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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM USS MANLOVE (DE 36)		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	1
RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION CTG 51.5	2
DATE 11 APRIL 45			3
TOR CODE ROOM 2018			4
DECODED BY RODGERS			5
TYPED BY RODGERS/MELTON		FOR INFORMATION COMCORTDIV 31 COMCORTDIV 73	6
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(MANLOVE (DE 36) SENDS ACTION TO CTG 51.5. INFO COMCORTDIV 31 AND COMCORTDIV 73)

ATTACKED BY 2 TONYS AT 1834(1) IN STATION A 24.

1 PLANE SHOT DOWN AS IT ATTEMPTED SUICIDE DIVE

OTHER DRIVEN OFF. PLANE STRAFED DECK CAUSING

MINOR DAMAGE TO DECK AND SUPERSTRUCTURE.

1 MAN KIA. 10 WIA.

SA RADAR, RADIO ANTENNAE, NUMBER 3 INCH 50 GUN AND

1.1 GUN DISABLED.

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FROM LST 34			ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	OP PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			COMSERON 10	PRIORITY
DATE 9 APRIL 1945			COMINCH ADCOMPHIBSPAC	ROUTINE
TOR CODE ROOM 1032			CTF 53 COMWESEAFRON	DEFERRED
DECODED BY DORSEY			CINCPAC (BOTH)	
TYPED BY KARABINUS/Peterson			COMSERVPAC COMPHIBSPAC	
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LST 34 SENDS VIA COMTASKFOR 53 ACTION ADEE. ALSO ACTION COMINCH CINCPAC (BOTH) COMSERVPAC COMSERON 10 ADCOMPHIBSPAC COMWESTSEAFRON. NPM PASS INFO COM LST FLOT 5. COMPHIBSPAC HAS ACTION BY HAND.

SHIP DAMAGED NIGHT OF 4 APRIL WHILE BEACHED ON CORAL REEF AT OKINAWA DUE TO HIGH WINDS AND SURF. BOTTOM

SEVERELY BUCKLED FROM FRAMES 25 TO 29 WITH NUMEROUS NEAR RUPTURES. LARGE RUPTURE IN A-421 F. 2 SMALL RUPTURES

IN A-423 F AND 1 SMALL RUPTURE IN A-422 F AND A-425 F. FORWARD STARBOARD LOWER CORNER OF B-401 E T BADLY

BUCKLED NEAR DECK FOR A DISTANCE OF ABOUT 8 FEET IN EITHER DIRECTION. ALL RUPTURES AND NEAR RUPTURES ARE DUE

TO SPLIT BEAMS AND WELDS. UNABLE TO INSPECT SOME TANKS IN VICINITY OF DAMAGE.

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FROM	CTG 51.15 (LST 599)	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY	9 APRIL 1945	COMINCH	PRIORITY
DATE	0817/09	CINCPAC	ROUTINE
TOR CODE ROOM	KARABINUS	CTF 51	DEFERRED
DECODED BY	MOORHEAD/Thomson	CTG 53.7	PRIORITY
TYPED BY		COM LST GROUP 62	PRIORITY
ROUTED BY		(FLOT 21)	ROUTINE
		COMSERVPAC	DEFERRED
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 CINCPAC CTF 51 CTG 53.7. COM LST GROUP 62
 (FLOT 21) HAS INFO BY MAIL. INFO COMSERVPAC
 COMSERVRON 10 COMWESSEAFRON.

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

RETTO. FOLLOWING DAMAGE RESULTED.

HOLE IN MAIN DECK APPROXIMATELY 7' DIAMETER 10' INBOARD PORT SIDE. FRAME 24. ADJACENT HOLE SAME

LOCATION 2' FORWARD OF 7' HOLE IS 15" IN DIAMETER. MAIN DECK PIER FL ONLY*.

2ND DECK FRAM 24. 6' INBOARD OF PORT SIDE HOLE 3' IN DIAMETER. BULKHEADS LONGITUDINAL. TOAVFRS D*

MEMBERS AND INTERCOSTAL MEMBERS LOCATED ABOVE 3RD DECK FORWARD FRAME 28 WARPED DUE TO FIRE. ELECTRI-

CAL APPARATUS AND WIRING FORWARD FRAME 28 DESTROYED. BEYOND REPAIR EXCEPT BOW RAMP MOTOR AND TRUCK RAMP

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MOTOR. MOTORS MAY BE REPAIRED BY BAKING OR REWINDING.
EMERGENCY FIRE PUMP IN BILGE CONTROL ROOM FLOODED AND

NEEDS REPLACING. LCT 876 ABOARD SUSTAINED FOLLOWING
DAMAGE.

HOLE 7' DIAMETER FRAME 23 AND TO PORT SIDE.
HOLE 4' DIAMETER FRAME 23 AND 25 AMIDSHIPS.

HOLE 2' DIAMETER FRAME 23 AMIDSHIPS.
ABOVE HOLES EXTEND THROUGH BOTTOM.

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

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USS HANCOCK (CV 19)		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	OP PRIORITY
FROM		COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY		CINCPAC ADV HQ	ROUTINE
DATE	9 APRIL 1945	CINCPAC PEARL	DEFERRED
TOR CODE ROOM	1108	COM 5TH FLEET	
DECODED BY	HUGHES	CTF 58 CTG 58.3	
TYPED BY	HUGHES/BOUDREAU		
ROUTED BY			
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HANCOCK (CV 19) SENDS ACTION TO COMINCH CINCPAC ADV HQ
CINCPAC PEARL COM 5TH FLEET INFO COMSERFORPAC COMSERON 10
COMAIRPAC COMESTSEAFRON. NPM(RDO HONO) PASS. CTF 58 AND
CTG 58.3 HAVE FOR ACTION BY OTHER MEANS.

KIA CV 19 52 MISSING 35 PICKED UP BY OTHER SHIPS (4) PERSONS

DAMAGE REPORT. AT 1211/ 7 APRIL HIT BY SUICIDER WITH BOMB
AT DECK EDGE FRAME 40 PORT SIDE. ARMAMENT. NUMBER 1 5 INCH
TWIN MOUNT SOME DAMAGE DUE TO HEAT BUT OPERATIVE. 40 MM QUADS
NUMBERS 6 AND 6A BURNED OUT AND PARTIALLY DEMOLISHED. 20 MM
NEED 9 SIGHTS. FIRE CONTROL RADAR MARK 12 AND 22 DAMAGED
MUST BE REPLACED. FOLLOWING ITEMS PREVENT EFFECTIVE FLIGHT
OPERATION. BOTH CATAPULTS OUT OF COMMISSION DUE DAMAGED
RETRACTING MECHANISM MAIN MOTORS AND WARPED TRACKS. BOTH
PUMP ROOMS FLOODED. FORWARD PLANE ELEVATOR BUCKLED UPWARDS
ABOUT 18 INCHES REQUIRES RENEWAL OF PLATFORM. GUIDES SPRUNG
AND MAIN PISTON SHAFTS OUT OF ALIGNMENT LOCKS BENT. HOLE IN

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FLIGHT DECK FRAME 40 ABOUT 20 FEET SQUARE. TEMPORARY REPAIRS EFFECTED BY SHIPS FORCE. 5 FORWARD GASOLINE FUELING STATIONS FLIGHT DECK BADLY DAMAGED AND COMPLETELY INOPERATIVE. 6 HANGER DECK ROLLER CURTAINS DESTROYED. HANGER DECK LIGHTING OUT. FLIGHT DECK LIGHTING REQUIRES 50 PERCENT RENEWAL. MISCELLANEOUS DAMAGE. 15 FOOT HOLE IN SHIPS SIDE FROM FLIGHT DECK TO HANGER DECK. FORWARD AIRPLANE CRANE DAMAGED. DEGAUSSING EQUIPMENT OUT OF COMMISSION CABLE CUT. DOORS BLOWERS VENT DUCTS IN ELEVATOR PITS DAMAGED BY FIRE AND BLAST. HANGER DECK SUPPORTING BEAMS AND STANCHIONS IN AREA OF HIT BENT AND DISTORTED DOWN TO 3RD DECK. FIRING DAMAGE TO BOMB ELEVATOR BIB. BATTERY DECKS AND FRAMES 30 TO 60 EXTENSIVELY DAMAGED BY FIRE BLAST AND WATER. KIA 29 VIA 52 MISSING 35 PICKED UP BY OTHER SHIPS 67. PERSONNEL KILLED MAINLY GUN CREW AND AIR DEPARTMENT.

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FROM USS RODMAN (DMS 21)		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY		COMPHIBSPAC	PRIORITY
DATE 9 APRIL 1945		CTG 51.15	ROUTINE
TOR CODE ROOM 1054		COMINCH	DEFERRED
DECODED BY HARTIGAN		CINCPAC	
TYPED BY BOUDREAU/ Lynn		COM 5TH FLT	PRIORITY
ROUTED BY		COMSERVPAC	PRIORITY
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BETWEEN 1530 AND 1830/1 6 APRIL RODMAN (DMS 21) UNDER CONTINUED ATTACK BY LARGE NUMBER ENEMY AIRCRAFT NORTH-

EAST OF IE SHIMA IN OKINAWA AREA. HIT BY 3 SUICIDE PLANES CARRYING BOMBS 2 OF WHICH DETONATED. ADDITIONAL

BOMB ALONGSIDE PUNCTURED HULL. COMPLETELY FLOODED BELOW MAIN DECK FORWARD FRAME 45. SUPERSTRUCTURE GUTTED

BY FIRE. HULL OPENED TO SEA FROM FORECASTLE TO WATER-LINE FRAME 6 TO 18 PORT 6 TO 14 STARBOARD, COMPARTMENT

A204 FRAME 33 TO 39 STARBOARD 5 FEET WIDE, COMPARTMENT A305 FRAME 35 TO 40 PORT 6 FEET WIDE. STEM KEEL AND

ENGINEERING PLANT INTACT. FIRE CONTROL AND INTERIOR COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS OUT. CASUALTIES OFFICERS KIA 0

WIA 1 MIA 0 ENLISTED KIA 9 WIA 14 MIA 7. 4 PLANES SHOT DOWN 4 OTHERS SPLASHED AROUND SHIP EXCLUSIVE OF 3 WHICH

HIT RODMAN. EXTINGUISHED FIRES AND RETURNED TO PORT UNDER OWN POWER.

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FROM USS HOWORTH		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		CTF 51 COMINCH CINCPAC PEARL CINCPAC ADV HED COM 5TH FLEET	PRIORITY
DATE 9 APRIL 1945			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 0731			DEFERRED
DECODED BY DORSEY			BASEGRAM
PARAPHRASED BY DORSEY	CHECKED BY	COMSERVPAC COMSERVRON 10 COMDESPAC COMWESTSEAFRON	PRIORITY
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(CTF 51 WHO GETS ACTION BY HAND IS ASKED TO PASS AIRMAIL TO RADIO GUAM FOR RELAY TO COMINCH, CINCPAC BOTH AND COM 5TH FLT FOR ACTION, COMSERVPACFLT, COMSERVRON 10, COMDESPAC AND COMWESTSEAFRON FOR INFO.)

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

MAIN BATTERY (10 GROUPS MISSING**) FLYING DIRECTLY INTO CONTROL OFFICER'S TELESCOPE. REAR OF DIRECTOR WAS SEPARATED FROM

DIRECTOR EVIDENTLY BY FORCE OF PLANE ENGINE PASSING THROUGH. ALL INSTRUMENTS INSIDE DIRECTOR WERE DESTROYED OR MISSING. MARK 12

AND MARK 22 RADAR ANTENNAS WERE THROWN CLEAR AND DEMOLISHED. DIRECTOR RESTED ON PORT QUARTER OF FOUNDATION AT 90 DEGREE ANGLE

FOR SEVERAL HOURS BEING HELD BY CENTER COLUMN CABLES AND SEVERAL 1 INCH LINES. THESE EVENTUALLY PARTED AND DIRECTOR FELL CLEAR OF

SHIP IN 40 FATHOMS OF WATER STRIKING PORT TORPEDO DIRECTOR, LOOKOUT'S SEAT AND BRIDGE WINDSHIELD ALL ON PORT SIDE. PORT

TORPEDO DIRECTOR AND LOOKOUT SEAT REQUIRE REPLACEMENT AND WINDSHIELD NEEDS REPAIRS. AIR DEFENSE CONTROL PANEL INCLUDING RANGE

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AND BEARING INDICATORS DESTROYED AND REQUIRE REPLACEMENT. FOUNDATION IS DISTORTED AND DEPRESSED AFT AND TO PORT FROM 1 TO 1 1/2 INCHES. THIS RESULTED IN SEVERE STRAINS TO ENTIRE SUPER-STRUCTURE DOWN TO MAIN DECK BETWEEN FRAMES 57 AND 72. IN THIS AREA ON MAIN SUPER AND BRIDGE DECKS FRAMES BEAMS AND STANCHIONS ARE WARPED AND TWISTED. ALUMINUM BULKHEADS HAVE RIVETS SHORN AND SOME BULKHEADS ARE TORN. WATERTIGHT BULKHEAD FRAME 72 SUPER-DECK IS TORN AT TOP AND IS BUCKLED AND DOOR FRAME TO WATERTIGHT DOOR 0172 IS WARPED PREVENTING CLOSURE OF DOOR. 2 STANCHIONS PORT AND STBD FRAME 61 MAIN DECK ARE SEVERED AT TOP. PORT WING OF PLANE STRUCK STARBOARD BRIDGE WINDSHIELD AND PILOT HOUSE DAMAGING WINDSHIELD AND WARPING FRAME OF DOOR TO PILOT HOUSE. MARK 14 MOD 8 SIGHT TO STBD MARK 51 DIRECTOR DAMAGED BUT HAS BEEN REPLACED FROM SPARE. PORT 36 INCH SEARCHLIGHT HAS LENS BROKEN AND FRAME WARPED AND WILL POSSIBLY REQUIRE REPLACEMENT. ABOUT 15 FEET OF WAVE GUIDE FOR SQ RADAR IS DISTORTED AND REQUIRES REPLACING. PORT FLAG BAG REQUIRES REPLACEMENT. 3 STAYS SUPPORTING MAST WERE SEVERED BUT HAVE BEEN TEMPORARILY REPAIRED. RESULTING FIRE CAUSED

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MINOR DAMAGE BUT WAS QUICKLY CONTROLLED. OTHER MINOR DAMAGE INCLUDES SEVERING MAIN RADIO ANTENNAS AMIDSHIPS AND LIFELINES PORT

SIDE AFT BY 2 ADDITIONAL PLANES THAT CROSSED THE* AND CRASHED CLOSE ABOARD. SHIP SEAWORTHY BUT HAS ONLY LOCAL CONTROL FOR GUN BATTERY.

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(WAYNE APA 54 SENDS FOR EMMONS.)

ON 6 APRIL AT ABOUT 15001 EMMONS DMS-22 ENGAGED LARGE
 NUMBER ENEMY PLANES IN OKINAWA G3 AREA. 6 PLANES SHOT
 DOWN. 5 CRASHED EMMONS. 4 MISSED. HITS IN COMBAT;
 BRIDGE GUN 2 AND STERN. PLANES CRASHING STERN AND BRIDGE
 CARRIED BOMBS AND STRAFFED. SECTION AFT FRAME 175
 SEVERED. INTENSE FIRES FROM MAIN DECK UP BETWEEN FRAME
 65 AND GUN 1 FORWARD. ALSO FIRES ASTERN. DAMAGE PORT
 MAIN ENGINE INOPERATIVE, RUDDER GONE, MAGAZINES EXPLODED,
 WATER FLOODED FORWARD AND AFTER COMPARTMENTS. SHIP
 ABANDONED ABOUT 1900 AND LATER SUNK BY GUNFIRE BY EELYSON
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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
USS HENRICO		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
FROM		COMPHIBSPAC CTG 51.15 COMINCH CINCPAC	ROUTINE
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE	9 APRIL 1945		DEFERRED
TOR CODE ROOM	0906		
DECODED BY	KARABTNUS	ADCOMPHIBSPAC COMSERVPAC COMSERRON 10 COMWEAFRON	ROUTINE
TYPED BY	KARABTNUS/Thomson		ROUTINE
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CTG 51.15 ACTION ADEE SENDS FOR ORIGINATOR USS HENRICO
 ALSO ACTION COMINCH, CINCPAC, COMPHIBSPAC. INFO COM-
 SERVPAC COMSERRON 10 ADCOMPHIBSPAC, COMWESEAFRON.

USS HENRICO (APA 45) WAS HIT BY A JAPANESE SUICIDE
 BOMBER ON 2 APRIL 1945. DAMAGE IS AS FOLLOWS. COMMUNI-

CATIONS. RADIO 1. FLAG PLOT 1 AND 2. ARMY AND NAVY
 OPERATIONS. COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE. CODING ROOM. SIGNAL

LOG ROOM. AIR SUPPORT CONTROL ROOM (WITH ALL RADIO
 FIXTURES). RADAR PLOT. COMPLETELY DESTROYED. ENGIN-

EERING. ALL ELECTRICAL POWER LOST DUE TO CONCUSSION.
 SEVERE SALT WATER DAMAGE TO ALL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT.

NAVIGATION. WHEEL HOUSE. CHART HOUSE AND BRIDGE.
 TOTALLY DESTROYED. SIGNAL BRIDGE AND ALL MEANS OF

SIGNALLING DESTROYED. CAPTAINS CABIN AND STATEROOM.
 SQUADRON COMDR CABIN AND STATEROOM. SENIOR STAFF

OFFICERS STATEROOM. CO FO* TROOPS STATEROOM. SQUADRON
 COMDR AND CAPTAINS PANTRY ALSO PASSAGEWAY. STATEROOMS

NUMBERS 0102, 0104, 0106, 0108, 0110, 0112, 102, 104,
 106, 108. NAVIGATION STOREROOM. PAY AND SUPPLY OFFICE.

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

QUARTERS (COMPARTMENT B201T) DESTROYED. WILL BE ABLE TO
GET UNDERWAY UNDER OWN POWER ON 11 APRIL 1945. SPEED 12 KNOTS.

