ENEMY RAIDERS
UNLESS 1945. FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE BLOCKADE RUNNING COVERED BY COMMANDER MANTAGLIO'S CAGHT. LEFT DORDTOWN, 31 JUNE ORDERED PROCEED SOUTH AFRICAN WATERS TO ATTACK SHIP OR PARK. ON 22 AUGUST IN POSITION 26°53' SOUTH AND 00°31' EAST RECEIVED ORDERS PROCEED JAPAN FOR CARGO. SUPPOSED TO RENDEZVOUS WITH EUGENIA OR JAP ESCORT IN POSITION 6 NORTH 95 EAST. FOLLOWING LETTERED POSITIONS GIVEN BY GERMAN COMMAND FOR RENDEZVOUS POSITIONS WITH FUELING UNITS IF NECESSARY.
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**CARLOS** 23 SOUTH 76 EAST

**MARIO** 25 SOUTH 64 EAST

**GUILLIO** 38 SOUTH 58 EAST

ON ARRIVAL JAPAN CANNOT REHEEL AND EMBAR CARLOS BUT DETAILS NOT MOUNT TO CAPTAIN. THERE WAS CONTINUOUS STILLS COMMUNICATION MORTENUS RELAYED BY ROLE WHEN POSSIBLE. NEVER RECEIVED ANY ORDERS OR INFORMATION FROM ITALIAN CONSUL OR GERMANS IN PORT EAST AFRICA. HEARD OF ARRIVAL ON 8 OF SEPT 1945 77 39 35 E. RETURNED DURING TO SURVIVOR. CO-CASUAL SHOTED CARD CARRIED BY SUB BLOCKAGE RUNNERS. CARRIED OPTICAL INSTRUMENTS PLEATED SLEEPS ARE TANK SPECIAL STEEL SAMPLES AIRCRAFT TRAPSHOTS AMMUNITION AND GUNNIN AND JAP OFFICERS. ON RETURN FROM JAPAN SLEEPS CARRIED RUBBER THRU TO AMOUNT TO:

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14,000 to 15,000 TONS IN OUTER TANKS LEAK REMOVED FROM FALSE KEEL AND REPLACED WITH TIN. ONLY RENDEZVOUS CAGNI HAD WITH CEREM SUB WAS ON 10 JANUARY IN POSITION 1 SOUTH 14 DEG WHEN SHE TOOK 4,000 TONS FUEL FROM TANKER SUB ELEPHANT. NO FURTHER KNOWLEDGE CEREM SHIPS OR SUBS ENGAGED IN REFUELING AND BLOCKADE RUNNING. COMMANDER HAD FOLLOWING INFORMATION OTHER ITALIAN SUBMARINES OPERATING FROM BORDEAUX COLON ARCHIMEDE LOST APRIL NEAR BRAZIL. NAVICEL LOST MAY BAY BISCAY. CARPELLI WENT JAPAN WITH CARGO BELIEVED BACK BORDEAUX. TAZZOLI LOST BAY BISCAY LAST HALF JUNE ENROUTE JAPAN WITH CARGO. BARBARO LOST BAY BISCAY FIRST HALF JUNE ENROUTE JAPAN WITH CARGO. TORELI ENROUTE JAPAN WITH CARGO BELIEVED LOST IN JULY NEAR ASCENSION ISLAND, FINCH BELIEVED LOST IN AUGUST IN BAY BISCAY. BACHOLIN LEFT BORDEAUX FIRST

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HALF JULY PRESUMED ARRIVED JAPAN. IN FOLLOWING ZONES
PRESUMED TO BE AREA TRAVELED BY BLOCKADER UNERO ITALIAN
GERMAN SUBMARINES OBTAINED CONSENT BORDEAUX BEFORE
ATTACKING SINGLE MERCHANT SHIPS BUT CONVOYS COULD BE
ATTACKED WITHOUT PERMISSION COLOR INNER LIMIT (A) FROM
COAST OF SPAIN ALONG PARALLEL OF 42 DEGREES TO LONG 39
WEST, (B) FROM 42 NORTH 39 WEST DOWN MERIDIAN 39 WEST
TO LAT 14 NORTH (C) FROM 14 NORTH 39 WEST TO 24 SOUTH
39 WEST (D) DOWN MERIDIAN OF GREENWICH TO 49 SOUTH, (E)
FROM 49 SOUTH 29 WEST ALONG PARALLEL 49 SOUTH TO LONG
49 EAST, (F) FROM 49 SOUTH 49 EAST TO CAPE SAINT MARY
MADEGUASKAR, (G) DUE WEST TO COAST OF MOZAMBIQUE ALONG
PARALLEL OF CAPE ST MARY 25-49 SOUTH. BETWEEN THIS
LINE AND AFRICAN COAST ALL SUBS COULD ATTACK WITHOUT
PERMISSION.

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PER CENT THEIR SUBS. GERMANS WORRIED ABOUT AIR
ATTACKS BAY DISCAY AND IS E INSTALLING FOUR BARREL
20 MM MACHINE GUNS ON GERMAN SUBS. STATED GERMANS
HAD 60 SUBS OPERATING FROM ALL PORTS.
GERMAN AND ITALIAN SUBS ENCOURAGED KEEP NORTH OF
45 N AND 15 W AND FROM THIS POSITION ORKARD
PERMITTED REMAIN ON SURFACE ALL DAY AND ALL
IGHT UNTIL SUBS REACHED 15 W ALLOWED CHANGE
BATTERIES ONLY IN DAYTIME IN FINE WEATHER. GERMEN
SUBS SAIL IN GROUPS 3 TO 5 THROUGH BAY DISCAY.
RENDEZVOUS USUALLY OUTSIDE 15 N 42 W. COMMANDER
OF CAGNIT HAS GIVEN CONSIDERABLE ADDITIONAL INFO
REGARDING GERMAN AND ITALIAN METHODS OF OPERA-
TION AND ATTACK.

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THOMASSON
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UNGRADED REPORT FROM ADMIRALTY THROUGH ADMIRAL FISHER MOSCOW THAT ON JULY 8 TWO GERMAN DIESEL SHIPS IN INNER HARBOR YOKOHAMA PROBABLY MANNED BY SURVIVORS RAIDER EVASIVE PREPARING SAIL EUROPE. ALSO ANOTHER SHIP BERTHED AT SINKO (WINKO) WHARVES JETTY NR 3 LOADING CARGO BOXES PROBABLE RUBBER. 4TH GERMAN SHIP ABOUT 7,000 TONS JETTY NR 4

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FROM ADMIRALTY

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(ACTION: CINC HOME FLEET, CINC MED, CINC EF, SBNO WESTERN ATLANTIC, CINC SOUTH ATLANTIC, NAVAL BOARD MELBOURNE, NAVAL BOARD WELLINGTON, NSHQ, NAVY OFFICE BOMBAY, FOIC WEST AFRICA, CI C LEVANT, F O. (S), CINC PLYMOUTH, CINCHA, FOIC GIBRALTAR, BAD, COMINCH, COMNAVEU.

(RECEIVED BY HAND FROM BAD.)

MY 274933.

TANKER ALCIDES OVERDUE AT FREMANTLE SINCE 8TH AUGUST FROM ABADAN. THIS MAY INDICATE FURTHER ACTIVITY BY RAIDER "H".

2. NO FURTHER REPORTS OF BLOCKADE RUNNERS BUT HIMALAYA AND POSSIBLY TANNENFELS BELIEVED TO BE LOADED AND READY TO SAIL AT BORDEAUX. DRESDEN MAY HAVE BEGUN LOADING.

3. CANCEL REPORT IN MY 21610 JULY PARAGRAPH 4 REGARDING DUMMY FUNNEL IN HIMALAYA. THIS STRUCTURE IS A NEW FLAK POSITION.

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IT IS CONSIDERED PROBABLE THAT BLOCKADE RUNNING BY
SURFACE SHIPS BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE FAR EAST IN BOTH
DIRECTIONS WILL AGAIN BE ATTEMPTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

2. FOLLOWING ARE SHIPS LIKELY TO BE USED:
   (A) FROM FAR EAST EMRLAND BURGENLAND RIO GRANDE
       OSORNO ALSTERUFE AND POSSIBLY EUGENIE
       LIVANOS. TANKERS BRAKE, MAARONO, CHARLOTTE
       SCHLIEemann AND POSSIBLE WINNETOU.
(B) FROM FRANCE. HIMALAYA TANNENFELS DRESDEN FUSIJAMA KULMERLAND ELSA ESSBERGER PIETRO ORSEOLY YUNSTENLAND KERTOSONO.

3. ATTEMPTS TO DISGUISE SHIPS BY ALTERATIONS OF PRINCIPAL FEATURES ARE LIKELY. IN THE PAST MAJORITY OF BLOCKADE RUNNERS HAVE HAD TOPMASTS PAINTED WHITE.

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CINC HOME FLEET
CINC INDIA PACIFIC
CINC PORTLAND
NAVY OFFICE BOMBAY
CINC LEVANT NAVAL BOARD, WELSHINGTON
FOIC WEST AFRICA
FOIC BOMBAY
CINC PLYMOUTH
FOIC GIBRALTAR
COMINCH COMNAVEU

CANCEL PARAGRAPH THREE.

SHIP SIGHTED WAS ALLIED WARSHIP.

2. SOME SURVIVORS REPORT THAT RAIDER WHICH SANK HOECH SILVERDAWN WAS JAPANESE BUT DESCRIPTION SUGGEST RAIDER "HOW". BRUTAL TACTICS EMPLOYED ARE REMiniscent OF RUSKTESCHELL PREVIOUSLY IN COMMAND OF RAIDER "DOG" AND NOW OF RAIDER "HOW".

3. SAMUEL HEINTZELMANN OVER DUE AT COLOMBO SINCE 14TH JULY FROM FREMANTLE. POSSIBLY VICTIM OF SAME RAIDER.

4. INCREASED ACTIVITY OF POTENTIAL BLOCKADE RUNNERS IN
BISCAY PORTS HAS BEEN OBSERVED BY RECENT
RECONNAISSANCE. A LARGE DUMMY FUNNEL IS BEING RIGGED
ON NUMBER 4 HATCH IN HIMALAYA.

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THIS IS NAVINTEL RAIDER AND BLOCKADE RUNNER
SUMMARY NO. 4. HOEGH SILVERDAWN REPORTED SUNK
PROBABLY BY RAIDER H ON JUNE 15 AT APPROXIMATELY
25 SOUTH 90 EAST. REPORTS INDICATE GERMAN AND
ITALIAN BLOCKADE RUNNING SUBMARINES NOW LOAD-
ING AT FAR EASTERN PORTS. ALSO POSSIBLY OTHERS
LOADING AT EUROPEAN PORTS.

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ADMIRALTY MSG 19029 MAY. SS HOECH SILVERDAWN
REPORTED SUNK BY GERMAN RAIDER IN APPROXIMATELY Ø25
SOUTH Ø6° EAST 15TH JUNE. PROBABLY BY RAIDER H WHICH
WAS LAST REPORTED IN BATAVIA ON 15TH FEBRUARY.

(2) SS FERNCASTLE OVERDUE SINCE 21ST JULY AT ABADAN
FROM ESPERANCE (AUSTRALIA) COULD ALSO BE A VICTIM OF
THIS RAIDER ABOUT SAME TIME AND POSITION.

(3) QQ QQ FROM SS DANIEL BOONE INTERCEPTED AT 1521Z
30TH JUNE GIVES POSITION Ø30-16 SOUTH 100-10 EAST.
AS DANIEL BOONE LEFT FREMANTLE A.M. 29TH JUNE LONGITUDE
MORE PROBABLE 110 EAST. THIS SHIP MAY ALSO BE A VICTIM
OF SAME RAIDER.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM

ALUSNA STOCKHOLM

RELEASED BY

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NO INFO HERE YOUR 101623. INVESTIGATING.

RE: REQUEST DISPATCH ADVICE OF ANY INFORMATION RECEIVED REGARDING BLOCKADE RUNNERS COMPLETING HOMEWARD RUN VIA NORWEGIAN WATERS.

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NAVINTEL BLOCKADE RUNNER SUMMARY NUMBER 3.

OSORNO PROBABLY NOW APPROACHING SUNDA STRAIT.
ALTHOUGH IF RUNNER COULD HAVE REACHED JAPAN.
NO OTHER REPORTS.

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ADMIRALTY MESSAGE 271641B APRIL.

(1) NO FURTHER REPORT RAIDERS "H"
(2) GERMAN MERCHANT SHIP FIXED IN JAVA AREA BY D/F ON 13TH MAY IS POSSIBLY OSORNO WHICH COULD BY NOW HAVE REACHED FAR EAST.

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**Naval Message**

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**released by**: RAJM H.C. TRAIN  
**date**: 4 MAY 1943  
**tor corderoom**: 2114/3  
**decoded by**: UPTON/PRINGLE  
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TASK GROUP 41.4 WARBLEHEAD DAVIS DEPART BAHIA PRIOR 1200 P 5TH MAY FOR OCEAN PATROL PRIMARY MISSION SEARCH FOR AND CAPTURE OR DESTROY ENEMY RAIDERS AND BLOCKADE RUNNERS IN AREA BOUNDED BY 05-00 SOUTH AND 10-00 SOUTH LATITUDES AND 20-00 WEST AND 27-00 WEST LONGITUDES ARRIVE WESTERN LIMIT PATROL AREA BY 1200 P 7TH MAY RETURN TO RECIFE AT 0830 P 12TH MAY.

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MY 211547.

1. PRISONERS REPORT HAVING SEEN RAIDER "H" IN BATAVIA ON 15TH FEBRUARY.

2. NO FURTHER REPORTS OF BLOCKADE RUNNERS. OSORNY COULD NOW HAVE REACHED LONGITUDE OF CAPE IGULHAS OR CAPE HORN.

ALSTERUFE IS PROBABLY IN SOUTH ATLANTIC.

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PRISONERS OF WAR DURING INTERROGATION REPORTS THAT RECENGBURG WHEN PASSING THROUGH SUNDA STRAITS WAS DAMAGED BY EXPLOSION AT 1300 OCT. 12 1942. 1 MAN SAW 2 TORPEDO TRACKS. IF THIS WAS US SUBMARINE ATTACK WOULD LIKE TO HAVE DETAILS FOR RECENSBURG REPORT.

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THIS WIRE TAKES UP THE QUESTION OF BLOCKADE RUNNING TO THE FAR EAST AND ALSO ORDERS PLACED IN THE EUROPEAN AXIS MARKET BY JAPAN. IT IS IN PARTICULAR REFERENCE AND A FURTHER ELABORATION TO THE EMBASSY'S WIRE OF APRIL 8TH ON THIS SUBJECT. WE WILL TAKE UP FIRST THE MATTER OF JAPANESE ORDERS IN THE EUROPEAN AXIS MARKET.

SINCE JAPANESE REQUIREMENTS ARE SO DIVERSE, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE A QUANTITATIVE ESTIMATE OF HER LOSSES. HOWEVER, IF ANY OTHER VESSELS LEAVE AND ARE SUNK OR IF ANY OF THE VESSELS WHICH ARE NOW EN ROUTE ARE SUNK, JAPAN'S FUTURE WAR POTENTIAL WILL BE EVEN MORE SERIOUSLY AFFECTED THAN GERMANY HAS BEEN AFFECTED BY HER LOSSES IN GETTING MATERIAL FROM THE FAR EAST.

IN DISCUSSING THE TRADE DEVELOPMENTS IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE WHAT HAS RECENTLY OCCURRED IN THIS FIELD.

(PAGE 1 OF 8 PAGES)
INDOCHINA AND SIAM, ACCORDING TO THE EVIDENCE WE HAVE AT HAND, ARE TRYING TO TRADE WITH EUROPE. HAMBURG HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL INQUIRIES FROM SIAMESE FIRMS FOR LARGE QUANTITIES OF DRUGS. AT THE SAME TIME HAMBURG HAS ALSO RECEIVED ORDER RENEWALS FROM THESE COUNTRIES IF THE ORDERS ARE NOT ALREADY EN ROUTE. INQUIRIES FOR CASTOR OIL, PEPPER, AND KAPOK ARE BEING RECEIVED IN INDOCHINA FROM FRENCH FIRMS, WE NOTE THAT THERE HAVE BEEN CANCELLATIONS OR DEFERMENTS OF CREDITS OPENED FOR PAYMENTS OF GOODS FOR GERMAN ACCOUNT, WHICH GOODS HAVE BEEN PURCHASED IN THE FAR EAST. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THESE CANCELLATIONS MAY BE DUE TO SEVERAL CAUSES, ONE OF WHICH IS THAT THE JAPANESE ARE NOT YET READY TO ARRANGE SUCH LARGE TRANSFERS OF CURRENCY OR POSSIBLY THE CANCELLATIONS ARE DUE FROM THE LACK OF OPPORTUNITY OF SHIPMENT TO EUROPE.

WE HAVE NOTED THE FOLLOWING JAPANESE PAYMENTS FOR GOODS PURCHASED IN GERMANY: (A) 7,000 GROSCHEN AND:

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115,735 REICHSMARKS. (2) AN ITEM FOR THE ACCOUNT OF LEYBOLD SHOKWAN, TOKYO, CONSISTING OF 6 ENDLESS COPPER BANDS COSTING 52,000 REICHSMARKS. THIS SHIPMENT IS TO BE DELIVERED IN GERMANY IN MARCH DURING THE SECOND WEEK OF THAT MONTH. (3) 2 SETS OF UNSPECIFIED MACHINERY COSTING 191,775 REICHSMARKS. THE JAPANESE NAVAL ATTACHE IN HAMBURG HAS BEEN HANDED THE WAREHOUSE RECEIPTS FOR THIS ITEM. (4) FOR THE ACCOUNT OF MITSUI, 3 VERTICAL MILLERS, STEEL BALLS AND 1 LOOM PROJECTOR. (5) AN ITEM OF 12 SETS OF MACHINES WHICH ARE PROBABLY DESTINED FOR SANYO, TOKYO, FROM KRAUSE AND ARE PRESUMABLY MACHINE TOOLS. (6) FOR THE ACCOUNT OF DALACAMP, KOBE, 2,264,500 STEEL BALLS FOR BEARINGS. (7) FOR THE ACCOUNT OF CARL ZEISS, TOKYO, 6 DARK SLIDES. THIS ITEM IS FOR DELIVERY BY MARCH 28TH IN GERMANY. FIRE HAS DESTROYED A CASE OF BOSCH GOODS IN JAPAN AND THEY HAVE REQUESTED IMMEDIATE DELIVERY OF REPLACEMENTS. THERE IS
A GREAT DEAL OF INTEREST IN THE JAPANESE NAVY AND ARMY IN THE APPROXIMATE DELIVERY DATES, FACTORY FOR NEW ORDERS FROM BOSCH IN STUTTGART.

THERE HAVE BEEN RECENTLY COMPLETED A NUMBER OF MACHINE TOOLS AND THE JAPANESE HAVE RECEIVED THEM. MITSUBISHI, DURING THE MIDDLE OF MARCH, PAID 250,000 REICHSMARKS FOR 6 ORDERS OF MACHINE TOOLS AND BECAUSE NO REICHSMARKS ACCOUNT HAD BEEN OPENED FOR THESE PARTICULAR ORDERS AND THEY WANTED TO GET THE GOODS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE THE MONEY WAS BORROWED FROM THE NAVY. OF THESE 250,000 REICHSMARKS ABOUT 30,000 REICHSMARKS WERE FOR 4 GRINDERS AND THEREFORE THE TOTAL MAY PERHAPS REPRESENT SOME 26 MACHINES IN AS MUCH AS THIS ORDER FOR 4 GRINDERS WAS THE SMALLEST ORDER FROM THE POINT OF VALUE. THEY ARE NOW FINISHING FURTHER ORDERS. TYPICAL OF MANY OF THESE TRANSACTIONS IS ONE ORDER FOR 4 GRINDERS. IN MAY 1941, THE ORIGINAL INQUIRY WAS MADE. THEY PLACED THE ORDER AND
THE FINISHED MACHINES WERE PROMISED FOR DELIVERY DURING THE MONTHS OF FEBRUARY/MARCH, 1943. ON MARCH 10TH THESE MACHINES WERE REPORTED TO BE READY DESPITE VARIOUS DIFFICULTIES. THIS MAKES IT SEEM LIKELY THAT THERE WERE NO DELAYS IN HAVING THE SCHEDULE CARRIED OUT. THIS PARTICULAR ORDER IS IN ADDITION TO THE ORDER MENTIONED ABOVE FOR 20 MACHINES. ABOUT 40 MACHINE TOOLS HAVE BEEN PAID FOR DURING THE LATTER PART OF MARCH, INCLUDING THE MACHINE TOOLS MENTIONED IN THE ABOVE PARAGRAPH. DURING THE MONTHS OF MARCH, APRIL, MAY, JUNE AND JULY, IT WAS REPORTED THAT FURTHER ORDERS ARE DUE FOR COMPLETION. MUKDEN INQUIRES WHETHER OR NOT IT IS POSSIBLE IN A SHORT PERIOD TO DELIVER MACHINE TOOLS. THIS DEMAND IS MADE BECAUSE OF ITS URGENCY.

