

#43 ENEMY SHIPS DAMAGED

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER		EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
(NERK) NO ORIG GIVEN			CINCPAC	URGENT
FROM		FOR ACTION		PRIORITY
RELEASED BY				ROUTINE
DATE 8 MAY 1942				DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM 0331/0320		INFORMATION	COM SW PAC FOR	URGENT
DECODED BY SLADE/SLADE				PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY				ROUTINE
			COMINCH	DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

080204 CCR 3230

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

(PASSED BY CINCPAC TO COMINCH FOR INFORMATION)

LEXINGTON TWO TORPEDO HITS POSSIBLY MADE PORT SIDE X
 NUMBER FOUR FIREROOM FLOODED X NUMBER TWO AND SIX
 BOILER ROOMS LEAKING BUT UNDER CONTROL X YORKTOWN
 TWO BOMB HITS MANY NEAR MISSES X MAXIMUM SPEED
 TWENTY SIX KNOTS X PLANE LOSSES BELIEVED HEAVY X
 ONE ENEMY CARRIER RECEIVED TWO ONE THOUSAND POUND
 BOMB HITS TWO TORPEDO HITS X OTHER ENEMY CARRIER
 UNDAMAGED X ENEMY HAD SUPERIORITY IN NUMBER FIGHTER

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FROM CTF 17 (NERK)	FOR ACTION	CINCPAC	OP OP OP PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 8 MAY 42	INFORMATION	COMSOWESPAO	DEFERRED
TOR CODER ROOM 0503/0453			OP OP OP PRIORITY
DECODED BY CURTIS/PITKIN			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
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TEXT (TRANSMITTED BY CINCPAC TO COMINCH FOR INFO)
FROM COMTASKFOR SEVENTEEN ACTION CINCPAC INFO
COMSOWESPAO FOR

YORKTOWN CAN NOW MAKE THIRTY KNOTS I PROPOSE
RETIRE TONIGHT TO FILL YORKTOWN COMPLEMENT PLANES
AS FAR AS POSSIBLE FROM LEXINGTON AND SEND THAT
SHIP TO PEARL X

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ALUSNA MADRID	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
FROM			R. J. J. J.
RELEASED BY 8 MAY 1942			DEFERRED
DATE	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
TOR CODEROOM J ALLEN			ROUTINE
DECODED BY BIRBAUM			DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY			

INDICATE IN MESSAGE ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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NCR 2703

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

DAMAGED GERMAN SUBMARINE ENTERED CARTAGENA UNDER POWER 1300 MAY 2.
 REPORT PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION BY SPANISH OFFICIALS INDICATE TWO
 TO THREE MONTHS REQUIRED TO MAKE SEAWORTHY. REPORTED DAMAGED BALLAST
 TANKS AND PERISCOPE. COMPLETE REPORT ON DAMAGE AND ACTION TO BE
 TAKEN WILL BE SUBMITTED WHEN RECEIVED FROM SPANISH AUTHORITIES.

DIST.

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>USS SEMMES (NERK)</u>	FOR ACTION	SEC BASE MOREHEAD I.C.	PRIORITY OP
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>MAY 6, 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>1214/1152</u>	INFORMATION	NORFOLK COMINCH USS ROPER (?????) BEING SVCD.	REPORT OP
DECODED BY <u>CAMBRON/WINTER</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

060915 CCR 2963

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TEXT			

FROM SEMMES

RAMMED SENATEUR DUHAMMEL ON PATROL 5 MILES SOUTH OF
LOOKOUT BIGHT BUOY NUMBER 2. OUR BOW TORN AWAY BACK TO
ANCHOR WINDLASS ROOM. WILL ATTEMPT BACKING INTO BIGHT
WHEN ALL HANDS FROM DUHAMMEL ACCOUNTED FOR. REQUEST
CUTTER STAND BY LATTER.