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FROM HAYNESWORTH (DD 700)		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	1
RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION	2
DATE 8 APRIL 45		COMINCH	3
TOR CODE ROOM 1831/08		CINCPAC	4
DECODED BY SOWERS		COM 5TH FLT	5
TYPED BY MC CORMACK/ <i>Surley</i>		COMSERVPAC	6
ROUTED BY		COMSERON 10	7
		COMDESPAC CTF 58	8
		COMMESSEAFRON	9
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 (ABOVE FROM HAYNESWORTH 070600. RDO HONO PASS TO ALL EXCEPT COM 5TH FLT AND CTF 58 WHO HAVE BY OTHER MEANS. CTF 58 ENCRYPTS AND TRANSMITS FOLLOWING FOR HAYNESWORTH (DD 700) ACTION TO COMINCH CINCPAC COM 5TH FLT AND INFO COMSERVPAC COMSERON 10 COMDESPAC CTF 58 COMMESSEAFRON)

(PASSED BY CTF AS 080512)

DAMAGES INCURRED BY SUICIDE DIVE ATTACK ON 6 APRIL AS FOLLOWS:
 RADIO AND RADAR TRANSMITTER ROOM STARBOARD SIDE DEMOLISHED

BY IMPACT, GUTTED BY FIRE AND OPEN TO WEATHER. MAIN RADIO COMPLETELY GUTTED BY FIRE. SC AND S RADAR TRANSMITTERS DE-

MOLISHED. SC RECEIVER INDICATOR DAMAGED EXTENSIVELY. FORWARD STARBOARD TWIN 40 MM GUN AND GUN PLATFORM WRECKED. GALLEY

STARBOARD BULKHEAD TORN OPEN AND WIRING ON GALLEY OVERHEAD SEVERELY BURNED. STARBOARD LONGITUDINAL IN GALLEY OVERHEAD

DISTORTED. ALL WIRING IN DAMAGED AREAS SERIOUSLY BURNED. ALL DAMAGE CONFINED BETWEEN FRAME 65 AND 68 FROM MAIN DECK TO

BRIDGE LEVEL. 40 MM CLIPPING ROOMS AND RADAR TOWER ROOM INTACT.

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FROM DANIEL T GRIFFIN (APD 38)	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE		OP OP OP
RELEASED BY	FOR ACTION	CTF 51	PRIORITY
DATE 7 APRIL 45			ROUTINE
TOR CODE ROOM 1007			DEFERRED
DECODED BY SANDBERG	FOR INFORMATION	CINCPAC COMFIFTHFLT CTG 51.5 CTG 52.11 (1 GARBLED ADDRESSEE)	OP OP OP
TYPED BY SANDBERG/RODGERS			PRIORITY
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(GRIFFIN SENDS ACTION TO CTF 51 INFO CINCPAC
COM FIFTH FLEET CTG 51.5 CTG 52.11. ACTION
ADEE PASS TO INFO.)

ACTION REPORT DANIEL T GRIFFIN (APD 38) TRF VAOIXG* **
DIVE BOMB ATTACK IN SCREENING STATION A 12 UXPUGD* 17/1
DROPPED 2 BOMBS NEAR ^{NIPS} NIPS NO DAMAGE. 1 SPLASHED
1 PROBABLE.

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

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FROM <u>USS NEVADA</u>	FOR ACTION COMINCH AND CNO CINCPAC PEARL COM 5TH FLT CINCPAC ADV HQ CTF 52	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE COMSERPAC COMSERON 10 COMWESTSEAFRON COMBATRON 1	1	
RELEASED BY <u>[Signature]</u>			PRIORITY	2
DATE <u>9 APRIL 1945</u>			ROUTINE	3
TOR CODE ROOM <u>450/5</u>			DEFERRED	4
DECODED BY <u>YORK</u>	INFORMATION COMSERPAC COMSERON 10 COMWESTSEAFRON COMBATRON 1	DDDD PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED DDDD	5	
TYPED BY <u>YORK</u>			6	
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(NNS GIVE COMINCH AND CNO FOR ACTION. NPM GIVE CINCPAC PEARL AND COM 5TH FLT FOR ACTION AND COMSERPAC AND COMSERON 10 FOR INFO. NPG GIVE TO COMWESTSEAFRON FOR INFO. NPN GIVE CINCPAC ADV HQ FOR ACTION. COMTASKFOR 52 HAS FOR ACTION AND COMBATRON 1 HAS FOR INFO)
 * NO ORIGINATOR GIVEN. MESSAGE REFERENCED WAS ORIGINATED BY USS NEVADA.

LATE AFTERNOON 5 APRIL RECEIVED 5 HITS FROM JAPANESE SHORE BATTERY ESTIMATED 2 INCH. FOLLOWING DAMAGE SUSTAINED. 1 HIT PORT SIDE WATERLINE FRAME 110 MAKING EGG SHAPED HOLE IN BLISTER D 44 V ABOUT 10 BY 18 INCHES. D 42 V, D 44 V, D 46 V AND D 48 V FLOODED. NO APPARENT DAMAGE TO SIDE ARMOR. SHELL DID NOT EXPLODE AND IS PROBABLY IN D 44 V. 1 HIT AIRPLANE CRANE PENDING UNSERVICEABLE. 1 HIT FROM AFT ON MAIN DECK AT FRAME ABOUT 12 FEET INBOARD FROM PORT SIDE. PIERCED 20 MM

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SPLINTER SHIELD FORWARD AND AFT DEMOLISHED 20 MM MOUNT NUMBER 36 MADE SEVERAL HOLES IN MAIN DECK AND BOTH MOTOR "HALE BOATS AND OTHER SUPERFICIAL DAMAGE. 1 HIT FROM STARBOARD SIDE PASSED BETWEEN NUMBERS 3 AND 4 TURFETS AND STRUCK PORT SIDE MAIN DECK FRAME 106 CAUSING SUPERFICIAL DAMAGE AND RICOCHETED CLEAR. 1 HIT PENETRATED SIDE FRAME 73 STARBOARD 3 FEET ABOVE SECOND DECK PIERCED 5 WATER TIGHT BULKHEADS AND EXPLODED FRAME 73 PORT SIDE IN CREWS BERTHING SPACE. APPARENTLY LOW ORDER BURST BUT CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE CAUSED TO VENT DUCTS, ELECTRIC CABLES AND WIRING, WATER AND STEAM LINES IN ITS PATH AND 5 INCH NUMBER 18. ARMORED DECK FRAME 73 STARBOARD 10 FEET INBOARD FROM SIDE COUGED AND DEFLECTED DOWNWARD ABOUT 1 INCH

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BUTT SEAM. TEMPORARY REPAIRS CAN BE EFFECTED BY SHIP
 FORCE EXCEPT TO HOLE IN BLISTER PORT SIDE WATERLINE.
 SEA WORTHY AND BATTLE EFFICIENCY NOT REDUCED BEYOND THAT
 REPORTED MY 280818 MARCH. THIS REPORT COVERS PARA 2A
 AND 2B PACFLEET 33 CL-33. AIRMAIL LETTER FOLLOWS.

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FROM USS WAKE ISLAND		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	URGENT 1
RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION CTF 51 CTG 52.1	PRIORITY 2
DATE 3 APRIL 1945			ROUTINE 3
TOR CODEROM 1939			DEFERRED 4
DECODED BY THOMAS			BASEGRAM 5
PARAPHRASED BY SJOSTEN	CHECKED BY BENNETT	INFORMATION COMINCH CTU 52.1.2 CONSERVPAC CTG 51.6 CTG 51.5 CINCPA GUAM CTG 51.15	URGENT 8
ROUTED BY	DITTOED BY		PRIORITY 9
			ROUTINE 10
			DEFERRED 11
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DAMAGE REPORT. SHELL PLATE RUPTURED ABOUT FRAME 30 BELOW WATER LINE. HOLE ESTIMATED 10 FEET LONG 2 FEET WIDE. MANY SMALL SHRAPNEL HOLES FLOODING A-301-L A-302-L A-404-M A-903-F SEEPAGE VOID A-406-V. POSSIBLE FLOODING OTHER MAGAZINE SPACES. BULKHEAD 48 HOLDING. CRACKED SHELL PLATING AT FRAME 101 BETWEEN FIRST AND SECOND DECK EXTENDING 15 INCHES INBOARD ON FIRST DECK. SHELL PLATING BUCKLED FRAMES 148 - 149 STARBOARD SIDE EXTENDING TO KEEL AND UP PORT SIDE AT FRAMES 147 - 48. MAIN ENGINES BACK IN COMMISSION. ALL BOILERS SALTY.

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DATE 3 APRIL 1945			ROUTINE 3
TOR CODEROM			DEFERRED 4
DECODED BY SCHMICK			BASEGRAM 5
PARAPHRASED BY SCHMICK	CHECKED BY MONROE	TU 51.6 CTG 52.1 CINCPAC/POA ADV GARBLED CALL	URGENT 8
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(COMTASKFORCE 51 SENDS ACTION CTG 51.6 AND CTG 51.5)

CVE
WAKE ISLAND DAMAGED. DEPARTED AREA HELMET FOR KERAMA RETTO
AT 1750 ESCORTED BY DE 405. CTG 51.6 SEND 1 ATF TO TOW
IF NECESSARY. CTG 51.5 SEND 1 ESCORT AND 2 PCE (R). TUG
JOIN ESCORT AT POINT CHOIR UNLESS RENDEZVOUS WITH WAKE ISLAND
EFFECTED BEFORE ARRIVAL THAT POINT.

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DATE 3 APRIL 1945	FOR ACTION		ROUTINE
TOR CODE ROOM 2012/2			DEFERRED
DECODED BY SANDBERG	INFORMATION	COMSERON 10 REP LEYTE COMPHIBGROUP 13 CTF 57 HMS GAMBIA	OR OP OP
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(COM FIFTH FLEET SENDS ACTION COMSERON 10 INFO
COMSERON 10 REP LEYTE AND COMPHIBGROUP 13 (RDO
LEYTE PASS TO BOTH) CTF 57 AND HMS GAMBIA.)

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

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TOR CODE ROOM <u>2252</u>			DEFERRED
* DECODED BY <u>DORSEY</u>			PRIORITY
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FROM SKYLARK (AM 63). ACTION TO SECNAV.

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

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RELEASED BY		CINCPAC PEARL COM 5TH FLT COMINCH & CNO CINCPAC ADV	PRIORITY
DATE 28 MARCH 1945			PRIORITY
TOR CODEROOM 1831			DEFERRED
DECODED BY SOWERS		COMSERVPAC COMSERON 10 COMWESTSEAFRON CTF 52 COMBATRON 1	BASEGRAM
PARAPHRASED BY D SMITH	CHECKED BY LENIHAN		PRIORITY
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(NEVADA ORIGINATES. NPM (RDO HONO) PASS ACTION CINCPAC PEARL AND COM 5TH FLT INFO COMSERVPAC AND COMSERON 10. RDO WASHN GIVE ACTION COMINCH & CNO. NPM (RDO GUAM) GIVE ACTION CINCPAC ADV. NPG (RDO SAN DIEGO) GIVE INFO COMWESTSEAFRON. CTF 52 AND COMBATRON 1 HAVE LOCALLY)

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

AND LARGE GOUGE(?) IN LEFT GUN AND MANY DEEP GOUGES IN RIGHT GUN. VERTICAL CRACK BARBETTE ARMOR TURRET 3 AT BUTT SEAM

ABOUT 4 FEET LONG 1 FOOT ABOVE DECK LEVEL DEPTH ABOUT 3/8 INCHES RELATIVE BEARING FROM CENTER LINE 135 APPEARS WHOLE

SECTION HAS BEEN DISTURBED. TURRET 4 VENTILATION DUCTS PORT AND STARBOARD REQUIRE REPLACEMENT. RANGEFINDER TURRET 3

HOLED REQUIRES REPLACEMENT. 3 20 MM MOUNTS DEMOLISHED. 1 PLANE DEMOLISHED AND JETTISONED OTHER PLANE DAMAGED BEYOND

CAPACITY SHIPS FORCE TO REPAIR. STARBOARD AIR PLANE BOOM DAMAGED AND REQUIRES REPLACEMENT. NUMBER 3 DECK WINCH

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DEMOLISHED. EXTENSIVE DAMAGE MAIN DECK AFT STARBOARD HOLED IN MANY PLACES WITH CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO CPO QUARTERS. 9

TRANSVERSE BEAMS BUCKLED FRAMES 94 THROUGH 99 AND 103 THROUGH 105. MAIN DECK BETWEEN FRAMES 91 AND 99 DEPRESSED DOWNWARD

TO A MAXIMUM OF 15 INCHES. MISCELLANEOUS DAMAGE TO VENT DUCTS, FRESH WATER PIPING, FUEL OIL VENTS, ELECTRICAL FITTINGS AND WIRING.

THIS REPORT COVERS PARAGRAPH 2A AND 2B PACFLT CONFIDENTIAL LETTER 33CL-43. AIRMAIL LETTER FOLLOWS.

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M CTG 58.4		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION CTF 58	PPPPP PRIORITY
DATE 24 MAR 1945			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 2257		INFORMATION	DEFERRED
DECODED BY TURLEY			PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY TURLEY/ <i>Walp</i>			ROUTINE
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(COMINCH PASSED INFO)

(COM 5TH FLT PASSED INFO TO CINCPAC ADV HQ. CINCPAC PEARL ALSO HAS INFO.)

(FROM CTG 58.4 ACTION CTF 58.)

UNDER ATTACK BY MANY SMALL RAIDS 0730 TO 0930. FULL DETAILS NOT AVAILABLE BUT SEVERAL TWINS AND SINGLES SHOT DOWN BY SHIPS GUNFIRE. 1 PROBABLE JUDY HIT ENTERPRISE WITH 600 POUND BOMB ON FORWARD ELEVATOR AT 0740. LOW ORDER DETONATION CAUSED MINOR DAMAGE AND CASUALTIES. TWIN ENGINE PLANE SHOT DOWN CLOSE ABOARD INTREPID AT 0807 CAUSED MINOR DAMAGE KILLED 1 AND INJURED 13. BOTH ENTERPRISE AND INTREPID FLIGHT OPERATIONAL.

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FROM	COMSUBPAC	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	URGENT
RELEASED BY		COM 5TH FLEET	PRIORITY
DATE	24 MARCH 1945		ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM			DEFERRED
DECODED BY	MANUEL JOHNSON/		BASEGRAM
PARAPHRASED BY	ORHEAD	CINCPAC ADV HDQ CTF 58	URGENT
CHECKED BY	SCHMICK		PRIORITY
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(FROM COMSUBPAC ACTION COM 5TH FLEET INFO CINCPAC ADV HDQ
LOCALLY AND INFO CTF 58)

4 hrs later

SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION INDICATES PUFFER AND KINGFISH NOT
INVOLVED. MY 231836. REQUEST YOU HOLD UP YOUR SEARCH
UNTIL WE GAIN MORE INFORMATION.

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FROM COMSUBPAC		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		COM 5TH FLEET	URGENT
DATE 23 MAR 1948			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 1958			DEFERRED
DECODED BY OLSSON		CTF 58 CINCPAC ADV HQ	BASEGRAM
PARAPHRASED BY OLSSON	CHECKED BY SAPP		PRIORITY
ROUTED BY	DITTOED BY		URGENT
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COMSUBPAC SENDS ACTION COM **5TH** FLEET. INFO CTF 58
AND LOCALLY TO CINCPAC ADV HQ

FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM SUBMARINE ICEFISH. *150 MILES EAST OF FORMOSA*
"PUFFER ABANDONING SHIP. POSIT **23-40 N 123-26 E**.
ICEFISH LEAVING AREA FOR RESCUE." HAVE ASKED
ICEFISH FOR MORE DETAILS AND IF MESSAGE AUTHENTIC
IT IS PROBABLY KINGFISH WHO IS LIFEGUARDING FOR YOU
ON STATION NUMBER 13. REQUEST YOU CONDUCT AN AIR
SEARCH OF THAT AREA FOR SURVIVORS.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM USS FRANKLIN		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		CTG 58.2 COMINCH CINCPAC	PRIORITY
DATE 30 MARCH 1945			ROUTINE
TOR CODE ROOM 0944			DEFERRED
DECODED BY STEEN			
TYPED BY DORSEY			
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CTG 58.8 PASSED TO COMCRUDIV 16 FOR ACTION COM 5TH FLEET CTF 58 CTG 58.2 CINCPAC BOTH HQ COMINCH FOR INFO AS 252230. PASSED AT THE REQUEST OF CTG 58.4.

INTERIOR DAMAGE TO SHIP MORE EXTENSIVE THAN
 ORIGINALLY REPORTED. 3 BOMBS PENETRATED TO 4TH DECK.
 6 QUARTER TONNERS 20 1/8 TONNERS 16 TINY TIMS EX-
 PLODED ON DECK 4 TINY TIMS WENT OFF IN HANGAR.
 FORWARD BOILERS UNUSABLE BUT CAN MAKE 21 KNOTS.
 SHIP REQUIRES REBUILDING FROM 2ND DECK UP INCLUDING
 REPLACING OF HANGAR DECK ARMOR. ALL RADIO AND RADAR
 GONE ISLAND STRUCTURE HAS EXTENSIVE FIRE DAMAGE.
 CLEARING WRECKAGE AND VOYAGE REPAIRS PROCEEDING
 SATISFACTORILY. ON LATEST COUNT FRANKLIN HAS ABOARD

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FROM COM5THFLT	FOR ACTION	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY		CINCPAC ADVON	ROUTINE RRRR
DATE 21 MAR 45			DEFERRED
TOR CODE ROOM 2203			
DECODED BY SLUTZ	INFORMATION	COMSERON 10	PRIORITY
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RECEIVED BY CINCPAC ADV AS 210128.

PASSED BY CINCPAC/POA ADV AS 210814 INFO TO CINCPAC/POA PEARL COMAIRPAC COMINCH COMSERVPAC COMDESPAC.

(RDO GUAM PASS ACTION CINCPAC ADVON INFO COMSERON 10. CTF 58 HAS BY VISUAL)

MY 200452.

4 OTHER DAMAGED CARRIERS ARE INTREPID ENTERPRISE YORK-

TOWN WASP. INTREPID MINOR DAMAGE FROM NEAR MISS. YORKTOWN DAMAGE NOT SERIOUS. ENTERPRISE AND WASP

REQUIRE REPAIRS. HAVE ORDERED FRANKLIN WASP ENTERPRISE SANTA FE ESCORTED BY DESRON 52 TO ULITHI. FRANKLIN

FOR VOYAGE REPAIRS AND ONWARD ROUTING PEARL WITH SANTA FE. WASP AND ENTERPRISE FOR LOCAL REPAIR IF PRACTICABLE.

IN ATTACKS LATE AFTERNOON 20TH ENTERPRISE HIT SECOND TIME FIRST BEING ON 18TH. ALSO HALSEY POWELL WITH

STEERING GEAR DAMAGE WHICH SLOWED HER TO 10 KNOTS AND

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

NEW SUBJECT.
YOUR 201729 SEE MY 200615.

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DATE 1 APRIL 1945			3
TOR CODE ROOM 011917	4		
DECODED BY	INFORMATION	CINCPAC COMINCH	5
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COM 5TH FLT PASS TO CINCPAC AND COMINCH FOR INFO.

DAMAGE REPORT PART 2. 2ND DECK AFT OF FRAME 80 BURNED OUT. 3RD DECK AFT OF FRAME 80 HEAVILY DAMAGED BY EX-

PLOSIONS FIRE AND FLOODING. AFTER TWIN 5 INCH MOUNTS READY MAGAZINES EXPLODED. ALL MAIN MAGAZINES PURPOSELY

FLOODED. EXTENSIVE FIRE DAMAGE IN ISLAND. COLLATERAL FIRE AND EXPLOSION DAMAGE THROUGHOUT SHIP. TOP MAST

DOWN. ABOUT 1500 PERSONNEL TRANSFERRED OR PICKED UP BY OTHER SHIPS. ABOUT 250 MEN 75 OFFICERS ON BOARD.

