FORWARD SEVERED.  SONAR GEAR AND FATHOMETER TEMPORARILY OUT OF COMMISSION.  AMPLIFYING REPORT FOLLOWS.  

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(CTF 71 TELLS COMINCH CNO INFO CINCPAC COM 7TH FLEET ADV HDQTS COMSUBSPAC COMSUBSPACACDMOD CTG 71.5; CTG 71.9)

REFER MY 07093. MINGO RETURNED FREMANTLE 14 FEBRUARY AFTER HAVING SUFFERED CONSIDERABLE MINOR DAMAGE DUE CONTROL ROOM AND PUMP ROOM FLOODING IN HURRICANE NEAR EXMOUTH GULF 10 FEBRUARY.
CTF 77 SENDS ACTION CINCSWPA LEYTE AND TARLAC INFO COMINCH CINCPAC GUAM COM FIFTH COM 7TH FLT'S REAR ECH.

LST 577 TORPEDOED ENROUTE LEYTE IN POSITION 08-00 133-00 EAST AND SUNK BY BLUE DD AFTER BEING ABANDONED. PRELIMINARY REPORT INDICATES 68 NAVY AND 102 ARMY MISSING. NO ENEMY AIR ATTACKS AGAINST NAVAL FORCES REPORTED LAST 24 HOURS.

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CINCPOA ADV HQTRS SENDS ACTION TO COM5THFLT INFO TO COMINCH AND CNO CINCPOA PEARL HQTRS COMBATRON 2 COM3RDFLT (ADM). CINCPOA PEARL PASS TO LAST INFO ADDEE.

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COMINCH 272245. CONTINUE TO HOLD FORMAL COURT OF INQUIRY IN ABEYANCE. BY SEPARATE INFORMAL INVESTIGATION ASCERTAIN AND REPORT SALIENT FACTS.
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CINCPAC ADV HQRS GIVES ACTION TO COMBATRON 2 AND INFO TO COM 5TH FLT COMINC AND CNO CINCPOA HDQRS PEARL COM 3RD FLT.

COM 3RD FLEETS 250448. YOUR 261026.

HOLD COURT OF INQUIRY IN ABYANCE ACCORDANCE MY 250225. ACKNOWLEDGE.

CINCPA ADV HQRS GIVES ACTION TO COMBATRON 2 AND INFO TO COM 5TH FLT COMINC AND CNO CINCPOA HDQRS PEARL COM 3RD FLEET.

COM 3RD FLEETS 250448. YOUR 261026.

HOLD COURT OF INQUIRY IN ABYANCE ACCORDANCE MY 250225. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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MYDIS 250514.

EXTENT DAMAGE SHADWELL FROM VISUAL INSPECTION AND DIVERS REPORTS AS FOLLOWS:

MAIN HOLE BEGINNING STARBOARD SIDE 18 FT ABOVE KEEL FRAME 35 EXTENDING DOWNWARD AND FORE AND AFT BETWEEN FRAMES 31 AND 42 INCLUDING KEEL PLATE AND UPWARDS ABOUT 10 FT ON PORT SIDE. THIRD DECK BULGED UPWARD ABOUT 4 FT FRAMES 29 TO 43 AND ACROSS WELL WITH 3 LARGE HOLES. EXTENSIVE BUCKLING OF DECKS AND BULKHEADS NAVIGATION BRIDGE DECK DOWNWARD FRAMES 15 TO 50 BALLAST LINES RUPTURED DESTROYED FORWARD FRAME 52 BOTH SIDES. FOLLOWING TANKS RUPTURED FLOODED BEYOND
IMMEDIATE REPAIR: 3 BALLAST 7 FUEL TANKS. FOLLWING TANKS SMALL HOLES SEAM LEAKS CAN BE MADE TIGHT:

6 BALLAST 1 FUEL TANK 2 STOREROOMS. NO DAMAGE MAIN PROPULSION AND AUXILIARY MACHINERY. SHIP DEFINITELY NOT SEAWORTHY IN PRESENT CONDITION. ESSENTIAL THAT AREA IN WAY OF DAMAGE BE STRENGTHENED PRIOR PROCEEDING DRYDOCK AREA.

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(COMSUBPAC GETS 4TH FROM GREENLING)

RDO HONO PASSED INFO TO COMINCH AS 251640.

ATTEMPTED DAWN APPROACH ON AMAMI BOUND CONVOY. LACK OF RADAR CAUSED US TO BE TRAPPED BY 4 ESCORTS AND SEVERELY DEPTH CHARGED. 5 HOT RUNS IN TUBES DUE TO SHEARED GUIDE STUDS. PROCEEDING SAIPAN FOR RADAR REPAIRS.

REQUEST ROUTING. 17 GOOD FISH LEFT. 62,000 FUEL.

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**LANGLEY (CVL27) GIVES ACTION BY HAND TO COM 3RD FLEET AND CTF 38; INFO COMSERVRON 10, CTG 38.3. RADIO WASHINGTON PASS ACTION COMINCH & CNO. HONOLULU PASS ACTION CINCPAC; INFO COMAIRPAC, CONSFORPAC.**

**REPORT SHIP DAMAGE BY ENEMY BOMB: WITH TASK GROUP 38.3 IN ACTION AGAINST ENEMY AIRCRAFT 21 JANUARY EAST LONGITUDE. AT 1247 I BOMB ESTIMATED TO BE 63 KG SEMI ARMOR PIERCING EXPLODED WHILE PASSING THROUGH FLIGHT DECK AT FRAME 20 JUST TO LEFT OF CENTER LINE MAKING HOLE APPROXIMATELY 10 BY 14 FEET. 4 LONGITUDINAL FLIGHT DECK SUPPORTING BEAMS Ruptured AND 2 ADDITIONAL KARPED. 3 STATE ROOMS TENDED, 3 ADDITIONAL UNINHABITABLE. GALLERY DECK BELOW BOMB HOLE PIERCED IN MANY PLACES, LARGEST HOLE ABOUT 2 1/2 BY 3 FEET. BULKHEAD FRAME 18 PIERCED BY MANY FRAGMENTS, 2 OF WHICH ENTERED 40 MM READY SERVICE MAGAZINE 202M; ALSO MANY HOLES IN BULKHEADS FRAMES.**

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
21 MRT 23. PORTABLE BULKHEAD AROUND BATHROOM BLOWN OUT (. . . 1" VISING GROUPS BEING SERVICED.) DECK DEMOLISHED. SOME FRAGMENTS PENETRATED TO SECOND DECK. NO FIRE DAMAGE EXCEPT TO FURNISHINGS. TEMPORARY REPAIRS COMPLETED AND FLIGHT DECK OPERATIONAL BY 1615. STATEROOM EQUIPMENT 13 OFFICERS REQUIRED. SEVERED CABLES PUT FOLLOWING OUT OF COMMISSION.

SECRETARY SHIP CONTROL, ENGINE ORDER TELEGRAPH, STEERING TELEGRAPH,rudder angle indicator, gyro repeater, AND SOUNDER POWERED TELEPHONES. ON 22 AND 23 DECKS FORWARD, 115 VOLT POWER TO 24 MU GUN GROUPS, LIGHTING CIRCUITS TO STATEROOMS, SURFACE LOOKOUT ALARMS, ROLLING AND ANCHOR LIGHTS, RAMPS LIGHTS, RC CATAPULT CONTROL, TRAFFIC LIGHTS, AND MANY BC SPEAKERS. CATAPULT CONTROL CIRCUIT READY FOR SERVICE 1615 JANUARY, SECONDARY CIRCUIT READY 2215. 115 VOLT POWER TO 24 MU GUNS READY FOR 22 JANUARY, ALL WITH PORTABLE EMERGENCY CABLE. WILL REQUIRE REPLACEMENT OF APPROXIMATELY 50,000 FEET OF VARIOUS SIZES AND TYPES OF CABLE, LIGHTING FIXTURES, SWITCH BOXES, AND RECEPTACLES AND THE INSTALLATION OF ABOUT 28 CONNECTION BOXES.

