

#40 ENEMY COMBATANT SHIP LOSSES

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM COMNAVFORCES SWPAC	FOR ACTION	(RDO WASH) OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			RRRRR
DATE 20 APRIL 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1735/20	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY MALONE			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY HARVEY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

LT COPELAND**201110 NCR 2922**

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

FOR OPNAV THIS MESSAGE FROM COMPTON THREE

QUOTE 98-9 APRIL PT 41 LT J D BULKELEY SQUADRON COMMANDER AND PT 34 LT R B KELLY COMMANDING ATTACKED KUMA CLASS LIGHT CRUISER WITH ESCORT 4 DD'S BY TORPEDO FIRE AND LEFT IN SINKING CONDITION OFF SOUTH TIP CEBU ISLAND AT 2345. PT 34 FORCED ASHORE BY ENEMY ACTION ON CEBU ISLAND. IT IS REPORTED ONE OFFICER TWO MEN KILLED; REMAINDER WOUNDED, CASUALTIES CARED FOR AT CEBU CITY HOSPITAL. PT 35 ON MARINE RAILWAY WHEN CITY INVADDED; BELIEVED DESTROYED BY COMDOFF; CREW NOT TAKEN OFF ISLAND. PT 41 FORCED BY ENEMY CHASE TO REFUGE IN MISAMIS BAY MINDANAO. NO TORPEDOES BEING AVAILABLE AND UPON ORDERS COMDG GEN USFIP PT 41 REMOVED TO LAKE LANA O MINDANAO FOR CONVERSION TO LAKE MACHINE GUN BOAT. UNQUOTE J D BULKLEY

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16....ACTION

FILES: CNO....200P....GEN

RECORD COPY: COMINCH... 70... 200... BADO...

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*gives details
of a previously
reported
attack*

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~~COMBASTSEAFCOM~~

COMINCH (F-35)

14 APRIL 1942~~SECRET~~

NR 1

140858

plot ✓
 FOLLOWING FROM COM 5 K QUOTE ON NIGHT PATROL BOAT AT ABOUT 0125 G
 CONTACTED SUBMARINE 35-55N 75-13W ENGAGED WITH GUN FIRE SUB CREW
 ABANDONED SHIP AND SUB APPARENTLY SANK THEN DROPPED DEPTH CHARGES
 STANDING BY AT DAYLIGHT TO PICK UP SURVIVORS UNQUOTE HAVE REQUESTED
 COM 5 TO SEND RESCUE FROM CG OREGON INLET

RECEIVED VIA TELETYPE

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*Capt. McCrea's
 orders*

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FROM COMSOWESTPAC	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY PP
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 10 APRIL 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM 2112/2327	INFORMATION	COMANZAC	PRIORITY PPP
DECODED BY TILERS/NEWHOUSE			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

101430 DCR 8498

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DAMAGE TO ENEMY INFLICTED BY SUBMARINES NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED THRU WEEK ENDING APRIL TENTH ✓
 SNAPPER SANK ONE LARGE ARMED TENDER OR AUX CRUISER
 OFF DAVAO GULF 31 MARCH XX
 SINCE ARRIVAL IN PORT MORE COMPLETE DATA AVAILABLE
 BEAWOLF ATTACKS X CHANGE MY ^(attached) 130530 AS FOLLOWS X
 1019 ATTACKED AND DAMAGED ONE LARGE TRANSPORT INSTEAD OF
 TWO SEAPLANE TENDERS X ZERO HOURS ZED 31 MARCH
 DAMAGED AND PROBABLY SANK JINTSU CLASS CRUISER
 PAREN EITHER EYKA OR JINTSU PAREN WITH ONE AND
 POSSIBLY TWO TORPEDO HITS X TWENTY HOURS ZED
 31 MARCH SANK ONE CRUISER NATORI CLASS X NINE
 HOURS ZED APRIL ONE DAMAGED ONE JINTSU CLASS
 CRUISER PAREN SENDAI PAREN WITH ONE TORPEDO HIT X
 LAST ATTACK AND AMOUNT DAMAGE DESCRIBED RDO
 HONOLULU 130946 X THESE CRUISERS ATTACKED OFF

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TOR CODEROOM	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

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COMBOWESTPAC 171437 CCR 8698

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CHRISTMAS ISLAND SOUTH OF JAVA XX

TWENTYFIVE KEE 18 BADOENG STRAIT BALI SANK ONE
 DESTROYER ^{1368 tons} SIGURE CLASS AND SANK ONE LARGE TRANSPORT
 AND DAMAGED ONE UNKNOWN TYPE X THIS ENGAGEMENT
 PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS ONE LARGE AFIRM PREP
 DAMAGED AND ONE UNKNOWN TYPE DAMAGED .