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

STEERING CONTROL REGAINED LIST UNDER CONTROL. STEAMING AT 13 KNOTS WITH 4 BOILERS AND ON 2 ENGINES. DOWN BY

THE TAIL BUT CHINS UP.

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RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION	ROUTINE
DATE <u>23 MAR 45</u>		COMINCH CINCPAC ADV & PEARL COM 5TH FLT CTF 58 CTG 58.1	DEFERRED
TOR CODE ROOM <u>1111</u>		FOR INFORMATION	
DECODED BY <u>SEVALD</u>		COMAIRPAC COMSERVPAC COMSERON 10 COMWESSEAFRON CTG 58.2	ROUTINE
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RDO GUAM PASSED TO ALL ADDEES AS 230720.

USS WASP CV 18 SENDS FOR ACTION TO COMINCH CINCPAC ADV HQ AND PEARL COM 5TH FLEET CTF 58 CTG 58.1 INFO COMAIRPAC COMSERVPAC COMSERON 10 AND COMWESSEAFRON. RADIO GUAM NPN PASS TO ALL ADDEES. CTG 58.2 HAS BY HAND FOR INFO.

AT 0709 19 MARCH NEAR SHIKOKU ISLAND JUDY DOVE FROM AHEAD OUT OF SOLID OVERCAST RELEASING SAP BOMB WHICH

STRUCK FLIGHT DECK AMIDSHIPS AT FRAME 119 PENETRATED HANGAR DECK AT FRAME 124 AND DETONATED WHILE PASSING

THROUGH 2ND DECK AT FRAME 127 RESULTING IN FOLLOWING DAMAGE AND CASUALTIES:

IGNITED AIRCRAFT ON HANGAR DECK BLEW 16 BY 24 FOOT HOLE IN SECOND AND 19 BY 22 FOOT HOLE IN THIRD DECKS, DEMOLI-

SHED GALLEY AND ALL EQUIPMENT THEREIN, DESTROYED ALL LAUNDRY EQUIPMENT, RUPTURED MANY FIRE MAINS, FLOODED

COMPARTMENTS B434E B429E AND B431E, PARTIALLY FLOODED NUMBER 4 FIREROOM, DID EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO DOORS HATCHES

BULKHEADS UPTAKES ELECTRIC CABLES AND HYDRAULIC EQUIPMENT ON SECOND THIRD AND FOURTH DECKS BETWEEN FRAMES 121 AND

142 AND, DEMOLISHED APPROXIMATELY 400 BUNKS. 2 AIRCRAFT

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

NUMBER 4 FIREROOM GALLEY LAUNDRY BERTHING FACILITIES FOR 400
FIRE MAINS BETWEEN FRAMES 110 AND 158 AND, NUMBER 3 ELEVATOR

WHICH IS APPARENTLY OUT OF ALIGNMENT DUE ADJACENT BULGES IN
HANGAR DECK.

FIRES RAPIDLY EXTINGUISHED AND FLOODING PROMPTLY CONTROLLED.
NORMAL FLIGHT OPERATIONS RESUMED WITHIN 1 HOUR. FIREROOM AND

ALL COMPARTMENTS NOW DRY. WRECKAGE BEING CLEARED. TO DATE
102 DEAD AND APPROXIMATELY 200 INJURED OF WHICH 20 ARE CRITICAL.

USS WASP

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FROM CTG 58.2		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	PPPPPPPP
RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION CTF 58	ROUTINE
DATE 24 MARCH 45			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 2139/24			
DECODED BY SAPP		FOR INFORMATION	PPPPPPPP
PARAPHRASED BY MC CORMACK			ROUTINE
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(COMINCH GETS FOR INFO FROM CINCPAC ADV HQ. REENCRYPTION OF CTG 58.2 200930 ORIGINALLY SENT ACTION CTF 58 AND LATER PASSED BY HAND BY COM 5TH FLT TO CINCPAC ADV HQ. CINCPAC PEARL ALSO HAS INFO)

PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 241453

"1ST REPORT ENTERPRISE DAMAGE. MAIN RADIO OUT. TBS 1 AND 2 OUT. SKYFORWARD OUT. MAIN CIC OUT. NO BIND INDICATOR. AUXILIARY CIC AND SC 2 IN COMMISSION. 40MM GUN MOUNTS 3 AND 5 OUT. PRIMARY FLY BURNED OUT. SLIGHT INCENDIARY FIRES STILL ON FLIGHT DECK. BELIEVE CAN OPERATE LIMITED LATER TONIGHT"

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NAVY DEPARTMENT.

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FROM CTG 58.4		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		CTF 58	PRIORITY PPPPP
DATE 25 MARCH 1945			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 2327			DEFERRED
DECODED BY VEROSKY		INFORMATION	PRIORITY PPPPP
PARAPHRASED BY VEROSKY/Walp			ROUTINE
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CINCPHA ADV HQ ENCYPHERS CTG 58.4 190447 FOR INFO COMINCH. ORIGINALLY SENT ACTION CTF 58 AND LATER PASSED BY HAND BY COM 5TH FLT TO CINCPHA ADV. CINCPHA PEARL ALSO HAS INFO.

CINCPHA ADV HQ PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 241451.

" AT 1507 (MINUS 9) 18TH YORKTOWN RECEIVED HIT STARBOARD SIGNAL BRIDGE FROM ESTIMATED 600 LB. BOMB DROPPED BY PROBABLE JUDY. BOMB DETONATED OUTSIDE AT 2ND DECK FRAME 120 AFTER PIERCING SIGNAL BRIDGE LEVEL AND 20 MM SPONSON TORE HOLE 15 FT. SQUARE IN SHIP'S SIDE VICINITY SHIPFITTERS SHOP AND GENERALLY PERFORATED SIDE FLIGHT DECK TO WATER-LINE. CASUALTIES 4 DEAD 18 WOUNDED. OPERATING ABILITY YORKTOWN NOT IMPAIRED."

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BY		BASEGRAM	6
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RADIO HONOLULU INTERCEPT

CINCPAC ADV HDQ ORIGINATES.

COM 5TH FLEET REPORTS FRANKLIN (CV 13) HIT BY SUICIDE WITH BOMB
AT 190700Z 1 CAUSING BAD FIRES. NOW IN TOW OF PITTSBURGH (CA 72)
COURSE SOUTH SPEED 8 POSITION NOT KNOWN. UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED
TASK UNIT 50.8,3 ^{First Tugs} PROCEED DUE NORTH FROM FIREELY AT BEST SOA.
COM 5TH FLT ADVISES CTG 50.8 THAT TWO GROUPS WILL FUEL ON 22ND.
OTHERS LATER.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM LANCETFISH(SS 296)		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY 17 MARCH 1945	FOR ACTION	COMSUBLANT COMINCH	PRIORITY RRRRR
DATE 0131			ROUTINE
TOR CODE ROOM WALP	INFORMATION	NYD BOSTON CINCLANT	DEFERRED
DECODED BY WALP/			PRIORITY RRRRR
TYPED BY Swind			ROUTINE
ROUTED BY			DEFERRED
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(LANCETFISH SS 296 ORIGINATOR. INFO HANDED NYBOS)

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

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



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15 March 1945.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF TRANSPORTATION.

**Subject: Further information on the
J. W. McANDREW and the BEARN.**

1. The Navy reports that the J. W. McANDREW, U. S. Troopship 7,977 G/T (Army owned) and the French Aircraft Carrier BEARN (on special assignment to the Army), which were badly damaged by collision (reported by memoranda 13 and 14 March) at sea on 13 March, are now proceeding under escort to Ponta Del Gada, Azores at 6 knots and are estimated to arrive that port at 0800Z 17 March.

2. The ATHLONE CASTLE, British Troopship 25,564 G/T, is scheduled to sail from New York on 15 March with Convoy GU-62 to embark the 2,000 troops at Ponta Del Gada and tranship them to E.T.O.

3. The J. W. McANDREW and the BEARN departed New York 7 March in Convoy GU-61, the former carrying 1,947 U.S. troops and 1,702 measurement tons U.S. Army cargo, and the latter carrying 85 U.S. Army planes and 125 U.S. Army troops. Seventy U.S. troops were lost by the collision.

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Chief, Water Division.

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

3. The collision casualties are as follows:

From the J. W. McANDREW:

U. S. Troops 70 dead and missing

U. S. Navy 1 dead

From the BEARN:

French seaman 4 dead

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

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DATE 2010			ROUTINE
TOR CODE ROOM DTEBEL			DEFERRED
DECODED BY DECKMAN Samuel		COMINCH	PRIORITY RRRRR
TYPED BY VOSBURGH			ROUTINE
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RESUME OF VESSELS LOST BY ENEMY ACTION DURING MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1945.

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

TOTAL BRITISH BY SUBMARINE 7 VESSELS OF 26829 TONS. BRITISH BY MINE. AURETTA. SAMPA. ROYAL BRITISH BY MINE

2 VESSELS OF 11790 TONS. BRITISH BY E BOAT GOODWOOD. BLACKTOFT.

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

AMERICAN BY SUBMARINE. PETER SILVESTER. HORACE GRAY. THOMAS SCOTT. ALCEDO. TOTAL AMERICAN BY SUBMARINE 4 VESSELS OF

22901 TONS. AMERICAN BY AIRCRAFT. HENRY BACON. TOTAL AMERICAN BY AIRCRAFT 1 VESSEL OF 7177 TONS. AMERICAN BY MIDGET

SUBMARINE. HENRY B PLANT. TOTAL AMERICAN BY MIDGET SUBMARINE 1 VESSEL OF 7240 TONS. AMERICAN BY MINE. NASHABA. TOTAL

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AMERICAN BY MINE 1 VESSEL OF 6054 TONS. TOTAL AMERICAN BY ALL
CAUSES 7 VESSELS OF 43 372 TONS. ALLIED BY SUBMARINE. PERSIER

DORVUS. TOTAL ALLIED BY SUBMARINE 2 VESSELS OF 6699 TONS. NEUTRAL
BY SUBMARINE. DETTIFOOS. TOTAL NEUTRAL BY SUBMARINE 1 VESSEL OF

1564 TONS. GRAND TOTAL 21 VESSELS OF 94143 TONS

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

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FROM USS SANGAMON (as rec'd)		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		COM 3RD/5TH FLT	OPOPOP 1
DATE 13 MARCH 1945			PRIORITY 2
TOR CODEROM 1907/13			ROUTINE 3
DECODED BY DORSEY			DEFERRED 4
PARAPHRASED DORSEY	CHECKED BY <i>Schmidt</i>	CTF 38/58	BASEGRAM 5
BY	DITTOED BY	CTG 38.3/58.3	
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COM 3RD/5TH FLT PASSED FOR INFO TO CINCPAC/CINCPHA ADV HED
AND HED PEARL, COMSERVPAC AND TO COMAIRPAC AS 130231. CINCPAC/
CINCPHA ADV HED PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 131112.

AT 2009K 11 MARCH RANDOLPH WAS HIT BY KAMEKAZI AT STARBOARD
EDGE OF FLIGHT DECK FRAME 205. ENEMY AIRCRAFT WAS FRANCES
CARRYING BOMB OF UNDETERMINED SIZE. BOMB AND STARBOARD ENGINE
WENT UNDER FLIGHT DECK WHERE BOMB EXPLODED IN AVIATION ENGINE
SHOP AND AFTER HANGAR SPACE. FIRE AND BOMB EXPLOSION CAUSED
FOLLOWING DAMAGE. 27 DEAD OR MISSING OF WHICH 21 BODIES
RECOVERED. 52 INJURED STILL UNDER TREATMENT. HOLE IN STARBOARD
HALF OF FLIGHT DECK FRAME 197 TO FRAME 209. EXTENSIVE DAMAGE
BY FIRE TO FLIGHT DECK ABAFT FRAME 193. ARRESTING GEAR UNIT
FRAME 190 BADLY DAMAGED. ALL SHOPS, STOREROOMS, GUNS AND
EQUIPMENT BETWEEN FLIGHT DECK AND HANGAR DECK ABAFT FRAME 190

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BADLY DAMAGED. VERTICAL FLIGHT DECK SUPPORT FRAME 203
 STARBOARD BENT AND TWISTED. ROLLER CURTAINS DAMAGED BOTH
 SIDES ABAFT FRAME 145. SOME DAMAGE TO HANGAR AND FANTAIL
 AND SECOND DECK RESULTING IN FLOODING OF 5 COMPARTMENTS
 SECOND AND THIRD DECK. SEVERAL HOLES IN HULL PORT QUARTER
 ABOVE WATER LINE CAUSED BY ASSISTING CRAFT. 14 AIRCRAFT
 DESTROYED PLUS 12 DAMAGED BEYOND CAPACITY THIS SHIP. 3
 JAPANESE BODIES RECOVERED. 1 CHART SHOWING PENCIL COURSE
 143 DEGREES FROM DAITO SHIMA. ESTIMATES TO EFFECT TEMPORARY
 REPAIRS VARY FROM 14 TO 30 DAYS WITHOUT REPLACEMENT OF
 ARRESTING GEAR UNITCONTROLLING ARRESTING WIRES 1 AND 3.
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RELEASED BY		CINCPAC ADVON 	PRIORITY 2
DATE 12 MARCH 1945			ROUTINE 3
TOR CODEROOM 121958			DEFERRED 4
DECODED BY GREENE			BASEGRAM 5
PARAPHRASED BY GREENE	CHECKED BY LYNN	CINCPAC PEARL USS RANDOLPH COMAIRPAC CTF 58 CTF 52 CTF 54	OP PRIORITY 8
ROUTED BY	DITTOED BY GREENE		PRIORITY 9
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ACTION CINCPAC ADVON VIA RADIO GUAM. WAHIAWA PASS INFO CINCPAC PEARL AND COMAIRPAC. COM 5TH FLEET SENDS. INFO BY MAIL CTF 58 USS RANDOLPH CTF 52 AND CTF 54.

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

MY 111216 NOT TO ALL.

SUICIDE ATTACKS WERE MADE BY 2 TWIN ENGINE PLANES BOTH CARRYING

BOMBS. 1 PLANE HIT SORLEN ISLAND BOAT REPAIR BASE AND OTHER HIT RANDOLPH STARBOARD QUARTER AT FLIGHT DECK LEVEL. SOME

MATERIAL DAMAGE SORLEN ISLAND 2 DEAD 6 INJURED. RANDOLPH AFTER 60 FEET STARBOARD SIDE FLIGHT DECK HAS HOLE 40 FEET WIDE.

SECTIONS UNDERNEATH WRECKED. ESTIMATE CAN BE REPAIRED SERVON 10 IN 3 TO 4 WEEKS SEE MY 120435. 11 RANDOLPH PLANES DESTROYED

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

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

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			BASEGRAM 5
DECODED BY		INFORMATION	6
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	BY		BASEGRAM 10
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OR MINAMI DAITO. SEE MEMORANDUM SENT YOU TODAY BY OFFICER MESSENGER. 3RD PLANE DISCHARGED THIS MORNING WRECKED IN

SHALLOW WATER NEAR YAP. YAP AIRSTRIPS REMAIN NONOPERATIONAL BUT ARE BEING COVERED BY DAYLIGHT STRIKE AND DUSK CAP TO

ELIMINATE POSSIBILITY OF STAGING. ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS BEING TAKEN. RECOMMEND WITHHOLDING RELEASE REGARDING

ATTACK UNLESS ANNOUNCED BY JAPS IN WHICH CASE RESTRICT RELEASE TO DESTRUCTION 2 PLANES.

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DATE	12 MARCH 1945		3
TOR CODEROOM	0026/11		4
DECODED BY	BOUDREAU		5
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COM 5TH FLT SENT 111216 ACTION CINCPAC ADV HDQTRS WHO NOW REENCIPHERS AND PASSES INFO COMINCH COMAIRPAC CINCPAC PEARL HDQTRS.

(RECEIVED AS 111624.)

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

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FROM: COM 5TH FLEET

TO : CINCPAC ADV HDQTRS

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Jap suicide plane crashed RANDOLPH (CV 15) at anchor about 2010K
starting fire now under control. Casualties 1 known dead about 25 injured.
Second suicide plane crashed Sorlen Island same time damaging buildings.
More later.

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FROM	COMBATRON 2	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY		COMINCH CINCPAC ADVANCED CINCPAC PEARL COM 5TH FLT	ROUTINE
DATE	5 MARCH, 1945		DEFERRED
TOR CODE ROOM	051643		
DECODED BY	ROYAL		PRIORITY
TYPED BY	ROYAL	CTF 58	ROUTINE
ROUTED BY			DEFERRED
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COMBATRON 2 ORIGINATES. RADIO WASHINGTON PASS ACTION COMINCH. RADIO GUAM PASS ACTION CINCPAC ADVANCED. RADIO HONO PASS ACTION TO CINCPAC PEARL COM 5TH FLEET. COMTASK FORCE 58 HAS INFO BY HAND.

AT 040513 K DURING SIMULATED NIGHT TORPEDO EXERCISES USS YARNALL DD 541 IN COLLISION WITH USS RINGGOLD DD 500 IN POSITION LATITUDE 12-54 NORTH LONGITUDE 138-08 EAST. REFER TO RINGGOLD DISPATCH 040244 AND YARNALL DESPATCH 040500 FOR DAMAGE REPORTS. COMDESDIV 50 IN RINGGOLD WITH YARNALL ESCORTED BY SIGSBEE DD 502 SCHROEDER DD 501 SIOUX ATF 75 AND MOLALA ATF 106 PROCEEDING TOULITHI. RINGGOLD UNDER OWN POWER YARNALL BEING TOWED STERN FIRST BY MOLALA. BOTH DAMAGED VESSELS REQUIRE DOCKING AND EXTENSIVE STRUCTURAL REPAIRS.

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DATE 0847/4		PAC/POA ADVHED	DEFERRED
TOR CODER ROOM STEEN		COM FIFTH FLEET	
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RDO ULITHI PASS ACTION TO COMINCH, CINCPAC ADV HD, COM FIFTH FLEET, CTG 58.2. INFO TO CONSERVPAC, CONSERVRON TEN, COMDESPAC. USS YARNALL DD 541 SENDS.

REPORT OF DAMAGE.

BOW TO FRAME 30 DISPLACE TO STARBOARD AT ANGLE OF 30 DEGREES. ALL COMPARTMENTS FORWARD OF FRAME 30 BELOW SECOND PLATFORM

DECK FLOODED. A302-L FLOODED TO 18 INCHES. A303 HAVE FLOODED TO 42 INCHES. RUPTURE 3 FEET WIDE FROM FRAME 30 TO

FRAME 24 PORT SHELL PLATING 2 FEET ABOVE WATER LINE. SHELL PLATING ON FRAME 30 STARBOARD RUPTURED ONE FOOT WIDE BY THREE

FEET LONG. FIREMAIN SEVERED FORWARD OF FRAME 42.

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

DAMAGE RESULT OF COLLISION WITH USS RINGGOLD DD 500 DURING NIGHT TORPEDO EXERCISES. PROCEEDING ULITHI BEING TOWED STERN

FIRST BY USS MOLALA ATF 106. SOA 6 KNOTS ETA DAWN 6 MARCH.