1 KILLED, 2 INJURED. 11 ADDITIONAL INJURED.

COMINCH PASSED TO NOR FOR FURTHER DISTRIBUTION.
TOR NOR 1911/05.

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**Originator fill in DATE AND TIME GROUP**

(RADIO HONOLULU PASS ACTION TO COMINCH AND CNO CINCPAC COM 3RD FLT AND CTF 38. INFO TO COMSERTPAC COMAIRPC COMCARRIER 6 CTG 38.3. CONSERON 10 HAS INFO LOCALLY) (TICONDEROGA ORIGINATOR)

Preliminary Damage Report TICONDEROGA DELAYED ACCOUNT RADIO SILENCE.

2 JAP SUI-CDE PLANES WITH BOMBS CRASHED SHIP JANUARY 21 AT 1210 AND 1259. 1ST PLANE CRASHED THROUGH FLIGHT DECK AT FRAME 67. SECOND PLANE CRASHED INTO FORWARD DIRECTOR FROM STARBOARD. DEAD 7 OFFICERS

69 ENLISTED MEN INCLUDING AIR OFFICER. MISSING 4 OFFICERS 69 ENLISTED MEN INCLUDING GUNNERY OFFICER. INJURED PERSONNEL 118 INCLUDING CAPTAIN AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER. GENERAL ESTIMATE MAJOR DAMAGE. HANGAR GUTTED BY FIRE FROM FORWARD ELEVATOR TO FRAME 100 AND PORTION OF GUNNERY DECK DESTROYED. SKY FORWARD DEMOLISHED. FLIGHT DECK INCAPABLE. STARBOARD CATAPULT INCAPABLE. RADAR AND RADIO OUT. EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS DUE TO FIRE AND FLOODING. ONE PROPELLER BELIEVED DAMAGED CAUSING MODERATE VIBRATION AT 27 KNOTS. 37 PLANES DESTROYED ON FLIGHT AND HANGAR DECKS. COMMANDER H V BRINER USN FILE NUMBER 63393 ACTING COMMANDING OFFICER.

COMINCH: COPIES 1 TO 8 INCLUSIVE.

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

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: Hancock (CV 19)

RELEASED BY: 

DATE: 25 Jan 45

TOR CODEROOM: 2321/24

DECODED BY: Sandberg

ROUTED BY: Telshow

ADDRSESSES:
- ComThirdFleet
- CTF 38
- CINCPAC
- CominCh
- CTG 38.2
- ComServPac
- ComServRon 10
- ComAirPac

FOR ACTION:

PRIORITY: RR

PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE

INFORMATION GOES TO:

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- COM
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- NAVAL AVIATION

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AND EXPLODED ON DECK. PILOT HAD GIVEN BOMBS CLEAR SIGNAL TO FLIGHT LEADER PRIOR LANDING. SEVERE TO MODERATE STRUCTURAL DAMAGE FLIGHT AND GALLERY DECK FROM FRAM 83 TO 100 FROM CENTERLINE TO BUT NOT INCLUDING DECK EDGE ELEVATOR, AN AREA OF ABOUT 50 BY 70 FEET.

6 STRUCTURAL BEAMS SEVERED 25 BEAMS REQUIRE RENEWAL PLUS DECKING THOSE DECKS.

OFFICE DAMAGE IN AREA VARIES FROM COMPLETE DESTRUCTION AIR OFFICE FRAME 90 TO MINOR DAMAGE EDGE OF AREA.

ISLAND STRUCTURE, GUN MOUNTS AND GUN SHIELDS HAVE NUMEROUS FRAGMENT HOLES. EXCEPT FOR ELECTRICAL WIRING NO MAJOR DAMAGE IN HANGAR DECK.

SM INTERROGATOR ANTENNA DESTROYED. STOWING AND SNUBBING WINCHES OF DECK EDGE ELEVATOR REQUIRE REPLACEMENT.

19 MC INTERCOMMUNICATION UNITS IN OFFICES DESTROYED.

ELECTRICAL CONTROL HANGAR DECK SPRINKLING SYSTEM INOPERATIVE DAMAGED BY WATER AND FIRE. APPROXIMATELY 7000 FEET ELECTRICAL CABLE REQUIRES RENEWAL.

2 SIGNAL FLAG BAGS DESTROYED. ESTIMATE 1 WEEK ELECTRICAL REPAIR AND 10 DAYS STRUCTURAL REPAIR WITH TENDER ASSISTANCE.

CASUALTIES DEAD 7 OFFICERS 43 MEN, CRITICALLY INJURED 2 OFFICERS 5 MEN, SERIOUSLY INJURED 3 OFFICERS 6 MEN LESS SERIOUSLY 64.

PRACTICALLY ALL DEAD AND WOUNDED FLIGHT DECK PERSONNEL. TEMPORARY REPAIRS EFFECTED SAME DATE BY SHIP ON FLIGHT DECK. OPERATIONS CONTINUED BUT SLIGHTLY REDUCED DUE TO LOWER AVAILABILITY OF PLANES.
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TOR NCR 1544/25

OP-05G...12...23...BUORD...BUSHIPS...BUAER...INFO
CNO...JAG...00...200P...NAVAIDE...25...30....
**HANCOCK (CV 19)**

**RELEASED BY**

25 JAN 45

**DATE**

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**TOR CODEROOM**

SANDBERG

**DECODED BY**

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INFORMATION

**ROUTED BY**

COMTHIRDFLEET

CTF 38

CINC PAC

COMINCH

CTG 38.2

COMSERVPAC

COMSERVRON 10

COMAIRPAC

**ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME:**

(HANCOCK CV 19 GIVES ACTION COMTHIRDFLEET CTF 38 CINC PAC COMINCH CTG 38.2. INFORMATION GOES TO COMSERVPAC COMSERVRON 10 COMAIRPAC.)

REF MY 232150. AMPLIFYING REPORT DAMAGE DUE ACCIDENTAL BOMB EXPLOSION.

UPON RETURNING FROM COMBAT MISSION TBM PLANE BUREAU NUMBER 23539 PILOT LIEUT JG CARROL REX DEAN A1 USNR, AIRCREWMEN FRED JAMES BLAKE ARM2C. USN SER NO 250 84 12 AND EDWARD ERNEST ZIMA AOM2C USNR SERVICE NO 653 68 87 LANDED ABOARD THIS VESSEL AT 1328 1 21 JANUARY.

AFTER TAXIING ABREAST ISLAND, MK AN-M 64 500 POUND GP BOMB FUZED WITH TAIL FUZE AN-101 FELL ON DECK AND EXPLODED.

BOMBBAY DOORS PLANE WERE CLOSED UPON LANDING BUT PARTIALLY OPENED AFTER LANDING. THIS WAS NOTICED BY FLIGHT DECK PERSONNEL WHO SIGNALLED PILOT TO CLOSE BOMBBAY DOORS.

ACKNOWLEDGED BY PILOT BUT BOMB FELL CLEAR SHORTLY THEREAFTER

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CONTINUED BUT SLIGHTLY REDUCED DUE TO LOWER AVAILABILITY OF PLANES.
(HANCOCK CV 19 SENDS ACTION COMINCH COMRDFLT CTF 38 CINPAC CTG 38.2. INFO CONSERVPAC COMAIRPAC CONSERVRON 10.)

REFER COMINCH 052215 JANUARY 1943 AND CINPAC 33 CL-43 PARA 2(A). ON 21ST JANUARY WITH SHIP AT GENERAL QUARTERS A TBM LANDED ABOARD WITH 500 POUND BOMB WHICH EXPLODED CENTER OF FLIGHT DECK ABOARD EASTER ISLAND. PLANE HAD GIVEN BOMB CLEAR SIGNAL PRIOR LANDING. BOMBBAY DOORS CLOSED ON LANDING BUT OPENED AFTERWARDS WHILE TAKING UP DECK. 10 BY 16 FOOT HOLE IN FLIGHT DECK. FLIGHT AND GALLERY DECK AREA IN THAT VICINITY DEMOLISHED. INBOARD SIDE SIGNAL BRIDGE WRECKED. ELECTRIC CONTROL HANGAR DECK SPRINKLING SYSTEM INOPERATIVE, SYSTEM CAN BE OPERATED MANUALLY. SM INTERROGATOR ANTENNA DESTROYED. CASUALTIES 7 OFFICERS 42 MEN DEAD. 76 INJURED. FLIGHT DECK REPAIRS EFFECTED BY SHIP SAME DATE TO CONTINUE OPERATIONS.