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FROM COMINCH	FOR ACTION	COM 12	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY V. ADM. WILLSON			ROUTINE
DATE 6 APRIL 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM 1609 / 1717	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY WINTER / BUSH			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

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061540 CCR 1420

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CONGRESSMAN ANDERSON OF NAVAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE DEPARTING WASHINGTON TODAY FOR SANFRANCISCO VIA SANDIEGO X EXPECTS ARRIVE SANFRANCISCO AREA WEDNESDAY APRIL EIGHTH X DESIRES CALL ON ADMIRAL GREENSLADE FRIDAY OR SATURDAY APRIL TENTH OR ELEVENTH AND DESIRES TRANSPORTATION FURNISHED HIM TO VISIT SHIPYARDS IN SANFRANCISCO AREA X UPON ARRIVAL IN SANFRANCISCO ANDERSON WILL TELEPHONE ADMIRAL GREENSLADE TO ARRANGE TIME OF CALL AND DETAILS X ACKNOWLEDGE

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FROM COOPER SECRET CAIRO	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 5 APRIL 1942	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM 1758			PRIORITY
DECODED BY HOWELL			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY LELAND			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

ROUTED BY FULTON

050128 NCR 4580

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EIGHT INCH ITALIAN CRUISER SUNK BY SUB OFF SM STROMBOLI

APRIL 1ST. ITALIAN EFFECTIVE CRUISER STRENGTH NOW REDUCED
TO 1 EIGHT INCH, 3 SIX INCH.

ACTION: COMINCH.....

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FROM <u>LUALUALEII TH</u>	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE _____			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM _____	INFORMATION	COMANZAC COMTASKFOR 17	PRIORITY
DECODED BY _____			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

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THIS IS PART ONE OF TWO PARTS FROM TASKFOR 11 ACTION COMINCH INFO COMANZAC FOR CINCPAC X THIS MY 102201 AND COMANZAC 120155 DURING NAVY ATTACK SALAMAU BASH LAE AREA

ADDITIONAL SHIPS WERE SIGHTED 25 MILES OFF COAST AND ATTACKED BY PART OF YORKTOWN PLANES WHICH ARRIVED IN AREA ONE HALF HOUR AFTER LEXINGTON PLANES X AN OFFICER FLOWN

TO TOWNSVILLE WITH DESPATCHES FOLLOWING DAY WAS INFORMED BY MAJOR CARMICHAEL USA THAT ARMY BOMBERS ATTACKED SHIPS AT SEA AND NOT SHIPS IN PORTS OF EITHER SALAMAU OR LAE

ALREADY SINKING OR BADLY DAMAGED BY NAVY X IT IS THEREFORE PROBABLE THAT TOTAL DAMAGE INFLICTED ON 10 MARCH BY COMBINED US-AUSTRALIAN FORCES IS: BY NAVY ONE CAST AFIRM

MOGAMI CLASS SUNK ONE CAST AFIRM KINUGASA CLASS SUNK ONE CAST LOVE MAURO OR TENUYU CLASS BADLY DAMAGED AND BELIEVED SUNK X ONE DD PROBABLY SUNK TWO BADLY DAMAGED POSSIBLY

SUNK X FIVE AFIRM PREP OR AFIRM KINGS ALL EITHER SUNK OR COMPLETELY DESTROYED BY FIRE AND BEACHED X ONE AFIRM MIKE BURNING AND PROBABLY SUNK X ONE AFIRM VICTOR SERIOUSLY

DAMAGED X TWO PREP GEORGE DAMAGED ONE BURNING POSSIBLY SUNK X PART TWO FOLLOWS

Navy

2 CA (sunk)

1 CV believed sunk

1 DD probably "

2 DD badly damaged, possibly sunk

5 APs w A/Ko sunk or badly damaged by fire.

2 P.G. burned, possibly sunk

1 AM burning, probably sunk

1 AV seriously damaged

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RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE _____			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM _____	INFORMATION	COMANZAC CTF 17	PRIORITY
DECODED BY _____			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