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FROM COM 7TH FLEET		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	1
RELEASED BY		COMINCH CNO* CINCPAC (PEARL) CINCPAC (ADV HQ) COMSUBSPAC COMSUBS 7TH	2 PRIORITY
DATE 3 MARCH 1945			3 ROUTINE
TOR CODEROM 031434			4 DEFERRED
DECODED BY JOHNSON			5 BASEGRAM
PARAPHRASED BY MONROE	CHECKED BY JOHNSON		6 PRIORITY
ROUTED BY	DITTOED BY MONROE		7 ROUTINE
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(COM 7TH FLEET SENDS ACTION COMINCH INFO CNO* CINCPAC PEARL AND GUAM COMSUBSPAC COMSUBS 7TH)

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DEEPLY REGRET NECESSITY REPORTING BARBEL (SS 318) OVERDUE FROM PATROL AND CONSIDERED LOST. BARBEL, LIEUT COMDR C L RAQUET, DEPARTED FREE-

MANTLE 5 JANUARY VIA LOMBOK AND KARIMATA STRAITS FOR PATROL SOUTH CHINA SEA. 13 JANUARY DIRECTED JOIN BLUEGILL AND BREAM PATROL WESTERN

APPROACHES BALABAC STRAIT CONNECTION LINGAYEN OPERATION. 27 JANUARY TO 3 FEBRUARY PERCH GABILAN RELIEVED BREAM BLUEGILL THEN TUNA BLACK-

FIN RELIEVED PERCH GABILAN. 5 FEBRUARY ORDERED CHARR TO RELIEVE BARBEL THAT AREA 8 FEBRUARY AND BARBEL PATROL OFF CAMRANH BAY. 6

FEBRUARY TUNA REPORTED UNABLE CONTACT BARBEL PREVIOUS 48 HOURS. 7TH TUNA REPORTED BARBEL FAILED TO KEEP RENDEZVOUS AND ALL EFFORTS TO

CONTACT BY SEARCH AND VOICE RADIO NEGATIVE. 16 FEBRUARY ORDERED BARBEL DEPART CAMRANH BAY AREA SUBIC. BARBEL FAILED TO ARRIVE.

TUNA AND BLACKFIN WERE IN VOICE COMMUNICATION WITH BARBEL IN AREA WEST OF BALABAC EVENING 4 FEBRUARY AND REPORTED HAVING BEEN ATTACKED

BY DEPTH CHARGES FROM ENEMY AIRCRAFT. STRANGE PERISCOPE WAS SIGHTED

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BY TUNA IN SAME AREA 9 FEBRUARY. VISIBILITY EXCELLENT AND IMPROBABLE
BARBEL DRIFTED INTO ENEMY MOORED MINEFIELDS. CONSIDER BARBEL LOST

IN ACTION PROBABLY ENEMY AIRCRAFT BUT POSSIBLY SUBMARINE. CREW TUNA
AND BLACKFIN HAVE KNOWLEDGE THIS LOSS DUE TO SEARCH. ALL PRECAUTIONS

FOR SECURITY TAKEN BUT RECOMEND THAT LOSS BE PUBLISHED WITHOUT
WAITING USUAL PERIOD.

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FROM USS CLINTON (APA)		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE PAC/POA HED ADV PEARL COTCPAC; COMINCH COM SAN PEDRO SHAKE- DOWN GROUP FLEOPTRA COMDPAC	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY 4 MARCH 1945			ROUTINE
DATE 0601/4			DDDDDDDD
TOR CODEROOM STORM			DEFERRED
DECODED BY STEEN/SEVALD		ADCOMPHTBSPAC COMWESSEAFRON COMSERVPAC	PRIORITY
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1704T/28 FEBRUARY 1945. ELECTRIC WATER HEATER IN-
STALLED IN CREW'S HEAD FOR USE OF FORWARD BATTLE

DRESSING STATION EXPLODED. CASUALTIES 1 FATAL,
2 HOSPITALIZED, 9 MINOR INJURIES RESULTING FROM

STEAM AND FLYING DEBRIS. MINOR DAMAGE TO OUTER HULL
BETWEEN FRAMES 42 AND 44 STARBOARD. MAJOR DAMAGE TO

ADJACENT NON-WATER TIGHT BULKHEADS AND DOORS. MINOR
DAMAGE 1 STEAM RADIATOR, 2 FLUSHING TANKS, 1 CLEANING

DEAR LOCKER, MISCELLANEOUS FITTINGS ADJACENT AREAS.
MATERIAL DESTROYED: 1 WESIX ELECTRIC WATER HEATER,

12 PORCELAIN WASH BASINS, 1 NON-WATER TIGHT DOOR, 2
URINALS, 1 WC TROUGH, 3 MIRRORS, 40 FEET OF VENT

DUCTS, APPROX 100 FEET MISCELLANEOUS PIPING. VESSEL
PROCEEDING WITH SHAKEDOWN UNTIL SCHEDULED POST

SHAKEDOWN AVAILABILITY. ESTIMATED COST TWO THOUSAND.
ESTIMATED TIME TO COMPLETE AFTER MATERIAL IS AVAILABLE

FOUR DAYS. BOARD OF INVESTIGATION CONVENED BY ORDER
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FROM USS BENNETT (DD 473)		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION	PRIORITY
DATE 4 MARCH 1945		COMINCH	ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM		CINCPAC	ROUTINE
DECODED BY		COM 5TH FLT	DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY		CTF 51	
ROUTED BY		FOR INFORMATION	
		COMSERVPAC	PRIORITY
		COMSERON 10	ROUTINE
		COMDESPAC	DEFERRED
		COMMESSEAFRON	
		COMDESRON 45	
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USS BENNETT DD 473 SENDS ACTION COMINCH CINCPAC COM 5TH FLT			
CTF 51 INFO COMSERVPAC COMSERON 10 COMDESPAC COMMESSEAFRON			
COMDESRON 45. RDO HONOLULU PLEASE PASS.			
SHELL PLATING PORT SIDE FRAME 15 PUNCTURED AT 3RD PLATFORM.			
COMPARTMENT A502A AND A403A FLOODED. CAUSE UNKNOWN.			
POSSIBLY DUE TO DUD BOMB OR TORPEDO DROPPED BY BETTY SHOT			
DOWN 1 MARCH. HOLE IN PLATING IS 17 BY 30 INCHES. SHIPS			
FORCE EFFECTING EMERGENCY REPAIRS. A403A PUMPED DRY			
TEMPORARY PLATE SPOTTED. A502A STILL FLOODED. BULKHEADS			
HOLDING. DOCKING REQUIRED. NO MACHINERY DERANGEMENTS.			
NO PERSONNEL CASUALTIES.			
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FROM USS SAUNTER (AM 295)		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		COMINCH	PRIORITY
DATE 3 MARCH 1945		COM 7 FLT	ROUTINE
TOR CODER ROOM 0514		CTF 78	DDDDDDDD
DECODED BY LENIHAN		COMSERVPAC	PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY LENIHAN / <i>Walt</i>		COMSERV 7 FLT	ROUTINE
ROUTED BY		CINCPAC	DDDDDDDD
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		COMINRON 12	
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(SAUNTER AM 295 SENDS ACTION COMINCH COM 7 FLT
INFO COMSERV 7 FLT CINCPAC COMINPAC COMINRON 12
COMSERVPAC VIA CTF 78 ALSO ACTION.)

ABOUT 1245 FEB 26 WHILE SWEEPING MANILA BAY
STRUCK JAP CONTACT MINE EST 300 LBS FRAME 54
STARBOARD ABOUT 12 FT BELOW WATERLINE. BOTH
ENGINE ROOMS PROVISION STOREROOM PLUS VARIOUS
TANKS FLOODED. GENERAL WORKSHOP CPO QUARTERS
GALLEY WRECKED. UPPER DECK BROKEN AND BUCKLED
FRAMES 48 TO 60. DRAFT INCREASED ABOUT 4 FEET.
EXPECT DOCK 2 MARCH BUT WILL REQUIRE TOWING TO
REAR AREA AFTER PATCHING. 2 ENLISTED KILLED.
1 OFFICER 17 ENLISTED WOUNDED.

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DATE 26 FEB 1945			ROUTINE 3
TOR CODEROM 2015			DDDDDD 5
			BASEGRAM 6
DECODED BY DORSEY		FOR INFORMATION COMSERVPAC COMSERON 10 COMAIRPAC	PRIORITY 9
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USS SARATOGA SENDS ACTION COMINCH CINCPAC BOTH ADVANCED AND PEARL COM 5TH FLEET CTF 52 CTF 58 INFO COMSERV PAC COMSERON 10 COMAIRPAC.

THIS AMPLIFIES MY 210800 211325 NOT TO ALL.

FIRST HIT FR 108 STBD 4 FEET ABOVE TOP BLISTER IN B-111-E AND B-9 STARTING GAS FIRES HANGER. C-307-V AND C-305-T FLOODED FROM FIREFIGHTING. INTAKES UPTAKES NO 9 FIREROOM DAMAGED. SECOND HIT FRAME 147 STBD WATER LINE FLOODED D-13 1/2-V D-71/2-V D-405-V D-315-V D-313-T D-317-F D-301-9A. THIRD FRAME 4 AND 4TH HIT FR 13 PORT EXTENSIVE FIRE AND BLAST DAMAGE FWD FR 22 TO HALL AND ALL WIRING WINDLASS ROOM WIRING AND EQUIPMENT EMERG RADIO AND CATAPULT MOTORS AND CONTROLS. FLIGHT DECK TO BE REPLACED FORWARD FR 15. CATAPULT TRACKS DAMAGED. EXCEPT FOR WIRING PIPING CABLES CATAPULT MACHINERY

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APPARENTLY NOT DAMAGED. FIFTH HIT PLANE DEMOLISHED
AIRPLANE CRANE BOMB HIT FR 25 STBD 15. 25 HOLE FLIGHT
DECK AND BUCKLED SLIGHTLY OUTBOARD. STATEROOMS BELOW
DEMOLISHED. SIXTH HIT FR 42 PORT HOLE FLIGHT DECK 20.
20 WITH DAMAGE DOWNWARD TO A-208-L. 7TH NEAR MISS AT
TURN BILGE FR 121 STBD. SUMMARY. FUEL TANKS LEAKING
FR 104-150 STBD DUE TO RUPTURE AT FRAME 121 AT TURN
BILGE DAMAGE REQUIRING DOCKING. EXTENSIVE FIRE HANGER
CAUSED APPARENT DAMAGE MAJORITY CABLE. REPLACEMENT
REQUIRED NO 1-6 40 MM MOUNTS NO 1-4 5 INCH MOUNTS PLUS
ADJACENT CONTROL WIRING. SHRAPNEL CUT RADAR CABLES AND
MINOR DAMAGE ISLAND.

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RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION COMINCH CINCPAC/CINCPAC HED ADV & PEARL COM 7TH FLEET CTF 76	PRIORITY 2
DATE	26 FEBRUARY 1945		ROUTINE 3
TOR CODEROM	0138		DEFERRED 5
DECODED BY	MONROE		BASEGRAM 6
PARAPHRASED BY	YORK	FOR INFORMATION COMSERVPAC COMSERV 7TH FLEET (1 GARBLED CALL)	7
CHECKED BY	MONROE		PRIORITY 9
DITTOED BY	MONROE		ROUTINE 10
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ABOUT 1100 FEBRUARY 21 WHILE SCREENING 9 KNOT CONVOY OFF SOUTHERN
END NEGROS ISLAND PHILIPPINES HIT BY SUBMARINE TORPEDO ABOUT FRAME
115 PORT 6 FEET BELOW WATERLINE. PORT SHELL BROKEN AND BUCKLED
FROM MAIN DECK DOWN TO AND INCLUDING DECK BETWEEN FRAMES 96 AND
130. STARBOARD SHELL BUCKLED AT FRAME 113 FROM KEEL TO SHEER STRAKE
MAIN DECK STRINGER FRAME 110 ALSO SLIGHTLY BUCKLED. MAIN DECK
OPENED UP FROM INBOARD EDGE OF PORT STRINGER PLATE TO CENTERLINE
FRAMES 105 TO 125 AND BULGED UPWARD IN WAY OF PORT STRINGER PLATE
AND TO STARBOARD OF CENTERLINE AS FAR AS STARBOARD STRINGER PLATE.
40 MM GUN FOUNDATION PORT FRAME 114 BROKEN LOOSE. FORWARD ENGINE
ROOM AND AFTER FIREROOM OPEN TO SEA. AFTER ENGINE ROOM FLOODED
TO 14 FEET ABOVE KEEL FOR ABOUT 3 HOURS BUT LEAKS BROUGHT UNDER
CONTROL AND SPACE UNWATERED. PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION INDICATES ALL
EQUIPMENT IN AFTER FIREROOM COMPLETELY DEMOLISHED AND ALL EQUIPMENT

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PORT AFTER QUARTER FORWARD ENGINE ROOM UNSALVABLE. HAVE BEEN
DRYDOCKED LEYTE FOR TEMPORARY REPAIRS. 17 ENLISTED KILLED. 2
MISSING. 19 MEN AND 1 OFFICER WOUNDED.

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RELEASED BY _____			2
DATE 24 JAN 45			3
TOR CODEROOM 2145			4
DECODED BY DORSEY		COM 3RD FLEET COMSERVPAC COMFORWARD AREA CTG 17.10	5
PARAPHRASED BY DORSEY CHECKED BY JOHNSON			6
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(COMSUBSPAC GIVES TO CINCPAC FOR ACTION LOCALLY
INFO GOES TO COM 3RD FLEET COMSERVPAC COMFORWARD-
AREA CTG 17.10) TOP SECRET.

RADIO HONO PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 241732.

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

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FROM USS GUARDFISH			ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE		OP OP OP
RELEASED BY			COMSUBPAC CTG 17.7 CTG 17.10		PRIORITY
DATE 24 JAN 1945					ROUTINE
TOR CODER ROOM 1910					DEFERRED
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TOPSECRET FROM GUARDFISH FOR COMSUBPAC CTG 17.7 AND CTG 17.10.

RDO HONO PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 240713.

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

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FROM CTF 77	FOR ACTION	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	1
RELEASED BY		CINCSWPA TARLAC LEYTE	2
DATE 22 FEBRUARY 1945			3
TOR CODE ROOM 1713			4
DECODED BY RODGERS	INFORMATION	COMINCH CINCPAC-GUAM COM 5TH FLT COM 7TH FLT REAR ECH	5
TYPED BY KURTZ/			6
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CTF 77 SENDS ACTION CINCSWPA TARLAC AND LEYTE
INFO COMINCH CINCPAC-GUAM COM 5TH FLT COM 7TH FLT
REAR ECHELON

RENSHAW (DD 499) WAS TORPEDOED AT 0259Z 21 FEB
WHILE ESCORTING A WESTBOUND CONVOY SOUTHEAST OF
NEGROS. BOTH ENGINE ROOMS AND 1 FIRE ROOM
FLOODED. BEING TOWED BACK TO LEYTE. IMMEDIATE
INTENSIVE HUNTER KILLER SEARCH CONTINUES NOT
PRODUCTIVE SO FAR.) IN THE CORREGIDOR AREA 2
GUNFIRE DD'S REMAINED ON STATION THROUGHOUT
THE 21ST AND COORDINATED SEARCHES FOR MINES
CONTINUES. THERE WERE 2 ENEMY AIR ATTACKS IN
LINGAYEN AREA ON NIGHT OF 20/21 NO DAMAGE TO

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~~SHIPPING. SAN PEDRO PT'S SUPPORTED ARMY OCCUPATION OF
CAPUL AND BIRI ISLANDS AND AYLEN NORTHERN SAMAR ON 19TH,
20TH AND 21ST. ENEMY GUNFIRE INFLICTED MINOR DAMAGE
ON BOATS. NO CASUALTIES. (ON 20TH NAVY SEARCHERS SANK
A SMALL AK AND DAMAGED 5 MORE OFF FORMOSA.) DESTROYED
2 JAKES OFF INDO CHINA AND (SANK A SMALL AK SOUTHWEST
OF HONGKONG.)~~

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FROM	USS LUNGA POINT (CVE94)	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	OP OP OP
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DATE	22 FEB 1945		ROUTINE
TOR CODER ROOM	2103/21		DEFERRED
DECODED BY	ROYAL		BASEGRAM
PARAPHRASED BY	WOODWARD		PRIORITY
CHECKED BY	SOWERS		ROUTINE
DITTOED BY	WOODWARD		DEFERRED
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FROM USS LUNGA POINT (CVE 94).
PASSED BY CTG 52.2 AS 211527 FOR INFO TO CTF 51 CINCPAC/
CINCPAC (BOTH HDQTRS) COM 5TH FLEET COMAIRPAC COMINCH.

UNDER ATTACK 2 ZEKE SUICIDERS. 1 SHOT DOWN AT 1846K AND
SECOND HIT SHIP FRAME 68 STARBOARD AFTER END OF ISLAND AT
184 (GROUP MISSING) K. SECOND ZEKE HIT BY GUN FIRE AND BURN-
ING LAST 300 YARDS. BURNING WING DEPOSITED ON FLAG BAG.

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

NUMBER 3 STARBOARD BARRIER CARRIED AWAY. DAMAGE TO SIDE
RADIO ANTENNAES, FLAG HOLISTS, AND GUN SIGHTPOUCING* REPAIRED.

WILL BE FLIGHT OPERATIONAL 0600K THURSDAY. 1 OFFICER AND
9 ENLISTED MEN BURNED OR INJURED. NO DEAD OR MISSING.

DELAYED DUE TO GARBLES.
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RELEASED BY		COM 5TH FLEET CTF 51	PRIORITY
DATE 21 FEBRUARY 1945			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 1533			DEFERRED
DECODED BY DIEBEL			BASEGRAM
PARAPHRASED BY DIEBEL	CHECKED BY	CINCPAC GUAM COMAIRPAC COMINCH	OP OP OP
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**CTG 52.2 SENDS. COM 5TH FLEET GETS AND CTF 51 GETS FOR ACTION
LOCALLY. RDO GUAM PASS CINCPAC GUAM. RDO HONO PASS COMAIRPAC.
RDO WASH PASS COMINCH. THIS IS TOP SECRET.**

**PRELIMINARY REPORT TASK GROUP 52.2 LESS TASK UNIT 52.2.1 UNDER
AIR ATTACK FROM 1730 TO 2000. SARATOGA HIT ABOUT 1745 BY 4**

**SUICIDERS AND IS NOW PROCEEDING SOUTH 23 KNOTS WITH SITUATION
UNDER CONTROL. BISMARCK SEA HIT ABOUT 1850 ON FANTAIL BY**

**SUICIDER BURNED FURIOUSLY WITH MANY EXPLOSIONS AND FINALLY
TURNED OVER BELIEVED SUNK. CAPTAIN PRATT OF BISMARCK SEA NOW**

**IN CHARGE AT SCENE PICKING UP SURVIVORS. ESCORTS HAVE BEEN
ORDERED RETURN THIS TASK GROUP AFTER SURVIVORS DELIVERED TO**

**BEACH. LUNGA POINT HIT SITUATION UNDER CONTROL. EFFECT ON AIR
OPERATIONS UNKNOWN AT PRESENT. 4 ENEMY PLANES SHOT DOWN BY**

**SHIPS GUNFIRE ESCORT CARRIER GROUP. SARATOGA AND CAP SCORE
UNKNOWN.**

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RELEASED BY		CINCPAC ADV HED	PRIORITY
DATE 21 FEBRUARY 1965	<i>for</i>	CINCPAC REAR	ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 1300		COM 5TH FLEET	DEFERRED
DECODED BY DIEBEL		ALL TFC'S 5TH FLEET	BASEGRAM
PARAPHRASED BY DIEBEL	CHECKED BY <i>[initials]</i>		
ROUTED BY	DITTOED BY <i>[initials]</i>		
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HONOLULU INTERCEPT

CTF 51 ORIGINATES. ACTION CINCPAC ADVHED AND REAR COM 5TH FLEET ALL TASK FORCE COMMANDERS 5TH FLEET.