REFERRING TO GERMANY'S RECEIPTS FROM THE FAR EAST VIA BLOCKADE RUNNERS AND WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE 2 BLOCKADE RUNNERS WHICH IT IS REPORTED SUCCESSFULLY BROKE OUT
OF THE BAY OF BISCAY, WE CAN REPORT THAT ON APRIL 13TH THE PORTLAND WAS INTERCEPTED AND SUNK WHILE THE OSORNO IS STILL AT LARGE AND TRAVELING TO THE FAR EAST.

WE HAVE LEARNED SINCE WE SENT YOU THE WIRE ON APRIL 8 THAT THE DOGGERBANK APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN SUNK MARCH 3RD BY AN ENEMY SUBMARINE IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC. THIS BOAT WAS INWARD BOUND FROM THE FAR EAST. THERE WAS SPACE ON BOARD THE DOGGERBANK FOR A 1,000 TONS OF VEGETABLE OIL AS WELL AS 5,000 LONG TONS OF BALE AND CASE GOODS. HIS MAJESTY'S FORCES INTERCEPTED AND SANK THE INWARD BOUND SILVAPLANA OFF THE BISCAY AREA ON APRIL 10TH.

AT THE MOMENT IT IS THE CONSENSUS OF BELIEF HERE THAT 4 MORE TANKERS MAY POSSIBLY BE EN ROUTE FROM THE FAR EAST AS WELL AS UP TO 4 MORE MERCHANT VESSELS.

IT IS POSSIBLE TO SUMMARIZE THE RESULTS SINCE FEBRUARY 25TH UP TO THE PRESENT MOMENT AS FOLLOWS: OUT OF 9

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ATTENDED VOYAGES 1 BOAT IS STILL GOING OUT TO THE FAR EAST, 1 BOAT ARRIVED SAFELY IN BISCAY, 1 WAS DAMAGED AND 6 WERE SUNK.

IT IS NOW POSSIBLE TO GIVE AN ESTIMATE IN TERMS OF CARGOES ACTUALLY LANDED AND LOST CARGOES AND TO ALSO SUM UP THE PROBABLY RESULTS FOR THE YEAR JUNE 1942 TO JUNE 1943 OF GERMANY'S BLOCKADE RUNNING EFFORTS. THIS ESTIMATE CAN BE GIVEN DESPITE THE FACT THAT CARGO REPORTS OF THE DODGERSBANK AND THE REGensburg HAVE NOT YET BEEN REPORTED TO US. GERMANY HOPED TO IMPORT DURING THIS PERIOD FROM THE FAR EAST, ACCORDING TO AN ESTIMATE OF Maw, 60,000 TONS OF RUBBER, THIS FIGURE COMPARES WITH A FIGURE OF 40,000 TONS WHICH IS THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENT FOR WHICH BUNA CANNOT BE SATISFACTORYLY SUBSTITUTED. POSSIBLY AS MUCH AS 17,000 TONS OF RUBBER MAY HAVE BEEN CARRIED IN THE 4 BLOCKADE RUNNERS WHICH REACHED EUROPE DURING THIS TIME.
POSSIBLY 28,000 TONS MAY HAVE BEEN LOST IN THE 6 BOATS WHICH HAVE BEEN SUNK. BEYOND THIS, THE AMOUNT OF QUININE, TIN AND TUNGSTEN WHICH WAS LOST AT SEA IS PROBABLY MUCH GREATER THAN THE AMOUNT OF THOSE COMMODITIES LANDED. IF ANY OF THE VESSELS WHICH ARE NOW EN ROUTE SUCCEED IN GETTING THROUGH THE BLOCKADE, THIS ESTIMATE WILL OF NECESSITY HAVE TO BE REVISED.

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BLOCKADE RUNNER SUMMARIES PREVIOUSLY ISSUED BY COMINCH WILL NOW BE ISSUED FORTNIGHTLY BY NAVAL INTELLIGENCE.

THIS IS NAVINTEL BLOCKADE SUMMARY 1. RAIDER E. UCKERMARK (EX ALTMARK) AND NANKIN BELIEVED SUNK IN YOKOHAMA EXPLOSIONS OF NOVEMBER 30 1942. INBOUND DOGGERBANK (EX SPEYBANK) REPORTED SUNK NEAR 31 N 37 W MARCH 3 PROBABLY BY ENEMY SUB. INBOUND PIETRO ORSEolo AND 2 OR 3 OF 4 ESCORTING DESTROYERS TORPEDOED 44-37N 02-18W APRIL 1 BY US SUB. ALL ARRIVED BORDEAUX BUT SHIP WAS BADLY DAMAGED. INBOUND SILVAPLANA SUNK 43-18N 14-30W APRIL 10 BY HMS. OUTBOUND PORTLAND SUNK APRIL 13 BY FRENCH CRUISER AT 06-12N 21-45W. OUTBOUND OSORNO POSSIBLY NOW IN VICINITY OF 038 20W. OUTBOUND HIMALAYA RETURNED APRIL 2 TO LA PALLICE. OUTBOUND ALSTERUFER MAY BE SUPPLY SHIP OR BLOCKADE RUNNER. IF LATTER MAY NOW BE IN VICINITY OF 458 20E. SHIP IS 2739 TONS GROSS 16 KNOTS.

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WITH RATED BOW CRUISER Stern Flush Deck Raised
FORECASTLE TWO DECK PASSENGER TYPE CENTER HOUSE SMALL
SUPERSTRUCTURE ON POOP MAST FUNNEL MAST SEQUENCE,
TYPICAL BANANA BOAT, ARMED WITH 4 INCH AND SEVERAL
20 MM. INBOUND ERMLAND LEFT SUNDA STRAIT FEBRUARY 7.
BURGENLAND REPORTED LOADING RUBBER AT SAIGON DECEMBER
27. OTHERS INBOUND MAY BE HAVELLAND, EUGENIE LIVANOS,
AND TANKERS MADRONE, BRAKE, CHARLOTTE SCHLIEFFMANN AND
WINNETOU.
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A REPORT GRADE B-1 HAS BEEN RECEIVED THAT PIETRO ORSECOLO ARRIVED IN BORDEAUX ON 2ND APRIL 1943 FROM FAR EAST CARRYING 4,000 TONS RUBBER. SHE HAD BEEN DAMAGED IN 2 PLACES FORWARD BY TORPEDOES.

COMMENT. THIS IS CONSIDERED TO BE THE SHIP ATTACKED BY US SUBMARINE SHAD ON 1ST APRIL. ADMTY MSG. 131215B PARAGRAPH 3 REFERS.

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1. DIARY OF SURVIVOR FROM REGENSBURG WHO PREVIOUSLY SERVED IN UCKERMARK SHOWS THAT

   (A) RAIDER E AND UCKERMARK AND EX-BRITISH SANKIN WERE PROBABLY SUNK ON 30TH NOVEMBER 1942, IN YOKOHAMA HARBOUR BY EXPLOSION AND RESULTING FIRES.

   (B) REGENSBURG AND ERNLAND LEFT BATAVIA ON 6TH FEBRUARY PROCEEDING THROUGH THE SUND STRAIT IN COMPANY.

2. SILVA PLANA FROM THE FAR EAST INTERCEPTED AND SUNK BY H.M. SHIP AT 1730/18TH APRIL IN 43-16N 14-30W.

3. PIETRO ORSEOLO AND 4 DESTROYERS SIGHTED BY AIRCRAFT AT 1100A/31ST MARCH OFF COAST OF SPAIN WERE ATTACKED BY U.S. SUBMARINE AT 0345A/18TH APRIL IN 44-37N 02-18W.

PIETRO ORSEOLO APPARENTLY DAMAGED AS BALEs OF RUBBER SINCE WASHED ASHORE ON SPANISH COAST. PIETRO ORSEOLO AND THE

...
DESTROYERS SINCE PHOTOGRAPHED AT BORDEAUX.

4. HIMALAYA WITH 3 DESTROYERS LEFT LA PALlice DURING NIGHT 8TH/9TH APRIL. AFTER BEING SIGHTED BY AIRCRAFT THEY RETURNED TO THE GIRONDE.

5. PORTLAND WHICH LEFT BORDEAUX PROBABLY DURING NIGHT 28TH/29TH MARCH WAS INTERCEPTED AND SUNK BY FRENCH SHIP GEORGES LEYGUES AT 1429/13TH APRIL IN 46-12N 21-45W.

6. OSORNO AND ALSTERUFTER WHICH LEFT BORDEAUX ABOUT SAME TIME AS PORTLAND COULD BY NOW HAVE REACHED FREETOWN. RECIFE NARROWS. OSORNO PROBABLY ON PASSAGE TO FAR EAST.

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OF POTENTIAL BLOCKADE RUNNERS IN FAR EAST OR ON
PASSAGE TO EUROPE THE FOLLOWING ARE AT PRESENT UNACCOUNTED
FOR AND COULD BE ON PASSAGE TO GERMAN PORTS.

MERCHANDISE SHIPS ERLAND, BURGENLAND, RIO GRANDE
AND POSSIBLY HAVELAND AND EUGENIE LIVANOS.

TANKERS: MADRANO, PORTBLAIR, CHARLOTTE,
SCHLIEMANN, WINNETOU.

2. THE FOLLOWING REPORTS REGARDING THESE SHIPS
HAVE BEEN OBTAINED FROM PRISONERS FROM SHIPS RECENTLY
SUNK. (A) ERLAND WAS IN THE SUNDA STRAIT ON 7TH FEBRUARY
ON PASSAGE TO EUROPE. (B) MADRANO LEFT YOKOHAMA ABOUT
17TH JANUARY DESTINATION UNKNOWN. (C) BURGENLAND WAS AT
SAIGON ON 27TH DECEMBER 1942 PROBABLY LOADING RUBBER.

3. PORTLAND AND OSORNO ARE AT PRESENT PROBABLY

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ON PASSAGE TO FAR EAST. IN ADDITION ALSTERUFE IS EITHER BLOCKADE RUNNING OR ACTING AS SUPPLY SHIP.

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**TEXT**

Blockade runner Himalaya escorted by 3 destroyers attempted to leave Bay of Biscay 9th. Now believed to have turned back. Last position 45-57 north 05-02 west course 09° speed 10 knots at 2005 10th.

British aircraft estimates one bomb hit at 2345. HMS Adventure moving to intercept Himalaya met with ex-Norwegian Hoegh Silver Star (SILPAPLANA) inbound at 43-18 north 14-26 west which scuttled itself and sank at 1802 10th. 146 survivors.

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Probably a planned diversion as described in report by Admiral Ensigner.

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CAFAC 191817. FRITZ DUERT, GERMAN MERCHANT MARINE
PIECED UP IN BOAT BY SPANISH CAMPOAMOR POSITION
APPROXIMATELY 15-31 N 51-21 W. STATED HE SERVED IN
FOLLOWING VESSELS: FREIENFELS, 10,000 TONS; REICHENFELS,
10,000 TONS; SABONE 3,500 TONS; CHARLOTTT SCHLIEI\NAN,
10,000 TONS AND DOGERBANK, A BLOCKADE RUNNER. DURING
THE TIME ON THESE SHIPS HE SPENT TIME IN THE MED-
TERRANEAN, INDIAN, ANTARCTIC AND PACIFIC OCEANS;
VISITED ITALY, TRIPOLI, RENGHO\CK, YOKOHAMA, BATAVIA,
SINGAPORE, SAIGON AND GREECE. DOGERBANK TORPEDOED MID-
ATLANTIC ON MARCH 3, 1943 WHILE RETURNING TO BORDEAUX
FROM BATIVIA. REPORT FORWARDED TO ONI. CONSIDER RE-
PORT TOO LONG AND TOO MUCH IN DETAIL TO GIVE VALUABLE
SUMMARY.
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Mid-Atlantic, no US naval forces now.

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FRITZ KUERT, ALLEGED GERMAN SURVIVOR OF TORPEDOED BLOCKADE RUNNER "DODGER BANK," PICKED UP BY TANKER "COMMOANOR," 13-31 NORTH 31-21 WEST, MARCH 29. SUBJECT IN CUSTODY DUTCH AUTHORITIES ARUBA. CO AMERICAN NAVAL FORCE, ARUBA HAS QUESTIONED SURVIVOR AND IS SUBMITTING BULL REPORT BY MAIL.
NAVAL MESSAGE

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ADDRESSES

DIRECT MAIL: AIG 13 CINC PLYMOUTH CINCWA FOS FOIC GIBRALTAR FOCWAF BAD COMINCH COMSAVEU

TO ACTION

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NCR 1420

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PART 1: Ø718188 NCR 1412. PART 2: Ø718228 NCR 1420.

(AIG 13, CINC PLYMOUTH, CINCWA FOS, FOIC GIBRALTAR, FOCWAF, BAD, COMINCH, COMSAVEU FROM ADMIRALTY)

1. NO FURTHER REPORTS OF RAIDERS. A.M. 311903A MARCH.

2. HIMALAYA HAD RETURNED TO LA PALICE BY 2ND APRIL. PORTLAND OBSERVED AND A VESSEL PROBABLY ALSTERUFER APPEAR TO HAVE LEFT BISCAY PORTS BETWEEN 20TH MARCH AND 4TH APRIL. ALL PROBABLY SANK DURING NIGHT 28TH/29TH MARCH. ALSTERUFER MAY BE USED AS A SUPPLY SHIP.

3. A GERMAN SEAMAN PICKED UP ON 29TH MARCH IN 16 DEGS NORT 51 DEGS WEST CLAIMS TO BE SURVIVOR OF GERMAN DOGGER BANK (EX SPEYBANK) SUNK ON 3RD MARCH IN ABOUT 31 DEGS NORTH 37 DEGS WEST BY UNIDENTIFIED SUBMARINE.

COMMENT. DOGGER BANK LAST REPORTED IN FAR EAST. ATTACK PRESUMABLY BY AXIS U-BOAT.

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**TEXT**

BRITISH REPORT PHOTOS SHOW RUNNER HIMALAYA RETURNED TO LA PALICE BY 2 APRIL.

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/74

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AIG #1 573 A BAD WASHN. 554 COMINCH CINC U.S. FLEET IN EUROPEAN WATERS, A.O. CINC C.C. FROM ADMTY.

MIMALAYA AND PROBABLY 2 OTHER SHIPS LEFT FRENCH BAY OF BISCAY PORTS DURING NIGHT OF 28TH/29TH MARCH.

SHIPS WHICH ARE PROBABLY ON PASSAGE TO THE FAR EAST ARE LIKELY TO PROCEED INDEPENDENTLY AT SPEED BETWEEN 11 AND 15 KNOTS. THE UNIDENTIFIED SHIPS MAY BE PORTLAND AND OSORNO(2) SURVIVORS FROM KOTA NOPAN SUNK ON 10TH MARCH IN øØ7 SOUTH ø21 WEST STATE THAT BURGENLAND, AN ITALIAN SHIP PROBABLY PIETRO ORSELO AND WESERLAND (EXERMLAND) SAILED FROM SINGAPORE WITHIN A WEEK OF KOTA NOPAN.

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**COMMENT: 1 OF THESE SHIPS MAY HAVE BEEN THE VESSEL WHICH WAS SIGHTED INWARD BOUND OFF SPANISH COAST ON 31ST MARCH.**

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|               |                  |                                     | DEFERRED   |
| DATE          | 31 March 1943    |                                     |            |
| TOR CODEROOM  | 1230             |                                     |            |
| DECODED BY    | /Mulligan        |                                     |            |
| PARAPHRASED BY|                  |                                     |            |

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**1903/31**

**NCR 10305**

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**TEXT**

**ACTION**

1. My 1909/16 March. No further reports of raiders.


3. Himalaya and probably 2 other blockade runners appear to have left French ports during the night 28th/29th March. Last reported positions are as follows- Himalaya in 44-13 North 11-17 West at 1220/36 March. Vessel "B" in 44-15 North 11-25 West at 1910/36 March. 4 destroyers in 44-08 North 13-15 West at 1123/36 March. 5 destroyers may have had vessel "C" in company. Vessels B and C may have been Portland and Osorno.

4. A ship probably homeward blockade runner was sighted at 1145/31 March in Biscay proceeding towards the French coast.

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COMINCH RAIDER AND BLOCKADE RUNNER SUMMARY NUMBER 15.

GERMAN RUNNER REGENSBURG HOMEBOUND FROM RANGOON SCUTTLED HERSELF 30 MARCH IN 66-41N 25-31W WHEN SIGHTED BY BRITISH CRUISER ON PATROL. GERMAN HOMEBOUND RUNNER KOTA NOPAN EXPLODED AND SANK 10 MARCH IN 0708S 21-30W WHEN INTERCEPTED BY US PATROL. FURTHER HOMEBOUND RUNNERS BELIEVED AT SEA LOCATIONS UNKNOWN. NO INFORMATION OF ANY DEPARTURES RECENTLY FROM BISCAY OUTBOUND.

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INWARD BOUND blockade runner intercepted by HMS GLASGOW in Denmark Strait early this date. Enemy scuttled.

B2 report states German blockade runners HIMALAYA, OSORNO and PORTLAND may have sailed BORDEAUX late 25 or dawn 26 March for Japan escorted by 3 destroyers 7 TB and possibly 1 submarine. At 1650/29 aircraft reported sighting one merchant vessel escorted by 5 destroyers or torpedo boats in 45-50 north 06-30 west course 255. Again sighted by aircraft 1000/30 in 13 west on same course. Will report developments.

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FROM: Nob Iceland
RELEASED BY: 
DATE: 30 March 43
TOR CODEROOM: 1325
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PARAPHRASED BY: Monroe
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FOR ACTION: OP
INFORMATION: OP
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MOTOR SHIP REGENSBURG GERMAN BLOCKADE RUNNER Rangoon to Germany scuttled herself at 06257/30 in 66-41 North 25-31 West on being sighted by HMS Glasgow on Denmark Strait patrol. 1 Officer and 5 men survived.

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PRISONERS IN SAVANNAH BELIEVED EXCELLENT SOURCE OF INFORMATION DUE TO EXPERIENCE ABOARD BLOCKADE RUNNERS AND CONVERSATIONS OVERHEARD RELATIVE TO GERMAN SUBMARINES BLOCKADE RUNNERS AND CERTAIN TBS CODE WORDS. REFER COM 4 FLEET 171531. ESPECIAL CARE HAS BEEN TAKEN FROM THE START TO SEGREGATE PRISONERS AND HOLD THEM INCOMMUNICADO.

16...ACT

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM  ADMIRALTY
RELEASED BY
DATE MARCH 17, 1943
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TEXT

NO FURTHER REPORTS OF RAIDERS.
2. BLOCKADE RUNNER KOTA PAN FROM FAR EAST INTERCEPTED AND SUNK BY US FORCES AT 1700/10 MARCH IN 7 DEGS SOUTH 21 DEGS WEST.
3. FURTHER HOMEWARD BOUND BLOCKADE RUNNERS ARE TO BE EXPECTED
4. UNIDENTIFIED VESSEL SIGHTED IN 05-35S 11-48W AT 0545/11 MARCH COURSE NORTHWEST. NO ALLIED OR NEUTRAL SHIP BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN IN VICINITY.