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TOR NCR 0642/04

JAG ............ INFO
BUORD........BUSHIPS......BUAER.......CNO.....00......
NAV:DE.......OP05G......23......12......
COMTASKGROUP 30.3 SHOEVIES ACTION COM 3RD FLEET INFO CINCAP
COMCRUDIV 13 ALL TASK FROCE AND TASK GROUP COMORS 3RD FLEET.

PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS RDO HONO'S 221404.

VIBRATION AND NOISE AT SPEED IN EXCESS 22 KNOTS INDICATE BILOXI
NUMBER 4 SHAFT STRUT BEARING WIPE OR PART OF MICARTA MISSING.
BELIEVED TO BE IN UPPER HALF OF BEARING. CAN MAINTAIN 28 KNOTS
LIMITING SPEED THIS SHAFT TO REVOLUTIONS FOR 22 KNOTS. IN
EMERGENCY CAN MAKE 30 KNOTS. CONSIDER CAN CONTINUE CURRENT
OPERATIONS. TICONDEROGA IN EXCELLENT STEAMING CONDITION. UNLESS
OTHERWISE ORDERED BILOXI AND FLINT WILL LEAVE HER AT 1600 I
TODAY IN POSIT LAT 19-00 NORTH LONG 130-00 EAST PROCEEDING IN
ACCORDANCE YOUR 210735. TASK UNIT 30.3.2 ETA ULITHI AT SOA
16 KNOTS WOULD BE 2000 I 24 JANUARY. HAMM INCREASED SOA TO
17 KNOTS TO ARRIVE 1700 I 24 JANUARY.

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23...BUAER...BUSHIPS...
CNO...0P05...FX37...19...19C...0P03...31...20M...NAVAIDE...
200P...

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94

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**NAVAL MESSAGE**

**FROM:** COM 3rd Fleet  
**RELEASED BY:**  
**DATE:** 23 Jan 1945  
**TOR CODEROOM:** 230614  
**DECODED BY:** STORM / SOWERS  
**TYPED BY:** STORM  

**FOR ACTION:**  
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RDO HONO PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 222043  
(COM 3rd FLT SENDS ACTION CINCPAC, CTF 38 HAS INFO OTHERWISE.)  
AMPLIFICATION BY 201010. VERTICAL COVERAGE ZAINA MIŠAKI POINT TO CHATAN 100 PERCENT FROM CHATAN TO OUMI HAMA 60 PERCENT. SOME FILM OBTAINED REPORTED UNUSABLE.  
HANCOCK DAMAGED BY BOMB EXPLOSION IN OWN PLANE ON DECK. OPERATING BUT AT REDUCED EFFICIENCY. ESTIMATE 10 DAYS TENDER AVAILABILITY REQUIRED FOR REPAIRS HANCOCK AND LANGLEY.  
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(COM 3rd FLT sends, CINCPAC ACTION PASS INFO COMAIRPAC COMDESPAC.) INFO ALSO CTG 30.9 CINCSWPA CTF 77 CTF 38.)

PASSED BY RDO HONO TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 212010.

TICONDEROGA BOMBED AND DAMAGED UNABLE OPERATE PLANES BUT CAPABLE OF MAKING 25 KNOTS CAPTAIN AND EXEC WOUNDED. LANGLEY HIT BY 2 SMALL BOMBS 1 FAILED TO EXPLODE DAMAGE PATCHED UP AND SHIP ABLE TO CARRY ON. MADDOX HIT BY SUICIDE ZEKE CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE BUT STEAMING UNDER OWN POWER. TICONDEROGA MADDOX BEING SENT ULITHI AS PER MY 210735. STRIKES PROGRESSING. INTEND PHOTO STRIKE OKINAWA 22nd AS PLANNED.

Action: F-30
NAVAL MESSAGE

DRAFTER

COMBATRON 1

RELEASED BY

CINCPAC

DATE 22 JAN 1945

TOR CODEROOM C334

DECODED BY VEROSKY

TYPE BY VEROSKY

ROUTED BY

INFORMATION

CINCPAC

COM 7TH FLT

PRIORITY

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ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

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RDO HONO PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 212325.

COMBATRON 1 SENDS. RDO HONOLULU PASS ACTION CINCPAC AND INFO CONSERV PAC. RDO MANUS PASS INFO COM 7TH FLT.

ALL BATTLESHIPS NOW OPERATING WITH THE 7TH FLEET EXCEPT WEST VIRGINIA ARE IN NEED OF URGENT REPAIRS. MAJOR ITEMS OF INDIVIDUAL SHIPS ARE SUBSTANTIALLY AS FOLLOWS:

CALIFORNIA HAS AFTERMAIN BATTERY DIRECTOR, NO. 4 5 IN.

DIRECTOR CIV, NO. 4 5 IN MOUNT, 2 TARGET DESIGNATORS MK 3,

1 MK 4 14 MOD 4 SIGHT, 1 BK TRANSMITTER AND ANTENNA ALL PERMANENTLY OUT OF COMMISSION. CONSIDERABLE STRUCTURAL PATCHING AND REPLACEMENT OF 15,000 TO 20,000 FT. OF VARIOUS TYPES OF CABLE. NAVY YARD AVAILABILITY REQUIRED.

NEW MEXICO HAS 1 14 IN. GUN REQUIRING RENEWAL AND 1 ADDITIONAL BADLY GOUGED BY FRAGMENTS BUT POSSIBLY USABLE,

REPLACE 3 MK 14 SIGHTS, RENEW BRIDGE RADIO COMPLETELY.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/44

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REPAIR CONSIDERABLE STRUCTURAL DAMAGE IN BRIDGE AREA, RENEW 14,600
TO 15,000 FT. CUT CABLE. NAVY YARD AVAILABILITY REQUIRED.

MISSISSIPPI: RENEW 1 5IN. 25 CAL. GUN COMPLETE INCLUDING ALL ASSOCIATED
EQUIPMENT, REPLACE 1 5IN. 25 POWER SYSTEM 1 MK 42 RANGE FINDER, 1 MK5
AND 1 MK 6 POWER DRIVE FOR 46 MM, RENEW 6 5IN. 51 GUNS. REPAIR
STRUCTURAL DAMAGE AND WIRING, DRY DOCK FOR REPAIRS TO UNDERWATER DAMAGE
TO 9 BLISTERS. NAVY YARD AVAILABILITY PROBABLY REQUIRED BUT MAYBE
POSSIBLE BY FORCES AFLOAT IF MATERIAL SENT TO FORWARD AREA.

COLORADO: REPLACE 2 5IN. 51 CAL. GUNS, 1 46 MM QUAD AND 1 MAIN FEED
PUMP TURBINE. REPAIR STRUCTURAL DAMAGE AND WIRING IN NEW BRIDGE SKY
CONTROL AREA. TENDER AVAILABILITY RECOMMENDED.

PENNSYLVANIA: REPAIRS TO PORT OUTBOARD SHAFT STRUT BEARING AT MANUS
UNSATISFACTORY WITH POSSIBILITY LOSS OF LOWER BEARING AT ANY TIME
RESULTING IN BOTH PORT SHAFTS BEING OUT OF COMMISSION DUE DESIGN
ENGINEERING PLANT. TWENTY-FOUR 42 BLISTERS NOW FLOODED CREATING
SERIOUS STABILITY CONDITION. SHIP HAS BEEN OPERATING CONTINUOUSLY
SINCE LAST NAVY YARD OVERHAUL 2 YEARS AGO, CURRENTLY SCHEDULED
OVERHAUL SHOULD NOT BE FURTHER DELAYED.

