

#27 - Allied Losses (Combatant Ships)

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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FROM <u>ALUSNA CAIRO</u>	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE RR
DATE <u>JANUARY 30, 1942.</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM _____	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY _____			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <u>ROBINSON</u>			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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GURKA
~~MINA~~ WAS SUNK OFF BENGHAZI ABOUT JAN 19TH BY A TORPEDO. THE
 TORPEDO STRUCK THE WARDROOM KILLING 7 OFFICERS, FOLLOWED BY
 EXPLOSION OF THE MAGAZINES.

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FROM: USNA LONDON	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE: 5 JANUARY 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODER ROOM 1341	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY: KALADIAN			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY: PHRDY			DEFERRED

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RESUME OF VESSELS SUNK DURING DECEMBER:- BRITISH BY SUBMARINE 7 SHIPS; KIRKWOOD, KURDISTAN, EMPIRE BARRACUDA, RUCKINCE, SHUNTIAN, VOLO, CARDITA.

TOTAL TONNAGE 30397. BY AIRCRAFT TWO SHIPS; ST. LEONARD NUMBER ONE, JAPANDON TOTOA, TONNAGE 780. BY MINE TWELVE SHIPS; BRITISH CAPTAIN,

MACLAREN, GREENLAND, SEVERN TRANSPORT, WELSH PRINCE, FIREGLOW, KINCOURTH, DROMORE CASTLE, BENMACDHUI, MERCHANT, STANMOUNT, CORMEAD, TOTAL TONNAGE

41,297. BY CAUSE UNKNOWN TWO SHIPS GRELHEAD, HARELDAWINS; TOTAL TONNAGE 5717. TOTAL BRITISH 23 SHIPS OF 78271 TONS. ALLIED BY SUBMARINE 11

SHIPS NORWEGIAN FJORD, HELLEN, ANNADORE HYDRA II. RUSSIAN VARLA AMAVANESO, AMERICAN EMIDIO, LAHAINA, MONTEBELLO, PRUSA, MANINI. POLISH WARSAWA. TOTAL

TONNAGE 52259. BY AIRCRAFT THREE SHIPS RUSSIAN PEREKOP, MAIKOP, AMERICAN ETHERL EDWARDS. TOTAL TONNAGE 4734. BY MINE TWO SHIPS AMERICAN COBREGIDOR,

GREEK STYLIANOS CHANDRIS. TOTAL TONNAGE 7940. BY CAUSE UNKNOWN TWO SHIPS NORWEGIAN RAVANAA HOEGH MERCHANT TOTAL TONNAGE 8877 TOTAL ALLIED 18

SHIPS PF 73810. NEUTRAL BY SUBMARINE FOUR SHIPS EGPTAIN STAR OF LUXOR SPANISH BADALONA, PORTUGUESE CASSEQYNL, AMERICAN SAGADAHOC. TOTAL NEUTRAL FOUR SHIPS OF 20526 TONS.

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TOR CODEROOM <u>1125/10TH</u>	INFORMATION	COMINCH	PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>HELVIN</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <u>GL TUCKER</u>			DEFERRED

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SARATOGA BOILER ROOMS 8 10 12 FLOODED. NO WATER ABOVE 3RD DECK.

POSIT LAT 18-30 NORTH LONG 164-40 WEST, SPEED 16. LIST OF 2 DEGREES

BEING REMOVED BY BALLAST. COURSE 115. WILL HEAD FOR PEARL ON REMOVING

LIST. DRY DOCK PEARL WILL BE READY.

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ON THE NIGHTS OF 18TH/19TH AN⁸ ATTACK WAS MADE ON THE FLEET AT ALEXANDRIA HARBOUR BY ITALIAN⁸ USING A TYPE OF HUMAN TORPEDO DESCRIBED AS PROBABLY SIMILAR TO THAT DESCRIBED IN ITALIAN NUMBER 11 OF 24TH MARCH 1941. AT 0547 19TH AN EXPLOSION OCCURRED UNDER STERN OF OILER SAGONA DAMAGING JERVIS WHICH WAS ALONGSIDE. 0609 ON THE 19TH AN EXPLOSION OCCURRED UNDER A TURRET OF VALIANT. LATER AN EXPLOSION OCCURRED UNDER BOILER ROOMS OF QUEEN ELIZABETH. THE EXTENT OF THE DAMAGE IS NOT YET KNOWN. MORE TO FOLLOW.

