

#33 U.S. SHIPS ATTACKED

2

Box 41
Map Room

INTERCEPTED 210

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ALL SHIPS FROM CHATHAM MASS 11019

SUBMARINE ATTACK RIGHT OFF HALIFAX LIGHT SHIP

SS GREYLOCK 01 30 ONT

COMINCH ACTION

DISTRICT MAY

05 10 19 20 20A 20K CG 00R 37

16 00A 20G 3B HYDRO FWO(1) CHO(2)

OPDO

INTERCEPTED 500

URGENT FC

ALL SHIPS FROM CHATHAM MASS RADIO BT

SSS SSS CLEARED FROM SS GREYLOUCK

COMINCH ACTION ✓

05 10 19 20 20A 20K CG 00R

37 16 00A 20G HYDRO FWO(1) ✓

CWO(2) ✓ OPDO

0221B19MAY500

REWRITE FC

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM COMINCH (F-35)	FOR ACTION		PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE MAY 6 1942	INFORMATION	CINCLANT COM EASTSEA FRON	DEFERRED
TOR CODE ROOM 1150/1303			PPPPPP
DECODED BY PORTER, BELL.			PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY			ROUTINE
			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

061142 CCR 2308

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

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

COMGULFSEA FRON REPORTS THAT SMALL COAST GUARD MOTOR
BOAT INVESTIGATING DISTRESS FLARES WAS FIRED UPON BY
SUBMARINE SURFACED AT BETHEL SHOAL BUOY X NO DESTRESSED
VESSEL WAS LOCATED X TIME WAS 0800 ZED.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEE	PRECEDENCE
FROM COMGULFSEAFRON	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY P P P P P P P
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 5 MAY 42			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 0944/0825	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY PORTER/PITKIN			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

050733 CCR-2782

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

TIME

OCT

TEXT

PATROL PLANE REPORTS TWO SHIPS BURNING FIRST POSITION
 LAT 25-13 LONG 84-47 SECOND POSITION LAT 25-39
 LONG 84-47 X FURTHER DETAILS WHEN AVAILABLE

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CARIBSEAFRON	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY RRRRRRR
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 2 MAY 1942	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM 1658/02			PRIORITY
DECODED BY POWELL			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY JENKINS			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

ROONEY

021517 NCR 9805

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

USAT JACK ATTACKED 200Z 30TH LAT 17-01 LONG 66-03 TORPEDO
 MISSED. WAKE CLEARLY VISIBLE. ARMED GUARD AND PLANE COVERAGE
 DURING NIGHT PREVENTED FURTHER ATTACK. FOUR SHOTS FOUR
 INCH FIRED AT PERISCOPE.

DISTRIBUTION;

COMINCH...ACTION

10/11...~~BRK~~ 37...16...20G...23...39...BAD...00...P1A...

000...200P...FILE...

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URGENT FC

SUBMARINE SIGHTED FROM SS ALCOA LEADER

POSITION 40 00 N 72 40 W AT 1350 GMT ALCOA LEADER TORPEDDED

✓ COMINCH ACTION

05 10 19 20 20A 20K ✓ CG 12R 37

10 00A 20G 30 01A HYDRO ✓ FWO(1)

✓ CWO(2)

134001500 1 DAY

RECEIVED FROM FCC VIA FONE

RECEIVED BY BALTIMORE UNIT DIRECT AT 1315 GMT ON 500 KCS

DISTRESS SENT BY SS ALCOA LEADER POSITION 40 00 NORTH 72 40 WEST
TORPEDOED AT 1350 GMT

✓ COMINCH ACTION

05 10 19 20 20A 20K CG 00R 37 16
00A 01A 20G 38 HYDRO FWO ✓ CWO(2)

TOR 1355/01 LN/RT

CH27

FOR COMINCH URGENT FC

CANCEL DISTRESS AND SUBMARINE SIGHTED FROM SS ALCOA LEADER
1431

1435 J1 1 MAY 42 NM 5 OK UA

COMINCH ACTION

05 10 19 20 20A 20K CG 00R
37 16 00A 20G 38 HYDRO FWO(1)
CWO(2)

:CH 25 FOR COMINCH

URGENT ZY

DESTRESS FROM SS ALCOA LEADER POSN 4000 N ⁷²2740 W TORPEDOED

COMINCH ACTION

05 10 19 20 20A 20K CG 00R 37
16 00A 20G 38 HYDRO FWD(1)
CWO(2)

1350 J1 Q1 MAY 42 NM

V DN R

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LBP V MAD P18 T M1C KIVU

NAC V MAD P2

Z WIND / A2W INCH L9X M1C CRAB M1C KIVU

Z QUAF / WIND Q TEAM CRAB Z NMF / QUAF BT

FROM: BOSTON (THURO) MASS.

ACTION: COM BOSTON DIST BOSTON MASS

PASSED BY: COM BOSTON DIST TO: COMONE FOR ACTION TO
COM INSHORE PAT BOSTON MASS FOR INFO:

PASSED BY: COMONE TO: COMSCORON 1D1 (VS-1D1)..NY

PORTS NH..COMUTRON 4 (VJ-4)..SOP AFLOAT AT
BOSTON MASS..SOP AFLOAT AT PORTLAND ME

FROM: COM EASTSEAFRON
FOLLOWING INTERCEPTED ON 500 KOS AT 1340 GCT

DISTRESS FROM SS ALCOA LEADER POSITION 4000 N 7240 W

1350 GMT ALCOA LEADER TORPEDOED

TOT 1410/IMAYKR

COMINCH ACTION

COMINCH ACTION

RECEIVED ON 500 KCS

URGENT RT

CALLING ALL SHIPS AND STATIONS FROM SS ALCOA LEADER
CANCEL DISTRESS PROCEEDING TO PORT

✓ COMINCH ACTION

05 10 19 20 20A 20K CG 00R 38
37 16 00A 20G HYDRO ✓ FWO ✓ CWO(2)

COPY/RT

CH29

FOR COMINCH

URGENT

SS ALCOA LEADER FROM *NVM DID YOU ACTUALLY SIGHT SUBMARINE

*NVM FROM SS ALCOA LEADER NO HAD SEVERE SHOCK (VESSEL)

*NVM --NOT LISTED

1530 J1 1 MAY 42 NM OK UA

COMINCH ACTION

REWRITE FC

RE- ~~500~~ KCS TRANSMISSION AT 1432.

AT 1432 ON 500KCS SS ALCOA LEADER (KEVT) CALLED NAM (NAVY RDO NORFOLK) WITH HIS 1432 TRANSMISSION CANCELLING BOTH SSS AND SOS, HOWEVER NAM DID NOT ANSWER UP IMMEDIATELY, KEVT GAVE THE MSG TO MMY (CG ROCKAWAY) FROM ABOVE THE FACT HE CALLED NORFOLK FIRST, ASSUME ALCOA LEADER PROCEEDING TO NORFOLK.