* AS RECEIVED.
At 08211/13 January a Jap plane appeared from a low overcast, steadied on a 40 degree dive for this ship and dove in through fire from my port 20's and 40's to glance off after port kingpost and crashed on house top penetrating deck at frame 35 starboard. Parts of plane continued on through bridge deck and bridge deck side plating to land in davits. Resulting fire controlled quickly, no violent explosion felt but later numerous incendiary 3/4 inch iron piping missiles length 3 inches found in vicinity. Exhaust and supply ventilators to officer and secret.

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CPO QUARTERS AND ICE MACHINE SPACES DAMAGED. DYNAMO & VENTILATION MOTORS DESTROYED. ALSO ELECTRIC POWER LIGHTING AND INTERIOR COMMUNICATIONS CIRCUITS. ROOFTOP DECK PLATING AND BRIDGE DECK FRAMES 32 TO 37 REQUIRES RENEWAL. ALSO SIDE PLATING SAME FRAMES. TRANSVERSE DECK MEMBERS DAMAGED. OFFICER AND CPO VENTILATION DESTROYED. OFFICERS QUARTERS BULKHEADS AND FURNITURE WRECKED. 5 ROOMS INCLUDING MAJOR GENERALS QUARTERS AND CPO BUNKROOM DEMOLISHED. ENGINE ROOM AIR CASING BULKHEAD BLOWN IN FRAMES 32 TO 34. WELEN DAVIT AND 3 LCVP'S CRUSHED. RIVETS SPRUNG BOTH AFTER FUEL OIL SETTLERS AT FRAME 32 CAUSING OIL TO SEEP INTO ENGINE ROOM BILGES. 7 DEAD 3 MISSING 31 INJURED. ESTIMATE 20 DAYS FOR COMPLETE YARD REPAIRS.

* AS RECEIVED
**NAVY MESSAGE**

**NAVY DEPARTMENT**

**FROM:** USS NEHENTA BAY

**RELEASED BY:** 21 JAN 1945

**DATE:** 0528

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**REFERENCE**

MY SERIAL 091 OF 27 DECEMBER AND MY 052230 OF JANUARY NOT TO ALL.

**FOLLOWING DAMAGE REQUIRING NAVY YARD AVAILABILITY INCURRED RESULT STORM NIGHT 17-18 JANUARY**

(A) FORWARD PART FLIGHT DECK AFT TO FRAME 1½ BENT DOWNWARD AND RESTING ON FORECASTLE

(B) STEEL MEMBERS FLIGHT DECK BETWEEN FRAMES 1½ AND 20 BUCKLED.

(C) CATAPULT OUT OF COMMISSION, FORWARD 15 FOOT SECTION OF TRACK DEFLECTED DOWNWARD 15 DEGREES, REQUIRES REPLACEMENT ENTIRE TRACK.

(D) PORT AND STARBOARD FORWARD LOOKOUT STATIONS DEMOLISHED.

(E) DECK AND FORWARD BULKHEAD OF ONE CLIPPING ROOM BUCKLED

(F) ALL ELECTRICAL FIXTURES AND CIRCUIT WIRING CONNECTED TO FLIGHT DECK FORWARD FRAME 20 REQUIRE RENEWAL

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/44

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(6) BULWARK ON STARBOARD SIDE FORECASTLE DAMAGED. DETAILED
REPORT FOLLOWS.

ABOVE DAMAGE RESULT PRELIMINARY DAMAGE DURING HURRICANE. OTHER
URGENT REPAIRS REQUIRED CITED IN REFERENCES.

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TOR NCR 2013/21

OP23 .... BUSHIPS .... BUORD .... BUAER .... INFO
OP03 .... CNO .... OP05 .... NAVAIDE .... 200P .... 00 .... 30 ....
AMPLIFYING REPORT DAMAGE INCURRED 13TH. WITH ASSISTANCE APACHE ALL HULL LEAKS SEALED BY WELDED PATCHES AND PUMPED DRY. INSPECTION REVEALS EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO HULL, MACHINERY, AND EQUIPMENT FROM EXPLOSION OF PLANE AND BOMB AND RESULTANT FIRES IMPracticABLE TO LIST IN DETAIL. INTERNAL HULL STRUCTURE FROM CENTER LINE TO STARBOARD HULL PLATING, FROM BULKHEAD AT FRAME 136 TO BULKHEAD AT FRAME 152, FROM AND INCLUDING HANGAR DECK TO AND INCLUDING TANK TOPS RUPTURED, DISTORTED, AND SEVERED EXTENSIVELY. SIDE PLATING BULGED AT FRAME 141 WHICH HAS BEEN BADLY DISTORTED. ONE 2 FT DIAMETER HOLE IN HULL AT WATER LINE AND ABOUT 10 SMALLER HOLES BELOW WATER LINE HAVE BEEN SEALED. FIELD REPAIRS CAN RESTORE SUFFICIENT STRENGTH TO HULL FOR TRIP TO REPAIR BASE. FLIGHT DECK REQUIRES REPLACEMENT MAIN SUPPORT BEAMS 134 AND

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135 AND REDECKING AREA ABOUT 15 FT BY 80 FT. NUMEROUS
MINOR BULKHEADS, PASSAGEWAYS, AND WALKWAYS REQUIRE RE-
PLACEMENT ON GALLERY AND HANGAR DECK LEVELS. ALL MACHINERY
BOILERS AND GENERATOR EQUIPMENT IN AFTER ENGINE ROOM
SUBMERGED IN SALT WATER AND OIL, PIPING SHATTERED BY
BLAST, ELECTRICAL CABLES DAMAGED BY SUBMERSION AND
FIRE. IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE WHAT ITEMS CAN BE SAL-
VAGED. PORT SHFT LINE BEARINGS FROM FORWARD ENGINE
ROOM HAVE BEEN RUNNING SUBMERGED IN SALT WATER 4 DAYS
AND REQUIRE REPLACEMENT BEFORE ATTEMPTING LONG VOYAGE
TO REPAIR BASE. NUMBER 3 ARRESTING GEAR UNIT REQUIRES
COMPLETE REPLACEMENT. ALL COLD STORAGE PLANTS OUT OF
COMMISSION. FIELD REPAIRS CAN RESTORE REEFERS BUT MEAT
BOX QUESTIONABLE. WILL REQUIRE PROVISION ASSISTANCE
FROM ESCORT. GALLEY RANGE AND ICE BOX ALL VEGETABLE

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PREPARATION MACHINERY AND GARBAGE DISPOSAL EQUIPMENT
REQUIRE REPLACEMENT. NUMEROUS MINOR ITEMS HAVE BEEN
OR ARE BEING REPAIRED BY SHIPS COMPANY. FORWARD ENGI-
NEERING PLANT IN SATISFACTORY CONDITION. CAN MAKE
GOOD 10 KNOTS 12 KNOTS EMERGENCY SPEED AVAILABLE

CONING PASSES TO NCR FOR FURTHER DISTRIBUTION
TOR NCR 2331

BUORD...BUSHIPS...OP5G...23...12...INFO
CNO...OP5...69...20P...NAVADE...37...OP3...31...

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| USS HOGGATT BAY RECEIVED DAMAGE TO FLIGHT DECK RESULTING FROM REPAIRS WHEN 100 POUND BOMB EXPLODED ON BAY AVENGER DURING AN ARRESTED LANDING.

TAIL FUSE WITH NON DELAY M-14 PRIMER DETONATOR. 2 CLIPS INSTALLED IN BOTH ARMING WIRES. DAMAGE INCLUDED.

7 SLIGHTLY BUCKLED ARMATURE SHIPS 1 BEAMS OFF DECK NEAR FRAME 13 G. NUMBER 3 ARRESTING UNIT OPERATING.

NUMBER 5 AND 7 WIRES OUT OF COMMISSION. ABOVE DAMAGE BEYOND CAPACITY SHIPS FORCE. MISCELLANEOUS OTHER DAMAGE.