* ALL BRITISH ADDRESSES.

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TEXT

7 SOUTH 21 WEST 1727Z 16TH KOTA NOPAN INBOUND RUNNER SANK AFTER EXPLOSION WITH 8 MEN EBERLE BOARDING PARTY LOST. 72 PRISONERS SOKO NAVY IN SAVANNAH.

\*PASSED FOR INFO BY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF CONSOLANT FOR TO COMINCH, CONSOLANT AND CINCLANT.

THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN SERVICED.

This ship was probably the Kota Pining, a sister ship of the Kota Nopan. The last named ship has already been sunk but the Kota Pining has tried to masquerade as the Kota Nopan before. These ships act as supply ships.
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(ACTION OPNAV. SANTIAGO PASS TO VALPO.)

GENERAL ALARM MARCH 13 FROM HILL NAVY FOR POSSIBLE RAIDER ATTACK ON TOCOPILLA BELIEVED RESULT ACTION VESSEL ELMER SPERRA. ON MARCH 11 WHILE APPROACHING ANTO FAGASTA ARMED GUARD MEMBER SIGHTED OBJECT OFF STARBOARD BOW AT 0407Q HAVING APPEARANCE CONING TOWER AND IN ABSENCE INSTRUCTIONS TO CONTRARY OPENED FIRE WITH 20MM EXPENDING 60 ROUNDS BEFORE OBJECT DISAPPEARED. APPROXIMATE POSITION 24-30 N RESULTS OF ACTION UNKNOWN.

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16. 20G. F31. OHO. 20P. FILE

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FROM CC: SEPACF OR (INDEF CALL)

PRESENTATION

RDO BALBOA
PASS TO
RDO WASH

OPNAV

COMINCH

PRECEDENCE

OP ROUTE
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TOR CODE OR ROOM 959

DECODER BY ROTH

PARAPHRASED BY BURGAN

DATE 3-15-43

HILL 1419 3/ NCR 2837

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REFERENCE ALUSNA SANTIAGO 140545.

CLARK ARRIVES TO COMMENCE SEARCH VICINITY SOS

233Z/14TH. TREN TON WILL SCOUT WITH PLANES COMMENCING

DAYLIGHT 15TH FROM POSIT LAT 32-30 S LONG 78-30 WEST.

WARRINGTON NOW PATROLLING SOUTHERN SECTOR AR LA A. IF

NO FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS WILL DIRECT HER TO RETIRE AT

3800Z/16TH TOWARDS TALARA TO BE OFF PORT DAYLIGHT

17TH.

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ROONEY 140505 NCR 2228

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ACTION

(info lima comsepacfor valpo opnav)

CHILEAN NAVY SUSPECTS RAIDER ATTACK
AFGASTA OR TOCOPILLA POSTION SUSPECTED
RAIDER NOON Z 13TH REPORTED BY WEST 30
SOUTH ALUSLOS CONCERNED INFORMED

16...ACTION
10/11...COM...INCH...29G...F37...NAVAIDE...13...
17...2800...
COM GENERAL ST. HELENA REPORTS UNIDENTIFIED SHIP PASSED 35000 YARDS NORTH EAST OF ISLAND HEADING SOUTHEAST 1200 TO 1330 MARCH 11TH ESTIMATE 6 TO 7 THOUSAND TONS SPEED 14 KTS CRUISER Stern Flush Deck Raked Bow 2 MASTS 1 FUNNEL LARGE BRIDGE STRUCTURE GUN MOUNT AFT REPORT ENDS DESCRIPTION RESEMBLES OSORNO GERMAN FLAG
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(HMS CARNARVON CASTLE, HMS CILICIA. INFO: ADMIRALTY, CINC SA, CONSOLANT. FROM: FOC WAF)

**CONFIDENTIAL**

Search for possible blockade runner.

1. HMS CILICIA PROCEED TO ARRIVE POSITION 02-10 SOUTH 013-34 WEST AT 0500Z 12TH AND SEARCH TO WESTWARD ESTIMATING SPEED OF ADVANCE OF UNIDENTIFIED SHIP AS 12 KNOTS.

2. HMS CARNARVON CASTLE SEARCH WESTWARD TO ARRIVE POSITION EQUATOR 016-00 WEST AT 2000Z 12TH ESTIMATING SPEED OF ADVANCE OF UNIDENTIFIED SHIP AS 11 KNOTS.

3. SEARCH BY AIRCRAFT WILL BE CARRIED DURING DAYLIGHT IN THIS AREA. SIGHTING REPORT WILL BE TRANSMITTED ON 88976 KC8 IN ROYAL AIR FORCE SYKO REFERENCE DATA EQUATOR 016 WEST.

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FOCWAF  

RELEASED BY  

DATE  11 MARCH 43  

FOR CODEROOM  1845  

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PARAPHRASED BY  

ESTERLY  

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KNIGHT  16052/11  

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CILICIA REPORTS UNIDENTIFIED SHIP IN Ø5-35 SOUTH 11-48 WEST AT Ø445/11. REQUEST CHECK FROM SHIPPING PLOT THAT NO UNITED NATIONS OR NEUTRAL SHIP SHOULD BE IN THIS VICINITY.

TOO 16052/11  

ACT: COMINCH...

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**TEXT**

NOIC ASCENSION FOR US AUTHORITY, INFO CONSOLANT 227, ADMTY 868, HMS CILICIA, HMS CARNARVON CASTLE, FROM FO WEST AFRICA.

UNIDENTIFIED SHIP IN POSITION $\phi$5-35 SOUTH, $\phi$11-48 WEST AT $\phi$4-45Z/11. BEARING NORTH WEST. SPEED UNKNOWN.

REQUEST AIR SEARCH AND CONFIRM THIS CAN BE CARRIED OUT. HMS CILICIA SEARCHING IN AREA.

210 miles N.E. Ascension Islands possible blockade runner.

ACT: COMINCH...

1/11...16..F37...39...2G...BADO...FILE

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OSD Letter, 5-3-72

JUN 4 1974

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NLR 101

By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
From: The Director of Naval Intelligence.
To: The NavalAide to the President.

SUBJECT: Blockade Runners.

1. During the past four months, United Nations forces accounted for six Axis blockade runners on the dates given:

- **ANNELIESSE ESSBERGER**
  - November 21, 1942
- **RAMSES**
  - November 28, 1942
- **CORTELLAZZO**
  - December 1, 1942
- **GERMANIA**
  - December 15, 1942
- **RHAKOTIS**
  - January 1, 1943
- **HERBOG**
  - February 26, 1943

2. In addition to these ships, which were destroyed by scuttling and gunfire, Allied patrols damaged the following blockade runners, which were forced to put back to port for repairs:

- **REGENSBURG** - torpedoed in Sunda Strait, put back to Singapore, now believed repaired.
- **SPICHERN** - put into Ferrol after air attack, being repaired in Brest.
- **TANNENFELS, DRESDEN, ELSA ESSBERGER** - damaged by air attack, undergoing repairs in Biscay ports.

3. During the above period, between eleven and thirteen ships are estimated to have run the United Nations' blockade. The breakdown is as follows:

(a) From Biscay ports to Japan - **ERMLAND** and **KOTA NOPAN** (departures confirmed).
(b) From Japan to Biscay Ports - **DRESDEN** and **KULMERLAND** (arrivals confirmed) plus between seven and nine other blockade runners yet unconfirmed. Cargoes of latter are reported, via Bern, to include six month's supply of rubber.
4. As a matter of interest, between 30 and 32 blockade runners are known to have made one or more trips between Japanese Ports and German Europe since the United States entry into the war. No blockade runners were destroyed during this period until the sinking of the ANNELIESE ESSBERGER on November 21, 1942.

5. The Office of Naval Intelligence Blockade Runner Summary for 1942 (Op-16-F-8 Serial 2-43) is enclosed for further information.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER

EXTENSION NUMBER

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FROM

SMITH-HUTTON

RELEASED BY

DATE

16 MARCH 1943

TOR CODEROOM

2336/9

DECODED BY

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COMINCH RAIDER AND BLOCKADE RUNNER SS MARY NUMBER 14. UNIDENTIFIED TANKER SIGHTED 3 FEB AT 36-18' S 58-40' E. COULD BE PROPBOUND RUNNER AND HAVE CROSSED EQUATOR IN ATLANTIC IN EARLY MARCH. CSCHNO PORTLAND AND HIMALAYA REPORTED AT BORDEAUX ARE PROBABLY READY TO DEPART FOR FAR EAST. INBOUND TANKER RUNNER EX NORG HERBORG WAS SIGHTED BY US PLANE AND SUNK BY HMS SUSSEX 26 FEB AT 41-45' N 25-58' W. NO FURTHER REPORTS OF RAIDER ACTIVITY.

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OSD Letter, 6-8-74

JUN 4 1974

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FOLLOWING IS A REPETITION OF 2ø28/5, PART 1 OF WHICH WAS TIMED 2ø29/5. BEGINS.

ADMIRALTY INFO NOIC ORAN, CINC LEVANT, FOISS, BAD ODRE, ALGIERS FROM CINC MED.

MY 1657/3° PARA 2 NOT TO ALL ADDRESSEES.

ENGAGEMENT WITH E-BOAT OFF BONE NIGHT 1-2 MARCH HAD SOME INTERESTING INTERSERVICE FEATURES.

2. E-BOATS WERE DETECTED BY BRITISH NAVAL MANNED TYPE 271 SET. ILLUMINATION PROVIDED BY AMERICAN MANNED COAST DEFENSE SEARCHLIGHTS. STARSHHELL FIRES FROM BRITISH ARMY MANNED 4 INCH NAVAL GUNS EX HMS ALARM WAS AVAILABLE BUT NOT REQUIRED AS SEARCHLIGHTS SUFFICIENT. FIRE CONDUCTED BY BRITISH ARMY MANNING 2 4.7 INCH NAVAL GUNS EX ITHURIEL WITH TURKISH RANGE DIAL

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVRECS.)
MARKING S/M DETECTION TO RANGE FROM NAVAL 271 SET.

3. ORGANIZATION WORK EFFICIENT. COUNTER ATTACKING MTB'S WERE DIRECTED FROM 271 SET ON NAVAL PLOT. HOPE SHORTLY TO HAVE TWO ADDITIONAL AMERICAN ARMY TYPE SCK 582 SETS FEEDING SAME PLOT. 2Ø28/5 ENDS.

* 1657/3 - PRESUMABLY 1656/3.

THREE COPIES TO 2Ø-G.
### Naval Message

#### From
CINCMED

#### Released By
9 March 43

#### Date
20/36/8

#### Tor Coderoom

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ESTERLY

#### Paraphrased By

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#### NCR 16534

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ADMIRALTY INFO NOIC ORAN, CINC LEVANT, FOISS, BAD, CIRE ALGIERS, FROM CINCMED.

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SETS FEEDING SAME PLOT.

COG: COMINCH

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At the time hereinafter stated Lt Johnson while on antishipping patrol an important blockade runner was located. Escorted by 3 U boats it was reported at 1450 hours on Feb 26. This is a paraphrase of message to Larson from Rothrock 2037 Anti Sub Wing nr US 362 dated 2 March. While at 1600 feet altitude contact was made at 0940 hours 22 miles 80 degrees Red. Contact sighted and reported as target at 0947 hours 10 degrees to port and 12 miles ahead. Immediately homing procedure commenced by Lt Johnson with Sussex, British Cruiser and violent evasive action was taken by enemy tanker estimated 500 to 600 overall. Homing reached PLE A/C set course for base at 1200 hours cruiser sank target later. Airborne at 1315 hours 26 Feb and landing at base 0302 hours 27 Feb Capt Lueke sighted Sussex which reported enemy tanker aforesaid had been sunk. Anti Submarine escort to cruiser by Capt Lueke until PLE. Lt Tomlinson took off 041027 Feb on antishipping patrol. Message received at base at 1732 hours "attack by E Q". No further news from this aircraft. Hudson aircraft departed on air sea rescue mission at 2230 hours. Pyrotechnics sighted from 2 separate points 2 miles apart. Parachute flares and flame floats were dropped. Lt Tomlinson presumed to have effected over water landing in this area Hudson crew did not sight dinghy or aircraft. At 0932 Feb 27 Sunderland sighted inverted dinghy in relatively same locality.

Action: OPD
Information: G-2, CG AAF
FOCWAF has for info.

TU 23.1.2 comprised of MILWAUKEE and WORKBARGE DEPART BAHIA PRIOR 1200P/28. CONDUCT OCAN PATROL PRIMARY MISSION TO SEARCH FOR AND CAPTURE OR DESTROY ENEMY RAIDERS AND BLOCKADE RUNNERS IN AREA BOUNDED BY EQUATOR AND 15° S LATITUDES AND 24° W AND 26° W LONGITUDES. IN PROCEEDING TO AREA REMAIN SOUTH OF 08° S UNTIL EAST OF 26° W.

RETURN TO PORT WILL BE DIRECTED AT A LATER DATE BY DESPATCH. MILWAUKEE NOTIFY BAHIA AS NECESSARY.

COMINCH...COG FILE.
*AUG 13 (CINCAF CINCEMED CINCEF SBNOWAT CINCSA NCXF ACNB NSHQ NAVY OFFICE BOMBAY) CINC PLYMOUTH CINCSA FOC GIBRALTAR FOC SUBMARINES SH A NO. 8 COMINCH COMNAVEU FROM ADMIRALTY.

REF ADMIRALTY MESSAGE 175A/16 FEB (1) NO FURTHER REPORT OF RAIDERS OR BLOCKADE RUNNERS BUT SAILINGS AND ARRIVALS OF BLOCKADE RUNNERS IN BAY OF BISCAY ANTICIPATES IN NEAR FUTURE.

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ZEBAL SUPPLEMENT COMINCH BLOCKADE RUNNER SUMMARY

NUMBER 13. RUNNER BELIEVED HERBORG DISGUISED AS
NORWEGIAN HERBRAND AT APPROX 42-30N 32-30W 23 FEB
AND MAY BE ESCORTED BY U BOATS PART WAY INTO BISCAY.

THIS RUNNER HAS 1 7 1/2 AND 4 2 CM GUNS. 8 RUNNERS
SCHEDULED TO CARRY WAR MATERIALS FROM BORDEAUX TO
JAPAN DURING FEB AND MARCH. RUNNER WESSELMANN WAS
SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE SAIGON ABOUT 18 FEB ENROUTE
GERMANY. ULTRA

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94

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URD\& 162145 ADMIRALTY STATES INTERROGATIONS WILL BE COMPLETED AND REPORTS READY FOR TRANSMITTAL BY AIR ABOUT 20 FEBRUARY. ECONOMIC WARFARE DIVISION LONDON EXPECTS HAVE ANALYSIS AND RECORD FAR EAST BLOCKADE RUNNERS READY FOR TRANSMITTAL BY AIR ON MARCH 1.

REFERENCE ANALYSE ESSBERGER INTERROGATION ADMIRALTY SUGGESTS MARKING ON CAPTURED CHARTS PARALLELLING SOUTH AMERICAN AND WEST AFRICAN COASTS ARE NOT ALTERNATE ROUTES BUT LIMITS WITH WHICH BLOCKADE RUNNERS PROCEED. RHAKOTIS ROUTE AS GIVEN IN ADMIRALTY MESSAGE 1859A/8 TO BAD CONSIDERED AVERAGE ROUTE. THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT BLOCKADE RUNNERS HOLD CLOSE TO SHOAL WATER IN FAR EAST TO AVOID UNITED STATES SUBMARINES. ALSO EVIDENCE THAT BLOCKADE RUNNERS USUALLY HAVE WHITE TOPMASTS.

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RE: ED Letter, 5-9-72
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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
(This is Ultra Hicom from CINCLANT)

Blockade runner former tanker HEBRONS last seen disguised as HERBRAND. Then had 1 7.5 also 4 20 MM guns and used CALL LSIG. Could now be between fifteen and thirty north and 30 and 45 west. Zeal.

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/1/44

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COMINCH REPTD COMNAVEU FROM ADMTY.

A REPORT (GRADED B Ø) HAS BEEN RECEIVED THAT RAIDER 23 (RAIDER 'JIG') WAS SUNK IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC ON 27 OCTOBER '42.

2. INTERCEPTED CORRESPONDENCE INDICATES THAT A SURVIVOR FROM RAIDER 23 HAD RETURNED TO GERMANY BY 9TH NOVEMBER '42. COMMENT. - CONFUSION OVER MONTH OF SINKING IS POSSIBLE AND CONFIRMATION HAS BEEN REQUESTED. THE ABOVE TENDS TO CONFIRM THAT RAIDER 'JIG' WAS SUNK BY SS STEPHEN HOPKINS ON 27 SEPTEMBER. DESCRIPTION OF SHIP IN COMPANY WITH RAIDER 'JIG' AT THAT TIME RESEMBLES TANNENFELS WHICH ARRIVED BORDEAUX BY 6 NOVEMBER.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94

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ULTRA FROM CINCLANT. ZEAL. COMSERVFOR GIVE FOR ACTION TO COMTASKFORCE 37 FOR ACTION ON HIS ARRIVAL.

ON YOUR OUTWARD AND RETURN VOYAGES BE ON THE ALERT FOR ENEMY RAIDERS AND BLOCKADE RUNNERS, ESPECIALLY WITHIN 500 MILES EITHER SIDE OF THE EASTERN BOUNDARY OF THE WESTERN ATLANTIC AREA. IT IS NOT BELIEVED THAT ENEMY RAIDERS SAIL IN PAIRS OR LARGER GROUPS.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM COMINCH
RELEASED BY SMITH-HUTTON
DATE 15 FEB 1943
TOR CODEROM 151515
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ULTRA COMINCH RAIDER AND BLOCKADE RUNNER SUMMARY NUMBER

13. U-BOATS HAVE CURRENTLY BEEN FORBIDDEN TO ATTACK
    SINGLE SHIPS 13-23 FEB BETWEEN 66-35N AND 35-00N SIMILARLY
    19 TO 30 FEB FROM 35-00N NORTHWARD AND EASTWARD. PRO-
    SUMABLY BISCAY BOUND BLOCKADE RUNNER8 WILL BE IN AREAS
    INDIcATED X ZEAL

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/3/94
### NAVAL MESSAGE

**DRAfter**: FOCWAF  
**RELEASED BY**:  
**DATE**: 15 FEB 1943  
**TOR CODEROOM**: 1954/1522  
**DECODED BY**: KELLEY/CLARK/MULLIGAN

**INFORMATION**: ADMIRALTY  
**ADDRESSSES**: NCXF CONSOLANTFOR, CINCNA COMINCH, CINCSA CINCLANT, FOCNA COMAR GUANT-HMS ANAMO, DESPATCH

**PARAPHRASED BY**:  
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ADMIRALTY INFO NCXF, CINCSA, CINCNA, FOCNA, HMS DESPATCH, CONSOLANTFOR, COMINCH, CINCLANT, COMAR-GUANTANAMO, FROM F. O. WEST AFRICA.

REFERENCE ADMIRALTY MESSAGE 1277/15 NOT TO ALL ADDRESSSES. BLOCKADE RUNNER PATROLS HMS DESPATCH FROM ST. VINCENT P. M. 18TH FEBRUARY TO (X) 19 NORTH 31 WEST TO (Z) 19 NORTH 37 WEST TO (J) 18 NORTH 23 WEST TO BATHURST 20 KNOTS.

FRENCH CRUISER CLOIRE FROM ARIVAL 1502Z/14 TO (G) 13 NORTH 33 WEST TO DAKAR 18 KNOTS.

FRENCH CRUISER GEORGES LEYGUES FROM BATHURST 1802Z/16 TO (A) 026-31 038-20 TO (B) 27-19 31 18 TO DAKAR 20 KNOTS. MY 15277/15 PART 2 FOLLOWS.