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NUMEROUS SMALL CRAFT AND LANDING BOATS ATTEMPTING RESCUE OF PERSONNEL FROM AFIRM PREP BEACHED AND SUNK X TWO SEAPLANES LAE DEFINITELY SHOT DOWN IN FLAMES OTHER SEEN FALLING OUT OF CONTROL X ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS ON BEACH AT LAE AND ON CRUISERS STRAPPED AND SILENCED X BY ARMY AND AUSTRALIAN FORCES X ONE NEAR MISS ON CRUISER X ONE NEAR MISS ON LARGE DD X ONE DIRECT HIT ON EACH OF TWO AFIRM PREPS X ONE AFIRM PREP SURROUNDED BY SIX BOMBS AND LEFT BURNING X ONE NEAR MISS ON EACH OF TWO OTHER AFIRM PREPS SEEN TO HAVE CAUSED DAMAGE X ONE NEAR MISS ON ONE OTHER AFIRM PREP X ALL BOMBS USED BY ARMY AND AUSTRALIAN FORCES WERE EITHER OF FIVE OR SIX HUNDRED TYPE X TOTAL OF ONE HUNDRED AND ~~XXXX~~ FOUR CARRIER PLANES ~~BOISH~~ HUDSONS AND EIGHT ARMY BOMBERS PARTICIPATED IN ATTACK X REPORT OF NAVY DAMAGES IS RESULT OF CAREFUL CHECK AND ANALYSIS OF REPORTS SUBMITTED BY LEXINGTON AND YORKTOWN SQUADRONS COMMANDERS AND PILOTS AND FROM INTERPRETATION OF PHOTOGRAPHS MADE DURING ENGAGEMENT X ACTION COMINCH INFO COMANZAC AND CINCPAC

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FROM <u>ALUSMOB COLOMBO</u>	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PPPP
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>APRIL 6 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM <u>2212/46</u>	INFORMATION		PPPPPP
DECODED BY <u>ECKHARDT</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <u>DALL</u>			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

LT WEINSTOCK

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NCR 4697

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BOMBING ATTACK ~~DEVELOP~~ 0745F/5 ON COLOMBO HARBOR AND RATMALANA
AIR FIELD BY ABOUT SEVEREY FIVE JAP CARRIER TYPE PLANES. TENDED
SUNK HECTOR BURNED LUGIA SLIGHTLY HOLED HARBOR DEPT SHOPS DES-
TROYED X DAMAGE OTHERWISE SLIGHT.

XCL

depot ship

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FROM <u>ALUSNA VICHY</u>	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTED
DATE <u>4 APRIL 1942</u>	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TON CODEBOOK <u>1552/34</u>			PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>LOVELL/ATKIN</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <u>BALL</u>			DEFERRED

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 LT BEINSTOCK 140725

NCR 4445

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TEXT			

AM INFORMED AS FOLLOWS BY A RELIABLE OFFICIAL XX ABOUT TEN DAYS AGO GERMANS ADMITTED PRIVATELY THAT FOUR OF THEIR SUBS OPERATING IN US WATERS WHICH WERE DUE BACK AT THEIR BASES ON 1 MARCH HAD FAILED TO RETURN AND MUST BE CONSIDERED LOST X ABOUT FIFTEEN FEBRUARY NINE GERMAN SUBMARINE SUPPLY SHIPS LEFT AXIS CONTROLLED PORTS TO REPLENISH SUBS AT SEA X VERY FEW SUBS IN AXIS BASES OF OCCUPIED FRANCE X LITTORIO HIT BY TORPEDO BEING REPAIRED AT TARANTO.

DESCRIPTION OF DAMAGE TO CONVOY AT MALTA, DISCREPANCIES

WASH AT WOODEN ONE BODY MALTA BUT HER THREE THOUSAND TONS

ON EXPECTED TO BE RECOVERED, TALBOT SANK AT KINLA

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FROM SPENAVO LONDON	FOR ACTION	AX43 812P	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			RRRRRR
DATE 31 MARCH 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 2437/34	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY IVAN			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY NEWHOUSE			DEFERRED

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PQ 13 ATTACKED BY AIRCRAFT ON MARCH 8 28 78 MILES NORTH
NORTHEAST OF NORTH CAPE. DETAILS HERE ATILOS INCOMPLETE.
EMPIRE STAGFIGHT OR EMPIRE COWPER STRUCK BY BOMBS AND SHIP
ABANDONED. EMPIRE RANGER AND HARPALION ALSO DAMAGED EXTENT
UNKNOWN. ON MARCH 29TH ESCORT HMS TRINIDAD SIGHTED THREE
ENEMY DESTROYERS. ATTACKED AND SANK ONE AND CHASED OTHER
TWO.

DESCRIPTION OF DAMAGE TO CONVOY AT MALTA. BRECONSHIRE
SANK AT NUMBER ONE BUOY MALTA BUT HER THREE THOUSAND TONS
OIL EXPECTED TO BE RECOVERED. TALABOT SANK AT NUMBER
6 BUOY AND 30 PERCENT CARGO WILL BE SALVAGED. PAMPAS
AGROUND IN HARBOR FIFTEEN HUNDRED TONS ALREADY UNLOADED
REMAINDER BEING DISCHARGED. CLAN CAMPBELL SANK TEN MILES
OUTSIDE AND LOST. REQUEST THIS BE SHOWN TO LAND.

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FROM <u>CINCPAC</u>	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>MARCH 23 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>0535/0500</u>	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>BELL/BELL</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

230245 CCR 5572

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CONSIDER THAT TUNA BESIDES SINKING SHIP REPORTED
 YESTERDAY DAMAGED TWO COMMA TWO THOUSAND TON
 FREIGHTERS AND PROBABLY SANK A DESTROYER OR ANTI
 DASH SUBMARINE VESSEL X NO CONTACTS HERE.