NOT IN CAPACITY SHIPS FORCE. 6 KILLED INCLUDING CREW OF AIRPLANE AND 10 WOUNDED 5 OF WHOSE WERE SERIOUS.

ROUTINE FLIGHT OPERATIONS CONTINUING.

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OPOSE: BUSHIPS...OPO5...23...OPO3...00...31.

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Mazama sends. Conseron 10 has by hand.

Underwater explosion close aboard at 0654K this date while at anchor Ulithi caused following damage. Hull distorted inboard from frame 124 to 162 and from able strake to just above third deck. Maximum indentation of 3 feet occurring about frame 140 just above first platform deck. Major leakage where seam between Fox and George strake opened up for 6 inches for a distance of 6 feet. All damage port side. Number 1 hold number 1 deep tank numbers 1, 2 and 3 double bottom fuel tanks and emergency fire pump room flooded. Number 2 deep tank and forward magazine flooding but under control. Proceeding to plug holes underwater ship and dispose of ammunition in flooded holds. Personnel casualties, 1 enlisted missing, 5 enlisted injured.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/94

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USS HODGES (DE231) SENDS, ACTION TO COMINCH, COM 7TH FLEET, CTG 7.5 CTF 75, INFO CINCFC, COMSVEFPAC FLEET, CONSFORCPAC FLEET, COM 7TH PHIB, CONSFORDIV 74.

THE FOLLOWING DAMAGE WAS SUSTAINED THIS VESSEL ON 9 JANUARY, CAUSED BY A JAP SUICIDE BOMBER HITTING THE MAST.

LOSS OF FOREMAST AND ALL SUPPORTING WIRE, LOSS OF SA-2 RADAR ANTENNAE, SU RADAR ANTENNAE, RECEIVER, AND TRANSMITTER, 2 BK RADAR ANTENNAE, 138-5 ANTENNAE, RADIO RECEIVER ANTENNAE, 2 RADIO TRANSMITTER ANTENNAE, 1 MC BULLHORN REPRODUCER, VERTICAL FIGHTING LIGHTS, MAIN HEAD LIGHT, 2 TRUCK LIGHTS, YARD AND BLANKETS, AND ALL CONNECTION BOXES AND CABLE LEADS ON THE MAST.

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(COM3RF1T SENDS FOR NANTAHALA. ACTION COMINCH CTG 30.8.  
CINCPAC ACTION PASS ACTION CONSERFORPAC INFO CONSERVOREN 8.  
INFO ALSO CONSERVOREN 10. CTF 30 HAS ACTION.)

AT 1600Z 9 JANUARY THIS SHIP COLLISION USS GUADALUPE (AO 32?)  
FOLLOWING FAILURE NANTAHALA GYRO. HOLE 18 BY 11 FEET PORT  
SIDE PLATING STEERING ENGINE ROOM, LARGE HOLES SIDE PLATING  
LAUNDRY BOATSWAIN STORE ROOM BARBERSHOP. FRAMES AND DECK  
DAMAGE THOSE SPACES AND POOP DECK. 5 INCH GUN WRECKED BITTs  
LOST DEGAUSSING COILS SEVERED.

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TOR NCR 1328/11

23...BUSH IPS...BUORD....FOR INFO  
16...19...JAG...OPO5...BUPO5...NCR...00...NAVY IDE...  
200P...OPO5P.....39...
**USS Hebben (DD 638) in Collision with USS YPHS 14**

At 11/48 CDT, North Channel Boston Entrance. USS YPHS 14 sank in approximately 48 feet of water 5½ yards bearing 452 degrees true from number 2 engine. No casualties or injury to personnel.

Commandant 1st Naval District has convened court of inquiry.

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Colorado sends. Radio Honolulu pass to Cominch CinCPac ComServPac for info.

During air attack 1900 9 January plane dropped bomb 200 yards on our port quarter and immediately thereafter ship was hit by 15-inch special fuze projectile to starboard side. Sky control level. Considerable AA fire from other ships burst close aboard and overhead. Following material damage and inoperative: Starboard Mark 33 director, Mark 38 range finder, Mark 7 bearing indicator, interior communication systems in sky control, several radio antennas, and bridge radar repeater. Believe that all above damage can be temporarily repaired by ships force. Casualties: 6 officers and 12 enlisted men killed.
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4 OFFICERS AND 30 SERIOUSLY WOUNDED. TOTAL WOUNDED UNDETERMINED. SHIP HAS ONLY 1 AIR DEFENSE STATION AND PRACTICALLY ALL KEY PERSONNEL OF AA CONTROL PARTY ARE INCLUDED IN ABOVE CASUALTIES.

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(CINCPAC SENDS ACTION COMWESSEAFRON COM 14. INFO COM 11. COM 12 COM 13 COMINCH CNO BUSHIPS COMSERV PAC)

DUE TO EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO SHIPS IN CURRENT OPERATIONS AND INCREASED HAZARD AS OPERATIONS PROGRESS, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT REPAIRS AND OVERHAUL OF SHIPS BE EXPEDITED TO MAXIMUM POSSIBLE DEGREE. IT IS A MATTER OF GREAT URGENCY THAT SHIPS BE RETURNED TO THE FLEET IN THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME. REQUEST USE EVERY MEANS POSSIBLE TO EXPEDITE WORK.

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RECEIVED SECRET RECLASSIFIED TOP SECRET IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONTENT.
ON 6TH JANUARY COLUMBIA (CL 58) HIT BY SUICIDE PLANE MAIN DECK PORT SIDE FRAME 119, BOMB PENETRATING TO MAGAZINE TURRET 4. COMPARTMENTS C-412 L, C-414 AL, C-519 M, C-510 M, C-511 M, C-512 M, C-513 M, FLOODED. 6 HOLES IN HULL BELOW WATERLINE. FLOODING AND FIRES UNDER CONTROL AND BOUNDARIES HOLDING. FIRE DAMAGE MAIN DECK OFF CHIEF PETTY OFFICER QUARTERS AND HANGAR. EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO ELECTRICAL AND OTHER FITTINGS IN AREA. TURRETS 3 AND 4 OUT OF COMMISSION. EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO TURRET 4. REFRIGERATION PLANT RUINED. ON 9 JANUARY AGAIN HIT BY SUICIDE PLANE RUINING FORWARD 6 AND 5 INCH DIRECTORS, FORWARD 40 MM DIRECTORS AND 25 INCH GUNS. FORWARD SK AND SG INOPERATIVE CONTINUING MISSION. CAPTAIN CONSIDERS CAN MAKE ANY NAVY YARD WITHOUT PRELIMINARY DOCKING AT FORWARD AREA BY SHIPS FORCE PLUGGING HULL HOLES. HEAVY CASUALTIES.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: USS LELAND E THOMAS

RELEASED BY: 10 JAN 1945

DATE: 0809

TOR CODEROOM: BOUDREAU

DECODED BY: BOUDREAU

ROUTED BY: KLAFF

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PASS FOR INFO TO CINCPAC COMDESEAC CONSERVFORPACFLT CONSERV-
FOR 7TH FLT FOR ACTION TO COMINCH COM 7TH FLT COMPHILSEAFRON
FROM USS LELAND E THOMAS DE 420

ON 6 JAN 1945 AT ABOUT 0200I THIS VESSEL OPERATING WITH A
CONVOY, THE USS EDWIN A HOWARD (DE 346) AND USS ROBERT
BEAVER (DE 345), AS RESULT OF COLLISION WITH USS EDWIN
A HOWARD SUSTAINED FOLLOWING DAMAGE: HULL OPENED BETWEEN
FRAMES 89 AND 95 STARBOARD SIDE FROM MAIN DECK TO 4 FEET
BELOW WATER LINE FLOODING NUMBER 2 FIRE ROOM TO UPPER LEVEL,
20 MM GUN SHIELD AND PLATFORM DAMAGED. 3 DEPTH CHARGE
ROLLER LOADERS BENT.