COB COMINCH

143315001MAY

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTM

DRAFTER		EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	NAVY COM, BERMUDA	FOR ACTION	BAD	PPPPRRR PRIORITY
RELEASED BY				ROUTINE
DATE	1 MAY 1942			DEFERRED
FOR COOKROOM	1145	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY	BAD			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY	HILL			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

KELLY

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	EXT
TEXT			

(RECEIVED BY MESSENGER FROM BAD)

FOLLOWING RECEIVED INTERCEPT 2150 GMT 8.8.8.8. (WUXT) -FLORENCIA-
(USA) POSITION 17 DEGREES 01 MINUTES N 06-33W ATTACKED NOT HIT BUT
EXPECT ANOTHER.

BAD PASS TO COMINCH AND OPNAV.

NOTE: TELEPHONED TO DOD OPNAV AND COMINCH.

COMINCH.... ACTION

290.....37.....16.....18/11.....FILE.

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REC'D BY PHONE FROM BAD
FROM BERMUDA IMMEDIATE

TO BAD

PRIORITY/BR

FOLLOWING RECEIVED INTERCEPTED 2150 GMT SIGHTED SUBMARINE
WUOT (NOT LISTED) POSITION 17 01 N 66 03 W ATTACK NOT
HIT BUT EXPECT ANOTHER

1922P/30

PLAIN LANGUAGE

COMINCH ACTION
05 10 19 20 20A 20K C.G. 00R 37 16
01A 20G HYDRO FWO(1) QWO(2) OPDO

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>CINCPAC (NPM)</u>	FOR ACTION	COMINCH (NSS)	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>30 APRIL 1942</u>	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TON CODEROM <u>0626/0414</u>			PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>TIRS/TIRS</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

300257 CCR 15570

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

FROM CINCPAC TO COMINCH

PLOTED

THRESHER RETURNED FROM PATROL OFF TOKYO DUE SLIGHT
 DAMAGE TO PIPING RECEIVED FROM DEPTH CHARGE ATTACK
 BUT REPORTS SINKING ONE MEDIUM FREIGHTER X FORCE 16
 DEPARTING TOMORROW AS SCHEDULED X SUBMARINE REPORTED
 SIGHTED LAT 21 SOUTH 176 EAST X

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[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF NAVAL
INTELLIGENCE BY TELEPRINTER CIRCUIT (TWX) AT 1440 22 APRIL 1942

FROM: DISTRICT INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, THIRD NAVAL DISTRICT
ACTION: DISTRICT NAVAL INTELLIGENCE

TEXT: REFERENCE YOUR TELETYPE TODAY REQUESTING BRIEF SUMMARY
RE TORPEDOING OF SS VICTORIA. ON APRIL 17 ABOUT 275 MILES DUE
EAST CAPE HENRY VESSEL SUSTAINED DAMAGE TO BOW AND STERN
RESULTING FROM TWO CONTACTS ABOUT ONE HOUR APART. FIRST
OCCURED JUST BEFORE DUSK. NOT CERTAIN WHETHER TORPEDOES OR
MINES STRUCK. VESSEL WAS ABANDONED. U S DESTROYER ON APRIL 19
SENT PART OF ITS CREW ABOARD VICTORIA AND ATTEMPTED TO REPAIR
VESSEL. ANOTHER U S PATROL VESSEL PICKED UP CREW OF VICTORIA
AND RETURNED THEM TO VICTORIA. THEREAFTER VESSEL WAS PUT IN
COMMISSION AND PROCEEDED TO NEW YORK UNDER ESCORT ARRIVING
APRIL 21 ABOUT 2200. VICTORIA HAD ARGENTINE FLAG PAINTED ON
HULL. INVESTIGATION BEING MADE BY THIS OFFICE AND DISTRICT
MATERIAL OFFICE TO DETERMINE IF POSSIBLE WHETHER TORPEDOED
OR MINED. WILL ADVISE WHEN INVESTIGATION COMPLETED.

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COG - 37
COMINCH 10 05 13 17 16 20
20P- 20G-20K-BUSHIP HYDRO 30

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>NOB BERNUDA</u>	FOR ACTION	USS GREER USS TARBELL	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>22 APRIL 1942</u>	INFORMATION	CINCLANT COM E S F 80MINCH	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>0535/0350</u>			PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>FINKELDEY/BERRY</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

220230 CCR 67

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

TIME

GCT

TEXT

MY 211745 X WEATHER PERMITTING VICTOR PREP FOUR CALL
AFIRM SIX JIG ROGER YOKE KEY AFIRM YOKE VOICE WILL
DEPART MIKE AT 1100 ZED FOR SCENE OF PIPESTONE COUNTY
TORPEDOING TO COORDINATE WITH DESTROYERS IN SEARCH AND
ATTACK ON SUBMARINE.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER		EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	COM 15	FOI ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY				ROUTINE
DATE	21 APRIL 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM	1635/1610	INFORMATION	COMSUBPACFLT CINCPAC	PRIORITY
DECODED BY	NEWHOUSE/NEWHOUSE			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY				DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

211445 CCR 10282

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

REPORT RECEIVED FROM ARMY THAT AT 1810 GCT 21 APRIL
 RECD AN ARMY BOMBER DROPPED ONE SIX HUNDRED POUND
 BOMB AT SUBMARINE TAKING CRASH DIVE IN APPROXIMATE
 LATITUDE 09-10 NORTH LONGITUDE 91-50 WEST NO
 RESULTS OBSERVED X POSITION OF SUBMARINE CORRESPONDS TO DBE
 THAT OF USS FLYING FISH ENROUTE TO HONOLULU AND
 WELL WITHIN AREA OF TOTAL BOMBING RESTRICTIONS X
 FLYING FISH HAS ORDER TO GUARD HONOLULU SCHEDULE X
 HAVE NOT YET SUCCEEDED IN ESTABLISHING COMMUNICATIONS
 WITH HER

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

ORIGINATOR	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>COM 15</u>	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>22 APRIL 1942</u>	INFORMATION	COMSUBPAC CINCPAC	DEFERRED
TOR CODE ROOM <u>0154/0032</u>			PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>BUSH/BERRY</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

212322 CCR 46

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

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME GCT

TEXT

MY 211445 CORRECTION X BOMBING WAS 1810 ZED TWENTIETH X
 COMMUNICATION ESTABLISHED SINCE BOMBING AT 1125 ZED
 TWENTY FIRST X AT THAT TIME FLYING FISH REPORTED HER
 POSITION AS OF 1810 GCT TWENTIETH WHICH POSITION
 CORRESPONDS TO POSITION IN WHICH ARMY REPORTED
 DROPPING BOMB X SUBMARINE NOTICE WAS SENT

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

FROM	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM COM 15	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 22 APRIL 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM 1549/ 1437	INFORMATION	CINCPAC COMSUBPACFLT	PRIORITY
DECODED BY NEWHOUSE/NEWHOUSE			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

221355 CCR 0102

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

MY DISPATCH 212322 FLYING FISH WAS ATTACKED X NO DAMAGE

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>ALUSLO COLOMBO</u>	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>21 APRIL 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>211849</u>	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>BOOTHE</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <u>HUTCHINSON</u>			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

ROUTED-FULTON

211405 NCR 3461

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

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

A REPORT HAS JUST BEEN RECEIVED FROM NI0000CHIN
 STATING THAT THE WASHINGTONIAN WAS TORPEDOED APRIL 6TH
 IN EIGHT DEGREE CHANNEL.