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- **HMS ALCANTARA** and **HMS WOODRUFF** from Recife 123°W 14th to (A) 75° South 3° West to (B) Equator 28° West to (C) 75° North 28° West to (D) 1° North 35° West thence Westward 12 and half knots.

- **USS CINCINNATI** and **USS JOUETT** from Bahia P.M. 16th to patrol area bound by positions (A) 78°-3° South 29-3° West (B) 1-0° North 28-0° West (C) 8-0° South 19-0° West (D) 9-3° South 2-3° West arrive Recife A.M. 28th.

- **USS MARBLEHEAD** and **USS DAVIS** patrolling 16th Feb. across scout line with origin 72° South 25° West bearing 225 degrees 12° miles. Limits operation 72° South and 15° South. Unit return Recife A.M. 21st.

- **USS MILWAUKEE** and **USS WINSLOW** from Recife P.M.
12TH TO PATROL AREA BOUND BY (A) 03 NORTH 3° WEST
(B) 07 NORTH 26 WEST (C) 04 SOUTH 15 WEST (D)
08 SOUTH 19 WEST ARRIVE RECIFE P.M. 24TH.
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MY 1941/2 FEBRUARY.

1. NO FURTHER REPORTS OF GERMAN OR JAPANESE RAIDERS.
2. BLOCKADE RUNNERS INCREASED W/T ACTIVITY BY GERMAN SHIPS IN CHINA SEA-DUTCH EAST INDIES AREA SUGGESTS THAT SOME SHIPS PREPARING TO SAIL FOR EUROPE.
3. EMPIRE MARCH OVERDUE AT BB & DATA SINCE 9/1/43 FROM JORDAN. CAUSE UNKNOWN.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM COMSOLANT
RELEASED BY
DATE FEBRUARY 7, 1943
TOR CODEROOM 1211/1202
DECODED BY STONE/STONE
PARAPHRASED BY

COMINCH: CINCLANT;
CTG 23.2
ALUSNOB BAHIA (PASSED BY USS MARBLEHEAD)

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TEXT ACTION

(MARBLEHEAD PASS TO ALUSNOB BAHIA FOR INFO),

TASK UNIT 23.1.4 CONSISTING OF MARBLEHEAD AND DAVIS DEPART BASE BAKER DURING DAYLIGHT 8 FEBRUARY. SEARCH FOR AND DESTROY ENEMY RAIDERS AND BLOCKADE RUNNERS ASSUMED TO BE ADVANCING AT SPEED LESS THAN 15 KNOTS ON NORTHWESTERLY OR SOUTHEASTERLY COURSES ACROSS A SCOUTING LINE WITH ORIGIN Ø2-ØØ 28-ØW BEARING 225 DISTANCE 12Ø. DURING DAYLIGHT 16 FEBRUARY CHANGE SCOUTING LINE ORIGIN TO POINT Ø2-ØØ 25-ØW WITH CORRESPONDING CHANGE OF SEARCH AREA. LIMIT AREA OF OPERATIONS BETWEEN Ø2-ØØ AND 15-ØØ. ARRIVE BASE FOX 113ØP/218T FEBRUARY.

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ØSD Letter, 5-8-72
JUN 4 1974
**TEXT**

FOR D.N.I.

LONDON OFFICE BUREAU ECONOMIC WARFARE REPORTS "BLOCKADE RUNNER GERMAN MV PORTLAND REPORTED TO HAVE LEFT BORDEAUX FOR FAR EAST. GROUND SOURCES BRITISH. OSORNO ALSO LOADED FOR TRIP MAY HAVE DEPARTED OR SOON WILL. AIR RECONNAISSANCE LAST 2 WEEKS UNPRODUCTIVE DUE BAD WEATHER BISCAY REGION. AMERICAN AND BRITISH ECONOMIC WARFARE OFFICERS AGREE AFTER STUDY ALL REPORTS EUROPEAN ARRIVALS NEXT FEW WEEKS FAR EAST BLOCKADE RUNNERS EXPECTED TO BE ON SCALE GREATER THAN EVER BEFORE."

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OSD Letter, 6-3-74
JUN 4 1974

**ACTION**...16

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ZEAL SUPPLEMENT COMINCH BLOCKADE RUNNER AND RAIDERS
SUMMARY NUMBER 12. UNIDENTIFIED RUNNER CARRYING WOLF-RAM SCHEDULED TO DEPART JAPAN MID MARCH FOR GERMANY. WESSERLAND EX-ERMLAND WAS DUE SINGAPORE 29 JAN. ITALIAN SLOOP Eritrea ENTERED MAKASSAR AREA 29 JAN FROM AMBON AREA. HOHENFRIEDBERG IN SINGAPORE AREA 16 JAN. FOLLOWING JAP RAIDERS NOW BEING USED TRANSPORT TROOPS TSINGTAO TO Wewak Rabaul AREA VIA PALAU. AIKOKU MARU AND KIYOMARU MARU ENROUTE BISMARCK AREA. GOKOKU MARU AT SASEBO 28 JAN ENROUTE TSINGTAO. NOSHIRO MARU ENROUTE Wewak-Madang 28 JAN. SEICHO MARU IN EMPIRE AREA. KONGO MARU LOCATION UNKNOWN. AIKOKU AND KIYOMARU MARUS EACH HAVE SIX 25 MM TWIN MOUNT MG ALSO TWO 41 MM BOFORS SINGLE MOUNT MG AND ONE ZERO RECONNAISSANCE SEAPLANE MARK 11. ULTRA.
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AT 2007/26 JANUARY

1. NO FURTHER REPORTS OF GERMAN OR JAPANESE RAIDERS.
2. REPORT GRADED BAKER TWO STATES PORTLAND WILL LEAVE BISCAY IN NEAR FUTURE FOR JAPAN. SEVERAL BLOCKADE RUNNERS PROBABLY NOW ON PASSAGE FROM FAR EAST.
3. FOLLOWING VESSELS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED POSSIBLY RAIDER FRIZES AND SUITABLE FOR BLOCKADE RUNNING ARE NOW KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN SUNK BY RAIDERS. KATTECAT PATELLA AND CONNECTICUT.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94

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JCS MEMO. 1-17-73
BY RT, DATE JUN 4 1974
RAIDER AND BLOCKADE RUNNER OR VARY NUMBER 12. GERMAN RAIDER E ALSO KNOWN AS 11 AND BELIEVED TO BE SANTA CRUZ IN YOKAHAMA LAST OCT REFITTING. RAIDER H ALSO KNOWN AS 26 CONSIDERED EX GERMAN KAIRO REPORTED PATROLLING IN INDIAN OCEAN VICINITY 138 66E MIDDLE LAST NOV. RAIDER J ALSO KNOWN AS 23 AND BELIEVED DESTROYED TWO POSSIBLE NEW GERMAN RAIDER 5,42 TONS BUILT IN 1936 AND FITTED OUT LAST YEAR, NOW IN BALTIC. NORWEGIAN SURVIVORS FROM BUST AND KATTEGAT RESCUE FROM SUNK RUNNER RHINOTIS REPORT RUNNER DEPARTED BAT VIA 5 NOV AND PROCEED TO VIA 206 75E. 468 3. E. 448 2. W. 168 22°. 37' 43°. 438° 30' 46N 22°. THENCE JUGZAG FOR PICASSAY. AVERAGE SPEED 17 KNOTS. NORWEGIANS ALSO REPORT RAIDER ATTACK SOUTH ATLANTIC LAST SPRING INCLUDED INITIAL ATTACK BY AIRCRAFT THRASING A TOUCH WHICH CARRIED ARMY SHIP AERIAL AT SAME TIME DROPPING TWO BOMBS AND STRAFFING WITH MACHINE GUN. RAIDER THEN OPENED FIRE. THIS
RAIDER IDENTIFIED AS E. HAD TELESCOPIC FUNNEL AFT-MAST AND AFT CAMPION POSTS. FUNNEL WHEN LOWERED CAME TO HEIGHT AS BRIDGE. TWO CROWS NESTS ON FOREMAST. RAIDER CARRIED ARADO 196 GEARPLANE WITH TWO 100MM GUNS, TWO 20MM, ONE TURRET GUN, AND TWO BORES SMALLER THAN 25MM ROUNDS. ATTACKS WERE MADE DURING DAYLIGHT. BLOCKADE RUNNERS.

REGensburg REPAIRING IN SINGAPORE. Schwenken AT BREM 15 JAN. IN SUMMARY NUMBER 1/ HAHENFELS IS PROBABLY IN Hohenfels BERG. CHINESE SOURCE REPORTED GERMAN RUNNER COULD LEAVE SAIGON 18 JAN. WITH TUNGSTEN TIN AND RUBBER. THIS RUNNER COULD REACH VICINITY ASCENSION ISLAND BY 27 FEB.

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PART I 1849A/1 NCR 9218

PART 2 1859A/1 NCR 9221

PART 3 1859A/1 NCR 9210

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE SUGGESTS PROBABILITY THAT ROTATING

OF ENEMY BLOCKADE RUNNERS FROM FAR EAST AND BAY OF

BISCAY PORT WILL BE DISCONTINUED BETWEEN ABOUT MID

MARCH AND SEPTEMBER.

(2) MAJORITY OF FOLLOWING SHIPS THEREFORE THOUGHT LIKELY

TO SAIL BEFORE MID MARCH 1943.

(1) FROM FAR EAST. TANKERS: HERBORG (EX NORWEGIAN),

MADRONO (EX NORWEGIAN) UCHEM, BRAKE,

CHARLOTTE SCHLEIMANN, WINNETOU.

MERCHANT SHIPS: SPEYBAK (EX BRITISH), ERHLENDEL,

PIETRO ORSEOLO, RIO GRANDE, BURGENLAND, SILLVA

PLAN A (EX NORWEGIAN), KOTA NOPAN (EX DUTCH),

REGENSBURG, HARRY L'AND, URSULARICKERS AND

POSSIBLY NANKIN (EX BRITISH) AND EUGENIE LIVANOS

(EX GREEK). SOME OF ABOVE SHIPS PROBABLY ALREADY

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(B) From Bay of Biscay. Merchant Ships: Osorno, Portland, Nordward (Ex Norwegian), Himalaya, Kullmerland.

The following reports to have been damaged and may not be repaired in time:

Tannensfelds, Dresden, Elsa Essberger.

(3) Following was APPROX. ROUTE USED BY A RECENT INTERCEPTED BLOCKADE RUNNER. A Generally similar route is thought to be used by most inward and outward blockade runners but ship may also proceed via Cape Horn:

A. 47 South 104 East  B. 28 South 75 East
C. 45 South 30 East  D. 44 South 20 West
E. 46 South 22 West  F. 37 North 43 West
G. 43 North 38 West  H. 46 North 22 West

Therefore Zigzagged in easterly direction for North Coast of Spain. U-boats joined as Escort from possition (G);

All inward and outward enemy vessels probably receiving similar Escorts.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: ADMTY
RELEASED BY: 
DATE: 1-21-43
TOR CODEROOM: 2211
DECODED BY: BURGAN

For Action
CINC HF, CINCMED, CINCEF, SBNOWAT, CINCSA, NAVAL BD WELLINGTON, NAVAL BD MELBOURNE, NSHC, NAVY OFFICE BOMBAY, NCXF, FO 1/C WEST AFRICA, BAD WASH, FOC GIB, FOC SUBMARINES, COMINCH C&R, COMNAVUS, CINC PLYMOUTH, VA GIB, FO3

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MY 1948/12TH.

1. NO FURTHER REPORT OF GERMAN OR JAPANESE RAIDER.

2. NORWEGIANS EX RHAKOTIS REPORT AS FOLLOWS: SHIP LEFT BATAVIA 5TH NOV WITH CARGO VALUED ABOUT 509,140 POUNDS PROCEEDING THROUGH APPROXIMATE

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TRENCH ZIGZAGGED IN AN EASTERNLY DIRECTION FOR BAY OF BISCAY. RHAKOTIS MET RAIDER "H" ON 18TH NOV U-BOATS JOINED AS ESCORT FROM POSITION (F). U.C. MARK SEEN IN BATAVIA 5TH NOV DUE TO SAIL FOR YOKOHAMA TO LOAD TRENCH BALIK PAPAN. REGGENBURG LEFT BATAVIA FOR EUROPE WAS TORPEDOED BUT LITTLE DAMAGED AND BEACHED ON SUMATRA. LATER REFLOATED AND CARGO DISCHARGED AT BATAVIA TRENCH SIGNAPUR FOR REPAIRS. ABOVE GRADED

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3. DAMAGED TANKER SPICHERN FROM FERROL SEEN AT BREST BY P R U ON 15TH JAN.

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FROM ADMIRALTY.

MY 1826 19TH PART 2 FINAL.

RHAKOTIS CURACAO RAIDER "H" ON 18TH NOVEMBER. U-BOATS JOINED AS ESCORT FROM POSITION (F). UCKERMANN SEEN IN SATAVIA 5TH NOVEMBER DUE TO SAIL FOR YOKOHAMA TO LOAD THERE TO BALIK PAPAN. REGENSBURG LEFT BATAVIA FOR EUROPE HAS TORPEDOED BUT LITTLE DAMAGED AND REACHED ON SUMATRA. SHIP REFLOATED AND CARGO DISCHARGED AT BATAVIA THERE SINGAPORE FOR REPAIRS. ABOVE GRADED B 1 BUTTER B 1. REPORTED ROUTE CONSIDERED VERY PROBABLE (3) DAMAGED TANKER SPICHERN FROM FERROL SEEN AT BREST BY _____ PRI ON 15TH JANUARY.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: COMINCH
RELEASED BY: DYER
DATE: JANUARY 15, 1943
TOR CODEROOM: 1855/1505
DECODED BY: WALLACE/STRICKLAND
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ZEAL SUPPLEMENT COMINCH RAIDER AND BLOCKADE RUNNER

SUMMARY NUMBER 11. RUNNER BURGENLAND IN SAIGON OR DUE THERE SOON TO LOAD FOR RETURN TO BISCAY. RUNNER RIO GRANDE IN SINGAPORE AREA 8 JAN. AXIS IN AGREEMENT LAST OCTOBER FOR GERMAN AND ITALIAN RAIDERS TO COVER INDIAN OCEAN SOUTH OF 25 SOUTH AND WEST OF 188 EAST. ULTRA.

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Date: 13 JANUARY 1943

This dispatch will be transmitted with deferred precedence.
REPORT FOLLOWING SHIPS ON PASSAGE FROM FAR EAST.
EX NORWEGIAN TANKERS HERBORG AND MADRONO ONE 16 KNOT
GERMAN TANKER THOUGHT POSSIBLY. (PART TWO FINAL
MY 1948 FollowS)

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Since November 21st, 1942, three Axis ships on route to Japan and two bound for Europe have been intercepted by Allied patrols. This sudden loss of shipping, accentuated by Germany's mounting need for certain strategists, is expected to result in an immediate increase in the Reich's blockade-running activity.

Under German control are 93 and possibly as many as 113 ships suitable for transporting cargoes between the Far East and Bay of Biscay ports. Any or all of these vessels (more than a third of which are tankers) may be pressed into this hazardous service.

Skillful disguise and a variety of elusive tactics have been used. If these should now prove futile against increased Allied vigilance, the use of fighting armament, raider and submarine escorts and even cargo-carrying U-boats may be expected.

1. From the time of the U.S.-Japanese entry into the war until as late as November 21st, 1942, Axis blockade runners apparently enjoyed the freedom of the seas, fifteen of them making the Far East to Europe trip (and perhaps a like number in the opposite direction) without a single interception.

2. November 21st, however, marked the beginning of a new phase in blockade warfare. Within forty days, the following five Axis ships together with their cargoes were dispatched to Davy Jones through the instrumentality of United Nations patrols:

-One: ANNELISE BESSENGER, 5,173 G.R.T., Diesel-driven. This German freighter left a French port November 5th with a cargo for the Far East. About 07002 on the 21st she was intercepted by U. S. Naval Force at 00:54 N 22-23W and scuttled herself to avoid capture. A prize detail boarded the ship while it was on fire and sinking, salvaging papers, ordnance material and pieces of navigational gear. Of the 62 prisoners taken, all merchant marine except 22 naval personnel. The first contact was made by Radar contact at night, at 25,000 yards.
THE: RAIZED. 9,000 G.R.T., turbine-driven, oil fuel. Formerly used as a prison ship for Allied seamen at Yokohama, this vessel left Kobe for Batavia on October 10th. On the 22nd she sailed from Batavia laden with 3,000 tons of whale oil, 4,000 tons of rubber, 1,500 cases of quinine, some tea and a full bunkering of fuel oil. On the 26th at 0800Z, she was intercepted and shelled by a Dutch and an Australian cruiser south of Cocos Island. The ship was sunk by scuttling at 23-00Z 99-05Z. 78 Germans were captured and 10 Norwegian survivors of the AUDT and KATTEGRAV were rescued.

THREE: CORTELLAZO. 5,292 G.R.T., 14 knots, Diesel-driven. This motor freighter made at least one successful run from Kobe to the Bay of Biscay. She was sighted, however, on leaving Bordeaux November 29th at 1345Z, at which time she was accompanied by four torpedo boats. On December 1st she was sunk 500 miles west of Cape Finisterre by the escort of an outward-bound convoy.

FOUR: GERMANIA. 9,851 G.R.T. tanker. This German blockade runner, on route from Bordeaux to Trieste in Feb., was intercepted by an H.SS sleep at 1300Z on December 15th at 45-05N 15-30W. Scuttled by her own crew, this ship was left afloat. Nine officers and sixty-two men were picked up and taken prisoners.

EVER: RHAKOTIS. 6,793 G.R.T., Diesel-pow e red, fitted with direction-finder, echo-sounding device and submarine-signalling apparatus. This freighter took aboard the cargo of the damaged REGENSBURG at Singapore, sailed for Batavia where it took on an additional cargo of rubber, then departed from that port for Europe near the end of November. While attempting to enter the Bay of Biscay, she was observed by an aircraft and reported. Subsequently she was sunk by HMS ships at 45-05N 10-50W on January 1st at 1800A.

3. The above losses will probably result in an increase rather than a diminution of Axis blockade running. Facing with the strategic necessity of re-plenishing her dangerously diminishing supply of certain vital commodities - and with the probability of ever-mounting shipping losses - Germany may be expected to assign every suitable vessel available to this hazardous trade.

CHARACTERISTICS OF BLOCKADE RUNNERS

4. The majority of ships used in this traffic will be motor vessels, as such ships are best able to make exceptionally long voyages (16,000 to 17,000 miles) without the need of refuelling. In size, blockade runners will range usually between 3,000 and 16,000 gross tons and will have cruising speeds varying between 10 and 17 knots. They may be expected to employ a variety of convincing disguises of both neutral and United Nations ships. Also they may be armed. This probability is greater now than ever before. (See Op-16-P-8 Serial 36-42 of December 2, 1942 for tactics liable to be encountered).

5. The German Navy classifies its blockade runners as Hilfskriegsschiffe der Kriegsmarine or naval auxiliaries. Although under the direct command of the German Navy, their crews are principally civilian (Zivilbeamtung) and are permitted to wear civilian clothes ashore. However, some naval personnel may be assigned to each ship, especially on those which are armed.

6. When disguised as United Nations vessels, blockade runners will carry either real or dummy guns in full view on poop and foc'sle. In addition, they may have other guns concealed in false deckhouses and underwater torpedo tubes. As Allied blockade patrols become even more effective, this possibility of heavy armament may become a probability, and even the most Innocent-appearing blockade runner, when cornered, may be expected to give a formidable account of herself. The engagement in which the Raider KORRIGAN and the H.M.S. SYDNEY sank each other is
indicative of the fire-power which might be given to disguised merchantmen at such
time as the German Navy decides that the only way these ships will be able to pen-
trate the United Nations blockade is to fight their way through.

7. When this stage of the game is reached, the Germans may even send
raider and submarine packs to act as merchant ship escorts through the high-risk
areas of the Atlantic. No device will be considered too costly by the Reich, if
its use is necessary to the prime objective of getting their strategies through.