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2 SUICIDE ATTACKS MADE ON DAMAGED AUSTRALIA ABOUT 0720 TODAY. 1ST PLANE SHOT DOWN CLOSE ABOARD, 2ND A DINAH HIT PORT SIDE. SHIP HOLED NEAR WATER LINE, STEERING FROM AFT. AA BATTERY NOW REDUCED TO 1/3, CARRYING OUT BOMBARDMENT MISSION. ATTACKS WERE CONVENTIONAL HIGH ALTITUDE 45 DEGREE GLIDE.

COMINCH COPIES 1 TO 8 INCLUSIVE.

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CO LST 750 SENDS, ACTION CNO INFO COMSERV7THFLT COM7THFLT. LATTER BY HAND.

CO LST 750 REPORTS LOST OF VESSEL AS RESULT OF TORPEDO PLANE ATTACK AND SHELL FIRE OF OWN DD 619. SECRET CONFIDENTIAL AND REGISTERED PUBLICATIONS WERE SUNK IN WEIGHTED BAGS IN 1764 FATHOMS OF WATER. VESSEL COMPLETELY DESTROYED BY FIRE BEFORE SINKING. THERE WAS NO CHANCE FOR COMPROMISE.
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(FROM CG USAF 505/SWPA AGD: FRINK TO CHIEF OF TRANSPORTATION WASH DC INFO CG USAF PASSED GSTCK 9215)

US C-7174

VESSEL LEWIS L DYCHE SUNK 4 JANUARY AT MINDORO

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/94

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From: CTF 77.2
Released by:
Date: 7 Jan 1945

TO CODE: 1975

Decoded by: D. Smith
Checked by: D. Smith
Routed by: D. Smith

Addressee: COM 7TH FLT

Urgency: DEFERRED

Information: CTF 77 ALL TFC's AND TUGS 3RD & 7TH FLTS; COMAAF CINCPAC; CINCSHPA COMINCH; COMFEAF COMAAF 5 COM 317 BOMBING

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TOP SECRET.

SINCE MY LAST REPORT ADDITIONAL INFO HAS BEEN RECEIVED CONCERNING DAMAGE TO SHIPS.

(A) SOUTHARD (DMS 10) HIT BY SUICIDE BOMBER. IS OPERATIVE BUT Requires repairs.

(B) BROOKS (APD 19) HIT BY SUICIDE BOMBER. TAKEN UNDER TOW AND IS IN HANDS OF SALVAGE PARTY AND ANCHORED OFF SANTIAGO ISLAND.

(C) APACHE (ATF 67) HIT BY SUICIDE DIVED BOMBER AND SUFFERED FAILURE OF NUMBER 4 PROPULSION ARMATURE AND SOME SMALL DAMAGE INCIDENT THERETO.

No. 1 ADMIRAL.
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(2) MINNEAPOLIS (GA 30) SUPERFICIALY DAMAGED SUICIDE BOMBER NEAR DIONS. 5K RADAR AND SOME ANTENNAE OUT.
(8) PALMER (PB 3 F)/ HIT BY BOMBER AND SUNK TODAY.

THIS BRINGS THE TOTAL OF ALL SHIPS SUNK OR DAMAGED SINCE ARRIVAL AT LINGAVERE TO 28 SHIPS. THE CHANCEY BAY (CVE 70) SUNK THE HANILA BAY (CVE 61) SLIGHTLY DAMAGED. THE SAMI ISLAND (CVE 78) SUPERFICIALY DAMAGED. THE HELM (DD 366)

SUPERFICIALY DAMAGED AND THE STAFFORD (DE 411) HEAVILY DAMAGED BEFORE ARRIVAL LINGAVERE GULF. BRING THE TOTAL TO 28 SHIPS SUNK OR DAMAGED IN PRESENT OPERATIONS UP TO 1994 JANUARY 7TH.

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ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

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( (COM 7TH FLT SENDS ACTION CINCSWPA INFO COMINCH.)

MINE SPECTATING AND PRELIMINARY BOMBARDMENT IN RANDAIN GULF
CONTINUED. PRELIMINARY REPORTS THE FOLLOWING SHIPS
DAMAGED ON THE 6TH NEW MEXICO, BB 49, WALKER, DD 723,
ALLEN W SUMMER, DD 692, LONG, DMS 12, BROCKS, APD 16,
R.P LEARY, DD 664, CALIFORNIA, BE 44, AUSTRALIA.
LOUISVILLE, CA 28, LORAY, DD 775, O BRIEN, DD 725, ORCA,
AVP, 49, ON 3RD LST 749 AND 461 ON 5TH.
MANILA BAY, CVE 61 AND SAVO ISLAND, CVE 76. ALL BY SUICIDE
PLANES. 3/4 PTS SANK 2 LUGGERS AND SMALL AK NORTH EAST OF
CEBU. ORMOC RESUPPLY GROUP ARRIVED LEYTE TODAY. RESUPPLY
GROUP ARRIVES MINDORO ON 8TH.

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RADIO MANUS PASS TO ALL ADJES. USS LOUISVILLE (CA28) HURLS ACTION CONINC, CINCPAC, CTF 77, INFO CONGRUPAC, COM 7TH FLEET, CTG 77.2, CONSERFOPAC (FMO), CONSERF FOR 7TH FLEET, COMCUDIV 4, (BY HAND), RDD MANUS PASS TO RPM (RDD HONOR) WHO WILL PASS TO APPROPRIATE ADJES AND MSS (RDD WASH) WHO WILL PASS TO COMINC.

LOUISVILLE BADLY DAMAGED ON 5-6 JANUARY BY 2 ENEMY SUICIDE PLANES.

FIRST ESTIMATE OF DAMAGE. FOLLOWING DEMOLISHED OR OUT OF COMMISSION BEYOND CAPACITY REPAIR FACILITIES SHIPS FORCE: (A) TURRET 2, (B) FORWARD MARK 33 AA DIRECTOR AND MARK 4 RADAR, (C) FORWARD MARK 34 MAIN BATTERY DIRECTOR AND MARK 8 RADAR, (D) FORWARD MARK 9B, (E) FORWARD RADAR TRANSMITTER ROOM TRANSMITTER AND RECEIVER, (F) BL, (G) FLAG BRIDGE AND STARBOARD SIDE OF NAVIGATION BRIDGE, (H) NAVIGATION INSTRUMENTS ON NAVIGATION BRIDGE AND STARBOARD SIDE FLAG BRIDGE, (I) 8 INTER COMMUNICATION PHONE BOXES, (J) 48 MM QUAD 41 AND DIRECTOR, (K) 20 MM GUNS 7 AND 9. FOLLOWING DAMAGED SOME SERIOUSLY: (L) OPEN BRIDGE, (M) CHART HOUSE, (N) FLAG PLOT

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*Main Radio and coding room (P) Forward stack holed (Q) After starboard leg of tripod mast ruptured lower starboard access to mast structure. Ships force attempting to repair (L) (M) (N) and (O). Important material details later. New subject for info. ComdrDiv 4 (Rear Admiral T E Chandler) Critically burned. CO Louisville (Capt R L Hicks) Painfully but not critically burned. Added info. Gasoline line demolished. Cominch copies #1 to #6 inclusive.*

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Loss of 7 submarines presumably due enemy action in Central and Southwest Pacific during months of October and November plus serious hull damage to SALMON HALIBUT AND REDFISH emphasizes the grave and increasingly urgent need for defensive equipment and weapons for submarines. The following devices shown in submarine material program guide dated 8 December 1944 are considered the most valuable of their type and need for them is vital: NA3 6 inch NA2 8 inch MARK 27 torped Mark 28 torped. It is requested that an over-riding priority be obtained for these items in order to assure earliest possible delivery to submarines in the fleet.

COMSUBPAC will provide any desired personnel to assist this program.