ACTION...16

COMINCH...10/11...12...13...37...38...P1A...20 OP...004...

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NSS V NAH P85 T S4G

Z ABIR 211713 A60 BUNK S4G P GR 27

FROM: COM EASTSEAFRON

ACTION CINCLANT....NOB BERMUDA....COMINCH

PRIORITY RT

FOLLOWING INTERCEPTED ON 500 KCS AT 1709 BY NAS NEWYORK
DISTRESS FROM SS PIPESTONE COUNTY TORPEDOED LAT 37 43 N
66 16 W FROM RADIO TUCKERTON NJ

COMINCH ACTION

05 10 19 20 20A 20K CG 37
16 00R 00A 01A 20G 38 HYDRO FWO
CWO(2)

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM NOB BERMUDA	FOR ACTION	USS TARBELL USS GREER	PRIORITY OP OP OP ROUTINE DEFERRED
RELEASED BY			
DATE 21 APRIL 1942	INFORMATION	COMINCH USS OWL COMEASTSEA FRON CINCLANT	PRIORITY OP OP OP ROUTINE DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM 1918/1900			
DECODED BY SLADE/SLADE			
PARAPHRASED BY			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

211745

CCR 10302

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME GCT

TEXT

XAK (5 200 Green Tons)

JUST RECEIVED SOS X KIMZ PIPESTONE COUNTY TORPEDOED
 1700Z 37-43 NORTH 66-16 WEST X PROCEED IF PRACTICABLE
 TO ASSIST X VP BEING SENT TO SCENE BEARING 346 FROM
 FLATTS BERMUDA

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ACTION BUSARDA

DN V DY NR 19 T MUSK

FROM C O A C

CBMS

IMPORTANT

REFERENCE ADMIRALTY MESSAGE AF

POSITION 37 DEGREES 43 MINUTES N 66 DEGREES 16 MINUTES W

AT 10:00 GMT

COMINCH ACTION

17247/21

US 18 19 20 21A 21K CG 21R 37

16 21A 21A 21G 38 HYDRO FWO

CWD(2) BUSHIPS

TOD 1804Z/21/4/42 GHD

RECD FROM FCC BY PHONE AT 0302/21 APR42

PRIORITY/SR

INTERCEPTED BY FALLS CHURCH UNIT ON 500 KC AT 0256/^{GTM}FROM
RDO ~~01A~~ CHATHAM, MASS - CHATHAM SENT OUT AUTO ALARM AT
0254 ~~12M~~ GTM 5751 T one
DISTRESS FROM SS WEST IMBODEN LAT 41 14 N LONG 65 55 W
TORPEDOED

COMINCH ACTION

05 10 19 20 20A 20K C.G. 00R 37 16 00A

01A 20G HYDRO FWO(1) CWO(2) OPDO

BUSHIPS

RECNVCOM 0302/21 APR42/SR/DE

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CTG 24.4		USS BRISTOL	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 21 APRIL 1942			DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM 0521/0499		COMEASTSEA FRON	PRIORITY
DECODED BY BELL/WINTER		CINCLANT	ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY		COMINCH	DEFERRED
		COM 1	
		COM INSHORE PAT	
		AT BOSTON	
		COMPATRON 74	
		NAS QUONSET PT	
		USS GEORGE E BADGER	

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY

210357 CCR 10237

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME cti

TEXT

0751 Tons

SS WEST IMBODEN TORPEDGED AT 0250Z IN LAT 41-14 LONG 65-55
 PROCEED AT BEST SPEED RESCUE SURVIVORS SEARCH FOR ENEMY
 SUBMARINE CONTINUE PRESENT RADIO GUARD.

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM COM FIVE	FOR ACTION		PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 19 APRIL 1942			DEFERRED
FOR CODER ROOM 2250 / 2230	INFORMATION	COMEASTSEA FRON. OPNAV COMINCH	PRIORITY RPPPPPP
DECODED BY BUSH / BUSH			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

192215 CCR 10038

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

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME GCT

TEST

Little

AMERICAN TANKER AZTELL J BYLES TORPEDOED BUT NOT SUNK WHILE IN NORTHBOUND CONVOY APRIL 18TH 1942 AT 1835 EASY WILLIAM TARE POSITION 34-32 NORTH 74-19 WEST. 37 IN CREW 31 AMERICAN 5 FILIPPINOS 1 NORWEGIAN. NO CASUALTIES. CONFIDENTIAL PUBLICATIONS SECURE ABOARD. SHIP ARRIVED HAMPTON ROADS APRIL 19TH 1700 EASY WILLIAM TARE UNDER-OWN POWER.

COPY DELIVERED TO OPNAV CODE ROOM

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NR1173 T Z MATE & ABLE CASE EZRA 840 07/ W0804 W0805 V 118A 0

FROM COM15

INFO: EASTSEAFRON GULFSEAFRON CARIBSEAFRON COMINCH

URGENT/WD

RADIO PUERTO RICO REPORTS 1410 GMT HEARD 303 SUBMARINE ATTACK

UNABLE IDENTIFY CALL LETTERS LAT 25.25 N LONG 87.12 W X 17:045

19011017 APR 1970

COMINCH COG

05 10 19 20 20A 20G 20K CG WDR
00A 01A 37 16 38 BUSHIPS OPDC
HYDRO CWO(2) FWO(1)

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSES	PRECEDENCE
FROM ASTALUSNA MANAGUA NICARAGUA	FOR ACTION	COM 15 OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 17 APRIL 1942			DEFERRED
FOR CODEBOOK	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY BROWNING/LEEF			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY C ALLEN			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

ROUTED BY FULTON

171742 NCR 1341

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

SOS HEARD BY RADIO OPERATOR PUERTO CADEZAS. SHIP
BEING ATTACKED BY SUB. LATITUDE 25-25 NORTH LONGITUDE 87-18
WEST.

ACTION: COMINCH.....

10/11.....200.....37.....38.....16.....BADO.....

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FROM NOB BERMUDA	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	ROUTINE
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 17 APRIL 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM 0410	INFORMATION	COM EASTSEA FROM	ROUTINE
DECODED BY ESTES			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY HILL			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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170245 NCR 1052

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TEXT			

ESTIMATED POSITION REQUESTED ALCOA GUIDE REPORTED BEING SHELLED 1210Z
17TH BEARING 299 FROM BERMUDA.