8. For the time being, German blockade runners may be expected to sail
singly at irregular intervals, but with increasing frequency. Until forced to em-
ploy other measures, they may be expected to continue their reliance upon cleverly
conceived disguises and deceptive tactics.

9. The detection of these enemy merchantmen is particularly difficult
due to the excellence of their masquerades and the skill and knowledge with which
they play their assumed roles. Due to good enemy intelligence and the possible
con vaince of neutral seamen, a correct reply to a challenge cannot be accepted as
a complete guarantee of a ship's friendly identity, unless the vessel's intercepted
position checks with the reported Cominuchi position plot of merchant ships at sea.
In a considerable number of cases, it may be necessary to approach uncomfortably
close to a suspected vessel in order to make sure of her true identity.

POSSIBLE USE OF CARGO SUBMARINES

10. As of last October, Germany was reported to have eight refuelling
U-boats of 1,200 to 1,600 tons, with two more fitting out and six more building.
Each was estimated to carry 700 tons of oil and enough cargo (72 tons) to provision
ten submarines for a period of fourteen days. On the surface these submarines are
reported to do 15 knots and are believed to be capable of 6 knots submerged.

11. Due to their exceptional fuel capacity, any of these "milk cows"
could, if necessary, cruise comfortably between Europe and Japan. It is not
likely, however, that they will be used in this manner as they would not have cargo
space sufficient to make such long trips worth while. As a last resort, though,
they may be employed in the transportation of certain high-value strategies of
limited bulk, such as tungsten, iodine, quinine and opium.

12. A more likely possibility is that of the Nazis using these giant
sub to shuttle cargo short distances from rendezvous points in the North Atlantic
(see paragraph 12 in Op-16-F-8 Serial 36-42 of December 2, 1942) past high-risk
patrol areas to Bay of Biscay ports. In such an operation these same submarines
could replace crew members and refuel and reload the blockade runner for its
outward-bound trip. Thus the surface vessel's contact with Europe would be unneces-
sary, except when cumbersome or unseaworthy cargo had to be loaded for Japan. (Note:
In consideration of the foregoing, attention is called to the fact that three out
of the five blockade runners recently lost by the Germans were intercepted within
600 miles of Cape Finisterre.)

13. Another possibility, in the event of increased allied patrol activity
in the Equatorial Atlantic, is that cargo submarines may be ordered to rendezvous
with blockade runners in the South Atlantic and remove as much of their high-
priority cargo as possible before these ships attempt to negotiate the greater-risk
areas in the equatorial zone and approaching the Bay of Biscay.

14. A third and still more remote possibility to consider is that the
cargo-carrying U-boats and the blockade runners may rendezvous in neutral African
or South American ports or in obscure and out-of-the-way harbors, such as those
along the southern coast of Chile.

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GERMAN-JAP EXCHANGE OF STRATEGICS

15. FROM THE FAR EAST TO GERMAN EUROPE: rubber, tin, hemp, wolfram, tungsten, animal fats, whale oil, vegetable oils, silk, iodine, quinine, opium and copra.

16. FROM EUROPE TO JAPAN: German technicians, prototypes of new weapons, rolling mill equipment, ship plates, ball-bearings, machine tools, optical goods, mercury, potash, carbon black, bismuth, abrasives and certain chemicals.

LIST OF BLOCKADE RUNNERS

17. KNOWN BLOCKADE RUNNERS. The following Axis ships have fuel capacities suitable for blockade running:

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20. **RAIDERS "H" and "J"** (believed to be operating in the South Atlantic) and **RAIDER "E"** (believed to be operating in the Indian Ocean) may be employed as armed blockade runners. These raiders are similar in appearance and have been compared to the ANKARA, WASHINGTON EXPRESS and ATLAS LEVANTE.


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AT 2258Z 7TH JANUARY SINGLE LINE BEARING OF 220 DEGREES OBTAINED FROM DURBAN ON 8470 KCS. UNIT CONCERNED COULD BE RAIDER BLOCKADE RUNNER OR SUPPLY SHIP.
OFFICE OF SOCIETY FRANCAISE MITSUBISHI 45 BOULEVARD DE MARSEILLE AT CASABLANCA HAD DEALS CONNECTED WITH BLOCKADE RUNNING FROM JAPAN. BRITISH SUSPECT VALUABLE RECORDS MAY BE FOUND IN THIS OFFICE IN CASABLANCA.
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COMMON RAIDER AND BLOCKADE RUNNER, SUMMERY NUMBER 19. BLOCKADE RUNNING BETWEEN FAR EAST AND BISAY HISTORY LIABLE TO INCREASE PARTICULARLY TANKERS BRINGING VEGETABLE OIL FROM FAR EAST. RUNNERS GENERALLY PROCEED WEST ALONG 140° E.

38° THEN SOUTH AND KEEPING AT LEAST 500 M ILLS FROM ALLIED AIR BASES. FOLLOWING RUNNERS IN BISAY POSTS, ELBA.

EGGERER, PORTLAND, KULNERLAND, HIMALAYA, FUSIUMA, MUNSTERLAND, TARNENFELS, DRESDEN, OSORNO, SPICHERN.

KERTOUSSA 926 TONS, ANTARTIQ 1271 TONS, NORD ATLANTIC, FAX ALBUQUERQUE 566 TONS, NORWEGIAN FOLLOWING IN FAR EAST

CT ON PICO DE RHAKKTOS, RIO GRANDE, UNGULU KINAKHER 6,126 TONS, MAMELON, HOMEFELDS, 7662 TONS, KANG TIN.

PETER LM 979 TONS, REGENBURG, TRENAIL, BELGRADE, BURGENLAND, MILLER OHRSEUL, SPEYBACK, SILVER PLACA.

KOTA JAPAN, BAYET, CHARLOTTE GOHLENDIN 7747 TONS, FOLLOWING ALLIED SHIPS MAY HAVE BEEN CAPTURED AND ARE SUITABLE AS RAIDER; ROSSBACK EX MANKIN 7137 TONS, AMERICAN LEADER 8750 TONS, INDUS 5167 TONS, STEEL AGE 6188 TONS, ALABAMA 5674 TON, EMPIRE MANN 7241 TONS, JICHITA 6174 TONS, INDUS 8894 TONS, HERBORG 7692 TONS.

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SEND NNAVISE.......

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MY 2015/22*

1. NO FURTHER REPORTS OF GERMAN OR JAPANESE RAIDERS.
2. BLOCKADE RUNNERS. KOTA NOPAN COULD BY NOW BE IN JAPANESE WATERS. IF RHAKOTIS LEFT BATAVIA BEGINNING OF DECEMBER COULD NOW HAVE REACHED SOUTH ATLANTIC. OTHER SHIPS PROBABLY ALSO ON PASSAGE TO EUROPE.
3. SPICHERN MAX ALBRECHT AND NORDATLANTIC BELIEVED STILL IN SPANISH PORTS.

*RAIDER REPORT.
KELLEY 232142 NCR 7614

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COMINCH RAIDERS AND BLOCKADE RUNNER SUMMARY NUMBER 9.
BRITISH PRESUME RAIDERS SANK ARABIAN ABOUT 18 AUG IN
11-30, 3 26-60 W. REFERRING TO ONL RAIDERS SUPPLEMENT PAGE
ELEVEN. RAIDERS HYPO IS NUMBERED 28 BY ADMIRALTY AND
RAIDER JIG NUMBER 23. THESE RAIDERS ARE BELIEVED TO BE
SISTERSIPS AND JIG IS PROBABLY CAIRO WHOSE ORIGINAL
APPEARANCE IS SHOWN PAGE 24/SHIPMM SIMILAR RAIDERS HYPO
AND JIG SEEN VICINITY 27-58 6 53-37 E ON DEC 7TH. OUT-
BOUND BLOCKADE RUNNER TANKER GERMANIA WAS INTERCEPTED
BY BRITISH 15 DEC IN 45-65 N 15-31 W AND SCUTTLED HER-
SELF. ANTARKTIQUE DEPARTED FERROL 9 DEC AND PROCEEDED
FRENCH PORT. SPICHERN AND MAX ALFRECHT BELIEVED STILL
AT FERROL. NORD ATLANTIC 227 TONS TANKER AT VIGO 20 DEC.
BRITISH NANKIN 7131 TONS CAPTURED BY RAIDERS EASY LAST
MAY IS PROBABLY NOW A BLOCKADE RUNNER. REGENSBURG WAS
REPORTED AT SINGAPORE IN NOVEMBER DAMAGED BY TORPEDO.

RHAKOTIS WITH CARGO FROM REGENSBURG WAS EXPECTED AT
BATAVIA 23 NOV TO LOAD RUBBER FOR BORDEAUX. CAPTURED

TANKERS MADRONE 5894 TONS AND HERBOLT 7692 TONS ARE
EXPECTED TO DEPART FAR EAST SOON WITH VEGETABLE OIL FOR

DECATED
GSD Letter: 6-3-72
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**Text**

**Europe X KOTA NOPAN MAY NOW BE APPROACHING SUnda Strait OR JAP HOME WATERS X INDICATIONS CONTINUE THAT BLOCKADE RUNNERS USE CAPE HORN ROUTE BETWEEN FRANCE AND JAPAN X REPORTED THAT BLOCKADE RUNNERS HAVE ORDERS TO AVOID ALL MERCHANT SHIPPIING BY ALTERING COURSE TO PUT SHIPPIING DEAD ASTERN WHENEVER SIGHTED X**

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**COMINCH... ORIG.**

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OSD Letter, 5-3-72
ULTRA SUPPLEMENT TO COMINCH RAIDER AND BLOCKADE RUNNER
SUMMARY NUMBER 9 X GERMAN ROSSBACH FORMERLY BRITISH NANKIN
NOW BLOCKADE RUNNER ARRIVED SINGAPORE 17 DEC X BURGENLAND
ARRIVED SINGAPORE 18 DEC X ITALIAN ERITREA DUE SINGAPORE
18 DEC FROM SHANGHAI AND DUE SURABAYA 22 DEC X GERMAN
RIO GRANDE IN SOURABAYA AREA X ZEAL X

COMINCH...ORIG.
OP 16.... F-37....
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**NAVAL MESSAGE**

**FROM** | ADMIRALTY
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**RELEASED BY** | 
**DATE** | DEC. 27, 1942
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**TEXT**

**BLOCKADE RUNNING BY AXIS MERCHANT SHIPS BETWEEN FAR EAST AND BAY OF BISCAY PORTS IN BOTH DIRECTIONS IS ALREADY CONSIDERABLE AND LIKELY TO INCREASE. THERE ARE ALSO INDICATIONS TANKERS WILL BE EMPLOYED TO FETCH VEGETABLE OILS FROM FAR EAST. PREVIOUS EVIDENCE INDICATES INWARD AND OUTWARD BOUND ENEMY SHIPS PROCEED APPROXIMATELY ALONG PARALLEL 64 DEGREES NORTH BETWEEN BAY OF BISCAY COAST AND ABOUT 35 DEGREES WEST THERE是没有显示完整的年份。**

**FOLLOWING VESSELS MAY BE ENGAGED IN THIS TRADE. ALL SHIPS GERMAN OR ITALIAN EXCEPT WHERE STATED.**

**(1) AT PRESENT IN BAY OF BISCAY PORTS, MERCHANT SHIPS:**

**ELSA ESSBERGER PORTLAND KULMERLAND HIMALAYA FUSIJAMA**

**VUNSTERLAND TANNENFELS DRESDEN GOSORNO KERTOSONO (EX DUTCH).**

**TANKERS AS DETAILED IN Raider Supplement to W.I.R. No. 16% OF 6TH FEB. 1942 ALSO ANTARKTIS HORD ATLANTIC MAX ALBRECHT NORDMEER.**

*(See Art. 76 (4) NAVREDS.)*

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/44

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(2) AT PRESENT IN FAR EAST OR ON PASSAGE, MERCHANT SHIPS: RHAHOTIS RIO GRANDE URSULA RICKMERS HAVELLAND RANB 2 PIERRE LD (FRENCH) REGENSBOURG ERWLAND BURGENLAND PIETRO ORSOLO SPEYBANK (EX BRITISH) SILVA PLAN A (EX NORWEGIAN) KOTA NOPAN (EX DUTCH), TANKERS BRAKEL AND CHARLOTTE SCHLIEßANN.

(3) FOLLOWING ALLIED SHIPS MAY HAVE BEEN RECENTLY CAPTURED AND ARE SUITABLE, MERCHANT SHIPS: NANKIN (BRITISH AMERICAN LEADER (AMERICAN) INDUS (BRITISH) KATTLGAT (NORWEGIAN) STEEL AGE (AMERICAN) ARIBISTAN (BRITISH) EMPIRE DAWN (BRITISH) RICHTHIT (AMERICAN), TANKERS: MADRONO (NORWEGIAN) PATELLA (BRITISH) HERBORG (NORWEGIAN) GONN (E?) CTCUT (AMERICAN).
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Re: ADMIRTY MESSAGE 1012 A 16TH NOT TO CINCPAC

(1) NO FURTHER RELIABLE REPORT OF GERMANY OR JAPANESE RAIDER ACTIVITY

(2) BRITISH SHIP REPORTS OBSERVING HEAVY EXCHANGE OF GUNFIRE AND ONE SHIP BURNING FIERCELY IN 167°-48 SOUTH 153-58 EAST AT 1800Z 7TH. A SHIP WHOSE DESCRIPTION COULD FIT THAT OF RAIDER H AND I WAS OBSERVED IN AREA TWO HOURS PREVIOUS BUT THIS MAY HAVE BEEN EUCLID LIVANOS ALSO IN AREA. SAMOKKLA OVER DUE AT CAPE TOWN SINCE 8TH DECEMBER 1942 FROM COLOMBO BUT UNLIKELY TO HAVE BEEN NEAR ABOVE POSITION.

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NLR 101
By RT, NARA, Date 4/19/94.
AND WAS POSSIBLE U-BOAT CASUALTY FURTHER NORTH.
NO OTHER SHIP YET OVERDUE FROM THIS AREA.

(3) FURTHER EXAMINATION PRISONERS REPORT AND
PHOTOGRAPH PROVIDES STRONG INDICATION THAT RAIDER
H IS RAIDER 28 AND RAIDER J IS RAIDER 23. APPEARS
VERY PROBABLE RAIDER J IS CAIRO (GERMAN ATLAS
LEVANTE) AND THAT RAIDER H IS A SISTER SHIP BELIEVE
TO HAVE BEEN COMPLETED IN 1939. FOR ORIGINAL APPEAR-
ANCE SEE ANKARA IN CONFIDENTIAL ADMIRALTY FLEET OR-
DER 143/41. RAIDER SUPPLEMENT TO W I R NUMBER 136
OF 30TH OCTOBER 1942 SHOULD BE AMENDED ACCORDING
EN REFERENCE ADMIRALTY MESSAGE 1597 A 6TH SEPTEMBER
1744 A 8TH DECEMBER 1942 A 16 DECEMBER NONE TO ALL
ADDRESSEES.
DELFSHAVEN NURMAHAI AND BEN LOMOND NOW KNOWN TO BE U-BOAT CASUALTY.

(5) BLOCKADE RUNNER. FOLLOWING REPORT RECEIVED GRADED B 1 REGENSBURG WAS AT SINGAPORE IN NOVEMBER HAVING BEEN TORPEDOED.

COMMENT. THIS WAS PROBABLY SOUTHBOUND GERMAN SHIP REPORTED SUNK BY U. S. SUBMARINE IN SUNDA STRAIT ON 12TH OCTOBER.

RHAKOTIS III AFTER LOADING CARGO EX REGENSBURG WAS EXPECTED BATAVIA 23RD NOVEMBER TO LOAD RUBBER BEFORE SAILING FOR BORDEAUX. DOGGER BANK EXPECTED TO LEAVE FAR EAST MID JANUARY FOR EUROPE.

COMMENT. MINE REPORTED IS PROBABLY EX SPEYBANK. CAPTURED TANKER MADRANO AND HERBORG EXPECT TO LEAVE FAR EAST SOON FOR EUROPE WITH VEGETABLE OIL AND
MAY ALREADY HAVE SAILED DIRECTIONAL KOTA NOPAN COULD BY NOW BE APPROACHING SUNOA STRAIT OR JAPANESE AREA IN PACIFIC. SPICHERN AND MAXALBRECHT AT FERROL NORD ATLANTIC AT VIGO ON 20TH DECEMBER.

THREE COPIES TO 25 G
**UNDERWAY RECIFE PRIOR DARKNESS DECEMBER 19 AND PROCEED TO DESTROY BLOCKADE RUNNERS AND RAIDERS.**

Estimate most probable southward passage of blockade runners through equatorial area about 24°W during period December 23 to 26 inclusive.

Maintain scouting line against runner advance 11 to 14 knots origin latitude 2°8 longitude 20° W bearing 23° commencing daylight December 22nd. Upon rendezvous report to OTG 23.1 in Memphitas for duty that group. Return Recife prior 1600P/20th December.

Information later regarding rendezvous for further destroyer escort.
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1. NO FURTHER RELIABLE INFORMATION OF GERMAN OR JAPANESE RAIDERS.
2. BEN LONOND OVERDUE AT PARAMARIBO SINCE 26TH NOV. 1942 FROM CAPE TOWN. CAUSE UNKNOWN.
3. BLOCKADE RUNNERS. OUTWARD-BOUND TANKERS GERMANY INTERCEPTED BY H.M. SHIPS AT 1300/15TH IN 8°45'S 15°30'W AND SCUTTLED HERSELF.
4. INDEFINITE D/F BEARINGS AT 1152/14 INDICATE GERMAN MERCHANT SHIP POSSIBLY IN SUNDA STRAIT AREA. FURTHER INFORMATION INDICATES THAT TANKER HITHERTO REFERRED TO AS CATARACTE (SEE A.M. 17/4A/B PARA 3) IS ALMOST CERTAIN BRAKE. ANTARTIS LEFT FERROL 9TH DEC. AND PROCEEDED TO FRENCH PORT. SPIEGEL AND MAX ALBRECHT BELIEVED STILL AT FERROL.
5. NANKIN NOW Reported CAPTURED BY RAIDER "E" ON 10TH MAY AND HAS BEEN SEEN AT YOKOHAMA. MAY BE USED FOR BLOCKADE RUNNING.

**COMINCH...**
1012A/16  NCR 1870

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**AIG #13: CINCF CINCMED CINCEF SNOWMFT CINCSA FOCNA NZNB ACNB NSHQ NAVY OFFICE BOMBAY; BAD FOCWA FOC SUBS CINC PLYMOUTH COMINCH; COMNAVEU FROM ADMIRALTY.**

(1) NO FURTHER RELIABLE INFORMATION OF GERMAN OR JAPANESE RAIDERS.

(2) BENLOMOND OVERDUE AT PARAMARIBO SINCE 28TH NOV FROM CAPE TOWN. CAUSE UNKNOWN.

(3) BLOCKADE RUNNERS. OUTWARDBOUND TANKER GERMANIA INTERCEPTED BY HMS'S AT 1300 15TH IN 45°5 NORTH 15°3 WEST AND SCUTTLED HERSELF.

(4) INDEFINITE D/F BEARING AT 1152/14TH INDICATE GERMAN MERCHANTSHIP POSSIBLE IN SUNDA STRAIT AREA.

FURTHER INFORMATION INDICATES THAT TANKER AITHENTO REFERRED TO AS CATARACTE (SEE ADMTY MSG 174A/8TH PARA 3) IS ALMOST CERTAINLY "BRAKE". ANTARKTIS LEFT FERROL.

(SHEET 1 OF 2)
9TH DECEMBER AND PROCEEDED TO FRENCH PORT. SPICHERN AND MAXALBRECHT BELIEVED STILL AT FERROL.

(5) NANKIN NOW REPORTED CAPTURED BY RAIDER "E" ON 16TH MAY AND HAS BEEN SEEN AT YOKAHAMA. MAY BE USED FOR BLOCKADE RUNS.