TASK FORCE 51 ATTACKED BY UNKNOWN NUMBER JAP SUICIDE PLANES COMMENCING ABOUT 1640K TODAY 21ST. REPORTS INCOMPLETE. ATTACKS CONTINUING. KNOWN DAMAGE AS FOLLOWS: SEE SARATOGA 210800 AND 210910 SHOWING HITS BY 4 SUICIDE BOMBERS. LST 477, 20 FOOT HOLE 5 FEET ABOVE WATER LINE STARBOARD BOW. KEOKUK HAS A TOV IDE* FIRE. ALL SHIPS SEAWORTHY. SAGINAW BAY ATTACKED AT 1848K RESULTS UNKNOWN. BISMARCK SEA FULLY HIT SENDING TUGS TO ASSISTANCE. ATTACKS MADE BY ZEKES AND BETTYS NUMBER OF WHICH SHOT DOWN.

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DATE 21 FEB 1945			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 1240			DEFERRED
DECODED BY DIEBEL			BASEGRAM
PARAPHRASED BY DIEBEL	CHECKED BY <i>H. T. Jones</i>	CTG 51.3 CTG 50.2 CTF 50	URGENT
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HONOLULU INTERCEPT

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

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RELEASED BY		CTF 51	PRIORITY
DATE 21 FEB 1945			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM			DEFERRED
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DECODED BY SCHMICK		COM 5TH FLEET CTF 52 CINCPAC/CINCPAC	URGENT
PARAPHRASED BY SCHMICK	CHECKED BY WOODWARD		PRIORITY
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STRUCK BY 3 SUICIDE ZEKES 1 AFT 1 AMIDSHIPS ON STARBOARD
SIDE 1 ON FORECASTLE. 9-FOOT HOLE AT WATER LINE STARBOARD
SIDE. FIRE ON FORECASTLE BURNING ALL PLANES ON BOW. 5
DEGREES LIST TO STARBOARD LIGHT FIRE IN HANGAR AND NR 10
FIREROOM. MY POSITION AT 1745K 24-56 NORTH 142-21 EAST.
PROCEEDING SOUTH 23 KNOTS. NO ESTIMATE OF CASUALTIES.
SITUATION UNDER CONTROL.

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RELEASED BY		COMINCH COM 7TH FLT	PRIORITY
DATE 19 FEB 1945		CTF 77 CTG 77.3	ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 0437			DEFERRED
DECODED BY BOUDREAU		CINCPAC ADVANCED	PRIORITY
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 FLT CTF 77 CTG 77.3. RDO GUAM PASS CINCPAC ADVANCED
 RDO HONO PASS CINCPAC PEARL COMDESPAC AND COMSERVPAC
 ALL FOR INFO. ALSO INFO ARE COMSERV 7TH FLT AND COM-
 DESRON 21.

HOPEWELL DD 681 SENDS AMPLIFYING REPORT TO MV 141015.
 FOLLOWING HITS RECEIVED. 1 6 INCH SHELL FRAME 63 STAR-
 BOARD 5 FEET BELOW MAIN DECK. DETONATED IN A206L (ENG
 LOG ROOM) WITH MAJOR DAMAGE IN IC AND DIESEL GENERATOR
 ROOMS. 1 5 INCH SHELL AT BASE #1 TORPEDO TUBE PORT
 SIDE. DETONATED INTO BATTERY CHARGING ROOM AND LAUNDRY.
 5 INCH SHELL SEARCHLIGHT PLATFORM STARBOARD SIDE DETON-
 ATED INSIDE #1 STACK. 3 INCH SHELL BASE #1 STACK ALSO
 DETONATED INSIDE. FORWARD FIREROOM INOPERATIVE DUE TO
 RUPTURED STACK. C AND R DAMAGE. BULKHEADS IN VICINITY
 SHIPS OFFICE. IC ROOM. OFFICERS STATEROOMS 207 AND
 208. OFFICERS HEAD. ALL RUPTURED, SPRUNG, WARPED.

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FUEL OIL TANKS A2F, A3F, A507F RUPTURED. 5 FOOT HOLE IN LOG ROOM DECK. WATERTIGHT INTEGRITY FRAMES 54 TO 71 IMPAIRED DUE TO SPRUNG HATCH AND DOOR FRAMES AND PERFORATED BULKHEADS AND DECKS.

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

FOLLOWING ITEMS REQUIRE REPLACEMENT OR EXTENSIVE REPAIRS:

#1 TORPEDO TUBE AND MOUNT.

GYRO COMPASS AND SWITCHBOARD.

2 3 6 INCH SEARCHLIGHTS.

17MC SEWER UNIT IC ROOM.

MK 1 MOD 7 COMPUTER.

VENTILATION SETS 1-88 AND 2-67.

ALL LAUNDRY EQUIPMENT.

DIESEL GENERATOR AND SWITCHBOARD.

ALL IC, FC, AND POWER CABLES VICINITY HITS REQUIRE REPLACEMENT .

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>USS LAVALLETTE</u>		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION	PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE <u>16 FEBRUARY 1945</u>		COM SEVENTH FLEET CTF 78 COMINCH CTF 77 CTG 77-3	
TOR CODEROOM <u>0415/16</u>		FOR INFORMATION	PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED
DECODED BY <u>STEEN</u>		CINCPAC CONSERVOPAC CONSERVFOR SEVENTH FLT COMDESPAC COMDESRON 21 COMDESDIV 42	
TYPED BY <u>STEEN/ Lenzel</u>			
ROUTED BY			IF OPERATIONAL CHECK BELOW
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<u>DD</u> <u>LAVALLETTE</u> ORIGINATES FOR ACTION TO COMINCH, CTF 77, CTG 77-3, CTF 78, COM SEVENTH FLEET AND INFO CINCPAC, CONSERVOPAC, CONSERVFOR SEVENTH FLT, COMDESPAC, COMDESRON 21, COMDESDIV 42.				
<u>IN ENTRANCE TO MARIVELES HARBOR STRUCK MINE VICINITY</u> <u>OF COFFERDAM PORT SIDE, FORWARD FIREROOM FLOODED</u> AND WRECKED. FORWARD MESS HALL, MAGAZINES AND HOLDS FLOODED. COMBAT INFO CENTER WRECKED, IC ROOM WRECKED AND FLOODED. <u>SHIP DOWN BY HEAD 8 FEET. NOW ALONGSIDE</u> <u>GRIFFING (AS13) AT SUBIC AND ALL STEPS BEING TAKEN TO</u> <u>REMOVE TOPSIDE WEIGHTS AND PUMP OUT FLOODED SPACES.</u> <u>TWO ENLISTED KILLED, FOUR MISSING, ONE OFFICER THREE</u> <u>ENLISTED SERIOUSLY WOUNDED, 19 WOUNDED.</u>				
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FROM YMS 48		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION	PRIORITY
DATE 16 FEB. 1945		COMINCH	ROUTINE
TOR CODER ROOM 0449		COM 7TH FLT	ROUTINE
DECODED BY SOWERS		CTF 78	DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED SOWERS/BENNETT		FOR INFORMATION	
ROUTED BY		CTF 77	PRIORITY
		CINCPAC ADV HQ AND	ROUTINE
		PEARL	ROUTINE
		COMSERVFOR 7TH FLT	DEFERRED
		COMSERVPAC FLT	
		COMSERON 4 7TH FLT	
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YMS 48 SENDS ACTION COMINCH COM 7TH FLT CTF 78 WHO HAS. INFO ADDEES CINCPAC ADV HQ AND PEARL COMSERVFOR 7TH FLT COMSERVPAC FLT COMSERON 4 7TH FLT CTF 77.

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

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FROM <u>HOPEWELL (DD681)</u>		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION	ROUTINE
DATE <u>15 FEBRUARY 1945</u>		COMINCH COM 7TH FLT CTF 77 CTG 77.3	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>2229</u>		FOR INFORMATION	PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>DIEBEL</u>		CINCPAC ADV HDQ CINCPAC PEARL COMDESPAC COMSERVPAC COMSERV 7TH FLT COMDESRON 21	ROUTINE
TYPED BY <u>DIEBEL/Rowland</u>			DEFERRED
ROUTED BY			IF OPERATIONAL CHECK BELOW
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HOPEWELL (DD681) ORIGINATOR. ACTION COMINCH COM 7TH FLT CTF 77 CTG 77.3. RDO GUAM PASS INFO CINCPAC ADV HDQ RDO HONO PASS INFO CINCPAC PEARL COMDESPAC COMSERVPAC. COMSERV 7TH AND COMDESRON 21 WHO HAS ALSO GET INFO.

DURING FIRE SUPPORT MISSION OFF CORREGIDOR 14 FEBRUARY

HOPEWELL (DD681) RECEIVED 4 HITS FROM SHORE BATTERIES.

2 5 OR 6 INCH 1 FORWARD STACK 1 BETWEEN DIESEL GENERATOR ROOM AND PLOTTING ROOM. 2 PROBABLY 3 INCH 1 FORWARD STACK 1 BASE FORWARD TORPEDO MOUNT. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES 6 MEN 1 OFFICER DEAD 8 WOUNDED INCLUDING 3 SERIOUSLY. MATERIAL DAMAGE. LARGE HOLE FORWARD STACK AT SEARCHLIGHT LEVEL. SEARCHLIGHTS AND PLATFORM DAMAGED. FUEL TANKS A2F AND A507F RUPTURED. FWD TORPEDO MOUNT WRECKED. CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE COMPUTER IC AND FC SWITCHBOARDS AND GYRO COMPASS. SALINITY INDICATOR AND ALARM SYSTEMS FIRE AND ENGINE ROOMS,

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

DELIVERED TO 20G

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FROM USS FLETCHER		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY <i>[Signature]</i>			OP OP OP
DATE 15 FEB 45	FOR ACTION	COMINCH COM 7TH FLT CTF 77 GARBLED CALL **	PRIORITY
TOR CODEROOM 0029			ROUTINE
DECODED BY ROYAL	FOR INFORMATION	CINCPAC/CINCPAC HED PEARL & ADV HED COMSERVPAC COMDESPAC COMSERVSOWESPAC	DEFERRED
TYPED BY KULKA/BENNETT			
ROUTED BY			
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USS FLETCHER DD 445 SENDS.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF DAMAGE.

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

* AS REC'D

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CTF 71		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		COMINCH CNO	PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE 15 FEBRUARY 1945			
FOR CODEROOM 151342			
DECODED BY MONROE		CINCPAC COM 7TH FLEET ADV HDQTS COMSUBSPAC COMSUBSPACADCOMD CTG 71.5; CTG 71.9	PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY MONROE / <i>Schmitt</i>			
ROUTED BY			
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(CTF 71 TELLS COMINCH CNO INFO CINCPAC COM 7TH FLT
ADV HDQTS COMSUBSPAC COMSUBSPACADCOMD CTG 71.5 CTG 71.9)

REFER MY 070903. MINGO RETURNED FREMANTLE 14 FEBRUARY
AFTER HAVING SUFFERED CONSIDERABLE MINOR DAMAGE DUE
CONTROL ROOM AND PUMP ROOM FLOODING IN HURRICAN NEAR
EXMOUTH GULF 10 FEBRUARY.

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DRAFTER CTF 77	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	PRECEDENCE OPOPOPOPOPOPO
FROM	FOR ACTION INFORMATION	CINCSWPA LEYTE AND TARLAC CINCPAC GUAM COMINCH COM FIFTHFLT AND COM 7TH FLT REAR ECH	PRIORITY 2
RELEASED BY 12 FEB 1945			ROUTINE 3
DATE 1934			DEFERRED 4
TOR CODEROOM 8APP			DEFERRED 5
DECODED BY 8APP/sandberg			PRIORITY 6
TYPED BY			ROUTINE 7
ROUTED BY			DEFERRED 8
UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH PRECEDENCE (P) OR AS ADMINISTRATIVE (A)			PRIORITY 9
121258 NLR 9264			ROUTINE 10
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			DEFERRED 12
			DEFERRED 13
			DEFERRED 14
			DEFERRED 15
			IF OPERATIONAL CHECK BELOW 16
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CTF 77 SENDS ACTION CINCSWPA LEYTE AND TARLAC INFO COMINCH CINCPAC GUAM COM FIFTH COM 7TH FLT'S REAR ECH			
LST 577 TORPEDOED ENROUTE LEYTE IN POSITION 08-00 133-00 EAST AND SUNK BY BLUE DD AFTER BEING ABANDONED PRELIMINARY REPORT INDICATES 68 NAVY AND 102 ARMY MISSING. NO ENEMY AIR ATTACKS AGAINST NAVAL FORCES REPORTED LAST 24 HOURS.			
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FROM	CINCPDA ADV HQTRS	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE		PRIORITY
RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION	COMSTHFLT	PRIORITY
DATE	31 JAN 45			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROM	0516			DEFERRED
DECODED BY	KULKA			BASEGRAM
PARAPHRASED BY	KULKA	INFORMATION	COMINCH AND CNO CINCPDA PEARL HQTRS COMBATRON 2 COM3RDFLT (ADM)	PRIORITY
CHECKED BY	BENNETT			ROUTINE
DITTOED BY	KULKA			DEFERRED
ROUTED BY				BASEGRAM
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CINCPDA ADV HQTRS SENDS ACTION TO COMSTHFLT INFO TO COMINCH AND CNO CINCPDA PEARL HQTRS COMBATRON 2 COM3RDFLT (ADM). CINCPDA PEARL PASS TO LAST INFO ADDEE.

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COMINCH 272245. CONTINUE TO HOLD FORMAL COURT OF INQUIRY IN ABEYANCE. BY SEPARATE INFORMAL INVESTIGATION ASCERTAIN AND REPORT SALIENT FACTS.

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DRAFTER	EXT.	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CINCPAC ADV HQRS		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY _____		COMBATRON 2 <i>W.B. Harrison</i>	OP OP OP
DATE 28 JAN 45			PRIORITY
TOR CODEROOM 0732			ROUTINE
			DEFERRED
DECODED BY DORSEY		COM 5TH FLEET COMINCH AND CNO CINCPAC HDQRS PEARL COM 3RD FLEET	OP OP OP
PARAPHRASED BY DORSEY CHECKED BY MONROE			PRIORITY
ROUTED BY _____ DITTOED BY DORSEY			ROUTINE
			DEFERRED
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CINCPAC ADV HQRS GIVES ACTION TO COMBATRON 2
AND INFO TO COM 5TH FLT COMINCH AND CNO CINCPAC
HDQRS PEARL COM 3RD FLT.

COM 3RD FLEETS 250448. YOUR 261020.

HOLD COURT OF INQUIRY IN ABEYANCE ACCORDANCE

MY 250225. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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RELEASED BY		COMINCH	PRIORITY
DATE <u>29 JAN 45</u>		COM7THFLT	ROUTINE
TOR CODEROM <u>1905</u>		CTF 78	DEFERRED
DECODED BY <u>DUMMOND</u>			
TYPED BY <u>REVIS</u>		CINCPAC CTU 77.10.1	PRIORITY
ROUTED BY <u>WILLIAMS</u>		COMSERV 7TH FLT	ROUTINE
		COMSERVPAC MIDAS	DEFERRED
		COMADCOMPHIBSPAC	
		BUSHIPS CTG 78.8	
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SHADWELL SENDS ACTION COMINCH COM 7TH FLT CTF 78 INFO
CINCPAC COMSERV7THFLT COMSERVPAC COMADCOMPHIBSPAC
BUSHIPS CTG 78.8. CTU 77.10.1 AND MIDAS GET BY
HAND ALSO FOR INFO.

MYDIS 250514.
EXTENT DAMAGE SHADWELL FROM VISUAL INSPECTION AND

DIVERS REPORTS AS FOLLOWS:
MAIN HOLE BEGINNING STARBOARD SIDE 18 FT ABOVE KEEL

FRAME 35 EXTENDING DOWNWARD AND FORE AND AFT BETWEEN
FRAMES 31 AND 42 INCLUDING KEEL PLATE AND UPWARDS

ABOUT 10 FT ON PORT SIDE. THIRD DECK BULGED UPWARD
ABOUT 4 FT FRAMES 29 TO 43 AND ACROSS WELL WITH 3

LARGE HOLES. EXTENSIVE BUCKLING OF DECKS AND BULK-
HEADS NAVIGATION BRIDGE DECK DOWNWARD FRAMES 15 TO 50

BALLAST LINES RUPTURED DESTROYED FORWARD FRAME 52
BOTH SIDES. FOLLOWING TANKS RUPTURED FLOODED BEYOND

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IMMEDIATE REPAIR: 3 BALLAST 7 FUEL TANKS.
FOLLOWING TANKS SMALL HOLES SEAM LEAKS CAN BE MADE TIGHT:

6 BALLAST 1 FUEL TANK 2 STOREROOMS. NO DAMAGE MAIN PRO-
PULSION AND AUXILIARY MACHINERY. SHIP DEFINITELY NOT

SEAWORTHY IN PRESENT CONDITION. ESSENTIAL THAT AREA IN
WAY OF DAMAGE BE STRENGTHENED PRIOR PROCEEDING DRYDOCK AREA.

COMINCH.....ACT

BUSHIPS.....CNO.....NAVAIDE.....23.....OP05.....

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DRAFTER

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GREENLING

ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

URGENT

FROM

RELEASED BY

25 JAN 45

DATE

1756

FOR CODER ROOM

SEVALD

DECODED BY

PARAPHRASED BY

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(COMSUBPAC GETS 4TH FROM GREENLING)

RDO HONO PASSED INFO TO COMINCH AS 251640.