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37.....ACTION

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ETATBG BERMUDA 0125 APR .17 1942

ADMIRALGIRC IMMEDIATE

OPNAV WASHINGTONDC

PRIORITY FC

DISTRESS SUCSESS IN 500 YD BY BALTIMORE UNIT AT 1154 GMT
FROM: 20 HEINRICH V RIEDEMANN POSITION 11 55 NORTH 63 48 WEST

FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM GEORGETOWN RADIO INTERCEPTED AT

0337 GMT BEGINS DISTRESS FROM HEINRICH V RIEDEMANN (PANAMANIAN)

11 55 N 63 47 W TORPEDGED ENDS OPNAV PLEASE PASS TO COMINCH

0103P /17

115A

COMINCH ACTION

05 10 19 20 20A 20K CG 00R 37

16 00A 01A 20G 30 HYDRO FWO(1)

CWO(2) BUSHIPS OPDO

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RECEIVED FROM FCC VIA FONE

DISTRESS RECEIVED ON 500 KC BY BALTIMORE UNIT AT 0336 GMT
FROM: 88 HEINRICH V RIEDEMANN POSITION 11 53 NORTH 63 40 WEST
TORPEDOED

COMINCH ACTION

05 10 19 20 20A 20K CG 00R 37

16 00A 01A 20G 38 HYDRO

CWO(1) FWO(2) OPDO

TOR ER/RT 0415/17

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MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

FROM	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
COM 13 ND		OPNAV	PPPPPP
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE			DEFERRED
17 APRIL 42			
FOR CODEROOM		CINCLANT	PRIORITY
0604/17		COMINCH	ROUTINE
DECODER BY			DEFERRED
JERMAN			
PARAPHRASED BY			
CLTUCKER			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME OCT
TEXT

THE FOLLOWING WAS RECEIVED ON 500 KCS, SS HEINRICH V
RIEDEMANN POSITION 11-55 NORTH 63-47 WEST TORPEDOED.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

FROM	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRIORITY
COMINCH		COMCARIBSEAFRON	PPPPPPPP
RELEASED BY CARMODY			ROUTINE
DATE 17 APRIL 1942			DEFERRED
FOR CODEROM 0451/0603		ADMIRALTY	PPPPPPPP
DECODED BY EGGEAN/WINTER		CINC AW1	ROUTINE
		COAC	DEFERRED
		FONF	
		NSHQ	
		SO(1) JAMAICA	

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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CCR 1744

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME OCT

TEXT

AT 0396Z/17 POSIT 11-53N 63-40W SS HEINRICH V RIEDEMANN
TORPEDOED.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

ORIGINATOR	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>UNSUBSISTED</u>	FOR ACTION	NOB BERLUTA	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE <u>17 APR 42</u>	FOR INFORMATION	OPN V	DEFERRED
TOR CODEBOOK <u>0645/17</u>			PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>ELT.D</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <u>C. TUCKER</u>			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

LT. KELLY

170511 APR 1946

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	QCT
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TEXT

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ABOUT 2215Q APRIL 16TH, ALCOA GUITE SHELLED AND ON FIRE, CREW
 TAKING TO LIFE BOATS. BEST PROBABLE POSITION 35-18 NORTH
 71-33 WEST. AIR SEARCH WILL COMMENCE DAYLIGHT 17TH.
 INFORM HQS ELK MAINTAIN LOOKOUT FOR SURVIVORS.

CONTINCH.....COC.

RECORD COPY TO...37....38...OP-21...P1A...3...FILE...

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FCC PHONE

FOLLOWING RECEIVED BY FALLSCHURCH UNIT FCC ON 500 KCS FROM RADIO
TUCKERTOWN SS ALCOA GUIDE SHELLED BY SUBMARINE AFIRE ABOVE
BRIDGE BOUND NORFOLK TO MARTINIQUE TAKING TO LIFE BOATS ✓

4634 TONS

FOLLOWING RADIO BEARINGS GIVEN

CAMPER DOWN 206
CANSO GOINO 214
CAPE RACE 233
S. PAUL NS 222

TCR COMM OFF 0235/17
PREPARED BY DE

COMINCH ACTION

05 10 19 20 20A 20K CG 00R 37 16 00A 01A 20G 38
HYDRO EUSHIPS FWO(1) CWO(2) OPDO

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PREDCEDE
FROM <u>ALUSNO NATAL</u>	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE <u>17 APRIL 92</u>	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
FOR CODEBOOK <u>BB23/17</u>			ROUTINE
DECODED BY <u>WOLDRIDGE</u>			DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY <u>CLUCKER</u>			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

LT. KELLY

162348 NCR 1/25

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	QCT
TEXT			

INFORMATION CONTASKFOR 23, CONTASKGRP 23.2 (PASSED BY CODE ROOM)
 NOTES ON THAYER BRUSH ATTACKS FROM BUTHER SURVIVOR CONVERSATIONS.
 IN BOTH SUB OPENED ON ONE QUARTER, THEN CONTINUED ON OTHER. HAD
 APPARENTLY 1 GUN 4 OR 5 INCHES AND SHELLS FREQUENTLY SHOWED BLuish
 GREEN TRACERS. NO STAR SHELLS AS FIRST REPORTED. OPENED ABOUT
 2,000 YARDS CLOSED TO 200. NO MACHINE GUNNING OF BRUSH WHICH
 WAS STOPPED AT OUTSET BY TORPEDO. MACHINE GUNNING OF THAYER WHICH
 TRIED TO ESCAPE WITH BURSTS COINCIDING WITH GUN FIRE. GUN FIRE
 THAYER RAPID AIM POOR, BRUSH SLOW AIM GOOD. DISTINCTIVE FEATURE
 OF BOTH TEMERITY OF SUB RUNNING CLOSE ABOARD AND SHELLING FOR
 HOURS SHIPS FIRED CLEARLY ILLUMINATING WIDE ADJACENT AREA ALL DAY.
 REFERENCE MY 131755, 142347.

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NAVY DEPARTM

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>CINCPAC (NERK)</u>	FOR ACTION	COMWESTSEAFRON	PPPPPPPP
RELEASED BY _____		COMHAWSEAFRON COMANZAC	ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE <u>17 APRIL 42</u>	INFORMATION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
FOR CODEBOOK <u>1029/17</u>			ROUTINE
DECODED BY <u>FLYNN</u>			DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY <u>CLUCKER</u>			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

LT(JG) HATCH

161923 NCR 952

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
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TEXT

(OPNAV INFORM COMINCH FROM CINCPAC)

AT 0615Z/ SUBMARINE ATTACKED SS FIRETHORN IN LATITUDE
 45-3 SOUTH LONGITUDE 174-1 WEST. ALL US MERSHIPS
 PACIFIC INFORMED.

COMINCH.....ACT.

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DRAFTER		EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	COM 10	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY				RRRR
DATE	16 APRIL 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODENDOM	1121/16	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY	YEAGER			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY	HARDEY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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151909 WCR 0611

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME OCT

TEXT

ESBO BOSTON STILL AFLOAT AND AFIRE IN 21-15 NORTH 64-13 WEST
1430Z 15TH. COMMANDING OFFICER BIDDLE STATED UPON ARRIVAL FROM
SCENE SHIP SINKING SLOWLY NUMEROUS SHELL HOLES IN HULL NEAR
WATERLINE. IF STILL AFLOAT WHEN FIRE DIES OUT WILL ATTEMPT
SALVAGE.

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SD WASHINGTON DC APRIL 7 1942.

FROM DEPARTMENT OF STATE.
FOR OPNAV.

THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM HAS BEEN RECEIVED
FROM ACCRA DATED APRIL 6 1942:

"6 APRIL 6, 4 PM.

"AMERICAN STEAMSHIP WEST IRMO OF THE BARBER
LINE TORPEDES APRIL 3RD BETWEEN MARSHALL AND TAKORADI
LATITUDE TWO DEGREES 12 MINUTES NORTH
LONGITUDE 5 DEGREES 45 MINUTES WEST ON OUTWARD
VOYAGE. ALL ON BOARD UNINJURED AND LANDED TODAY
TAKORADI EXCEPT 10 LIBERIAN NATIVE LABORERS OF WHOM
3 DEAD, 7 MISSING. ARRANGEMENTS MADE REPATRIATE
AMERICAN SEAMEN ON FAIRFAX SAILING FROM TAKORADI
IN A FEW DAYS. IRMO WAS AFLOAT BUT SINKING SLOWLY
WHEN LAST SEEN EVENING OF APRIL 4TH. BRITISH
AIRCRAFT NOW SEARCHING FOR IRMO WITH A REMOTE
POSSIBILITY SALVAGE. WILL TELEGRAPH DEVELOPMENTS
AND SUBMIT AIR MAIL REPORT. MASTER REQUESTS THAT
BARBER LINE NEW YORK BE NOTIFIED."

(SIGNED) ANDERSON.

TOD 952 PM APRIL 7 1942. X.

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By PK Date DEC 26 1972

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Commch 10/11 13 16 BADO 206-30

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM ORIGINATOR NOT INDICATED	FOR ACTION	COM EASTERN SEA PASSED BY CESF TO: COMINCH COM 5 COM 6 FOR ACTION	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE RRRR DEFERRED
DATE APRIL 6 1942	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
TON CODEROM 1516/1423			ROUTINE
DECODED BY BUSH/BELL			DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY			

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061130 CCR 8107

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

VESSEL TORPEDGED WAS SIN OIL MOTOR TANKER BIDWELL NOW
 PROCEEDING NORFOLK ABOUT 8 KNOTS UNDER OWN POWER X
 ONE MAN LOST ONE INJURED X SHIP REPORTS NO ASSISTANCE
 NEEDED AT PRESENT X AM STANDING BY TEMPORARILY X
 1100 ZED POSITION TWO ONE FIVE DEGREES TRUE FOUR ONE
 MILES FROM DIAMOND SHOALS BUOY.

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TELEPHONE
REC/FROM BALTIMORE UNIT WHO RECEIVED FROM WWH

WHH RECEIVED DIRECT ON 550 KC AT 2215 GMT VII 2225 AT 2225 GMT
ACTUALLY ATTACKED BY ENEMY SUBMARINE DE WTKC 15 MILES AT 2225
SUSPICIOUS 8 MILES 54 DEGREES FROM BODIE ISLAND LIGHT
SHOWING BRIGHT MAST AND SIDE LIGHTS CHASING US MAKING
15 KNOTS

COMINCH ACTION

*WHH - RADIO BALTIMORE
*WTKC - SS ESSO AUGUSTA

10 19 25 26A 27B 28K

CG 22R 37 18 19A 21A 22G 36

HYDRO DPDO FRO(P) CWO(3)

SECNAVCOMP3/24TCE/MC

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RECD FROM FCC VIA FONE

RECEIVED FROM BALTIMORE UNIT ON 500 KCS VIA WMMH AT 0118 GMT
WGBB SS DAVID H ATWATER BEING SHELLLED FOOT OF CAPE HENRY AT NOT
BOUND FOR NEWYORK MAKEING EIGHT POINTS

*WSC~~X~~ SENT THE AUTO ALARM

*WSC- RADIO TUCKERTON NJ
*WMMH-RADIO BALTIMORE MD

COMINCHACTION

✓ 05 10 19 20 20A 20B 20K
CG 00R 37 16 00A 01A 20G 38

HYDRO OPDO FWO(2) CWO(3)

TDR 0136/03 ER/WP

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REC'D BY PHONE FROM FCC AT 1212 GOT

PRIORITY/SR

RECEIVED BY LAUREL UNIT VIA WSL AT 1203 GMT
SUBMARINE ATTACK
SSS WGUM SUBMARINE 5 MILES SSW SAND KEY

* RDO AMAGANSETT
** SS PAN RHODE ISLAND

				COMINCH	ACTION			
05	10	19	20	20A	20B	20K	C.G.	00R 37

16	00A	01A	20G	38	HYDRO
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FWD (2) GWO (3)

RECHAVCOM1212/3APR42/SR/GH

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FORCED FROM FCC FL/CP AT 1015 GMT

INTERCEPTED ON 5/17 KO BY LAUREL MONITORING UNIT AT 1643 GMT

SUBMARINE ATTACK

~~111~~ ~~511~~ ~~111~~ DE WEXV (98 CHID IN BERGE LIST)

SIGHTED SUBMARINE 37.53 N 75.34 W FOUR MILES SW

INTERQUARTER STEAMING 223 TRUE 1600 GMT

COMINCH ACTION

05 10 19 20 20A 20B 20K C.G. 00R 37

3 APR 16 00A 01A 20G 38 HYDRO

FWO(2) CWO(3)

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FROM FCC
INTERCEPTED BY BALTIMORE UNIT 0425/03 GMT ON 500 KCS
RDO BALTIMORE
BY ~~XXX~~ FROM WTKC (ESSO AUGUSTA)

SUBMARINE ATTACK

~~ESSO~~ ESSO AUGUSTA

ATTACK BY ENEMY SUBMARINE 35.54 NORTH 75.26 WEST 0210 /03 GMT

PHONED TO WDBY BR 030500

COMINCH ACTION

05 10 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 00
37 16 36 HYDRO BUSHIPS OPDO CWO(3) FNO(2)

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FROM FCC

REC'D FROM BALTIMORE UNIT ON 500 KCS AT 0532 GMT FROM WMM (BALTIMORE RDO)

DISTRESS

500 K KDPG SS TIBRE OFF LOOKOUT SHELLD BY SUBMARINE

PHONED TOWD BY BR 020545

COMINCH ACTION

05 10 19 20 20A 20B 20C 20 K 00 00R
20A 21A 37 16 38 OPDO BUSHIPS HYDRO
CWO(3) FWO(2)

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTM

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>DISTLATOFFAT COM 3</u>	FOR ACTION	ASST DIST INTELLIGENCE ASST DIST INTELLIGENCE AT COM 4	PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED
RELEASED BY _____			
DATE <u>4 APRIL 1942</u>	FOR INFORMATION	OPNAV	PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED
TOR CODE ROOM <u>1712</u>			
DECODED BY <u>HAMPTON</u>			
PARAPHRASED BY <u>LELAND</u>			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

ROUTED BY FULTON

011534 NCR 02457 + 0237

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

SS ESSO BAYONNE ENROUTE PHILADELPHIA SIGHTED SUBMARINE AND RAIDER IN
 POSITION LAT 21-00 NORTH 73-52 WEST. SENT RADIO MESSAGE READING
 "SHOOTING AT US AT 2200 THREE SHOTS FIRED OVER NO OTHER ACTION"
 UNKNOWN

COB: COMINCH.....