3 COPIES DELIVERED TO 2G
FOLLOWING JAPANESEFixes since my 072515* appear reliable.

At 2300Z/5 DECEMBER call sign Rehe2 frequency 4100 KCS from Madras East to SOUTHEAST Ceylon next day Malacca Straits
fowllowing day Nogador Straits. At 1213Z/9 December 153
degrees on Bombay call sign Tushobor again at 1115Z/11
December 165 degrees on Bombay fort. At approximately
1700Z/11 December Emodea missed by torpedo 14-15 N 80-28 E.

British intercepted rameses enroute kode to Germany via
Batavia scuttled Nov. 28 23-48 S 99 E 78 German 15 Norwegian
survivors. Italian blockade runner probably Pietro Orseol
reported left Batavia about Nov. 22 for Europe armed and
painted grey.

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ACTION...16

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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PARAPHRASED BY:

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ULTRA SUPPLEMENT TO COMINCH RAIDER AND BLOCKADE RUNNER SUMMARY NUMBER 8. RAIDER E KNOWN AS NUMBER 10 ARRIVED IN YOKOHAMA 6 OCT AND MAY HAVE BEEN DESTROYED BY EXPLOSION 30 NOV. UCKERMACK OR ALTMARK TANKER MAY HAVE BEEN DESTROYED IN YOKOHAMA 30 NOV BY EXPLOSION. ZEALION RUNNER BURGENLAND ENROUTE PENANG BELIEVED VICINITY HORSBURGH LIGHT 6 DEC 01-20N 104-24E.

SPECIAL DISTRIBUTION
COMINCH RAIDER AND BLOCKADE RUNNER SUMMARY NUMBER 8

HMS BENGAL DEFINITELY IDENTIFIES RAIDERS MENTIONED
SUMMARY 7 AS ASAIKOKU AND KUNIKAWA MARU TYPES HAVING SIX 5.5
GUNS. RAIDER HYPO KNOWN AS NUMBER 28 PROBABLY IN INDIAN
OCEAN. BLOCKADE RUNNER RAMSES BOUND FOR EUROPE WAS INTER-
CEPTED BY HMS 7B/0/28 IN 23-46 S 99-05 E AND SCUTTLED HERSELF.
SURVIVORS INCLUDED NORWEGIAN FROM AUST PROBABLY SUNK BY
RAIDER EASY IN APRIL AND FROM KATTEGAT PROBABLY SUNK BY
RAIDER HYPO IN MAY BOTH IN SOUTH ATLANTIC. RUNNER ANNALIESE
ESBERGER, SUMMARY 7, BEFORE SCUTTLING HERSELF, USED CALL
LETTERS UVV OF NORWEGIAN SKJEBRED WHICH IS DUE MAURITIUS

DEC. 14 FROM MELBOURNE. RUNNER RHAKOTIS PROBABLY AT BATAVIA
OR IN INDIAN OCEAN ENROUTE EUROPE. TWO AO AND TWO AK EXPECTED
TO DEPART KOBE SOON FOR SIMILAR ROUTE TO EUROPE. RUNNER PERSEE
EX PIERRE LD BELIEVED SIGHTED NOV. 24 VICINITY 54 S 36 W MAY
NOW BE IN NORTH ATLANTIC ENROUTE BISCAY. RUNNER CORTELizzo
BOUND FOR EAST SIGHTED NOV. 29 44-45 N 04-50 W ESCORTED
PROBABLY BY FOUR TORPEDO BOATS ALSO SIGHTED DEC. 1 IN 43-50 N
28-22 W SURRENDERED AND WAS SUNK BY BRITISH AIRCRAFT. GERMEN
TANKER ANT. RKTIS IS POSSIBLE RUNNER AND DEPARTED VIGO, SPAIN NOV. 30 AND REPORTED FERROL DEC. 7 WITH SPICHERN AND MAX ALBRECHT.

RUNNERS FINLAND, PIETRO ORSEOLO MAY NOW BE IN JAPAN THE LATTER HAVING LEFT BATAVIA NOV. 20. KOTANOPAN MAY BE IN PACIFIC OR INDIAN OCEANS OUTBOUND, BELGRANO, CATARACTE, BURGENLAND AND SILVERPLANA COULD NOW BE IN JAPANESE WATERS.

AEGEUS OVERDUE SALDANHA BAY SINCE NOV. 7 FROM TRINIDAD COULD BE VICTIM OR RAIDER HYPO OR RAIDER JIG OR U BOAT.

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(PART 1 - 1704A/8 - NCR 6357)

(AIG 13 - ALL BRITISH ADEES - BAD 217 - FOCWAF 996 - COMINCH - CONNAVEU - CTNC PLYMOUTH 463 - F0 (S) 969 - FROM ADMIRALTY MY 2155/1

(1) NORWEGIANS FROM RAMSES REPORT AS FOLLOWS:

RAIDER 10 (KNOWN TO BE RAIDER "EASY") ARRIVED YOKOHAMA SIXTH OCTOBER 42. FOR 6 WEEKS REFIT. RAIDER 28 (CONSIDERED TO BE RAIDER "HOWL") IS NOW IN INDIAN OCEAN. THESE REPORTS ARE PROBABLY ACCURATE.

(2) NURAHAL OVERDUE AT CHARLESTON SINCE 19TH NOV. 42.

FROM CAPETOWN. REYNOLDS OVERDUE AT KARACHI SINCE 29TH NOV. 42. FROM DURBAN. NO EVIDENCE OF CAUSE OF NON-ARRIVAL.

(3) BLOCKADE RUNNERS. REPORT GRADED BAKER 1. STATES PIETRO ORSEOLO LEFT BATAVIA 20TH NOV 42. SHIP LEFT BISCAY

PAGE 1 OF 2.
ABOUT 2ND OCTOBER 42, AND MAY THEREFORE HAVE LEFT
BATAVIA FOR JAPAN BELGRANO, CATARACTE BURGENLAND AND
SILVA PLANA COULD BY NOW HAVE REACHED JAPANESE CONTROLLED
WATERS. KOTA NOPAN COULD BE IN PACIFIC OR INDIAN OCEANS.
SPICHERN ANTARKTIS AND MAX ALBRECHT STILL AT FERROL 7TH
DECEMBER 1942. SLIGHT D/F INDICATIONS THAT GERMAN MERCHANT
SHIP WAS ON PASSAGE BETWEEN JAPAN AND MALAYA BETWEEN 26TH
NOV 42 AND 5TH DEC. 42. EC PERSEE AND OTHER SHIPS
POSSIBLY ON PASSAGE TO EUROPE FROM FAR EAST.
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(1) BLOCKADE RUNNER RAMSES INTERCEPTED BY HMS AT. 0WZ/28 IN 23-46 SOUTH 99-05 EAST AND SCUTTLED HERSELF. SURVIVORS INCLUDE NORWEGIAN FROM AUST PROBABLY SUNK BY RAIDER "E" IN APRIL AND FROM KATTEGAT PROBABLY SUNK BY RAIDER "H" IN MAY BOTH IN SOUTH ATLANTIC. RAMSES BOUND FOR EUROPE. NORWEGIANS BELIEVED SHIP INTENDED TO RENDZOS CHIJE GE HERMAN RAIDER ON 22TH OR 30TH NOV. IF CORRECT PROBABLY RAIDER "E".

(2) INWARD BOUND VESSEL PHOTOGRAPHED OFF SPANISH COAST ON 24TH NOV. HAS ARRIVED AT LAPALLCCE. PHOTOGRAPHS SHOW VESSEL TO BE ALMOST CERTAINLY EMPIRE BOILER MAKER (SEE BY 2/31A/20 OCT. PARAGRAPH 2)

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**PART 2**

3. BLOCKADE BREAKER CORTELAZZO OUTWARD BOUND FROM BAY OF BISCAY INTERCEPTED BY HMS AT 1500Z/24 IN 43°50' NORTH 22°22' WEST.

4. UNIDENTIFIED VESSEL SIGHTED OFF SOUTH GEORGIA AT 1315Z/24. NO ALLIED SHIPS IN AREA. DESCRIPTION VESSEL FITS THAT OF PERSEE (EX-PIERRELD) LAST LOCATED IN FAR EAST AND LIKELY TO PROCEED PASSAGE TO EUROPE.

5. AEGEUS OVERDUE AT SALDANKA SINCE 7TH NOV. 1942 FROM TRINIDAD COULD BE VICTIM OF U-BOAT OR RAIDER "H" OR "J".

**PART 3**

6. BLOCKAGE RUNNERS. ERMLAND AND PIETOORSELOCO COULD BY NOW HAVE REACHED JAPAN. KOTANOPAN COULD HAVE REACHED LONGITUDE OF CAPE HORN OR CAPE AGULHAS. OTHER OUTWARD DECLASSIFIED

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BLOCKADE RUNNERS (SEE MY 2/6/74 NOV. PARAGRAPH 5) PROBABLE NOW IN INDIAN OCEAN OR PACIFIC OCEAN.

SPICHERN STILL AT FERROL. NORwegians FROM RAMSES BELIEVE RHAKOTIS AND FURTHER BLOCKADE RUNNERS AND TANKERS LIKELY TO LEAVE FAR EAST FOR EUROPE IN NEAR FUTURE OR AT PRESENT ON PASSAGE.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: CTF 29
RELEASED BY:

DATE: 1 DEC 1942
TOR CODEROOM: 1431/2308
DECODED BY: BARSH/ECKHARDT

FOR ACTION: COMINCH
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COMINCH PASS TO FOGWA.

EXAMINATION OF CHART OBTAINED FROM BLOCKADE RUNNER REVEALED 2 PENCILED LINES. LEFT HAND LINE CROSSED NORTHERN LIMIT OF CHART AT 97 NORTH 45 WEST RAN DUE SOUTH TO LAT 5 NORTH THENCE TO 97-95 NORTH 29 WEST THENCE DUE SOUTH LINE ENDED AT LAT 39-97 SOUTH RIGHT HAND LINE CROSSED NORTHERN EDGE OF CHART AT 7 NORTH 42-42 WEST RAN TO POINT 94-55 SOUTH 15 WEST THENCE DUE SOUTH TO 11 SOUTH 15 WEST THENCE TO 40-92 SOUTH 95-95 EAST THENCE DUE EAST TO EDGE OF CHART AT 27 EAST.

WESTERN EDGE OF CHART 95 WEST SOUTHERN EDGE 52 SOUTH CHART HAS RED GERMAN LABEL PASTED ON READING "DO NOT WRITE ON THIS CHART".

SCR PASSED TO FOGWA.
ADDRESS: A.I.G. 13, BAD, FOCWAF, CINC PLYMOUTH, F.O.S., COMINCH, CONNAVEU. FROM: ADMIRALTY.

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MY 2007/17TH PARA 1. FURTHER REPORT INDICATES THAT VESSEL SUNK WAS PROBABLY AITOKU OR HOKOKU MARU AND THAT VESSEL WHICH ESCAPED RESEMBLED KUNITA MARU.

2. BLOCKADE BREAKER ANNA LI ESSBERGER INTERCEPTED BY U.S. FORCES AND SCUTTLED IN 100-54N 22-34W AT 0758Z/21.

3. SPICHERN PROBABLY STILL AT FERRER. KOTA NOPAN COULD BY NOW BE BETWEEN 25 AND 30 DEGREES SOUTH. OTHER OUTWARD BOUND BLOCKADE RUNNERS PROBABLY NOW IN PACIFIC OR INDIAN OCEAN. SOME SHIPS PROBABLY ON PASSAGE TO EUROPE FROM FAR EAST.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: ADIRALTY
RELEASED BY:
DATE: 25 NOV 1942
TOR CODEROOM: $504/$228
DECODED BY: SEGAL/ECKHARDT

FOR ACTION:
AIG #13) SHA #8) SEE TEXT SHA #55) COMINCH CINC US FLEET
EUROPEAN WATERS
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AIG #13 (CINCHF CINCMED CINCEF SBNOWAT CINCSA FCNNA NAVAL BOARD MELBOURNE NAVAL BOARD WELLINGTON NSHC NAVY OFFICE BOMBAY) SHA #8 (BAD WASH) SHA #55 (FOC WEST AFRICA) COMINCH CINC US FLEET EUROPEAN WATERS CINC PLYMOUTH FOC SUBMARINES FROM ADIRALTY.

(1) MY 20/7 17TH PARAGRAPH 1.

FURTHER REPORT INDICATES THAT VESSEL SUNK WAS PROBABLY AIOKOU OR HOKOKU MARU AND THAT VESSEL WHICH ESCAPED RESEMBLES KUNIKAWA MARU.

(2) BLOCKADE BREAKER ANNA LI ESE ESSBERGER INTERCEPTED BY US FORCES AND SCUTTLED IN 59-54 NORTH 22-34 WEST AT 0700Z 21ST.

(3) SPICHERN PROBABLY STILL AT FERROL. KOTA NOPAN COULD BY NOW BE BETWEEN 25 DEGS AND 30 DEGS SOUTH. OTHER OUTWARD BOUND BLOCKADE RUNNERS PROBABLY NOW IN PACIFIC OR INDIAN OCEAN. SOME SHIPS PROBABLY ON PASSAGE TO EUROPE FROM FAR EAST.

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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS OF TASK GROUP 23.2 DURING THE PERIOD NOVEMBER 8 - 24, 1942.


NOVEMBER 8, 1942.

1900 TASK GROUP 23.2 DEPARTED RECIFE BRAZIL. GROUP CONSISTS OF USS MILWAUKEE, USS CINCINNATI AND USS SOMERS.

(RECEIVED) (35:41)
COMMANDER CRUISER DIVISION 2 REAR ADMIRAL C. M. READ IS GROUP COMMANDER IN MILWAUKEE. 1928 SET COURSE 12°. FORMED COLUMN OPEN ORDER SOMERS LEADING. SET BASE COURSE 90°. STEAMING AT STANDARD SPEED 15 KNOTS.

NOVEMBER 9, 1942.

NO AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS THIS DATE. CONTINUING ON BASE COURSE.

NOVEMBER 10, 1942.

90° CINCINNATI AND MILWAUKEE LAUNCHED 2 PLANES EACH FOR SEARCH AHEAD. 2 PLANES GO OUT ON EITHER BEAM FOR DISTANCE 100 MILES THEN PARALLEL SHIPS COURSE RETURN ON RELATIVE Bearings OF 60° AND 30°. AT 142° MADE AFTERNOON FLIGHT. PLANES WENT OUT ON RELATIVE Bearings 50° AND 31° RETURNING ON 34° AND 20° RELATIVE. DISTANCE OF FIRST LEGS 100 MILES. RESULT OF BOTH MORNING AND AFTERNOON SEARCHES NEGATIVE. BASE COURSE SAME.
NOVEMBER 11, 1942.

0310 STRANGE AIRCRAFT CONTACTED 115 T DISTANCE 8500 YDS. FLEW OUT OF SIGHT WITHOUT IDENTIFICATION. SC RADAR PICKS UP AND TRACKS STRANGE AIRCRAFT BEARING O15 T DISTANCE 40 MILES. 0354 POSIT O8-O5 SOUTH 21659 WEST. BETWEEN 0625 AND 0725 RADARS OF CINCINNATI AND MILWAUKEE PICKED UP STRANGE AIRCRAFT BEARING 265 DISTANCE VARYING FROM 20 TO 35 MILES. 0300 CATAPULTED 2 PLANES FROM MILWAUKEE FOR SEARCH AHEAD OF 150 MILES DEPARTING ON RELATIVE BEARING O10 FOR DISTANCE 150 MILES THEN RETURNING ON RELATIVE BEARING 350. 1400 CINCINNATI LAUNCHED 2 PLANES FOR AFTERNOON SEARCH SIMILAR TO MORNING. 1424 POSIT O7-52 SOUTH 20-12 WEST. RESULT OF AFTERNOON SEARCH. SS TOULOUSE BRITISH FREIGHTER SIGHTED IN LATE AFTERNOON BEARING O38 DISTANCE 41 MILES ON COURSE 150. 2115 CINCINNATI HAD RADAR CONTACT 108 T 17.5 MILES DISTANT. TARGET

(PAGE 2)
PLOTTED ESTIMATED TRACT 110° T SPEED 13 KNOTS. 2207 CHANGED COURSE TO 120° T. 2241 POSIT 07-32 SOUTH 18-43 WEST. TARGET BEING CONTINUALLY PLOTTED. 300 PASSED THROUGH AREA OF EXTREME PHOSPHORESCENCE. 2300 CHANGED COURSE 0 140° T. TARGET BELIEVED TO BE SAME SHIP SIGHTED IN AFTERNOON SS TOULOUSE. 0100 CINCINNAI REPORTED NEW TARGET ON OPPOSITE COURSE BEARING 158 DISTANCE 28,000 YDS. PRESUMED TO BE SS MARTAND BRITISH FREIGHTER ENROUTE CAPETOWN TO US. FIRST TARGET ON SIGHT AT SUNRISE. GROUP COMMANDER DIRECTED SOMERS TO INVESTIGATE. 0700 SOMERS REPORTED SHIP WAS SS TOULOUSE PROPERLY ROUTED SATISFACTORY IDENTIFIED HERSELF. 0740 CHANGED COURSE TO 110°. 0811 POSIT 09-38 SOUTH 17-14 WEST. 0827 CHANGED COURSE TO 185°. DURING MORNING RECEIVED FIRST DISPATCH GIVING PROBABLE ROUTE BLOCKADE RUNNERS. GROUP COMMANDER DECIDED TO INTERCEPT. 1240 CHANGED COURSE TO 000° T HEADING FOR GENERAL AREA 01 SOUTH 24 WEST. 1950 CHANGED (PAGE 4)
COURSE TO 32°. 2011 POSIT Ø9-22 SOUTH 17-39 WEST.

NOVEMBER 13, 1942.

Ø530 CINCINNATI HAD SURFACE RADAR CONTACT BEARING 189° DISTANCE 17 MILES. Ø64Ø SOWERS DIRECTED TO INVESTIGATE STRANGE MERCHANTMAN. Ø735 SOWERS REPORTED SHIP WAS SS THURLAND CASTLE BRITISH FREIGHTER PROPERLY IDENTIFIED.

150Ø CINCINNATI HAD AIRCRAFT RADAR CONTACT BEARING 195° DISTANCE 2Ø MILES. 1511 POSIT Ø7-Ø6 SOUTH 19-56 WEST. 16Ø CHANGED COURSE TO 325°. FLIGHT OPERATIONS FOR DAY CANCELLED TO CONSERVE AVGAS.

NOVEMBER 14, 1942.

AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS FOR DAY CANCELLED TO SAVE AVGAS.

12Ø3 READJUSTED POSITION BY COMING TO COURSE Ø45. 1544 CHANGED COURSE TO 335° 1643 CHANGED COURSE TO 321°. 16Ø POSIT Ø3-14 SOUTH 21-25 WEST.

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ARRIVED GENERAL AREA 01 SOUTH 24 WEST 0600. BEGAN PLANE SHIP SEARCH ALONG EQUATOR. 0630 LAUNCHED 4 PLANES FOR WIDE SEARCH ON BEAMS WHILE PROCEEDING AT SLOW SPEED ON COURSE 318. PLANES SIGHTED 08 CITY OF EVANSVILLE AND SS EXANTHIA AMERICAN FREIGHTER IN POSITION 00-10 NORTH 26-52 WEST ON COURSE 130 SPEED 14 KNOTS PROPERLY IDENTIFIED HERSELF AND ON PLOT. 1900 CHANGED COURSE TO 344. 2022 CHANGED COURSE TO 033. 2320 CHANGED COURSE TO 118. 2330 POSIT 01-34 NORTH 25-17 WEST. ON NIGHT OF 15TH RECEIVED ADDITIONAL DESPATCH ADVISING THAT ON 19TH. ON BASIS OF FORMER ESTIMATE IT WAS DECIDED TO SEARCH WITH ONE FLIGHT ON 16TH AND CONSERVING AVGAS FOR SEARCH BEGINNING ON 19TH ON BASIS OF SECOND ESTIMATE.

NOVEMBER 16, 1942.

Ø310 CHANGED COURSE TO 207. Ø800 CHANGED COURSE TO (PAGE 6)
318 and began days search. 1100 launched 4 planes for search on flanks. 1627 concluded search changed course to 104.