ATTEMPTED DAWN APPROACH ON AMAMI BOUND CONVOY. LACK OF
RADAR CAUSED US TO BE TRAPPED BY 4 ESCORTS AND SEVERELY
DEPTH CHARGED. 5 HOT RUNS IN TUBES DUE TO SHEARED
GUIDE STUDS. PROCEEDING SAIPAN FOR RADAR REPAIRS.
REQUEST ROUTING. 17 GOOD FISH LEFT. 62,000 FUEL.
OSRN. WX 32402 05768 44855.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER		EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM — USS LANGLEY (CVL27)			ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY —		FOR ACTION	COM 3RD FLEET	PRIORITY
DATE — 3 FEBRUARY 1945			CTF 38	ROUTINE
TOR CODEROM — 1406			COMINCH & CNO	DEFERRED
DECODED BY — DUMMIT		INFORMATION	COMSERVRON 10	DDDDDDDD
TYPED BY — DUMMIT			CTG 38.3	
ROUTED BY — TELSHOW			COMAIRPAC	PRIORITY
UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE AND AS ADMINISTRATIVE.			COMSERVFORPAC	ROUTINE
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LANGLEY (CVL27) GIVES ACTION BY HAND TO COM 3RD FLEET AND CTF 38; INFO COMSERVRON 10, CTG 38.3. RADIO WASHINGTON PASS ACTION COMINCH & CNO. HONOLULU PASS ACTION CINCPAC; INFO COMAIRPAC, COMSERVFORPAC.

REPORT SHIP DAMAGE BY ENEMY BOMB: WITH TASK GROUP 38.3 IN ACTION AGAINST ENEMY AIRCRAFT 21 JANUARY EAST LONGITUDE. AT 1207 I BOMB ESTIMATED TO BE 63 KG SEMI ARMOR PIERCING EXPLODED WHILE PASSING THROUGH FLIGHT DECK AT FRAME 20 JUST TO LEFT OF CENTER LINE MAKING HOLE APPROXIMATELY 10 BY 14 FEET. 4 LONGITUDINAL FLIGHT DECK SUPPORTING BEAMS RUPTURED AND 2 ADDITIONAL WARPED. 3 STATE ROOMS DEMOLISHED, 3 ADDITIONAL UNINHABITABLE. GALLERY DECK BELOW BOMB HOLE PIERCED IN MANY PLACES, LARGEST HOLE ABOUT 2 1/2 BY 3 FEET. BULKHEAD FRAME 18 PIERCED BY MANY FRAGMENTS, 2 OF WHICH ENTERED 40 MM READY SERVICE MAGAZINE 0202M; ALSO MANY HOLES IN BULKHEADS FRAMES

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21 AND 23. PORTABLE BULKHEAD AROUND BATHROOM BLOWN OUT (...
...1" MISSING GROUPS BEING SERVICED...) DECK DEMOLISHED. BOMB
FRAGMENTS PENETRATED TO SECOND DECK. NO FIRE DAMAGE EXCEPT
TO FURNISHINGS. TEMPORARY REPAIRS COMPLETED AND FLIGHT DECK
OPERATIONAL BY 1615 L. STATEROOM EQUIPMENT 13 OFFICERS RE-
QUIRED. SEVERED CABLES PUT FOLLOWING OUT OF COMMISSION.
SECONDARY SHIP CONTROL, ENGINE ORDER TELEGRAPH, STEERING
TELEGRAPH, RUDDER ANGLE INDICATOR, GYRO REPEATER, AND SOUND
POWERED TELEPHONES. ON 02 AND 03 DECKS FORWARD, 115 VOLT POW-
ER TO 20 MM GUN GROUPS, LIGHTING CIRCUITS TO STATEROOMS, SUR-
FACE LOOKOUT ALIDADES, RUNNING AND ANCHOR LIGHTS, RAMP LIGHTS,
RC CATAPULT CONTROL, TRAFFIC LIGHTS, AND MANY MC SPEAKERS.
CATAPULT CONTROL CIRCUIT READY FOR SERVICE 1600 21 JANUARY,
SECONDARY CORN READY 2200, 115 VOLT POWER TO 20 MM GUNS READY
1900 22 JANUARY, ALL WITH PORTABLE EMERGENCY CABLE. WILL RE-
QUIRE REPLACEMENT OF APPROXIMATELY 50,000 FEET OF VARIOUS
SIZES AND TYPES OF CABLE, LIGHTING FIXTURES SWITCH BOXES AND
RECEPTACLES AND THE INSTALLATION OF ABOUT 20 CONNECTION BOXES.
1 KILLED, 2 DIED LATER OF WOUNDS, 11 ADDITIONAL INJURED.

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TOR NCR 1911/05

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DRAFTER		EXT.	ADDRESSEES		PRECEDENCE
FROM USS TICONDEROGA			ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE		PPPPPPPPPP
RELEASED BY			FOR ACTION	COMINCH & CNO CINCPAC COM 3RD FLEET CTF 38	PRIORITY 2
DATE 25 JANUARY 1945					ROUTINE 3
TOR CODEROOM 242028					DEFERRED 4
					BASEGRAM 5
DECODED BY MONROE			INFORMATION	COMSERVPAC COMAIRPAC COMCARDIV 6 CTG 38.3 COMSERON 10	PPPPPPPPPP
PARAPHRASED BY MONROE	CHECKED BY SCHWICK				PRIORITY 9
ROUTED BY	DITTOED BY MONROE				ROUTINE 10
					DEFERRED 11
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(RADIO HONOLULU PASS ACTION TO COMINCH AND CNO CINCPAC COM 3RD FLT AND CTF 38. INFO TO COMSERVPAC COMAIRPAC COMCARDIV 6 CTG 38.3. COMSERON 10 HAS INFO LOCALLY)(TICONDEROGA ORIGINATOR)

PRELIMINARY DAMAGE REPORT TICONDEROGA DELAYED ACCOUNT RADIO SILENCE. 2 JAP SUICIDE PLANES WITH BOMBS CRASHED SHIP JANUARY 21 AT 1210 AND

1259 I. FIRST PLANE CRASHED THROUGH FLIGHT DECK AT FRAME 67. SECOND PLANE CRASHED INTO FORWARD DIRECTOR FROM STARBOARD. DEAD 7 OFFICERS

60 ENLISTED MEN INCLUDING AIR OFFICER. MISSING 4 OFFICERS 69 ENLISTED MEN INCLUDING GUNNERY OFFICER. INJURED PERSONNEL 118 INCLUDING CAPTAIN

AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER. GENERAL ESTIMATE MAJOR DAMAGE. HANGAR GUTTED BY FIRE FROM FORWARD ELEVATOR TO FRAME 100 AND PORTION OF GUNNERY

DECK DESTROYED. SKY FORWARD DEMOLISHED. FLIGHT DECK INOPERATIVE. STARBOARD CATAPULT INOPERATIVE. RADAR AND RADIO OUT. EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO

INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS DUE TO FIRE AND FLOODING. ONE PROPELLER BELIEVED DAMAGED CAUSING MODERATE VIBRATION AT 27

KNOTS. 37 PLANES DESTROYED ON FLIGHT AND HANGAR DECKS. COMMANDER H V BRINER USN FILE NUMBER 63393 ACTING COMMANDING OFFICER.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM HANCOCK (CV 19)		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		COMTHIRDFLEET	PRIORITY
DATE 25 JAN 45		CTF 38	RRRR ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 2321/24		CINCPAC	DEFERRED
DECODED BY SANDBERG		COMINCH	
TYPED BY SANDBERG		CTG 38.2	
ROUTED BY TELSHOW		COMSERVPAC	PRIORITY
		COMSERVRON 10	RRRR ROUTINE
		COMAIRPAC	DEFERRED
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COMINCH CTG 38.2. INFORMATION GOES TO COMSERVPAC
COMSERVRON 10 COMAIRPAC.)

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

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

AFTER TAXIING ABREAST ISLAND, MK AN-M 64 500 POUND GP BOMB
FUZED WITH TAIL FUZE AN-101 FELL ON DECK AND EXPLODED.
BOMB BAY DOORS PLANE WERE CLOSED UPON LANDING. BUT PARTIALLY
OPENED AFTER LANDING. THIS WAS NOTICED BY FLIGHT DECK
PERSONNEL WHO SIGNALLED PILOT TO CLOSE BOMB BAY DOORS.
ACKNOWLEDGED BY PILOT BUT BOMB FELL CLEAR SHORTLY THEREAFTER

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

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

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

19 MC INTER COMMUNICATION UNITS IN OFFICES DESTROYED.

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

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

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

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

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HANCOCK (CV 19)		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
FROM			
RELEASED BY	25 JAN 45	COMTHIRDFLEET	PRIORITY
DATE	2321/24	CTF 38	RRRR
TOR CODEROOM	SANDBERG	CINCPAC	ROUTINE
DECODED BY	SANDBERG	COMINCH	DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY		CTG 38.2	
ROUTED BY		COMSERVPAC	
		COMSERVRON 10	
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REF MY 232150. AMPLIFYING REPORT DAMAGE DUE ACCIDENTAL BOMB EXPLOSION.			
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FROM	USS HANCOCK (CV 19)	CTG 38.2	PRIORITY
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TOR CODEROOM	0009	CTF 38	
DECODED BY	DUMMIT	CINCPAC	
TYPED BY	JOHNSON	COMSERVPAC	PRIORITY
ROUTED BY	THOMPSON	COMAIRPAC	ROUTINE
		COMSERVRON 10	DEFERRED
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REFER COMINCH 052215 JANUARY 1943 AND CINCPAC 33 CL-43
 PARA 2(A). ON 21ST JANUARY WITH SHIP AT GENERAL QUARTERS
 A TBM LANDED ABOARD WITH 500 POUND BOMB WHICH EXPLODED
 CENTER OF FLIGHT DECK ABREAST ISLAND. PLANE HAD GIVEN BOMB
 CLEAR SIGNAL PRIOR LANDING. BOMB BAY DOORS CLOSED ON LAND-
 ING BUT OPENED AFTERWARDS WHILE TAXIING UP DECK. 10 BY 16
 FOOT HOLE IN FLIGHT DECK. FLIGHT AND GALLERY DECK AREA IN
 THAT VICINITY DEMOLISHED. INBOARD SIDE SIGNAL BRIDGE WRECK-
 ED. ELECTRIC CONTROL HANGAR DECK SPRINKLING SYSTEM INOPER-
 ATIVE, SYSTEM CAN BE OPERATED MANUALLY. SM INTERROGATOR
 ANTENNA DESTROYED. CASUALTIES 7 OFFICERS 42 MEN DEAD. 76
 INJURED. FLIGHT DECK REPAIRS EFFECTED BY SHIP SAME DATE TO
 CONTINUE OPERATIONS.

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FROM CTG 30.3		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY		COM 3RD FLEET	PRIORITY
DATE 22 JANUARY 1945			ROUTINE
TOR CODER 151			DEFERRED
DECODED BY DECKMAN		CINCPAC	PRIORITY
TYPED BY HUGHES/		COMCRUDIV 13	ROUTINE
ROUTED BY MORRIS		TFC 3RD FLEET	DEFERRED
		TGC 3RD FLEET	
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COMTASKGROUP 30.3 SHOVS ACTION COM 3RD FLEET INFO CINCPAC
COMCRUDIV 13 ALL TASK FORCE AND TASK GROUP COMDRS 3RD FLEET.

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

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

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RELEASED BY		CINCPAC	PRIORITY 2
DATE 23 JAN 1945			ROUTINE 3
TOR CODEROOM 230614			DEFERRED 4
DECODED BY SSTORM / SOWERS		CTF 38	OP PRIORITY 5
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(COM 3RD FLT SENDS ACTION CINCPAC, CTF 38 HAS INFO OTHERWISE.)

AMPLIFICATION BY 201010. VERTICAL COVERAGE ZANP

MISAKI POINT TO CHATAN 100 PERCENT FROM CHATAN

TO UFUNI NANA 60 PERCENT. SONNE FILM OBTAINED REPORTED UNUSABLE.

HANCOCK DAMAGED BY BOMB EXPLOSION IN OWN PLANE ON

DECK. OPERATING BUT AT REDUCED EFFICIENCY.

ESTIMATE 10 DAYS TENDER AVAILABILITY REQUIRED FOR

REPAIRS HANCOCK AND LANGLEY.

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TOR CODEROOM 2221			DEFERRED 4
			BASEGRAM 5
DECODED BY SEVALD		COMAIRPAC COMDESPAC	OPOPOPOP 8
PARAPHRASED BY SEVALD/ <i>[Signature]</i> CHECKED BY		CTG 30.9	PRIORITY 9
		CINCSWPA CTF 77	ROUTINE 10
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(COM 3RD FLT SENDS. CINCPAC ACTION PASS INFO COMAIRPAC COMDESPAC. INFO ALSO CTG 30.9 CINCSWPA CTF 77 CTF 38.)

PASSED BY RDO HONO TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 212010.

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

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RELEASED BY		CINCPAC	PRROR ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE 22 JAN 1945			
TOR CODEROOM 0334			
DECODED BY VERDSKY		COMSERVPAC COM 7TH FLT	PRROR ROUTINE DEFERRED
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COMBATRON 1 SENDS. RDO HONOLULU PASS ACTION CINCPAC AND INFO COMSERVPAC. RDO MANUS PASS INFO COM 7TH FLT.

ALL BATTLESHIPS NOW OPERATING WITH THE 7TH FLEET EXCEPT WEST VIRGINIA ARE IN NEED OF URGENT REPAIRS. MAJOR ITEMS OF INDIVIDUAL SHIPS ARE SUBSTANTIALLY AS FOLLOWS: CALIFORNIA HAS AFTERMAIN BATTERY DIRECTOR, NO.4 SIN. DIRECTOR CYL*, NO.4 SIN MOUNT, 2 TARGET DESIGNATORS MK 3, 1 MK 4 14 MOD 4 SIGHT, 1 BK TRANSMITTER AND ANTENNA ALL PERMANENTLY OUT OF COMMISSION. CONSIDERABLE STRUCTURAL PATCHING AND REPLACEMENT OF 15,000 TO 20,000 FT. OF VARIOUS TYPES OF CABLE. NAVY YARD AVAILABILITY REQUIRED. NEW MEXICO HAS 1 14IN. GUN REQUIRING RENEWAL AND 1 ADDITIONAL BADLY GOUGED BY FRAGMENTS BUT POSSIBLY USABLE, REPLACE 3 MK 14 SIGHTS, RENEW BRIDGE RADIO COMPLETELY,

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REPAIR CONSIDERABLE STRUCTURAL DAMAGE IN BRIDGE AREA, RENEW 12,000

TO 15,000 FT. CUT CABLE. NAVY YARD AVAILABILITY REQUIRED.

MISSISSIPPI RENEW 1 5IN. 25 CAL. GUN COMPLETE INCLUDING ALL ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT, REPLACE 1 5IN. 25 POWER SYSTEM 1 MK 42 RANGE FINDER, 1 MK5 AND 1 MK 6 POWER DRIVE FOR 40 MM, RENEW 6 5IN. 51 GUNS. REPAIR STRUCTURAL DAMAGE AND WIRING, DRY DOCK FOR REPAIRS TO UNDERWATER DAMAGE TO 9 BLISTERS. NAVY YARD AVAILABILITY PROBABLY REQUIRED BUT MAYBE POSSIBLE BY FORCES AFLOAT IF MATERIAL SENT TO FORWARD AREA.

COLORADO: REPLACE 2 5IN. 51 CAL. GUNS, 1 40 MM QUAD AND 1 MAIN FEED PUMP TURBINE. REPAIR STRUCTURAL DAMAGE AND WIRING IN DRY* BRIDGE SKY CONTROL AREA. TENDER AVAILABILITY RECOMMENDED.

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

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DATE <u>20 JAN 1945</u>		COM 7TH FLT	3
FOR CODEROOM <u>1715/19</u>			4
DECODED BY <u>M GREENE</u>		COMPHIBSPAC CTF 79	5
TYPED BY <u>STEVENS/WOODWARD</u>		ADCOMPHIBSPAC	6
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ADCOMPHIBSPAC COMPHIB 7TH FLT CTF 79 COMGROUP 3 PHIBSPAC
PAC CTF 23 (TEMP). THE LATTER HAS BY HAND. ZEILIN SENDS)

AT 08211/13 JANUARY A JAP PLANE APPEARED FROM A LOW
OVERCAST, STEADIED ON A 40 DEGREE DIVE FOR THIS SHIP
AND DROVE IN THROUGH FIRE FROM MY PORT 20'S AND 40'S
TO GLANCE OFF AFTER PORT KINGPOST AND CRASHED ON
HOUSETOP PENETRATING DECK AT FRAME 35 STARBOARD.
PARTS OF PLANE CONTINUED ON THROUGH BRIDGE DECK AND
BRIDGE DECK SIDE PLATING TO LAND IN DAVIT POSITS.
RESULTING FIRE CONTROLLED QUICKLY. NO VIOLENT EX-
PLOSION FELT BUT LATER NUMEROUS INCENDIARY 3/4 INCH
IRON PIPING MISSILES LENGTH 3 INCHES FOUND IN VICINITY
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CPO QUARTERS AND ICE MACHINE SPACES DAMAGED. DYNAMO & VENTILATION MOTORS DESTROYED. ALSO ELECTRIC POWER LIGHTING AND INTERIOR COMMUNICATIONS CIRCUITS. HOUSOTOP DECK PLATING AND BRIDGE DECK FRAMES 32 TO 37 REQUIRES RENEWAL. ALSO SIDE PLATING SAME FRAMES. TRANSVERSE DECK MEMBERS DAMAGED. OFFICER AND CPO VENTILATION DESTROYED. OFFICERS QUARTERS BULKHEADS AND FURNITURE WRECKED. 5 ROOMS INCLUDING MAJOR GENERALS QUARTERS AND CPO BUNKROOM DEMOLISHED. ENGINE ROOM AIR CASING BULKHEAD BLOWN IN FRAMES 32 TO 34. WELDEN DAVIT AND 3 LCVP'S CRUSHED. RIVETS SPRUNG BOTH AFTER FUEL OIL SETTLERS AT FRAME 32 CAUSING OIL TO SEEP INTO ENGINE ROOM BILGES. 7 DEAD 3 MISSING 31 INJURED. ESTIMATE 20 DAYS FOR COMPLETE YARD REPAIRS.

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ROUTED BY	TELSHOW	COMSERVPAC	9
		COMSERVRON 10	PRIORITY 10
		COMAIRPAC	ROUTINE 11
		COMCARDIV 23	DEFERRED 12
		COM 3RD FLT CTG 30.8	13
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ACTION TO COMINCH CINCPAC COMESCARFOR AND INFO TO
COMSERVPAC COMSERVRON 10 COMAIRPAC AND COMCARDIV 23
COM 3RD FLT AND CTG 30.8 HAVE BY OTHER MEANS.

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

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

(A) FORWARD PART FLIGHT DECK AFT TO FRAME 14 BENT DOWNWARD
AND RESTING ON FORECASTLE

(B) STEEL MEMBERS FLIGHT DECK BETWEEN FRAMES 14 AND 20
BUCKLED.

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

REPLACEMENT ENTIRE TRACK.