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM NOB TRINIDAD	FOR ACTION	COMCARIBSEAFRON	OP PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 31 MARCH 42			DEFERRED
FOR CODE ROOM 2221/31	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY MORGAN			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY GILKER			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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312103 NCR 1953

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	ECT
TEXT (PASSED BY COMCARIBSEAFRON TO OPNAV FOR INFO)			

FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM POIC QUOTE RECEIVED AT 1935 G M T
 NEAR. 388 SOS TC MC COBB POSITION LAT 07-10 NORTH LONG
 45-20 WEST SUBMARINE FIRING ON US XXXXXX W O G UNIT DEMERRA
 RADIO UNQUOTE. NO ACTION TAKEN.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>COMTASKGROUP 23.2</u>	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY PPPPPP
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>31 MARCH 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODE ROOM <u>2123 / 244</u>	INFORMATION	CINCLANT COMTASKFOR 23 KENNEBECK OPNAV	PRIORITY PPPPPP
DECODED BY <u>PORTER / BUSH</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

312000 CCR 7410

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

AT NINETEEN THIRTY ZED RECEIVED SSSSS SIGNAL ON DISTRESS
FREQUENCY FROM TARE CAST MCCOBB REPORTING SUB FIRING ON
HER IN 07-10 NORTH 45-20 WEST DISTANT 142 MILES. MOFFETT
PROCEEDING TO INVESTIGATE. OPNAV PASS TO ALUSNA RIO

COPY DELIVERED TO OPNAV CODE ROOM
(OPNAV PASS TO ALUSNA RIO)

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McM*

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REC FROM FCC ON FONE AT 0353/29MAR42

PRIORITY/SR

INTERCEPTED BY LAUREL UNIT ON 500 KS AT 0345 GMT

SSS DE WSC* 36 35 N 75 44 W SUBMARINE C HASING
US BT DELAWARE SUN

COMINCH ACTION

05 10/11 19 20 20A 20B 20K C.G. 00R 37

16 00A 01A 20G 38 HYDRO

BUSHIPS OPDO FWO(2) CWO(3)

RECNAVCOM0353/29MAR42/SR/ER

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>NAVY YARD NORFOLK</u>	FOR ACTION	COMDESLANTFLT. RRR	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>MARCH 23 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>1005/0520</u>	INFORMATION	COMINCH COM ESF CINCLANT COM 5	PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>BELL/BELL</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

222242 CCR 5586

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

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

FOLLOWING IS 1 PARAPHRASED CORRECTION X THIS ANSWER
 211417 COURT OF INQUIRY NOT COMPLETED BUT FOLLOWING
 (don't have) FACTS BELIEVED ESTABLISHED AT 0230 QUEEN MARCH 19 WHILE
 PATROLLING OFF NORTH CAROLINA COAST CLOSED TO IDENTIFY
 VESSEL LATER ASCERTAINED TO BE SS LIBERATOR WAS STRUCK
 CHARTHOUSE BY EXPLOSIVE SHELL FIRED BY ARMED GUARD ON
 SUPPOSITION TARGET WAS SUBMARINE ALL INJURED EXPECTED
 RECOVER UNEVENTFULLY ESTIMATED DAMAGE 20 DAYS ONE EIGHT
 THOUSAND DOLLARS BETTER READING.

Re "Dickerson"

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>OTTAWA</u>	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE RRR
DATE <u>22 MARCH 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODENOOM <u>0127</u>	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>ORMOND/OLSON</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <u>C ALLEN</u>			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

ROUTED BY FULTON

211621Z MCR 6_176

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME GCT

TEXT

(OPNAV ADMIRALTY 239 CINCPAC SOI JAMAICA COAC 467 FROM NSHQ)
 SANTA MONICA U.S. (EX RED JACKET) INTERCEPT 1 810Z 20TH
 SSS SHIP TORPEDGED NEAR POSITION 12 MILES NORTH EAST
 SINTER QUARTER SHOAL BUOY.

ACTION: COMINCH.....

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CNO.....P1A.....00.....200P.....

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>CHIEF DIRECTOR, BALTIC</u>	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE <u>10 MARCH 1942</u>			DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM <u>1723/10</u>	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>PULLEN</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <u>HARVEY</u>			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

RONNEY 191615 NCR 4072
 UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME GET
 TEXT

CON. RUL. SEA FRONTIER 191627. NO ACTION TAKEN BY THIS OFFICE.

*Colable
 torp. still float - Torrog*

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER		EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PREFERENCE
FROM	SOLBEAFRON	FOR ACTION	PT DIR BALTIMORE	ROUTINE
RELEASED BY				ROUTINE
DATE	13 MARCH 1942	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
FOR CODEROM	2151/18			PRIORITY
DECODED BY	SMITH		OPNAV	ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY	J.A. FOLLETTE			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

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TIME

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USS COLABEE AMERICAN BATAVIAN LINE TOPPED NEAR CAYO VERDE MARCH

TWELFTH IS AFLOAT ANCHORED NEAR CAYO VERDE X ABANDONED AND NOW UNDER
 SALVAGE BY SAIL SAIL ORIENTE CUBAN REGISTRY X SURVIVORS LANDED HAVANA
 FIVE SEVENTEEN BY SAIL SAIL ORIENTE X ALUSHA HAVANA ADVISES FIRST MATE
 DAVE CODED AND PAPERS TO CONSUL NEWYITAS X CAPTAIN MISSING LEFT PAPERS
 BEHIND WHEN HE DEPARTED X FOURTEEN MARCH FLYING OVER COLABEE ENGINEER
 SAW SMALL CRAFT ALONGSIDE AND PERSONS ABOARD X FIFTEEN MARCH MATE AND
 ENGINEER SEAT ON BOARD SAFE DIAL BROKEN OFF BUT PAPERS NOT DISTURBED X
 THERE IS POSSIBILITY CODES HAVE FALLEN INTO UNAUTHORIZED HANDS

DISTRIBUTION

37.....CDB

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39.....OPDO.....FILE

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER		EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	COMGULESEAFRON	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY				ROUTINE
DATE	18 MARCH 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	2204/1908	INFORMATION	NAVAL ATTACHE HAVANA	PRIORITY
DECODED BY	KNOWLTON/SMITH			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY				DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

171831 CCR 5006

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

SS COLOBEE AMERICAN HAWAIIAN LINE AFLOAT AND ANCHORED
 NEAR CAYO VERDE BOARDED MARCH SIXTEENTH X NO CREW OR
 ANY SHIPS PAPERS ABOARD X SS ORIENTE CUBAN REGISTRY
 ALONGSIDE WHEN BOARDED X ORIENTE STATES COLOBEE TOR-
 PEDDED OFF CAYO VERDE MARCH TWELFTH DRIFTED TO PRESENT
 POSITION ANCHORED BY ORIENTE AND SALVAGE COMMENCED X
 ORIENTE PICKED UP EIGHTEEN SURVIVORS FROM SHORE LANDED
 THEM AT HAVANA X ORIENTE STATES US CONSUL NEUVITAS AD-
 VISED OF THESE EVENTS X

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>CINCAWI</u>	FOR ACTION	ADMIRALTY	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>16 MARCH 42</u>			RRRRRR DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>03/3/16</u>	INFORMATION	NSHQ OPNAV BAD RND ST. LUCIA SO(1) JAMAICA FO TRINIDAD	PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>MAIL</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <u>GLTUCKER</u>			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

LT. WEINSTOCK

150747P NCR 2505

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

(ADMIRALTY (R) NSHQ OPNAV BAD RND ST LUCIA SO(1) JAMAICA FO TRINIDAD
FROM CINCAWI)ACACIA REPORTS BEING SHELLED AND MACHINED GUNNED BY S/M IN
POSITION 1617 NORTH 6344 WEST AT 0942Z 15TH. POSITIVE SHIP. ✓

BAD PASS TO OPNAV.