**November 17, 1942.**

1100 launched 4 planes for search on flanks while proceeding on course 050. About 1500 recovered planes. 1545 changed course to 12. 1618 posit 02-16 north 22-46 west. 1810 changed course to 162. 2100 Milwaukee SC radar had aircraft contact bearing 180 distance 16 miles which faded rapidly.

**November 18, 1942.**

0038 changed course to 072. 0700 changed course to 322 for days search. 1125 Cincinnati radar picked up unidentified aircraft 165 t at 23 miles. Plotted on course 230 speed 18 knots. 1110 posit 01-31 north 52 west. 1210 catapulted 4 planes for search on flanks. 1610 recovered aircraft search (Page 7)
RESULT NEGATIVE. 1700 CHANGED COURSE TO 136 IN ORDER TO RETURN TO POINT OF ORIGIN FOR SEARCH OF 19TH. SEARCH PLANS NOW BASED ON ARRIVALS FROM BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH.

2110 CHANGED COURSE TO 285 T.

NOVEMBER 19, 1942.

Ø63ø LAUNCHED 4 PLANES FOR MORNING SEARCH. POSIT Ø607 Ø1-55 NORTH 24-Ø3 WEST. Ø63ø CHANGED COURSE TO 119.

RESULT OF MORNING SEARCH NEGATIVE. 1308 CATAPULTED 4 PLANES FOR AFTERNOON SEARCH. 1715 PLANES SIGHTED SS WILLIAM HAWKINS AMERICAN FREIGHTER BEARING Ø5ø T DISTANCE 1Ø8 MILES ON COURSE 28ø T SPEED 11 KNOTS. 1737 POSIT Ø1-1Ø NORTH 22-54 WEST. AT 1815 PLANES SIGHTED THE SAGRES PORTUGUESE NAVAL TRAINING SHIP BEARING Ø92 ø DISTANCE 31 MILES ON COURSE 23ø T SPEED 6. 1957 SIGHTED THE SAGRES WHICH IDENTIFIED HERSELF TO SATISFACTION.

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NOVEMBER 21, 1942.

(PAGE 8)
630 launched 4 planes for morning search. 720 changed course to 323 along runners probable path of advance.

900 planes sighted SS Benlomond British freighter bearing 135 distance 71 miles on course 330 speed 10. Properly identified. 908 position 32 north 21-36 west 1306 catapulted 4 planes returning to point of origin for next days search.

November 21, 1942.

532 radar surfac contact by Cincinnati bearing 302 distance 22,000 yards. Target sighted by Milwaukee 538 bearing 309 T distance 17,800 yards. Group commander ordered emergency turn of all ships to course 315. Group began maneuvering in vicinity of target strange freighter. Somers directed to investigate. Milwaukee and Somers repeatedly challenged freighter only response being call letters L J P V of Norwegian merchantman Skjelbred. No
IDENTIFICATION SIGNAL GIVEN. SOMERS CLOSED AS FREIGHTER TURNED TOWARD RAIN SQUALL. AT Ø651 OBSERVED HEAVY BLACK SMOKE COMING FROM FREIGHTER WHICH THEN BEGAN TO LOWER LIFEBOATS. Ø656 SERIES OF HEAVY EXPLOSIONS SHOOK FREIGHTER WHICH TOOK PORT LIST AND BEGAN TO SETTLE BY THE Stern. Superstructure enveloped by flames heavy black smoke. Ø728 SHIP SANK IN POSIT Ø-54 NORTH 22-34 WEST. PAPERS RECOVERED BY SALVAGE PARTY SENT ON BOARD BY SOMERS REVEALED SHIP WAS M.S. ANNELIESE ESSBERGER ONE OF BLOCKADE RUNNERS TASK GROUP WAS SEARCHING FOR MILWAUKEE AND CINCINNATI THEN DEPARTED TO CARRY OUT MORNING AIRCRAFT SEARCH LEAVING SOMERS IN VICINITY OF SURVIVORS. 1430 CRUISERS RETURNED AND STOOD OVER TO PICK UP SURVIVORS.

WITH INSTRUCTIONS NOT TO LET ANY BOAT LEAVE AREA AND ON POSSIBILITY A SUBMARINE IN THIS AREA REMAIN FOR ATTACK UNTIL FURTHER ORDERS.

(PAGE 10)
1505 first boatload survivors brought aboard Milwaukee. Total number prisoners 62 including 12 ships, officers 24 regular Navy personnel. No casualties. 1540 set course 231 departed area for base Fox.

November 22, 1942.

Flight operations for day consist of morning afternoon A/S patrol in sight of ship. 1232 changed course to 210.

November 23, 1942.

1232 changed course to 238. No flight operations.

November 24, 1942.

At 1500 prep task group 23.2 arrived Recife Brazil. Entered harbor without incident.

Authenticated: C Maechling Jr.

Lieutenant (JG) USNR

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**Naval Message**

**Admiralty**

**Date:** 18 November 1942  
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**Text:**

1. (1) LN392 in action with 2 enemy vessels in 2° 8' 93 E at 0350Z/11. 1 enemy unit believed sunk. 1 unit may have been Raider "E" (see Admty Message 2230/9 Para 1) but there is some D/F indication Japanese auxiliary were at sea in this area.

2. Dissentaresalle overdue Capetown since 29th Oct from Balboa. Routed via Cape Horn. May be a victim of Raider "H" or "J".


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4. Spicher (ex Krossforn) arrived Ferrol 11th Nov after being damaged by air attack while attempting to leave bay of Biscay. Had not left Ferrol up to 1245A/16th but may attempt continue outward passage if damage can be made or it is imminent.

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COMINCH RAIDER AND BLOCKADE RUNNER SUMMARY NUMBER SIX. RAIDER REPORTED 1900Z/29 16-10N 68-27E BUT DOUBTFUL. RAIDER ON SUPPLY SHIP BY DF OFF SUMDA STRAIT 1419Z/7 POSSIBLY RAIDER EASY RETURNING TO INDIAN OCEAN FROM FAR EAST PORT. AN SOS TRANSMISSION 1412Z/09

GIVING POSIT 24-30N 46-28W USED CALL SIGN OF SS SOUTH AFRICA WHICH WAS SUNK 8 JUNE. STEPHEN HOPKINS SUNK 27 SEPT ABOUT 28-08S 20-01W BY GUNFIRE PROBABLY FROM RAIDER HYPO OR RAIDER JIG. SAID RAIDER USED SALVO FIRE SIX INCH GUNS ALSO SHRAPNEL, INCENDIARIES

AND MACHINE GUNS AND IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN SERIOUSLY DAMAGED OR SUNK BY FOUR INCH GUNFIRE FROM HOPKINS. THIS RAIDER ALSO SAID TO BE SIMILAR TO GERMAN ANKARA AND NORG WASHINGTON EXPRESS AND COULD HAVE BEEN RAIDER BAKER OR RAIDER EASY. HOPKINS RAIDER ACCOMPANIED BY SEVEN THOUSAND TON MOTORSHIP PAINTED DIRTY GRAY WITH CLIPPER BOW AND TALL

STACK AT AFTER END OF HIGH SUPERSTRUCTURE. SEQUENCE MAST FUMNEL KINGPOST MAST. INVERTED CROSSBROOKS. NO BOOMS SHOWING. BOXLIKE STRUCTURE ON POOP. USED MACHINE GUNS. BELGRANO AND DRESDEN COULD ANSWER ABOVE DESCRIPTION. DRESDEN, TANNENFELS AND KULMERLAND
FROM FAR EAST PHOTOGRAPHED IN BISCAY AREA LAST WEEK. OTHER RUNNERS ALSO MAY HAVE ARRIVED RECENTLY. KOTA NOPAN AND ANNALIESE ESBERGER SIGHTED AND UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTACKED BY AIRCRAFT AND LAST SIGHTED 9 NOV FORMER 46-51N 11-24W AND THE LATTER 45-48N 18-50W DEPARTING BAY BISCAY PROBABLY FOR FAR EAST. ERMLAND, PIETRO ORSEOLO, CATARACTE, AND BELGRANDO COULD NOW BE IN PACIFIC OR INDIAN OCEAN. BURGENLAND AND SILVERPLANA COULD NOW HAVE REACHED CAPE HORN OR CAPE AGULHAS. PHOTOS INDICATE WHITE OR LIGHT COLORED TOPMASTS ON KULMERLAND, KOTA NOPAN, ANNALIESE ESBERGER AND BELGRANDO.

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**TEXT**

**COMINCH RAIDER AND BLOCKADE RUNNER SUMMARY NUMBER FIVE.**

**ZEAL. ROUTE OF BLOCKADE RUNNERS BETWEEN EUROPE AND JAPAN**

OUTWARD FROM BAY OF BISCAY IS IN GENERAL AS FOLLOWS:

WESTERLY COURSE OUT FROM BAY OF BISCAY BETWEEN LATITUDES OF 43 NORTH AND 47 NORTH TO AREA BETWEEN 30 WEST AND 40 WEST, THEN ON SOUTHERLY COURSES TO LATITUDE 10 SOUTH BETWEEN THE LONGITUDES OF 30 WEST AND 40 WEST, THEN ON SOUTH EASTERLY COURSES VIA THE CAPE OF GOOD HÖPE. U BOATS HAVE CURRENTLY BEEN FORBIDDEN TO ATTACK INDEPENDENT SHIPPING IN THIS AREA AS FOLLOWS: BETWEEN 47 NORTH AND 20 NORTH AND 30 WEST AND 40 WEST ON 11 NOVEMBER, SAME AREA EXCEPT NORTH OF 15 NORTH ON 12 NOVEMBER, SAME AREA EXCEPT NORTH OF 10 NORTH ON 13 NOVEMBER, SAME AREA EXCEPT NORTH OF 10 SOUTH ON 14 NOVEMBER. BLOCKADE RUNNERS ARE NOW OUTBOUND IN THIS AREA.

**COMINCH...ORIG**

F-37...GOS ARMY FOR TRANSMISSION TO ASCENSION ISL.

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BLOCKADE RUNNERS FROM EUROPE TO JAPAN BELIEVED TO FOLLOW ROUTE WEST FROM BAY OF BISCAY AS FAR AS 40 DEGREES WEST BETWEEN 43 AND 47 DEGREES NORTH BETWEEN 30 AND 40 DEGREES WEST THENCE SOUTHWARD TO 10 DEGREES NORTH THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY INTO SOUTH ATLANTIC.

UNDERSTAND THAT U-BOATS HAVE BEEN FORBIDDEN TO ATTACK SINGLE SHIPS BETWEEN 30 DEGREES NORTH AND 10 DEGREES SOUTH ALONG FOLLOWING ROUTE FROM 0°1 NOVEMBER 11 NORTH OF 20 DEGREES NORTH FROM 0°1 NOVEMBER 12 NORTH OF 15 DEGREES NORTH FROM 0°1 NOVEMBER 13TH NORTH OF 10 DEGREES NORTH FROM 0°1 NOVEMBER 14TH ALONG ENTIRE ROUTE. ASSUME THIS PROHIBITION IMPOSED DUE PASSAGE BLOCKADE RUNNERS FLOT JAPAN AND ANALYSE ESSBERGER LAST REPORTED ON 8 7TH AT 46-51N, 11-24W AND 45-5N, 10-5W RESPECTIVELY.

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In spite of several attacks which aircraft of the British coastal command made on the 2 blockade runners referred to in my telegram of November 6, 10 p.m., no 6242, the 2 ships are believed to have reached Bordeaux. Yesterday another blockade runner was seen leaving the Bay of Biscay, and she is apparently carrying supplies for Japan.

Aerial observation at Bordeaux indicates, according to preliminary reports, that 2 other large ships there have probably run the blockade, and all are believed to have completely or partially unloaded strategic materials from the Far East.

WINANT

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By J. Schraub Date JUN 4 1974

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/3/94
IN SPITE OF SEVERAL ATTACKS WHICH AIRCRAFT OF THE
BRITISH COASTAL COMMAND MADE ON THE TWO BLOCKADE RUNNERS
REFERRED TO IN MY TELEGRAM OF NOVEMBER 6 10PM, NO 6242
THE TWO SHIPS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE REACHED BORDEAUX.
YESTERDAY ANOTHER BLOCKADE RUNNER WAS SEEN LEAVING THE
BAY OF BISCAY, AND SHE IS APPARENTLY CARRYING SUPPLIES
FOR JAPAN. AERIAL OBSERVATION AT BORDEAUX INDICATES,
ACCORDING TO PRELIMINARY REPORTS, THAT TWO OTHER LARGE
SHIPS THERE HAVE PROBABLY RAN THE BLOCKADE, AND ALL ARE
BELIEVED TO HAVE COMPLETELY OR PARTIALLY UNLOADED STRATEGIC
MATERIALS FROM THE FAR EAST.

(WINANT AMERICAN AMBASSADOR)

3AM NOV 8

16......ACTION
1/11......210G......COMINCH......F37......NAVAIDE......290P......
FILE (ROONEY)
**Message from OPNAV**

**OPNAV**

**Date:** 6 Nov 1942

**To:** NAVY OPERATIONS

**From:** OPNAV

**Subject:** Weather Hazy Visibility Low, Hopkins Course Three Ten

Following amplification of OPNAV 022242 received from Alusna Rio. Weather hazy visibility low. Hopkins course three ten true sighted two raiders on starboard bow course south. Both raiders painted dirty gray lighter than standard war color and much touched up with red lead on superstructure and fittings. Smaller raider about four thousand ton motor ship with pronounced clipper bow cruiser stern with guns behind shields just forward bridge structure and in after well deck. Similar to German Ankara and Norwegian Washington Express. See one two hundred eight confidential raider supplement. May be manyc maru raider forty five or raider ten. Larger enemy motor ship about seven thousand tons with clipper bow and tall stack at after end of high superstructure. Sequence mast mast funnel king post mast. Inverted crosstrees. No booms visible. Boxlike structure on poop. German Belgrano and Dresden could answer description. Reference COMINCH October 151705 and September 151459. Larger raider with no heavy guns visible was on starboard bow of smaller. Hopkins turned away to port. Larger enemy drew ahead of smaller which opened salvo fire immediately at (continued)

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ABOUT ONE THOUSAND YARDS/ACCOUNT POLUTED SHELL FRAGMENTS RECOVERED. SHRAPNEL AND

INCENDIARIES ALSO USED. LARGER RAIDER CONTINUOUSLY FIRED MANY MACHINE GUNS. HOPKINS FIRED ABOUT THIRTY FIVE ROUNDS

FOUR INCH AT WATER LINE OF SMALLER SHIP THEN FIVE AT OTHER WHEN HOPKINS MAGAZINE EXPLODED. HOPKINS CONTINUOUSLY

MACHINE GUNNED LARGER RAIDER BUT FIRED ONLY FOUR ROUNDS THIRTY SEVEN MILLIMETER AT HER BEFORE HOPKINS FIRST

OFFICER CONTROLLING WAS KILLED. HOPKINS AFIRE SINKING AND ABANDONED AFTER TWENTY MINUTES FIGHTING. SMALLER VESSEL

LISTED HEAVILY TO PORT DOWN BY STERN. OTHER WENT ALONGSIDE APPARENTLY TO TAKE OFF CREW OF SMALLER ENEMY VESSEL WHICH

WAS LAST SEEN ENVELOPED IN SMOKE. AFTER HOPKINS SEEN TO SINK HEAVY EXPLOSION HEARD AND BELIEVED TO BE ABOARD SMALLER

RAIDER.

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(AIG 13 CINC HOME FLEET CINC MEDITERRANEAN CINC EAST FLEET 8BNOMAT CINGSA FOCHA NAVAL BOARD WELLINGTON NAVAL BOARD MELBOURNE NSHO NAVY OFFICE BOMBAY SHA #8 (BAD WASHINGTON) SHA COMINCH COMNAVEU COMINCH PLYMOUTH FOC 8UBB)

WASHINGTON NAVY DEPARTMENT

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AIG 13 SHA 8 RAWA COMINCH COMNAVEU COMINCH PLYMOUTH FOC 8UBB FROM ADMIRALTY.

MY 1214 27TH OCT.

(1) NOW know that Stephen Hopkins (see MY 25/1 20TH) was sunk by gunfire by Raider H or Raider J which had another ship, probably a prize one in company. Raider possibly damaged during the action.

(2) Cancel paragraph 2 and 3 of MY 1214 27TH.

Both ships now arrived

(3) Blockade runners. Ermland Pietro Orsolo and Cataracte could be now in Pacific or Indian Ocean. Belgrano could have reached longitude of Cape Horn or Cape Agulhas. Burgenland and Sulva Plana could have reached latitude 44° South.

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ANDROTH ISLANDS LIE SE. ESSBERGER POSSIBLY
ALSO ON PASSAGE TO FAR EAST. FURTHER SHIPS MAY
ALSO BE ON PASSAGE IN BOTH DIRECTIONS.

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OPNAV 22242 WEATHER HAZY VISIBILITY LOW. HOPKINS COURSE 310 TRUE. RAIDERS APPEARED ON STARBOARD BOW COURSE SOUTH. LARGER SHIP APPARENTLY UNARMED ON STARBOARD BOW OF SMALLER SCREENING IT. HOPKINS TURNED AWAY TO PORT. LARGER RAIDER DREW AHEAD AND SMALLER OPENED SALVO FIRE IMMEDIATELY AT ABOUT 1,000 YDS. PURPORTED SHELL FRAGMENT RECOVERED INDICATES APPROXIMATELY 6 INCH GUNS. SHERPAKEL AND INCENDIARIES ALSO USED. LARGER STRAFED DECKS CONTINUOUSLY WITH MANY MACHINE GUNS. HOPKINS FIRED ABOUT 35 ROUNDS 4 INCH AT WATER LINE OF SMALLER THEN 5 AT LARGER BEFORE MAGAZINE EXPLODED. FIRED ONLY 4 ROUNDS 37 MM AT LARGER BEFORE FIRST OFFICER CONTROLLING WAS KILLED. MACHINE GUNS FIRED CONTINUOUSLY AT LARGER.

HOPKINS ABANDONED AFTER 20 MINUTES FIGHTING WHEN AFIRE AND SINKING. SMALLER RAIDER LISTED HEAVILY TO PORT DOWN BY STERN AND AFlAME LARGER WENT ALONG SIDE APPARENTLY TOOK OFF CREW.
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**TEXT**

Then left. When last seen smaller enveloped in smoke.

Heavy explosion heard after Hopkins seen to sink.

**DESCRIPTION:**

Smaller about 4,000 ton motorship similar to Ankara page 2\½ referenced publication. Pronounced clipper bow cruiser stern with guns behind shields just forward bridge structure and in after well deck. Also described generally similar Washington express.

Larger about 7,000 ton motorship with clipper bow and tall stack at after end of high superstructure. Inverted crosstrees no booms visible. Box like structure on poop. Both ships painted dirty gray lighter than standard war color and much touched up with red lead on superstructure and fittings. Full report follows by airmail.

**ACTION:** 16....

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NAVAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE GERMAN SUB CONSTRUCTION AT 27 PER MONTH. BELIEVED TO BE MOST 500 TONNERS. HAVE 3 RELIABLE SOURCES SEARCH FOR NAMES OF BLOCKADE RUNNERS REFERENCE URDIS 262218. MIGHT NOT BE OBTAINABLE AS ONE STATED HE UNDERSTOOD DISPATCH FROM TOKIO DID NOT GIVE NAMES. RELIABLE SOURCE STATES 4 BLOCKADE RUNNERS NOW PREPARING TO LEAVE OCCUPIED FRENCH PORTS FOR JAPAN. ROUTE BELIEVED TO BE AROUND CAPE HORN WITH AXIS SUBS IN SOUTH ATLANTIC SCOUTING AHEAD TO WARN OF DANGER.

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CINC HOME FLEET, CINC MEDITERRANEAN, CINC EASTERN FLEET,
SBNOWAT, CINC SOUTH ATLANTIC, FOCNA, NAVAL BOARD MELBOURNE,
NAVAL BOARD WELLINGTON, NSHQ, NAVY OFFICE BOMBAY, BAD,
RAWA, COMINCH, COMNAVFEU, CINC PLYMOUTH, FOC SUBMARINES,
FROM ADMIRALTY.