(D) PORT AND STARBOARD FORWARD LOOKOUT STATIONS DEMOLISHED

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

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

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

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

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USS NEWBENTON BAY

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DATE 20 JAN 45		COMAIRPAC: CTF 77	ROUTINE
TOR CODEROM 0712/20		CINCPAC: COMSERVPAC	DEFERRED
DECODED BY PETERSON		CTG 77.14; CTF 78	
TYPED BY HAMILTON/BATES W. St. John		1 GARBLED CALL	
ROUTED BY TELSHOW		CINCPAC: COMSERVPAC	PRIORITY
		CTG 77.14; CTF 78	ROUTINE
		1 GARBLED CALL	DEFERRED
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AMPLIFYING REPORT DAMAGE INCURRED 13TH. WITH ASSISTANCE APACHE ALL HULL LEAKS SEALED BY WELDED PATCHES AND PUMPED DRY. INSPECTION REVEALS EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO HULL, MACHINERY, AND EQUIPMENT FROM EXPLOSION OF PLANE AND BOMB AND RESULTANT FIRES IMPRACTICABLE TO LIST IN DETAIL. INTERNAL HULL STRUCTURE FROM CENTER LINE TO STARBOARD HULL PLATING, FROM BULKHEAD AT FRAME 136 TO BULKHEAD AT FRAME 152, FROM AND INCLUDING HANGAR DECK TO AND INCLUDING TANK TOPS RUPTURED, DISTORTED, AND SEVERED EXTENSIVELY. SIDE PLATING BULGED AT FRAME 141 WHICH HAS BEEN BADLY DISTORTED. ONE 2 FT DIAMETER HOLE IN HULL AT WATER LINE AND ABOUT 10 SMALLER HOLES BELOW WATER LINE HAVE BEEN SEALED. FIELD REPAIRS CAN RESTORE SUFFICIENT STRENGTH TO HULL FOR TRIP TO REPAIR BASE. FLIGHT DECK REQUIRES REPLACEMENT MAIN SUPPORT BEAMS 130 AND

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

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

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RELEASED BY		CTG 77.2	PHOTO TOP
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TOR CODEROOM 1102		USS HOGGATT BAY	DEFERRED
DECODED BY WOODWARD		CTF 77	
TYPED BY CALBRAITH Book		COMCARDIV 23	OPPOPOPO
ROUTED BY ZIMMERMAN		CINCPAC	PRIORITY
		COMAIRPAC	ROUTINE
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USS HOGGATT BAY RECEIVED DAMAGE TO FLIGHT DECK REQUIRING MAJOR REPAIRS WHEN 100 POUND BOMB EXPLODED IN BOMB

BAY AVENGER DURING AN ARRESTED LANDING. BOMB CARRIED IN M 103 NOSE FUSE WITH INSTANTANEOUS SETTING AND M 100

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

7 SLIGHTLY BUCKLED ATHWARTSHIPS 1 BEAMS 1 1 AFTER FLIGHT DECK NEAR FRAME 13 6. NUMBER 3 ARRESTING UNIT OPERATING

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

AGE WITHIN CAPACITY SHIPS FORCE. 8 KILLED INCLUDING CREW OF AIRPLANE AND 10 WOUNDED 5 OF WHOM WERE SERIOUS.

ROUTINE FLIGHT OPERATIONS CONTINUING.

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FROM	USS MAZAMA		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION	CINCPAC	PRIORITY
DATE	12 JANUARY 1945		COMINCH	ROUTINE
FOR CODEROOM	121823			DEFERRED
DECODED BY	GREENE	INFORMATION	COMSERVPAC	PRIORITY
TYPED BY	GREENE <i>12/1/45</i>		COMAIRPAC	ROUTINE
ROUTED BY	TELSHOW		COMSERON 10	DEFERRED
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MAZAMA SENDS. COMSERON 10 HAS BY HAND.

UNDERWATER EXPLOSION CLOSE ABOARD AT 0654K THIS DATE WHILE AT ANCHOR ULITHI CAUSED FOLLOWING DAMAGE. HULL DISTORTED INBOARD FROM FRAME 124 TO 162 AND FROM ABLE STRAKE TO JUST ABOVE THIRD DECK. MAXIMUM INDENTATION OF 3 FEET OCCURRING ABOUT FRAME 140 JUST ABOVE FIRST PLATFORM DECK. MAJOR LEAKAGE WHERE SEAM BETWEEN FOX AND GEORGE STRAKE OPENED UP FOR 6 INCHES FOR A DISTANCE OF 6 FEET. ALL DAMAGE PORT SIDE. NUMBER 1 HOLD NUMBER 1 DEEP TANK NUMBERS 1, 2 AND 3 DOUBLE BOTTOM FUEL TANKS AND EMERGENCY FIRE PUMP ROOM FLOODED. NUMBER 2 DEEP TANK AND FORWARD MAGAZINE FLOODING BUT UNDER CONTROL. PROCEEDING TO PLUG HOLES UNWATER SHIP AND DISPOSE OF AMMUNITION IN FLOODED HOLDS. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES, 1 ENLISTED MISSING, 5 ENLISTED INJURED.

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USS HODGES (DE231)		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
FROM		COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY	25 JANUARY 1945	COM 7 H FLEET	ROUTINE
DATE	2728	CTG 7.5	DEFERRED
TOX CODE ROOM		CINCPAC	
DECODED BY	DUMMIT/	COMSEVFOR 7TH FLEET	PRIORITY
TYPED	WILLIAMS	COMSEVFOR PAC FLEET	ROUTINE
ROUTED BY		COM 7 H PHIB	DEFERRED
		COMCORTDIV 74	
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USS HODGES (DE231) SENDS. ACTION TO COMINCH, COM 7TH FLEET, CTG 78.5, CTF 75. INFO CINCPAC, COMSEVFOR 7TH FLEET, COMSEVFOR PAC FLEET, COM 7TH PHIB, COMCORTDIV 74

THE FOLLOWING DAMAGE WAS SUSTAINED THIS VESSEL ON 9 JANUARY, CAUSED BY A JAP SUICIDE BOMBER HITTING THE MAST. LOSS OF FOREMAST AND ALL SUPPORTING GUY WIRES. LOSS OF SA-2 RADAR ANTENNAE, SU RADAR ANTENNAE, RECEIVER, AND TRANSMITTER, 2 BK RADAR ANTENNAES, TBS-5 ANTENNAE, 6 RADIO RECEIVER ANTENNAES, 2 RADIO TRANSMITTER ANTENNAES, 1 MC BULLHORN REPRODUCER, VERTICAL FIGHTING LIGHTS, MAST HEAD LIGHT, 2 TRUCK LIGHTS, YARD ARM BLINKERS, AND ALL CONNECTION BOXES AND CABLE LEADS ON THE MAST.

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USS NANTAHALA		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	PPPPPP
FROM		COMINCH CTG 30.8	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY		CINCPAC COMSERFORPAC	ROUTINE
DATE	12 JAN 45	CTF 30	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM	1028		
DECODED BY	JOHNSON	COMSERVRON 8	PRIORITY
TYPED BY	JOHNSON	COMSERVRON 10	ROUTINE
ROUTED BY	KLAFF		DEFERRED
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(COM3RDFLT SENDS FOR NANTAHALA. ACTION COMINCH CTG 30.8.
CINCPAC ACTION PASS ACTION COMSERFORPAC INFO COMSERVRON 8.
INFO ALSO COMSERON 10. CTF 30 HAS ACTION.)

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

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RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION	PRIORITY B R R R R R
DATE <u>11 JAN 1945</u>		COMINCH	ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM <u>2, 15</u>			DEFERRED
DECODED BY <u>SAPP</u>		FOR INFORMATION	
TYPED BY <u>SAPP</u>		CINCLANT	PRIORITY R R R R R R
ROUTED BY <u>MATHES</u>		COMINCH	ROUTINE
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USS HERNDON (DD 638) IN COLLISION WITH USS YMS 14
AT 11,748 G IN NORTH CHANNEL BOSTON ENTRANCE. USS
YMS 14 SUNK IN APPROXIMATELY 48 FEET OF WATER
5 1/2 YARDS BEARING 102 DEGREES TRUE FROM NUMBER 2
BUOY. NO CASUALTIES OR INJURY TO PERSONNEL.
COMINCH 1ST NAVAL DISTRICT HAS CONVENED COURT
OF INQUIRY.

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FROM		CTG 77.2	PRIORITY 2
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE 3
DATE 10 JAN 1945			DEFERRED 4
TOR CODEROM 1121			BASEGRAM 5
DECODED BY GREENE		COM 7TH FLEET	OP OP OP OP
PARAPHRASED BY SOWERS	CHECKED BY KERNAN	GHQ SWPA COMINCH	PRIORITY 8
ROUTED BY	DITTOE BY SOWERS	CTF 77 CINCPAC	ROUTINE 10
		CTF 79 COMSERVPAC	DEFERRED 11
		COMBATDIV 4	DEFERRED 12
			BASEGRAM 13
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COLORADO SENDS. RADIO HONOLULU PASS TO COMINCH CINCPAC COMSERVPAC FOR INFO.

DURING AIR ATTACK 1900I 9 JANUARY PLANE DROPPED BOMB

200 YARDS ON OUR PORT QUARTER AND IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER

SHIP WAS HIT BY 15 INCH SPECIAL FUZED PROJECTILE TO

STARBOARD SIDE SKY CONTROL LEVEL. CONSIDERABLE AA FIRE

FROM OTHER SHIPS BURST CLOSE ABOARD AND OVERHEAD. FOLLOWING

MATERIAL DAMAGE AND INOPERATIVE: STARBOARD MARK 33

DIRECTOR, MARK 38 RANGE FINDER, MARK 7 BEARING INDICATOR,

INTERIOR COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS IN SKY CONTROL, SEVERAL

RADIO ANTENNAS, AND BRIDGE RADAR REPEATER. BELIEVE THAT

ALL ABOVE DAMAGE CAN BE TEMPORARILY REPAIRED BY SHIPS FORCE.

CASUALTIES: 6 OFFICERS AND 12 ENLISTED MEN KILLED.

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TOR CODEROOM _____		DEFERRED 4
DECODED BY _____		BASEGRAM 5
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MEN
4 OFFICERS AND 30/SERIOUSLY WOUNDED. TOTAL WOUNDED UN-
DETERMINED. SHIP HAS ONLY 1 AIR DEFENSE STATION AND
PRACTICALLY ALL KEY PERSONNEL OF AA CONTROL PARTY ARE
INCLUDED IN ABOVE CASUALTIES.

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FROM CINCPAC		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE		1
RELEASED BY		COMWESSEAFRON COM 14		2 3 4 5 6 7 8
DATE 9 JANUARY 1945				PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED BASEGRAM
TOR CODEROM 1741				
DECODED BY SOWER		COM 12 BUSHIPS COM 11 COMSERVPAC COM 13 COMINCH CNO		9 10 11 12 13 14
PARAPHRASED BY FISHER	CHECKED BY FISHER			PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED BASEGRAM
ROUTED BY PIPP	DITTOED BY FISHER			15 16 17
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(CINCPAC SENDS ACTION COMWESSEAFRON COM 14. INFO COM 11
COM 12 COM 13 COMINCH CNO BUSHIPS COMSERVPAC)

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

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RELEASED BY		COMINCH CTF 77 CTG 77.2 CINCPAC CTF 79	PRIORITY 2
DATE 9 JANUARY 1945			ROUTINE 3
TOR CODEROM 1109			DEFERRED 4
DECODED BY HAMILTON			BASEGRAM 5
PARAPHRASED BY SJOSTEN	CHECKED BY BENNETT	COMCRUPAC COMCRUDIV 12 COMSERVOWESTPAC	PRIORITY 8
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			ROUTINE 10
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ON 6TH JANUARY COLUMBIA (CL 56) HIT BY SUICIDE PLANE MAIN DECK PORT SIDE FRAME 119, 800 KGM BOMB PENETRATING TO MAGAZINE TURRET 4. COMPARTMENTS C-412 L, C-414 AL, C-519 M, C-510 M, C-511 M, C-512 M, C-513 M, FLOODED. 8 HOLES IN HULL BELOW WATERLINE. FLOODING AND FIRES UNDER CONTROL AND BOUNDARIES HOLDING. FIRE DAMAGE MAIN DECK OFF CHIEF PETTY OFFICER QUARTERS AND HANGAR. EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO ELECTRICAL AND OTHER FITTINGS IN AREA. TURRETS 3 AND 4 OUT OF COMMISSION. EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO TURRET 4. REFRIGERATION PLANT RUINED. ON 9 JANUARY AGAIN HIT BY SUICIDE PLANE RUINING FORWARD 6 AND 5 INCH DIRECTORS, FORWARD 40 MM DIRECTORS AND 2 5 INCH GUNS. FORWARD SK AND SG INOPERATIVE CONTINUING MISSION. CAPTAIN CONSIDERS CAN MAKE ANY NAVY YARD WITHOUT PRELIMINARY DOCKING AT FORWARD AREA BY SHIPS FORCE PLUGGING HULL HOLES. HEAVY CASUALTIES. COMINCH: COPIES 1 - 8 INCL.

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USS LELAND E THOMAS		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	PRIORITY
FROM		COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY	10 JAN 1945	COM 7TH FLT	ROUTINE
DATE	0809	COMPHILSEAFTON	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM	BOUDREAU	CINCPAC COMDESPAC	
DECODED BY	BOUDREAU	COMSERVFORPACFLT	PRIORITY
TYPED BY	KLAF	COMSERVFOR 7TH FLT	ROUTINE
ROUTED BY			DEFERRED
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PASS FOR INFO TO CINCPAC COMDESPAC COMSERVFORPACFLT COMSERV-
FOR 7TH FLT FOR ACTION TO COMINCH COM 7TH FLT COMPHILSEAFTON
FROM USS LELAND E THOMAS DE 420

ON 6 JAN 1945 AT ABOUT 02001 THIS VESSEL OPERATING WITH A
CONVOY, THE USS EDWIN A HOWARD (DE 346) AND USS ROBERT
BRAZIER (DE 345), AS RESULT OF COLLISION WITH USS EDWIN
A HOWARD SUSTAINED FOLLOWING DAMAGE: HULL OPENED BETWEEN
FRAMES 89 AND 95 STARBOARD SIDE FROM MAIN DECK TO 4 FEET
BELOW WATER LINE FLOODING NUMBER 2 FIRE ROOM TO UPPER LEVEL.
20 MM GUN SHIELD AND PLATFORM DAMAGED. 3 DEPTH CHARGE
ROLLER LOADERS BENT.

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RELEASED BY		COM 7TH FLEET	PRIORITY 2
DATE 8 JANUARY 1945		CINCPAC	ROUTINE 3
TOR CODEROM 0544			DEFERRED 4
DECODED BY KERNAN		CINCSWPA COMINCH	BASEGRAM 5
PARAPHRASED BY KERNAN	CHECKED BY BNETT	COMFEAF COMAF 5	URGENT 6
ROUTED BY	DITTOED BY KERNAN	310 BOMBWING COMAAF	PRIORITY 7
		CTF 77 ALL TF AND TG	ROUTINE 8
		COMS 3RD AND 7TH FLEETS	DEFERRED 9
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(RADIO MANUS PASS TO ALL ADDEES. FROM CTG 77.2 ACTION COM 7TH FLEET INFO TO CINCSWPA COMINCH COMFEAF COMAF 5 310 BOMBWING COMAAF CTF 77. ALL TF AND TG COMS 3RD AND 7TH FLEETS CINCPAC.)

THIS IS TOP SECRET.

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

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TOR CODEROOM 2018/09			4
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VIA HOLLANDIA.
CO LST 750 SENDS/ ACTION CNO INFO COMSERV7THFLT
COM7THFLT. LATTER BY HAND.

CO LST 750 REPORTS LOSS OF VESSEL AS RESULT OF
TORPEDO PLANE ATTACK AND SHELL FIRE OF OWN DD 619.

SECRET CONFIDENTIAL AND REGISTERED PUBLICATIONS WERE
SUNK IN WEIGHTED BAGS IN 1764 FATHOMS OF WATER.
VESSEL COMPLETELY DESTROYED BY FIRE BEFORE SINKING.
THERE WAS NO CHANCE FOR COMPROMISE.

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CG USSERVICES OF SUPPLY
ON SWPA HOLLANDIA

ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE

RELEASED BY

DATE 08 JAN 45

TOR CODEROOM 2146

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		ALL TFC'S & TGC'S 3RD & 7TH FLEETS; COMNAF CINCPAC; CINCSIPA COMINCH; COMFEAF COMNAF 5; COM 317 BOMBING	9
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SINCE MY LAST REPORT ADDITIONAL INFO HAS BEEN RECEIVED CONCERNING DAMAGE TO SHIPS.

(A) SOUTHARD (DIS 10) HIT BY SUICIDE BOMBER. IS OPERATIVE BUT REQUIRES REPAIRS.

(B) BROOKS (APD 10) HIT BY SUICIDE BOMBER. TAKEN UNDER TOW AND IS IN HANDS OF SALVAGE PARTY AND ANCHORED OFF SANTIAGO ISLAND.

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

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(D) MINNEAPOLIS (CA 30) SUPERFICIALLY DAMAGED SUICIDE BOMBER NEAR MISS. 3K RADAR AND SOME ANTENNAE OUT.

(E) PALMER (DMS 2) HIT BY BOMBER AND SUNK TODAY.

THIS BRINGS THE TOTAL OF ALL SHIPS SUNK OR DAMAGED SINCE ARRIVAL AT LINGAYEN TO 20 SHIPS. THE OMMAHEE BAY (CVE 79) SUNK THE MANILA BAY (CVE 61) SLIGHTLY DAMAGED. THE SAWYER ISLAND (CVE 78) SUPERFICIALLY DAMAGED. THE WELM (DD 308) SUPERFICIALLY DAMAGED AND THE STAFFORD (DE 411) HEAVILY DAMAGED BEFORE ARRIVAL LINGAYEN GULF. BRING THE GRAND TOTAL OF 23 SHIPS SUNK OR DAMAGED IN PRESENT OPERATIONS UP TO 1900/1 JANUARY 7TH.

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DATE 8 JANUARY 1945			ROUTINE
TOR CODEBOOK 0614			DEFERRED
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(COM 7TH FLT SENDS ACTION CINCSWPA INFO COMINCH.)

MINE SWEeping AND PRELIMINARY BOMBARDMENT IN LINAYEN GULF CONTINUED. PRELIMINARY REPORTS. THE FOLLOWING SHIPS DAMAGED ON THE 6TH NEW MEXICO, BB 40, WILKE, DD 723, ALLEN M SUMNER, DD 692, LONG, DMS 12, BROOKS, APD 10, R P LEARY, DD 664, CALIFORNIA, BE 44, AUSTRALIA LOUISVILLE, CA 28, LOWRY, DD 773, O BRIEN, DD 725, ORCA, AYP, 49, ON 3RD LST 749 AND 460 ON 5TH MANILA BAY, CVE 61 AND SAYO ISLAND, CVE 78. ALL BY SUICIDE PLANES. 3/4 PTS SANK 2 LUGGERS AND SMALL AK NORTH EAST OF CEBU. ORMOC RESUPPLY GROUP ARRIVED LEYTE TODAY. RESUPPLY GROUP ARRIVES MINDORO ON 8TH.