Warspite class BB's

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1690 Ton DD, (1939 class) 200P
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FROM SPENAVO LONDON

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TEXT

FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF ADMTY FAR EAST SITUATION REPORT OF 0900 GMT
11 DEC. ADMIRAL PHILLIPS, CAPTAIN LEACH MISSING, CAPT TENNANT AND

MANY SURVIVORS LANDING SINGAPORE. REPULSE ATTACKED BY HIGH LEVEL
BOMBERS FROM 11000 FT. HITS SCORED ABREAST MAINMAST. SECOND

ATTACK BY 9 TORPEDO BOMBERS. 2 OR 3 HITS SCORED. REPULSE TURNED OVER AND
SANK IN FEW MINUTES. FOUR ATTACKS ON PRICE OF WALES. FIRST BY 9

TORPEDO AIRCRAFT. 1 OR 2 HITS CAUSING EXTENSIVE FLOODING PUTTING TWO
ENGINE ROOMS OUT OF ACTION. SECOND ATTACK BY 9 TORPEDO AIRCRAFT WITH

2 MORE HITS. THIRD BY HIGH LEVEL BOMBING FROM 10000 FT. 1 HIT PROBABLY
1000 LB. BOMB. FOURTH ATTACK BY TORPEDO AIRCRAFT AND ONE MORE HIT SCORED.

SHIP HEELED OVER TO PORT SLOWLY AND CAPSIZED IN 20 MINUTES. SEVEN
ATTACKING AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN DURING ATTACK. ENEMY TROOPS LANDED NAURU

XX 1800 9 DEC. JAPS APPARENTLY LANDED BUT-ARITARI AND TABAWA
GILBERT ISLANDS. OCEAN ISLANDS BOMBED TWICE. ENEMY APPEARS TO BE

MAKING LITTLE PROGRESS AT HONGKONG AND BRITISH POSITION IS SATISFACTORY.
ONE BB, 2 CL, 7 DD AND SEVERAL TRANSPORTS OFF KOTABAHARU AT 1700 DEC 10/

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SINGAPORE AERODROME BOMBED BY 11 BLENHEIMS, 5 BLENHEIMS LOST. 5 ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED SINGUEIBATAIN, FOUR BY AA FIRE. DUTCH FIGHTERS

SQUADRON ARRIVED SINGAPORE. 7 ENEMY LIGHT TANKS DESTROYED. FRONTIER POSITION FAIRLY SATISFACTORY. SMALL ENEMY LANDING AT KUANTUN BUT WERE

DRIVEN OFF. MIRISARAWAK OIL SCHEME COMPLETE.

150 mi north of
Singapore

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A.P. REPORT RECEIVED AT OHL, 12/10/41 FROM LONDON CITEING PRINCE OF WALES

101112 PRINCE OF WALES HAVE HAD CONFIRMATION OF JAPANESE PRESS

REPORTS THAT PRINCE OF WALES AND REPULSE HAVE BEEN SUNK X

BUT HAVE NO FURTHER DETAILS X JAPANESE PRESS STATES THAT

REPULSE WAS BOMBED X PRINCE OF WALES BOMBED AND TORPEDDED

BY SUBMARINES

FROM: OPERATE LONDON
TO: OPNAV

ADMIRALTY HAS HAD CONFIRMATION OF JAPANESE PRESS REPORTS THAT PRINCE OF WALES AND REPULSE WERE SUNK BUT HAVE NO FURTHER DETAILS X THE JAPANESE PRESS STATES THAT REPULSE WAS BOMBED AND PRINCE OF WALES BOMBED AND TORPEDDED BY SUBMARINES

38-12/10/41 Lt. Daddridge

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Coderoom - 19-CP00-00R-014-

Rel 1730 Dec 10

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A.P. REPORT RECEIVED AT 0515, 12/10/41 FROM LONDON STATING PRINCE OF WALES
AND REPULSE HAD BEEN SUNK OFF COAST OF MALAY PENINSULA X

G-2 LATER REPORTS CONFIRMATION BY BRITISH ADMIRALTY
Rec'd by Lieut. Dodderidge

FROM: SPENAVO LONDON
TO : OPNAV

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WALES AND REPULSE WERE SUNK BUT HAVE NO FURTHER DETAILS X THE JAPANESE
PRESS STATES THAT REPULSE WAS BOMBED AND PRINCE OF WALES BOMBED AND
TORPEDOED BY SUBMARINES

TOR 0640-12/10/41 - Lt.Dodderidge