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CALIFORNIA SENDS. ACTION COMINCH CINOPAC COM 7TH FLT COMBATRON 1 AND INFO COMINCH CINOPAC COM 7TH FLT COMBATRON 1 HAS BY HAND. NIP (RDO HONDO) PASS TO CINOPAC COMINCH CINOPAC AND COMINCH 16. NTF (RDO MANUS) PASS TO COM 7TH FLEET. RDO WASHN PASS TO COMINCH.

THIS SHIP HIT BY JAPANESE TYPE ZERO OR ZEKE SUICIDE PLANE 17241 THIS DATE. THE PLANE HIT AFTER MAIN MAST TOWER BETWEEN THE 64 AND 65 LEVEL PORT SIDE, MAKING A HOLE APPROXIMATELY 8 FEET IN DIAMETER.

PLANE EXPLODED AND DISINTEGRATED. FRAGMENTS CAUSED MINOR STRUCTURAL DAMAGE ON PORT WEATHER DECK. GASOLINE CAUGHT FIRE AND BURNED IN SURROUNDING AREA. NUMBER 45 INCH DIRECTOR DAMAGED AND INOPERATIVE. AFTER MAIN BATTERY DIRECTOR DAMAGED AND INOPERATIVE. B-308, 42 MM GUN ROOM RUPTURED AND SPRINKLE TO PREVENT FIRE.

ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS IN THE MAIN MAST INOPERATIVE. RADIO 2 IS OUT OF COMMISSION DUE TO SEVERAL TRANSMITTING AND RECEIVING ANTENNAE GROUNDED.

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OR KNOCKED DOWN. AFTER SKY CONTROL STATION COMPLETELY OUT OF COMMISSION AFTER 36 INCH SEARCHLIGHT INOPERATIVE. ADDITIONAL DAMAGE RECEIVED 5 INCH 36 MOUNT * DJPP** WAS HIT BY 5 INCH SHELL FROM ANOTHER SHIP OF OWN FORMATION FIRING AT SUICIDE PLANE. THIS SHELL PENETRATED THE FACE PLATE OF NUMBER 4 MOUNT AND EXPLODED UNDER THE POINTERS SEAT CAUSING EXTENSIVE DAMAGE. MOUNT 4 IS INOPERATIVE AND SPRINKLING WATER WAS TURNED ON IN THE MOUNT AND IN THE UPPER HANDLING ROOM. ESTIMATED CASUALTIES 6 OFFICERS, 10 MEN DEAD 13F INJURED.

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ONE SUICIDE PLANE BELIEVED LILLY WITH BOMB CRASHED PORT NAV BRIDGE NEW MEXICO. DEAD 4 OFFICERS 26 ENLISTED INCLUDING CAPT R W FLEMING COMING OFFICER, LIEUT GEN HERBERT LUMSDEN BRITISH ARMY AND WILLIAM CHICKERING WAR CORRESPONDENT. 13TH INJURED 15 CRITICAL 20 SERIOUS INCLUDING 5 OFFICERS. COMDR JOHN T WARREN SB778 EXEC OFFICER NOW ACTING CO. RADM WALTER NOT INJURED. FOLLOWING DAMAGE SUSTAINED: PORT NAV BRIDGE DEMOLISHED. BRIDGE RADIO DEMOLISHED BEYOND REPAIR. FLAG POLE TEMPORARILY INOPERATIONAL. PORT NAV AND FLAG POLE BADGE DAMAGED BEYOND REPAIR. NUMBER 2 40 MM DAMAGED BUT CAN BE REPAIRED. CENTRAL LIGHTING AND BATTLE LIGHTING CABLES SHEARED FORECAST.
STRUCTURE CAN BE REPAIRED. ONE MARK 51 DIRECTOR FOR CONTROL.
3 INCH 25 COMPLETELY DEMOLISHED. SWORD ARM FOR 5 INCH 51 GUN
WRECKED BEYOND REPAIR. PORT MARK 18 SECONDARY BATTERY RADAR PARTLY
DEMOLISHED BUT PROBABLY CAN BE REPAIRED FROM PARTS ON BOARD. 3
VENT SYSTEMS IN BRIDGE STRUCTURE DEMOLISHED. CIRCUITS FOR DIRECTOR
12.5 INCH 25 DEMOLISHED. MAN, SOR 61* AND ALL RECEIVING AND REMOTE
GEAR BRIDGE RADIO DEMOLISHED. 2 OS 2 UNIT PLANES DAMAGED BY STRAFING
AND ARE NOT OPERATIONAL. 1 PROBABLY CAN BE MADE SERVICEABLE.

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FROM US S DAVID W TAYLOR (DD 551)

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DATE 7 JANUARY 1945

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DAVID W TAYLOR (DD 551) ORIGINATES. ACTION COMINCH CINCPAC CINCPAC COM 9TH FLT AND CTF 94. INFO GOES TO CONSERVFORPAC CONSERVON COMDESPAC COMDESPAC FWD AREA CTG 94.9 COMDESRON 46. NPM (RDD HONOLULU) PASS TO ALL ADES RELAYING TO NSS (RDD WASHINGTON) DELIVERY TO COMINCH.

HIT BY MINE OFF FUTAMI KO CHICHI JIMA 5 JANUARY. ESTIMATE CENTER OF EXPLOSION FRAME 24 PORT SIDE 2 TO 4 FEET ABOVE KEEL. STARBOARD SIDE BLOWN OUT THIS VICINITY. FLOODED FRAMES 14 TO 42 TO 2ND PLATFORM. FLOODING UNDER CONTROL. SONAR GEAR PITHOS DECODER LOG AND FATHOMETER INOPERATIVE. 5 INCH 38 GUNS 1 AND 2 ROLLER PATHS OF ALIGNMENT. SC2 PEDESTAL CRACKED. AM AT SAIPAN INVESTIGATING DAMAGE. FURTHER REPORT TO FOLLOW.

Taylor was in Iwojima Bombardment Force.

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INFORMATION FOR ACTION: CTF 77

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FACSIMILE: COM 7TH FLEET

BASEGRAM:

ALL TFC'S 7TH FLEET

ALL TGC'S 7TH FLEET

This afternoon following ships hit by suicide bombers:

CALIFORNIA (BB 44), AUSTRALIA, LOUISVILLE (CA 28), LOWRY (DD 79),

OBRIEN (DD 725), ORCA (AVP 49). THIS MAKES 12 SHIPS HIT TODAY

AND A TOTAL OF 17 SINCE 1036 YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. LOUISVILLE

AND AUSTRALIA HAVE NOW BEEN HIT TWICE REAR ADMIRAL CHANDLER

PAINFULLY AND SERIOUSLY BURNED. COMMAND CRUDIV 4 NOW TEMPORARILY

IN PORTLAND. RADAR NEVER SAFE. CONSIDER NEED OF ADDITIONAL AIR

POWER URGENT AND VITAL. OUR GVE'S ENTIRELY INADEQUATE PROVIDE

PROPER COVER. JAPANESE SUICIDE DIVE BOMBERS SEEM ABLE OPERATE

WITHOUT MUCH INTERFERENCE Owing RADAR DIFFICULTIES AFFECTING ALL

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Ships in Lingayen Gulf area, radar rarely makes contact with planes. Believe in addition that all fields small as well as large near Lingayen area must be continuously bombed and maintained neutralized. Enemy attacks heaviest morning and evening especially around 1700. Additional damage may seriously and adversely affect this as well as important subsequent operations. More damage may invite action with the Japanese fleet for which this command is becoming progressively less prepared. Should suicide bombers attack transports results might be disastrous. Recommend 5th Air Force be informed seriousness situation and need more air support. Recommend 3rd fleet be ordered this area immediately provide additional air and surface cover urgently needed. Consider this matter of such serious import as to warrant immediate reconsideration present plans.

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USS ARGONNE (AG-31) SENDS ACTION COMINCH CINCPOA COMSERVPAC INFO COMSERON 10 BUSHIPS COM 3RD FLEET. COMSERON 10 REP A HAS INFO.