COMINCH.....COG.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	INDEFINITE CALL	EASTER SEA OPNAV COM 5	PPPPF
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE	14 MARCH 42		DEFERRED
FOR CODER ROOM	1237/14		PRIORITY
DECODED BY	EGGARDS		ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY	GLUCKER		DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

LT. COPELAND

141552 ZON 1532

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	ECT
TEXT			

ORIGINATOR ALGOMAS.

AT 0915Z 14TH, 13 ENLISTED WITNESSES REPORT TORPEDO WAKE CLOSE
ASTERN. 3032 NORTH 7444 WEST.

COJ CH.....ACT.

1E/11.....37.....38.....39.....1G...

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM NSHQ OTTAWA	FOR ACTION	PASS TO OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 12 MARCH 42			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY GLTUCKER			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

LT. WEINSTOCK

112109Z NCR 0189

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

(ADMIRALTY CINCAW OPNAV COAC FROM NSHQ OTTAWA)

GULFTRADE (US) REPORTED TORPEDOED 2 MILES OFF BARNEGAT GAS BUOY.

COMINCH.....ACT.

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PRIORITY

TO DNC MARCH 2'42

FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION COMMUNICATIONS WATCH OFFICER

FOR IMMEDIATE RELAY TO COMINCH

FOR IMMEDIATE RELAY TO OPNAV

FOR IMMEDIATE RELAY TO MR G E STERLING, FCC

THIS IS MSG FROM *FCBA

* FIELD CENSOR BALTIMORE
RADIO BALTIMORE

QUOTE

THIS MESSAGE PICKED UP BY STATION WMH AT 1340 :

* ATTACKED BY ENEMY SURFACE RAIDER
RRR RRRR (SURFACE RAIDER) 38.45 N 72.15 W COURSE 40

SPEED TEN KNOTS SOS RRR GERTRUDE KELLOGG KDEV

RAIDER FIRING ON US X

COMINCH ACTION

THIS IS FCBA MSG (NO 0730)

05 10 11 19 20 20A 20B 20K CG 00R
37 16 20A 01A 20G 38 HYDRO BUSHIPS

UNQUOTE

1346 CCC 14379

OPDO FWD(2) CWO(3)

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM COMTASKFOR25	FOR ACTION	USS SEIMES	000000000
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 2 MARCH 42			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1420/2ND	INFORMATION	R-12.	PRIORITY
DECODED BY ANELLO			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY GLUCKE			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

LT. SHELLABARGER**021805 NCR 4396**

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

ON 500 KCS AT ABOUT 1345G, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED.
 SS GERTRUDE KELLOG BEING FIRED ON BY ^(RAIDER?) ~~FAIDET~~ LAT 3845 NORTH,
 LONG. 7215 WEST. COURSE 040 SPEED 10.

COMINCH....COG.

10/11.....OP-20.....FILE.

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TO-DNC MARCH 2'42

FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION COMMUNICATIONS WATCH OFFICER

FOR IMMEDIATE RELAY TO COMINCH

FOR IMMEDIATE RELAY TO OPNAV

FOR IMMEDIATE RELAY TO MR G E STERLING, FCC

THIS IS MSG FROM*FCBA

* FIELD CENSOR BALTIMORE
RADIO BALTIMORE

QUOTE

THIS MESSAGE PICKED UP BY STATION WMH AT 1340 :

* ATTACKED BY ENEMY SURFACE RAIDER
RRR RRRR (SURFACE RAIDER) 38.45 N 72.15 W COURSE 40

SPEED TEN KNOTS SOS RRR GERTRUDE KELLOGG KDEV

RAIDER FIRING ON US X

COMINCH ACTION

THIS IS FCBA MSG NO 0730

05 10 11 19 20 20A 20B 20K CG 00R
37 16 20A 01A 20G 38 HYDRO BUSHIPS

UNQUOTE

1346 CCC 14379

OPDO FWO(2) CWO(3)

FORCED FROM FOG

RCD FROM BALTIMORE UNIT ON 500 KC 1802 GMT

KDEV (SS GERTRUDE KELLOGG) SENDING TO WIM (RADIO CHATHAM MASS)

IT WAS ARMED MERCHANT VESSEL FOLLOWED SUSPICIOUSLY FOR HALF
HOUR THEN CAPT HEARD SHOTS WE UNHIT

COMINCH ACTION

05 10/11 20 20A 20B 20K CG

TOR DC/WP1815

00R 37 16 00A 01A BUSHIPS

20G 38 HYDRO FWD(2) CWO(3)

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PRIORITY

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DNC MARCH 2'42

FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION COMMUNICATIONS WATCH OFFICER

FOR IMMEDIATE RELAY TO COMINCH

FOR IMMEDIATE RELAY TO OPNAV

FOR IMMEDIATE RELAY TO MR G E STERLING FCC

FLMG IS*FCBA NO 0732

* FIELD CENSOR BALTIMORE
RADIO BALTIMORE

QUOTE

THIS MESSAGE RECEIVED BY WHH AT 1402 FROM THE SS GERTRUDE KELLOGG:

QUOTE IT WAS ARMED MERCHANT VESSEL FOLLOWED SUSPICIOUSLY FOR HALF
HOUR THEN CAPTAIN HEARD SHOTS WE UNHIT UNQUOTE

UNQUOTE

COMINCH ACTION

1407 CCC 14383 25 12 11 19 20 20A 20B 20K CG KHR
37 18 NDA CIA 270 38 HYDRG BUSHIPS OPDO FRO(2)
CRO(3)

ccc 5
DNC MAR 2 1942

PRIORITY WP

FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION COMMUNICATIONS WATCH OFFICER

FOR IMMEDIATE RELAY TO COMINCH

FOR IMMEDIATE RELAY TO OPNAV

FOR IMMEDIATE RELAY TO MR C E STERLING, FCC

THE FOLLOWING MSG WAS RECEIVED FROM FCBA THEIR NO. 675

QUOTE

SS GERTRUDE KELLOGG NOW ADVISES SHE IS ATTACKED BY AN ARMED MERCHANT
VESSEL X

UNQUOTE

COMINCH ACTION

1405 CCC 14382

05 19 20 20A 20B 20K CG 00R
37 16 00A 01A 20G 38 HYDR0
10/11 BUSHIPS FNO(2) CNO(3)