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FROM COMTASKFORCE 11	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	OP-PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			PRIORITY
DATE 12 MARCH 1942			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROM 1541 / 1526	INFORMATION	CINCPAC COMANZACFOR	OP-PRIORITY
DECODED BY CANNING / CANNING			PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY			ROUTINE
			DEFERRED

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(COMINCH NOT ON RADIO HEADING OF DISPATCH. REPEATED TO COMINCH BY CINCPAC).

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TEXT	102201	CCR 4474	

ORIGINATOR COMTASKFOR ELEVEN FOR ACTION COMINCH INFO
CINCPAC COMANZAC FOR. ON FORENOON TEN MARCH 105 PLANES
LAUNCHED FROM TWO CARRIERS IN GULF OF PAPUA FROM POINT
125 MILES FROM SALAMOA END CARRIED OUT SURPRISE ATTACK
ON ENEMY FORCES THAT PORT AND LAE. NO ENEMY AIR OPPOSITION
ENCOUNTERED EXCEPT ONE SCOUT TYPE SEAPLANE AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT
BATTERIES FROM SHORE AND SHIPS. FOLLOWING DAMAGE INFLICTED
THREE TRANSPORTS AT LAE TWO SUNK ONE ABOUT 15,000 TONS
WITH MANY MEN ABOARD OTHER BEACHED. TWO CRUISERS, TWO
DESTROYERS ONE AUXILIARY BELIEVED TO BE MINELAYER, IN LAE-
SAMAMOA ROADS DAMAGED AS FOLLOWS: 1 CRUISER HIT BY 6 500
POUND BOMBS AND 1 100 BOMB LEFT BURNING. OTHER CRUISER HIT
BY 1000 POUND BOMB BLEW UP PROBABLY SUNK. 1 DESTROYER HIT
BY 500 POUND BOMB STERN BLOWN OFF AND SUNK. OTHER DESTROYER
HIT BY 100 POUND BOMBS AFIRE AND STOPPED. MINELAYER LEFT
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DATE _____			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM _____	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
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BURNING. AT SALAMOA 2 TRANSPORTS ABOUT 10,000 TONS AT ANCHOR. 1 SUNK OTHER LEFT BURNING. 1 SCOUT TYPE SEAPLANE SHOT DOWN BY FIGHTER. ONE LEXINGTON SCOUT BOMBER PILOT ENSIGN JOSEPH PHILIP JOHNSON USNR AND JAMES WUFORD JEWELL ARM 3RD SERVICE NR 287-39-74 US SHOT DOWN BY DIRECT HIT AA FIRE NEAR SHORE AT LAE. SURVIVAL UNCERTAIN. NO OTHER CASUALTIES THIS FORCE. NO ENEMY PLANES SIGHTED BY OUR SHIPS. US ARMY BOMBERS FOLLOWED OUR ATTACK RESULTS UNKNOWN. AIRFIELD HANGARS AND STOREHOUSES BELIEVED UNSERVICEABLE MOSTLY FROM PREVIOUS BOMBING. GREATLY APPRECIATE EXCELLENT RECONNAISSANCE INFORMATION OBTAINED BY ROYAL AUSTRALIAN FLIERS UNDER DIFFICULT AND HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS. COMBINED TASK FORCES WITHDRAWING TO FUEL RENDEZVOUS. TASKFOR 11 PROCEEDING PEARL AFTER FUELING ABOUT 16TH UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED.

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RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 12 MARCH 42			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1536/1512	INFORMATION	CINCPAC COMANZAG	OP OP OP
DECODED BY PITKIN/PITKIN			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

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102305 CCR-4473

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TEXT

MY TEN TWO TWO ZERO ONE ANY PUBLICITY GIVEN
THIS ATTACK SHOULD INFER THAT THE PLANES
OPERATED FROM SHORE BASES

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FROM	HAS ALAMEDA <i>Am Pac</i>	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY				ROUTINE HARRRRR DEFERRED
DATE	24 FEB. 1942	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
TOR CODEROOM	0948 / 0835			ROUTINE
DECODED BY	PORTER			DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY	BUSH			

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TASK FORCES ELEVEN AND SIXTEEN STILL UNHEARD BUT
INTERCEPT OF ENEMY RADIO INDICATES HALSEY PROBABLY
ATTACKED WAKE THIS MORNING. TAYLOR SALVAGE AND UN-
LOADING STILL PREVENTED BY WEATHER. TROUT WHILE ENROUTE
HERE SANK SMALL PATROL VESSEL NORTH OF BONINS. NO
DEVELOPMENTS HERE.

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