ON 3 JANUARY 1300 POUND DEPTH CHARGE ACCIDENTALLY RELEASED FROM SC-702 THEN ALONGSIDE EXPLODED UNDER THIS VESSEL IN 18 FATHOMS OF WATER. FUEL OIL HEATING PIPE RUPTURED CAUSING DRAINAGE OF OIL INTO VOID A-917V FROM ADJACENT FUEL TANKS. OIL TIGHT INTEGRITY DESTROYED BETWEEN VOID D-903-V AND NUMBER 10 FUEL OIL TANKS. REPAIRS BY SHIPS FORCE WITHOUT DOCKING BELIEVED POSSIBLE. NO OTHER DAMAGE EXCEPT MINOR BREAKAGE DETECTED TO DATE.

COMINCH...ACT
BUSHIPS...23....JAG....OP-05....CNO....NAVAIDE.

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NPM (RDO HONOLULU) PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 081340

(CTG 77.2 SENDS ACTION COM 7TH FLEET INFO CTF 77 ALL TF AND TOGS 7TH FLEET. RADIO MANUAL PASS TO ALL ADEES)

1100 SHIPS RECEIVED

DUE TO OPERATIONS THIS FORCE THREW ESTIMATED DAMAGE FROM SUICIDE ATTACKS AS FOLLOWS:

(a) NEW MEXICO (BB40) BRIDGE DESTROYED ALL COMMUNICATIONS ARE OUT. COMBAT IVY 4 IN WEST VIRGINIA IN CHARGE SAN FABIAN TGS. NO INFO ADMIRAL WEYLER.

(b) WALKER (DD 723) PLANE CRASHED IN AFTER PART OF BRIDGE INTO CIC. 10 KILLED 25 BURNED. ALL GUNS IN LOCAL CONTROL. CAPTAIN CRITICALLY INJURED.

(c) AN SUNKER (DD 692) HIT AFT. AFTER MAGAZINE FLOODED. 2 KILLED 3 INJURED.

(d) LONG (DM 12) HIT BY SUICIDE PLANE.

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(E) BROOKS (APD 15) HIT BY SUICIDE PLANE. LATTER 2 NO.
AMPLIFYING REPORTS RECEIVED AS YET AS STILL UNDER ATTACK.
(F) RP LEARY (DD 684) HIT BY PLANE ON BOTH FORWARD MINS
DAMAGE SLIGHT. 1 MAN SUPERFICIALLY INJURED.

NEW SUBJECT: MINESWEEPERS REPORT 20 MINS FOUND AS YET IN
ENTRANCE MINE FIELD LOCATION BUT SEVERAL FLOATING MINS.

NEW SUBJECT: SUICIDE DIVE BOMBER ATTACKS MADE IN DETERMINED
FASHION. PILOTS SEEN TO BE OF HIGH QUALITY AND DIFFICULT
TO STOP. GROUP FIGHTER DIRECTOR OFFICER STATES NO RADAR
CONTACTS THIS FORENOON ALL INTERCEPTIONS DONE BY VISUAL
LOOKOUTS WITH FIGHTER DIRECTOR.

NEW SUBJECT: WE REQUIRE CONSIDERABLY MORE AIR SUPPORT. WHAT
WE HAVE DOES NOT SEEM ADEQUATE AT ALL. WE HAVE HAD 12 SHIPS
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HIT BY SUICIDE BOMBERS SINCE 1630 yesterday of which 1 sank and 9 were damaged severely.

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OP ACTION

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CTG 77.4

COM 7TH CINCPAC COMINCH

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COMASKUNIT 77.4.2 SENDS RDO MANUS PASS ACTION CTF 77 CTF 78 CTG 77.2 CTG 77.4 INFO COM 7TH RDO WASH INFO COMINCH

5 JAN 1748 MANILA BAY DAMAGED BY 2 LOW LEVEL SUICIDE ZEKES. ALL RADIO AND RADAR GEAR DESTROYED. FORWARD ELEVATOR DAMAGED BUT REPAIRABLE -- 10 GROUPS MISSING --*ING GEAR DEMOLISHED. 15 FOOT HOLE IN FLIGHT DECK. DAMAGE TO STEERING AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT. POSSIBLE WILL PERFORM VERY LIMITED OPERATIONS JAN 7TH. 10 KILLED 5 MISSING 25 SERIOUSLY WOUNDED 60 MINOR WOUNDS.

ANOTHER SUICIDE LOW LEVEL WRECKED SAVO ISLAND SG, TBS, AND YE ANTENAE. NO INJURY TO PERSONNEL.

* MISSING GROUPS SERVICED

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AT 1720/1 4 JANUARY ON ROUTE TAPIR IN SULU SEA AND ABOUT 25 MILES BEARING 243 DEGREES FROM MANIGUIN ISLAND, THIS GROUP ATTACKED BY ENEMY PLANES. O'MALLEY BAY (CVE 79) SERIOUSLY HIT RESULTING IN HEAVY FIRE WHICH GOT OUT OF CONTROL. FINALLY SUNK BY TORPEDOES FROM DESTROYER BURNS. SURVIVORS REPORTED TO DATE 722 MEN AND 98 OFFICERS INCLUDING CAPTAIN AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

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USS ROBERT F KELLER

REleased by
DATE: 5 JANUARY 1945
TOR CODEROOM: 1823

DECODED BY: C STRONG

TYPED BY: C STRONG

ROUTED BY: TELSHOW

USS ROBERT F KELLER DE 419 SENDS ACTION COMINCH CINC PAC COM 3RD FLEET CTG 30.8 INFORMATION COMSERVPAC CTG 30.9 COMDESPAC CTG 30.7 COMCORTDIV 72 AND ASKS RDO HONO PASS TO ALL ADDREES

USS ROBERT F KELLER DE 419 COMPLIES CINC PAC CONFIDENTIAL LETTER 33CL-44. DUE COLLISION USS SARGENT BAY (CVE 83) WHILE PASSING MAST CARRIED AWAY UPPER AND LOWER PORT SHROUDS. INSULATORS STARBOARD SHROUDS LATER BROKE; HAVE JURY RIGGED NEW STARBOARD AND PORT UPPER AND LOWER SHROUDS. BENT SHANK AND FLUKES PORT ANCHOR. BENT SECTION PORT BULKHEAD OF CONTROL BRIDGE ABOVE SEARCHLIGHT SMASHED PORT 24" SEARCHLIGHT REQUIRE REPLACEMENT 1 24 SEARCHLIGHT. 1 3,000 POUND STOCKLESS ANCHOR. 1 LIFE RAFT SKID. 2 CHOCKS. STRAIGHTENING OF CONTROL BULKHEAD RERIGGING OF SHROUDS. ALSO DRYDOCKING FOR REPAIR OF

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FRACTURED SOUND PROJECTOR DAMAGED PRIOR TO COLLISION REFERENCE
COMM 3RD FLT 022236 NOT TO ALL. ALL RADIO AND RADAR GEAR OPERATIVE
EXCEPT SA DUE TO COAXIAL LEAK. PROCEEDING ULI THI ACCORDANCE
VERBAL ORDERS COMTASKGROUP 30.8.

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23...BUSHIPS...INFO
CNO...OP05...OP03...JAG...00...200P...NAVAIDE...36....
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CTG 22.8 has by hand for action request CNO inform appropriate bureaus.

Storm damage incurred by HUBBARD DE 211 at 20:57/1 January 1945 in 41°02'N 35°33'W.

Requires replacement all parts of 2 POLLACK FS MK 1 MOD 1 SMOKE SCREEN GENERATORS except carrier rack assembly. Loss caused by emergency hand release being actuated by vibration and heavy seas.

23.....CUG

COMINCH...CNO...OP.OP...200P...NAVAL...E...

JAG....30....

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF TRANSPORTATION

Subject: Sinking of the LEPOLIVILLE - Revised Casualty Figures.

1. The Chief of Transportation, ENO, reports the following revised casualty figures, due to the sinking of the LEPOLIVILLE 24 December (reported by memorandum 26 December).

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**Released by:** 

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