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FIELD CENSOR BALTIMORE MD

FROM: COM WSF

ACTION: CINCPAC, COMINCH

011020 CCR 3280

ROUTINE

TANKER WILLIAM HYPO BERG ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AT 0502 GCT
IN LAT 37-25 NORTH LONG 123-28 WEST X BERG RETURNED FIRE
X DD KING IN VICINITY PROCEEDING TO INVESTIGATE WAS LATER
FIRED ON APPARENTLY BY BERG X NO DAMAGE KING OR BERG X NO
ENEMY SIGHTED BUT STRONG PRESUMPTION ATTACK WAS GUNFIRE
FROM SUBMARINE

ACTION

F-35

Hall

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~~RESTRICTED~~

PRIORITY

OP PRIORITY

PASS TO ORNAV

K569

IMMEDIATE

GB7A FROM COAC

RECEIVED 1945 GMT ATTACHED BY SUBMARINE 41 DEGREES 31' N 51 W
DEGREES 51' W BR ORARI SIGHTED TORPEDO AT 1931 GMT FROM
RADIO CAMPERDOWN** DE VCS**

20112/27

CA 52 2030Z /27/243 GCS

COMINCH ACTION

15 10 11 10 20 20A 20B 20K CG 37 16 10A 11A 20D
38 HYDRO CMO(3) BUSHIPS OPDO FMO(2)

POSTAL 95 PRIORITY
40/38 IMP XCO BG 42/40 CTF BERMUDA 27 1610

IMMEDIATE ADMIRALCIRC

OPNAV WASHN

Bn M.V

SUBMARINE ATTACK FROM ATHELTEMPLAR EIGHTEEN DEGREES
TWENTY THREE MINUTES NORTH NOUGHT SIX THREE DEGREES FIFTY
SIX MINUTES WEST AT 1815/27 OPNAV PASS TO COM TEN ABOVE
HAS BEEN PASSED TO NSHQ ADMIRALITY OPNAV FOI/C TRINIDAD
1543P/27 NAVYCOM BERMUDA

453P/27

COMINCH ACTION

08 10 11 19 20 20A 20B 20K CG 00R 37 16 00A 01A
20G 38 HYDRO CWO(3) BUSHIPS OPDO FWO(2)

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NAVY MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM COMEASTLEAFRON	FOR ACTION	CINCLANT	PPPPPPPP
RELEASED BY		OPNAV	ROUTINE
DATE 27 FEB 42		COMINCH	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM 0741/0720	INFORMATION	NDB NEWPORT RI	PPPPPPPP
DECODED BY WINTER		CONFIVE	ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY WINTER		COMFOUR	DEFERRED
		COMSIX	
		COMONE	
		COMTHREE	

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270637 CCR 3069

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME CCT
TEXT

STANDARD OIL TANKER VALPARISO TORPEDOED FIVE MILES
DUE EAST MANESQUON AT 0040 QUEEN FEB 27

COPY DELIVERED TO OPNAV CODE ROOM
ACTION.....F-35

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSES	PRECEDENCE
FROM COMTASKGRP 4.1.4	FOR ACTION	COMTASKFOR 4	000000
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE 24 FEB 42	INFORMATION	OPNAV CINCLANT	PRIORITY
TOR CODEROM 0940/24		COMTASKGRP 4.6	ROUTINE
DECODED BY EDWARDS		" 4.5	DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY GLTUCKER		" 7.4	

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

M.A. SHELLABARGER

240855 NCR 0709

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TEXT			

5 ATTACKS LAST NIGHT INDICATE CONCENTRATION OF SUBMARINES IN THIS AREA. POSITION 4407 NORTH 4325 WEST AT 0900 Z COURSE 255. REQUEST AIR SUPPORT.

8767
Escort

Lea
Barnes
Edson
Mishkin

COMINCH....ODG.

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NSS V WAO P32

Z CHOB 241630 LARK TEAM CLIP TEAM HOCK WEAL VENT

FROM: SECTION BASE, MAYPORT FLA.
ACTION: NAVSTA NEW LONDON, CONN - COM INSHORE PATROL CHARLESTON
COM INSHORE PATROL KEY WEST FLA - COMSIX - COMSEVEN
URGENT/SR

USS EMERALD ATTACKED BY ENEMY SUBMARINE ELEVEN THIRTEEN

QUEEN FEBRUARY TWENTY FOURTH X POSITION

LAT 28.56 LONG 80.21 BOMBERS BFF DISPATCHED NAVAL AIRSTATION
JACKSONVILLE

COMINCH ACTION

10/11 19 20 20A 20B 20K CWO(3) C.G.

TOT 1707 24 FEB KD

00R 37 16 00A 01A

20G 38 HYDRO FWO(2)

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM COM 7	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY		COMINCH	ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE 25 FEBRUARY 1942	INFORMATION		
TON CODEROM 1243/0145			PRIORITY
DECODED BY CURTIS			ROUTINE DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY CURTIS			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

241924 OOR 2833

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
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TEXT PYC1-Ex Savitar

USS EMERALD ATTACKED BY SUBMARINE ELEVEN THIRTY QUEEN

TODAY POSITION TWENTY EIGHT DASH FIFTY SIX NORTH EIGHTY DASH ONE WEST.

(off Charleston)

ACTION.....F-35

COPT DELIVERED TO OPNAV CODEROM

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM NO1/C TRINIDAD	FOR ACTION	CINCANI	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 22 FEB 42			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1127/22	INFORMATION	ADMIRALTY BAD 88(1) KINGSTON HMS DIOMEDE	PRIORITY
DECODED BY MAIL			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY GLTUCKER			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

M. A. SHELLABARGER**211532Q NOR 0700**

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME GCT

TEXT

RECEIVED BY MESSENGER FROM BAD**IMMEDIATE****CIRCE SHELL SHELLED AND TORPEDOED IN 11-53 NORTH 62-53 WEST.****16.....000.****18/11.....37.....39...COMINCH...88...12...13...88...P1A...0P-28 ...FILE.**DECLASSIFIED
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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEE	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>BERMUDA</u>	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PPPPPP PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE <u>20 FEB 42</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM <u>1430/20</u>	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>BRAY/UNKNOWN</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <u>GLUCKER</u>			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

W.A. SHELLABAGER

200750P NCR 0003

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

(HMS DESPATCH HMS DIOMEDE TRINIDAD NO10, OPNAV ADMIRALTY 50 WSHQ
COAC BAD WABHN, COMINCH, STAFF OFFICER INTELLIGENCE KINGSTON,
FROM CINCAV4)

DELPLATA (US) REPORTED 1012 GMT TORPEDOED POSITION 14-55 NORTH
LONGITUDE 82-10 WEST. ASSISTANCE BEING SENT BY COM 10TH NAVAL
DISTRICT.

(OPNAV PASS TO COMINCH)

COMINCH.....ACT.

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