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TOR CODEROM 0340		CINCPAC	DEFERRED
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BY	BY	COM 7TH FLT	PRIORITY
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RADIO MANUS PASS TO ALL ADEES. USS LOUISVILLE (CA28) HURLS ACTION COMINCH CINCPAC CTF 77 INFO COMCRUPAC COM 7TH FLEET CTG 77.2 CONSERVFORPAC (FMO) CONSERVFOR 7TH FLEET COMCRUDIV 4 (BY HAND). RDO MANUS PASS TO NPM(RDO HONO) WHO WILL PASS TO APPROPRIATE ADEES AND NSS(RDO WASH) WHO WILL PASS TO COMINCH.

LOUISVILLE BADLY DAMAGED ON 5-6 JANUARY BY 2 ENEMY SUICIDE PLANES. FIRST ESTIMATE OF DAMAGE. FOLLOWING DEMOLISHED OR OUT OF COMMISSION BEYOND CAPACITY REPAIR FACILITIES SHIPS FORCE: (A) TURRET 2 (B) FORWARD MARK 33 AA DIRECTOR AND MARK 4 RADAR (C) FORWARD MARK 34 MAIN BATTERY DIRECTOR AND MARK 8 RADAR (D) FORWARD SG RADAR TRANSMITTER ROOM TRANSMITTER AND RECEIVER. (E) BL (F) FLAG BRIDGE AND STARBOARD SIDE OF NAVIGATION BRIDGE (G) NAVIGATIONAL INSTRUMENTS ON NAVIGATION BRIDGE AND STARBOARD SIDE FLAG BRIDGE (H) 8 INTER COMMUNICATION PHONE BOXES (I) BRIDGE PPI (J) 40 MM QUAD 41 AND DIRECTOR (K) 20 MM GUNS 7 AND 9. FOLLOWING DAMAGED SOME SERIOUSLY: (L) OPEN BRIDGE (M) CHART HOUSE (N) FLAG PLOT

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(O) MAIN RADIO AND CODING ROOM (P) FORWARD STACK HOLED (Q) AFTER
STARBOARD LEG OF TRIPOD MAST RUPTURED LOWER STARBOARD ACCESS TO
MAST STRUCTURE. SHIPS FORCE ATTEMPTING TO REPAIR (L) (M) (N)
AND (O). IMPORTANT MATERIAL DETAILS LATER. NEW SUBJECT FOR INFO.
COMCRUDIV 4 (REAR ADMIRAL T E CHANDLER) CRITICALLY BURNED. CO
LOUISVILLE (CAPTAIN R L HICKS) PAINFULLY BUT NOT CRITICALLY
BURNED. ADDED INFO. GASOLINE LINE DEMOLISHED.
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TOR CODEROM 0653			DEFERRED
DECODED BY SOWERS			BASEGRAM
PARAPHRASED BY BENNETT	CHECKED BY WOODWARD	COMSUBSPAC COMSURS 7TH FLEET CNO*	PRIORITY
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**CINCPAC SENDS ACTION COMINCH INFO COMSUBSPAC COM
SUBS 7TH FLEET CNO.**

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LOSS OF 7 SUBMARINES PRESUMABLY THE ENEMY ACTION IN CENTRAL AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC DURING MONTHS OF OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER PLUS SERIOUS HULL DAMAGE TO SALMON HALIBUT AND REDFISH EMPHASIZES THE GRAVE AND INCREASINGLY URGENT NEED FOR DEFENSIVE EQUIPMENT AND WEAPONS FOR SUBMARINES. THE FOLLOWING DEVICES SHOWN IN SUBMARINE MATERIAL PROGRAM GUIDE DATED 8 DECEMBER 1944 ARE CONSIDERED THE MOST VALUABLE OF THEIR TYPES AND NEED FOR THEM IS VITAL: NAD 6 INCH NAD 18 INCH MARK 27 MOD 1 TORPEDO MARK 28 TORPEDO. IT IS REQUESTED THAT AN OVER-RIDING PRIORITY BE OBTAINED FOR THESE ITEMS IN ORDER TO ASSURE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DELIVERY TO SUBMARINES IN THE FLEET.

COMSUBSPAC WILL PROVIDE ANY DESIRED PERSONNEL TO ASSIST THIS PROGRAM.

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THIS SHIP HIT BY JAPANESE TYPE ZERO OR ZEKE SUICIDE PLANE 1720/ THIS DATE. THE PLANE HIT AFTER MAINMAST TOWER BETWEEN THE 04 AND 05 LEVEL PORT SIDE, MAKING A HOLE APPROXIMATELY 8 FEET IN DIAMETER. PLANE EXPLODED AND DISINTEGRATED. FRAGMENTS CAUSED MINOR STRUCTURAL DAMAGE ON PORT WEATHER DECK. GASOLINE CAUGHT FIRE AND BURNED IN SURROUNDING AREA. NUMBER 45 INCH DIRECTOR DAMAGED AND INOPERATIVE. AFTER MAIN BATTERY DIRECTOR DAMAGED AND INOPERATIVE. 8-0348, 40 MI CLIPPING ROOM RUPTURED AND SPRINKLED TO PREVENT FIRE. ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS IN THE MAINMAST INOPERATIVE. RADIO 2 IS OUT OF COMMISSION DUE TO SEVERAL TRANSMITTING AND RECEIVING ANTENNAE GROUNDING

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OR KNOCKED DOWN. AFTER SKY CONTROL STATION COMPLETELY OUT OF COMMISSION AFTER 38 INCH SEARCHLIGHT INOPERATIVE. ADDITIONAL DAMAGE RECEIVED 5 INCH 38 MOUNT * OYPPT** WAS HIT BY 5 INCH SHELL FROM ANOTHER SHIP OF OWN FORMATION FIRING AT SUICIDE PLANE. THIS SHELL PENETRATED THE FACE PLATE OF NUMBER 4 MOUNT AND EXPLODED UNDER THE POINTERS SEAT CAUSING EXTENSIVE DAMAGE. MOUNT 4 IS INOPERATIVE AND SPRINKLING WATER WAS TURNED ON IN THE MOUNT AND IN THE UPPER HANDLING ROOM. ESTIMATED CASUALTIES 6 OFFICERS, 19 MEN DEAD 136 INJURED.

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ALL TCG'S 7TH FLT CINCPAC, ALL TCG'S 3RD FLT COMINCH AND 2 GARBLED
CALLS FOR INFO AS 070258.

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ONE SUICIDE PLANE BELIEVED LILLY WITH BOMB CRASHED PORT NAV BRIDGE
NEW MEXICO. DEAD 4 OFFICERS 26 ENLISTED INCLUDING CAPT R W FLEMING
COMMO OFFICER, LIEUT GEN HERBERT LUMSTEN BRITISH ARMY AND WILLIAM
H CHICKERING WAR CORRESPONDENT. 130 INJURED 16 CRITICAL 20 SERIOUS
INCLUDING 5 OFFICERS. COMDR JOHN T WARREN 58776 EXEC OFFICER NOW
ACTING CO. RADN WEYLER NOT INJURED. FOLLOWING DAMAGE SUSTAINED:
PORT NAV BRIDGE DEMOLISHED. BRIDGE RADIO DEMOLISHED BEYOND REPAIR.
FLAG HOIST TEMPORARILY INOPERATIONAL. PORT NAV AND FLAG PELORUSES
DAMAGED BEYOND REPAIR. NUMBER 2 40 MM DAMAGED BUT CAN BE REPAIRED.
CENTRAL LIGHTING AND BATTLE LIGHTING CABLES SHEARED FORECAST

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STRUCTURE CAN BE REPAIRED. ONE MARK 51 DIRECTOR FOR CONTROL
 5 INCH 25 COMPLETELY DEMOLISHED. SWORD ARM FOR 5 INCH 51 GUN
 WRECKED BEYOND REPAIR. PORT MARK 18 SECONDARY BATTERY RADAR PARTLY
 DEMOLISHED BUT PROBABLY CAN BE REPAIRED FROM PARTS ON BOARD. 3
 VENT SYSTEMS IN BRIDGE STRUCTURE DEMOLISHED. CIRCUITS FOR DIRECTOR
 12.5 INCH 25 DEMOLISHED. MAN, SOR 517 AND ALL RECEIVING AND REMOTE
 GEAR BRIDGE RADIO DEMOLISHED. 2 OS 2 UNIT PLANES DAMAGED BY STRAFING
 AND ARE NOT OPERATIONAL. 1 PROBABLY CAN BE MADE SERVICEABLE.

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

Taylor was in, I suppose Bombardment Force.

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RELEASED BY		COM 7TH FLEET	PRIORITY
DATE 7 JANUARY 1945			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOK 0512			DEFERRED
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PARAPHRASED BY SJOSTEN	CHECKED BY BENNETT	CTF 77 ALL TFC'S 7TH FLEET ALL TGC'S 7TH FLEET	URGENT
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(PASSED BY COM 7TH FLEET FOR INFO TO CINOSMFA CINCPAC COMINCH FAR EAST AIR SERVICE COMMAND AND COM AF 5 AS 070015.)

(ADD MANUS PASS TO ALL ADDRESSED OTG 77.2 GIVES ACTION COM 7TH FLEET INFO CTF 77 ALL TFC AND TGC'S 7TH FLEET.)

THIS AFTERNOON FOLLOWING SHIPS HIT BY SUICIDE BOMBERS:

CALIFORNIA (BB 44), AUSTRALIA, LOUISVILLE (CA 28), LOWRY (DD 770),

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

AND A TOTAL OF 17 SINCE 1630 YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. LOUISVILLE

AND AUSTRALIA HAVE NOW BEEN HIT TWICE REAR ADMIRAL CHANDLER

PAINFULLY AND SERIOUSLY BURNED. COMMAND GRADIV 4 NOW TEMPORARILY

IN PORTLAND. REAR ADMIRAL SAFE. CONSIDER NEED OF ADDITIONAL AIR

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

PROPER COVER. JAPANESE SUICIDE DIVE BOMBERS SEEM ABLE OPERATE

WITHOUT MUCH INTERFERENCE OWING RADAR DIFFICULTIES AFFECTING ALL

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TOR CODEROOM			DEFERRED 4
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	BY		BASEGRAM 11

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SHIPS IN LINGAYEN GULF AREA. RADAR RARELY MAKES CONTACT WITH
PLANES. BELIEVE IN ADDITION THAT ALL FIELDS SMALL AS WELL AS
LARGE NEAR LINGAYEN AREA MUST BE CONTINUOUSLY BOMBED AND MAINTAINED
NEUTRALIZED. ENEMY ATTACKS HEAVIEST MORNING AND EVENING ESPECIALLY
AROUND 1700. ADDITIONAL DAMAGE MAY SERIOUSLY AND ADVERSELY AFFECT
THIS AS WELL AS IMPORTANT SUBSEQUENT OPERATIONS. MORE DAMAGE MAY
INVITE ACTION WITH THE JAPANESE FLEET FOR WHICH THIS COMMAND IS
BECOMING PROGRESSIVELY LESS PREPARED. SHOULD SUICIDE BOMBERS
ATTACK TRANSPORTS RESULTS MIGHT BE DISASTROUS. RECOMMEND 5TH AIR
FORCE BE INFORMED SERIOUSNESS SITUATION AND NEED MORE AIR SUPPORT.
RECOMMEND 3RD FLEET BE ORDERED THIS AREA IMMEDIATELY PROVIDE
ADDITIONAL AIR AND SURFACE COVER URGENTLY NEEDED. CONSIDER THIS
MATTER OF SUCH SERIOUS IMPORT AS TO WARRANT IMMEDIATE RECONSIDERATION
PRESENT PLANS.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM USS ARGONNE AG-31		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		COMINCH CINCPAC COMSERVPAC	PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE 7 JANUARY 1945			
TOR CODEROOM 0645			
DECODED BY HAMILTON		COMSERON 10 BUSHIPS COM 3RD FLEET COMSERON 10 REP A	PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED
TYPED BY SHOAF			
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USS ARGONNE(AG-31) SENDS ACTION COMINCH CINCPAC COM-
SERVPAC INFO COMSERON 10 BUSHIPS COM 3RD FLEET. COM-
SERON 10 REP A HAS INFO.

ON 3 JANUARY 1 300 POUND DEPTH CHARGE ACCIDENTALLY
RELEASED FROM SC-702 THEN ALONGSIDE EXPLODED UNDER
THIS VESSEL IN 18 FATHOMS OF WATER. FUEL OIL HEATING
PIPE RUPTURED CAUSING DRAINAGE OF OIL INTO VOID A-917
V FROM ADJACENT FUEL TANKS. OIL TIGHT INTEGRITY DES-
TROYED BETWEEN VOID D-903-V AND NUMBER 10 FUEL OIL
TANKS. REPAIRS BY SHIPS FORCE WITHOUT DOCKING
BELIEVED POSSIBLE. NO OTHER DAMAGE EXCEPT MINOR
BREAKAGE DETECTED TO DATE.

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RELEASED BY		COM 7TH FLEET	PRIORITY
DATE	8 JANUARY 1945		ROUTINE
TOR CODEROM	1847		DEFERRED
DECODED BY	SCHMICK/LYNN	CTF 77	BASEGRAM
PARAPHRASED BY	SCHMICK	ALL TF AND TGCS 7TH FLT	URGENT
ROUTED BY	SCHMICK		ROUTINE
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			BASEGRAM
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NPM (RDO HONOLULU) PASSED TO COMINCH FOR INFO AS 081340

(CTG 77.2 SENDS ACTION COM 7TH FLEET INFO CTF 77 ALL TF AND TGCS 7TH FLEET. RADIO MANUS PASS TO ALL ATEES)

ENoon SHIPS RECEIVED

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

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

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

(C) AM SUMNER (DD 692) HIT AFT. AFTER MAGAZINE FLOODED. 2 KILLED 3 INJURED.

(D) LONG (DMS 12) HIT BY SUICIDE PLANE.

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(E) BROOKS (APD 10) HIT BY SUICIDE PLANE. LATTER 2 NO AMPLIFYING REPORTS RECEIVED AS YET AS STILL UNDER ATTACK.

(F) RP LEARY (DD 684) HIT BY PLANE ON BOTH FORWARD GUNS DAMAGE SLIGHT. 1 MAN SUPERFICIALLY INJURED.

NEW SUBJECT: MINESWEEPERS REPORT NO MINES FOUND AS YET IN ENTRANCE MINE FIELDS LOCATION BUT SEVERAL FLOATING MINES.

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

NEW SUBJECT: WE REQUIRE CONSIDERABLY MORE AIR SUPPORT. WHAT WE HAVE DOES NOT SEEM ADEQUATE AT ALL. WE HAVE HAD 12 SHIPS

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DATE			ROUTINE	3
TOR CODEROM			DEFERRED	4
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HIT BY SUICIDE BOMBERS SINCE 1630 YESTERDAY OF WHICH 1 SANK
AND 9 WERE DAMAGED SEVERELY.

* AS RECEIVED

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FROM CTU 77.4.2		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	OP OP OP 1
RELEASED BY		CTF 77	PRIORITY 2
DATE 7 JAN 1945		CTF 78	ROUTINE 3
TOR CODEROOK 0412		CTG 77.2	DEFERRED 4
DECODED BY SOWERS		CTG 77.4	BASEGRAM 5
PARAPHRASED BY SOWERS	CHECKED BY KERNAN	COM 7TH	OP OP OP OP 9
ROUTED BY	DITTOED BY SOWERS	CINCPAC	PRIORITY 10
		COMINCH	ROUTINE 11
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CONTASKUNIT 77.4.2 SENDS . RDO MANUS PASS ACTION CTF
77 CTF 78 CTG 77.2 CTG 77.4 INFO COM 7TH RDO WAHIAWA
PASS INFO CINCPAC RDO WASH INFO COMINCH

5 JAN 17481 MANILA BAY DAMAGED BY 2 LOW LEVEL SUICIDE
ZEKES. ALL RADIO AND RADAR GEAR DESTROYED. FORWARD_
ELEVATOR DAMAGED BUT REPAIRABLE -- 10 GROUPS MISSING --*
ING GEAR DEMOLISHED. 15 FOOT HOLE IN FLIGHT DECK.
DAMAGE TO STEERING AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT. POSSIBLE
WILL PERFORM VERY LIMITED OPERATIONS JAN 7TH. 10 KILLED
5 MISSING 25 SERIOUSLY WOUNDED 60 MINOR WOUNDS.
ANOTHER SUICIDE LOW LEVEL WRECKED SAVO ISLAND SG, TBS, AND
YE ANTENNAE. NO INJURY TO PERSONNEL.

* MISSING GROUPS SERVICED
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(FROM CTG 77.2 TO CTF 77 FOR INFO CINCSIPA CINCPAC COMINCH
COMFEAF COM 5TH AF COM 3RD FLT ALL TF AND TG COMDRS 3RD &
7TH FLTS USS BOISE)

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

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RELEASED BY	5 JANUARY 1945	COMINCH CINCPAC COM 3RD FLEET CTG 30.8	PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE	1823		
TOR CODEROOM	C STRONG	COMSERVPAC CTG 30.9 COMDESPAC CTG 30.7 COMCORTDIV 72	PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED
DECODED BY	C STRONG		
TYPED BY	TELSHOW		
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(USS ROBERT F KELLER DE 419 SENDS ACTION COMINCH CINCPAC
COM 3RD FLEET CTG 30.8 INFORMATION COMSERVPAC CTG 30.9
COMDESPAC CTG 30.7 COMCORTDIV 72 AND ASKS RDO HONO
PASS TO ALL ADDEES)

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

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

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FROM <u>USS HUBBARD</u>		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	
RELEASED BY		CTG 22.8	PRIORITY
DATE <u>3 JAN 1945</u>			ROUTED
TOR CODEROOM <u>2020/3</u>			DEFERRED
DECODED BY <u>BOHAN</u>			
TYPED BY <u>PARKER</u>		CINCLANT COMDESLANT CNO	PRIORITY
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CTG 22.8 HAS BY HAND FOR ACTION
REQUEST CNO INFORM APPROPRIATE
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STORM DAMAGE INCURRED BY HUBBARD DE 211 AT
0205Z/ 1 JANUARY 1945 IN 41-02N 35-33W
REQUIRES REPLACEMENT ALL PARTS OF 2 POLLACK
FS MK 1 MOD 1 SMOKE SCREEN GENERATORS
EXCEPT CARRIER RACK ASSEMBLY. LOSS CAUSED
BY EMERGENCY HAND RELEASE BEING ACTUATED
BY VIBRATION AND HEAVY SEAS.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF TRANSPORTATION

Subject: Sinking of the LEOPOLDVILLE - Revised Casualty Figures.

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

Total number U.S. Army Troops aboard	2,237
Returned to duty	32 Officers 898 Enlisted Men
Hospitalized	32 Officers 511 Enlisted Men
Known dead	7 Officers 241 Enlisted Men
Missing	7 Officers 509 Enlisted Men
Total dead and missing	764

R. M. NICKS,
Colonel, T. G.,
Chief, Water Division.

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