MY 2051 20TH. (1) MERCHANT SHIP REPORTS SIGHTING IN POOR
VISIBILITY A LARGE VESSEL RESEMBLING AN OCEAN PASSENGER
SHIP IN 05-00N 63-05E AT 2105Z 21ST.

(2) HOPE STAR OVERDUE SINCE 16TH OCTOBER AT BOMBAY FROM
DURBAN. COULD BE A U-BOAT OR RAIDER VICTIM, BUT NO OTHER
EVIDENCE RAIDER ACTIVITY NEAR TIME AND AREA OF HER ROUTE.

(3) SHICKSHINNY OVERDUE SINCE 18TH OCTOBER AT PUNTA ARENAS
FROM CAPETOWN. MADE UNINTELLIGIBLE POSITION REPORT ON
9TH OCTOBER. HAS NOT REPORTED SINCE. POSSIBLE VICTIM OF
RAIDER H OR RAIDER J.

(4) NO FURTHER EVIDENCE ABOUT BLOCKADE RUNNING MOVEMENTS.
ONE HOME BOUND COULD BY NOW BE IN AREA OF CAPE FINISTERRE.
ADMIRALTY REPORTS FOLLOWING POSSIBLE BLOCKADE RUNNER INFO BASED ON SAILING DATES AND BELIEVED SPEEDS.

OUTWARD: BETWEEN 5 AND 15 SOUTH 15 AND 30 WEST CATARACTL AND PIETROGRSELO. ERMALAND OFF CAPE HORN.

BELGRANO BURGENLAND AND SILVAPLANA FROM 10 TO 30 NORTH 25 TO 35 WEST. ALL PROCEEDING OUTBOUND FOLLOWING HOMEBOUND 1 BETWEEN 25 40 NORTH 30 TO 40 WEST.

POSSIBLY 5 BETWEEN EAST INDIES AND EUROPE. SOUTHBOUND GERMAN REPORTED SUNK ON 12TH IN SUNDLRA STRAIT.

FOLLOWING BELIEVED POSSIBLE VICTIMS OF RAIDERS HYPO OR JIG. EMPIRE DAWN AND AMERICAN LEADER BOTH OVERDUE BELIEVED IN VICINITY 34 SOUTH 2 WEST ABOUT SEPTEMBER 11.

STEPHEN HOPKINS OVERDUE PARAMARIBO FROM CAPE SINCE OCTOBER 9TH. SHIP WAS REPORTED JAMMING 25 SOUTH 22 WEST ON SEPT 27TH.

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REFERENCE ADMIRALTY'S 1921A/14TH (NOT TO ALL ADDRESSES)

1. ABSENCE OF REPORT (OF SURFACE) RAIDER ACTIVITY IN INDIAN OCEAN SINCE 20TH JULY SUGGEST RAIDER "E" MAY HAVE PROCEEDED TO A JAPANESE-CONTROLLED PORT.

2. EMPIRE BASH AND AMERICA LEADER BOTH CONSIDERABLY OVERDUE, WOULD HAVE BOTH BEEN IN VICINITY OF 624 DEG. SOUTH 12 DEG EAST ABOUT 11TH SEPTEMBER. BOTH SHIPS MAY HAVE BEEN SUNK OR CAPTURED BY RAIDER "H" OR RAIDER "U" NEAR THIS POSITION AND DATE.

3. STEELED HOPKINS OVERDUE AT PARAMARIBO SINCE 9TH OCTOBER FROM CAPE TOWN. SHIP REPORTED "S/M ON SURFACE JAMMING" FOR 24 DEG. 55 MIN. SOUTH 21 DEG 51 MIN WEST ON 27TH SEPTEMBER. NO U-BOATS ARE SUSPECTED IN THIS AREA. SHIPS MAY THEREFORE HAVE BEEN ATTACKED BY M.T.B. 18 FROM RAIDER "H" OR RAIDER "U".

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4. **POSSIBLE POSITION OF BLOCKADE RUNNERS (BASED ONLY UPON SAILING DATES AND PROBABLE SPEED):**


HOMEWARD BOUND (B) ARE BETWEEN $-25$ DEG AND $-45$ DEG NORTH $-35$ DEG AND $-45$ DEG WEST. UP TO 5 OTHERS MAY BE ON PASSAGE BETWEEN E. INDIES AND EUROPE. SOUTHBOUND GERMAN SHIP OF 8761 TONS REPORTED SUNK IN SUNDA STRAIT ON 12TH OCTOBER.

5. **REFERENCE A.M. 1924/14TH PARA. 5, ADD PERSEE EX PIERCE L.I.B.**

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COMINCH 281334 JULY AND CTF TWENTYTHREE DESPATCH 18/927 AUGUST. WHAT ARE YOUR PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONCERTED OPERATIONS WITH RAWA TO PREVENT BLOCKADE RUNNERS AND RAIDERS PASSING THE ATLANTIC NARROWS?

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COMINCH FORTNIGHTLY RAIDER AND BLOCKADE RUNNER SUMMARY
NUMBER THREE X NORTH ATLANTIC X SPICERN IN NANTES 6 OCT X
TANKER RESEMBLING SPICERN SIGHTED 1030/11 IN 46-30N 08-30W AND WITH MERCHANTSHIP 1200/12 IN 46-30N 09-20W X AFTER
AIR ATTACK TANKER SIGHTED 2115/12 IN 45-51N 08-43W COURSE EAST AND MAY NOW BE IN BISCAY PORT X MERCHANTSHIP ABOVE
RESEMBLED SILVERPLANA AND BELIEVED SIGHTED 1300/13 IN 46-50N 15-40W COURSE 260 X BURGENLAND IN BORDEAUX 3 OCT X SHIP 1
RESEMBLING BURGENLAND REPORTED AT 1400/10 IN 46-46N 10-20W COURSE 270 X BELGRANO REPORTED LEAVING FERRAL AND SIGHTED
2145/13 IN 43-27N 08-30W COURSE 290 SPEED 13 AND SIGHTED 1316/11 IN 44-15N 12-32W COURSE WESTERLY "PIETRO ORSELO"
DEPARTED BORDEAUX SINCE 18 SEPT X EX FRENCH TANKER CATARACTE
DEPARTED LAPALICE SINCE 18 SEPT AND PROBABLY SIGHTED 1433/29
IN 43-10N 12-16W COURSE 270 X SOUTH ATLANTIC X TWO 12,000 TON TANKERS BELIEVED OPERATING IN SOUTH ATLANTIC AS SUPPLY
SHIPS FOR ITALIAN SUBS X NO FURTHER INFO ON RAIDERS HYPO
AND JIG BUT BOTH BELIEVED OPERATING X ABOVE SHIPS DESCRIBED
IN OHI 208 SUPPLEMENT X DRENNES REPORTED SUSPICIOUS SHIP
9 OCT IN 13-20S 09-52W X CEPEHE DEPARTED DAKAR 8 OCT PROBABLY

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For MARSEILLES X SISTERSHIP PERSEE BELIEVED BLOCKADE RUNNER CARRYING RUBBER FROM FAR EAST X BRITISH HAVE REPORTED THAT GERMAN RAIDERS USE SURFACE LAID MOORED MAGNETIC MINES X

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(1) NO FURTHER RELIABLE REPORTS OF GERMAN OR PACIFIC RAIDERS.

(2) THE ALTMARK TANKER WHICH LEFT BISCAY ABOUT 15TH SEPT MAY BE CONNECTED WITH U-BOATS OPERATING OFF CAPE TOWN.

(3) FOLLOWING SUPPLY SHIPS ARE ALSO THOUGHT TO BE AT SEA: SPEYBANK PROBABLY LAID MINES OFF CAPE TOWN IN MARCH 1942. MAY SINCE HAVE PROCEEDED TO FAR EAST.

CHARLOTTE SCHLIECHMANN LEFT LAS PALMAS 23RD FEBRUARY 1942 CARRYING 9,000 TONS DIESEL; NORDVARD LEFT BISCAY 29TH MAY 1942. NONE SINCE LOCATED.

PART 2 FOLLOWS.

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MY 1921 A 14TH PART 2. (4) FOLLOWING SHIPS PROBABLY ON PASSAGE TO FAR EAST: EMIL LAND LEFT BISCAY 9TH SEPTEMBER, 1942, BELGRANO LEFT BISCAY 13TH OCTOBER, 1942, BURGENLAND LEFT BISCAY 10TH OCTOBER, 1942, PIETRO CRSEOL LEFT BISCAY ABOUT 2ND OCTOBER, 1942, CATARACTE (EX FRENCH TANKER) LEFT BISCAY 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1942, SILVA PLANA LEFT BISCAY 12TH OCTOBER, 1942, LAST 2 OF THESE COULD ALTERNATIVELY BE EMPLOYED AS SUPPLY SHIPS. PART 3 FOLLOWS.

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(5) SOME FOLLOWING SHIPS ARE PROBABLY ON PASSAGE TO 
EUROPE FROM FAR EAST. REMAINDER ARE LIKELY TO MAKE 
THE PASSAGE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. DRESDEN, RHAKLAGTIS, 
TANNEN LINELS, LLAND, RAMSES, KULMERLAND, REGENS- 
BURG, URSULA, RICKMERS. AT LEAST ONE OF THESE MAY 
ALREADY HAVE REACHED SOUTH ATLANTIC.

(6) FOLLOWING OVERDUE SHIPS MAY HAVE BEEN CAPTURED 
THIS YEAR BY GERMAN RAIDERS AND ARE SUITABLE FOR USE 
AS SUPPLY SHIPS OR AS BLOCKADE RUNNERS FROM FAR EAST: 
STEEL AGE, AMANDUSCUT, PATELLA, NANKIN, KATEGAT, 
NORWEGIAN, HERBORAN, HADRONO, INDUS, ARABISTAN, 
WICHITA, AMERICAN LEADER.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: COMINCH
RELEASED BY: DYER
DATE: 1 OCT 42
TOR CODEROOM: 1515/1
DECODED BY: GODFREY

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CIRCUIT

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CIRCUIT

15TH

DEPATURE

BAY OF BISCAY

SOUTH ATLANTIC

FORTNIGHTLY RAIDER AND BLOCKADE RUNNERS SUMMARY NO

TWO. NORTH ATLANTIC. FOLLOWING BLOCKADE RUNNERS OR U/B

SUPPLY SHIPS RECENTLY SEEN BY RECONNAISSANCE IN BAY OF BISCAY

PORTS BELIEVED TO BE READY TO SAIL. KOTA NAPAM, BELGRANO,

PIETRO ORSEGOLO, SILVA PLANA, REKUM, CATARACTE OR BRAKE.

LAST KNOWN DEPARTURES. BURGELAND DEPARTED LE VERDON SINCE

AM 16TH. AN ALTMARK CLASS TANKER AND THE SPICHERN BELIEVED

TO HAVE DEPARTED BAY OF BISCAY 14TH OR 15TH SEPTEMBER.

TWO SHIPS HAVE MADE SEVERAL PREVIOUS ATTEMPTS TO BREAK OUT

SINCE 15 AUGUST. SOUTH ATLANTIC. NO FURTHER INFO REGARDING

BLOCKADE RUNNERS LEAVING FAR EAST PORTS. THE TWO TANKERS

MENTIONED ABOVE AS HAVING LEFT BAY OF BISCAY MAY BE USED TO

SUPPLY U/B OPERATING OFF GOLD COAST AND ASCENSION AREAS. NO

FURTHER RELIABLE REPORT AS TO WHEREABOUTS RAIDER HYPO AND

RAIDER JIG BUT BOTH STILL OPERATING SOUTH ATLANTIC. SHIP

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RESEMBLING RAIDER HYPO IN POSITION 04-12 NORTH 13-18 WEST CHASED TALISMAN (NORWAY) ON 16TH. ERMLAND 6528 TON AUXILIARY BELIEVED TO BE IN SOUTH ATLANTIC ENROUTE FAR EAST VIA CAPE HORN WITH CARGO OF MACHINERY. ALL THE ABOVE SHIPS DESCRIBED IN ONI 206 RAIDER SUPPLEMENT. CEPHEE LYING AT NO 2 HOLE DAKAR UNLOADED. PROBABLE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AT MADAGASCAR CHANGED HER PLANS.
REF. A.M. Z832/22ND.

1. NO FURTHER RELIABLE REPORT ACTIVITY GERMAN OR JAPANESE RAIDER BUT AT LEAST 1 GERMAN RAIDER CONSIDERED STILL TO BE IN SOUTH ATLANTIC.

2. WICHITA (U.S.) OVERDUE TRINIDAD SINCE 18TH SEPTEMBER FROM TAKORADI. 5600 Tons. Coal ship.

AIG 13: CINC HF, CINC MED, CINC EI, CINC EF, SBNOWAT, CINCSA, FOGA, ACNB, NZNB, NSHQ OTTAWA, NAVY OFFICE, BOMBAY.

RECEIVED BY MESSNER FROM B.A.D.)
**NAVY MESSAGE**

**FROM:** COMINCH  
**RELEASED BY:** EDWARDS  
**DATE:** 15 SEPTEMBER 1942  
**TO CODE ROOM:** 1558  
**DECODED BY:** BALL  
**FOR ACTION:** CINCLANT COMSEPACFOR COMSOPAC COMSWPAC TF 23  

**TEXT:**

**ROONEY**  
**151450**  
**NOR 6048**

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**NAVY DEPARTMENT**

**TEXT:**

COMINCH FORTNIGHTLY RAIDER AND BLOCKADE RUNNERS SUMMARY NO.

ONE X NORTH ATLANTIC X BLOCKADE RUNNERS FROM FRENCH PORTS AT LEAVING/IRREGULAR INTERVALS FOR FAR EAST LAST REPORTED DEPARTURES ALTMARK TYPE TANKER ABOUT 8 SEPTEMBER FROM LA PALLICE X SIGHTED LAST ON 12 SEPTEMBER IN 43-38 N 05-10 W X MAY HAVE FUELED U/B X ERMLAND 8 SEPTEMBER FROM GIRONDE X UNVERIFIED REPORT FROM VICHY THAT ERMLAND WILL PROCEED VIA CAPE HORN X A VESSEL BELIEVED TO BE ERMLAND ON 17 SEPTEMBER IN POSITION 43N 15 W STEERING 235 SPEED 14 FIRED AT A CATALINA WHICH IS SINCE MISSING X SOUTH ATLANTIC X TEN BLOCKADE RUNNERS SLATED TO LEAVE FAR EAST DURING AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER X DRESDEN DEPARTED SAIGON 8 SEPTEMBER FOR EUROPE X FOUR SHIPS ARE NOW LONG OVERDUE ON TRINIDAD - CAPE TOWN RUN AND 2 SHIPS ON CAPE TOWN - FREETOWN RUN X RAIDER'S H AND J BELIEVED OPERATING ALONG THESE ROUTES X HAMLA OVERDUE AT FREETOWN SINCE AUGUST 24 FROM RIO AND DELHAVEN OVERDUE AT...
CAPE TOWN SINCE 27 AUGUST FROM TRINIDAD MAY BE U/B OR RR VICTIMS X LAST VERIFIED RAIDER ATTACK 9 AUGUST 29-228 24-40 W X BELIEVE BOTH CAPE HORN AND CAPE GOOD HOPE ROUTES BEING USED BY BLOCKADE RUNNERS X MOTORSHIP CEPHEE FRENCH ROW AT DJ KAR BROUGHT CARGO RUBBER FROM INDO CHINA AND IS AWAITING ORDERS X MAY BE AUXILIARY OR BLOCKADE RUNNER.

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ADMIRALTY 101 COMINCH REPTD SBNOWAT SO1 JAMAICA FROM NSHQ OTTAWA.

BRO NORFOLK REPORTS BRITISH INDIAN PRINCE SIGHTED SHIP RESEMBLING RAIDER H STOPPED ABOUT 50 MILES EAST BARBADOS ABOUT NOON 23RD AUGUST AFTER DERRICK WAS TOPPED AND SHIP APPEARED TO HAVE SAILING CRAFT ALONGSIDE WRITTEN REPORT WILL BE GIVEN TO BRO NEW YORK.
THIS DOCUMENT IS THE BEST AVAILABLE. EVERY TECHNICAL EFFORT HAS BEEN TAKEN TO INSURE LEGIBILITY.

2 ABIL/AGC S4C
2 QUAY & TEAM BEET ZONA O P
FROM SENIOR CG OFFICER 3RD NAVDIST (NEW YORK)
ACT COMM SHORE PAT NEW YORK - COMTHREE OP PRIORITY/0

(PASS BY EASTS ENFON TO CINCLANT AND COMUNCH FOR ACTION)
FOLLOWING FROM MACKAY RADIO X BRRM N 3856 W 3826 STEAMER WASHINGTON EXPRESS SIGHTED X BAYDER X BROADCASTED BY VCR AT 2245 GMT

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BRITISH ASSISTANT NAVAL ATTACHE BAIRES STATES RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE THAT FUEL SHIP WILL MEET AND SUPPLY SURFACE RAIDER 200 MILES SOUTH CALETA VALDES NEAR MADRYN ON MONDAY 17TH.
NAVCOM PASS TO CTF 23. VP 83 ADVISED VIA NATAL

SURFACE RAIDER ATTACK REPORTED 2Ø21 S 24-41 W
1522Z/9.

*CODE PASSED BY NCR

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(ACTION PATROL SQUADRON 83, INFO TASK FORCE 23, COMINCH, GINCLANT, OPNAV, NOIC FREETOWN AND NOIC SIMONSTOWN INFORM RAWAF AND CINCSA CTF 23.)

COVER CONVOY AS 6 TO ASCENSION AND BE PREPARED FOR RAIDER OPERATING THAT BASE WHEN DIRECTED. INFORM GENERAL WALSH AT ASCENSION THAT RAIDER ATTACK WAS REPORTED 1316Z TODAY SUNDAY LATITUDE 21°-21'S LONGITUDE 24°-44' W AND THAT I AM ON WAY TO INTERCEPT SUPPORT GROUP ARMED MERCHANT VESSELS.

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NOIC FREETOWN AND NOIC SIMONSTOWN INFORM RAWAF AND CINCSA

(ACTION TF 23 INFO SBNOWAT NSHQ CGAC BAD COMINCH CINCLANT OPNAV, NOIC FREETOWN AND NOIC SIMONSTOWN INFORM RAWAF AND CINCSA FROM CTF 23.

MY POSITION COURSE AND SPEED Ø8-38 S 31-21 W 149° AT 17 KNOTS AT Ø29ØΖ AUGUST 19TH. PROCEEDING TO INTERCEPT RAIDER IN REPORTED POSITION 2Ø-21 S 24-44 W.

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OPNAV REPEATED CTF 23 CINC SA 757 RAWA 563

FROM ADMIRALTY

DALHOUSSIE ATTACKED RAIDER POSITION 2° R. 21 SOUTH
24° R. 44° WEST. NO BRITISH FORCES AVAILABLE IN
VICINITY TO ASSIST.

COMMON...ACT.

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LONDON 40/39 9 1744

IMMEDIATE OPNAV

OP QC P5434J2 UD QOKR FROM GNLK ADDRESSED THE FOLLOWING
HAS BEEN READ ON 500 KCS BY FREETOWN WT RRRR RRRR DE GNLK POSITION
20 R 21 SOUTH 24 R 44 WEST RAIDER FIRING 1322/9.

35PM...

Commenc

16. Aug. 53. 7-6

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**Drafted By** Rawa

**Released By**

**Date** 9 Aug 1942

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**Decoded By** Estes/Bray/Courtney

**Information** COMINCH, ADMIRALTY 781, CURTIS 194

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**ADMIRAL**

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(RCAF 23 INFO COMINCH ADMIRAL 781 CURTIS 194 FROM RAVA)

Dalhousie

RAIDER SIGHTED SIGNAL RECEIVED FROM DAL HOUSE BOUND TRINIDAD FROM CAPE TOWN IN POSITION 024-212, 024-44W AT 1302 9TH.

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