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FROM COMINSHORE PAT NORFOLK	FOR ACTION	COMEASTSEAFRON COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 6 MAY 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1634/1553	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY EDWARDS/BERRY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

061542 CCR 2983

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

Trawler
HMS SENATEUR DUHAMEL IN COLLISION OFF CAPE LOOKOUT WITH *N. Car.*
USS SEMMES 0350 QUEEN MAY SIX X DUHAMEL SUNK X ALL
OFFICERS AND MEN RESCUED X SEMMES DAMAGED BOW WILL
PROBABLY NEED TEMPORARY REPAIRS AT MOREHEAD CITY
BEFORE SEAWORTHY X

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FROM	COMBULFSEAFRON	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY				ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE	MAY 6, 1942	INFORMATION	COMEASTSEAFRON	PRIORITY
TOR CODEROOM	1459/1420			ROUTINE DEFERRED
DECODED BY	CAMBRON/CAMBRON			
PARAPHRASED BY				

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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TEXT			

PC 499 DAMAGED LEAVING DEPERMING DOCK. REQUIRE FIFTY HOURS DRYDOCK FOR REPAIRS. REQUEST AUTHORITY TO DELAY SCHEDULED DEPARTURE FOR COMEASTSEAFRONTIER UNTIL MAY 8.

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DRAFTSMAN		EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	ALUSNA LONDON	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY				RRRRRR
DATE	6 MAY 1942	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODER ROOM	2118/5			PRIORITY
DECODED BY	TRAMPOSH			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY	COLEMAN			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

(GERMAN)

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TEXT			

BRITISH DALFRAM FROM NEW YORK TO ALEXANDRIA AND DUTCH MANGKA-LIHAT FROM NEW YORK TO BOMBAY MINED ON SECOND AND FOURTH MAY RESPECTIVELY OFF CAPE ~~RA~~ OF GOOD HOPE AND DAMAGED BUT REACHED CAPETOWN SAFELY.

DAILY SERIAL 5. BRITISH CALDERON FROM ALEXANDRIA TO TOBRUK BOMBED AND SET ON FIRE BY ENEMY AIRCRAFT 2 MAY 35 MILES WEST OF ALEXANDRIA. CREW ABANDONED SHIP WHICH FOUNDERED. BRITISH EMPIRE AMETHYST OVERDUE FREE-TOWN SINCE APRIL 28. 2 KG4Ø AIRCRAFT ACTIVE DURING LATE AFTERNOON ON RECONNAISSANCE IN NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION FROM TRONDHEIM BUT NO DETAILS KNOWN.

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FROM	COMSIXTEEN	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY				ROUTINE
DATE	5 MAY 1942	INFORMATION	COMSOWESTPACFOR OPNAV	DEFERRED
TOR CODER ROOM	1426 / 1342			PRIORITY
DECODED BY	CAMBRON/CANNING			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY				DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

Ø5Ø222 CCR 2815

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TEXT			

TANAGER OAHU AND LUZON DAMAGED BY HEAVY ENEMY ARTILLERY FIRE FROM BATAAN FOUR MAY. TANAGER BSRTED BLEW UP AND SANK AFTER NUMEROUS HITS. OAHU HAS DECKS AWASH AND SLOWLY SINKING. LUZONS DAMAGE MOSTLY UPPER DECKS. SMALL FIRE ON BOARD EXTINGUISBED BY CREW. EXPECT TO KEEP LUZON AFLOAT BY SHIPS PUMPS. QUAIL MADE THREE SWEEPS TO SEA EVENING FOUR MAY, INCREASING WIDTH OF NEW SWEEP CHANNEL TO 500 YARDS.

COPY DELIVERED TO CPNAV CODEROOM.

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OP PRIORITY

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FROM: RADIO CG ROCKAWAY BEACH NY
ACTION: COMNYDIST CG
PASSED BY COMNYDIST CG TO COMTHREE FOR INFO
PASSED BY EASEAFRON TO COMINCH FOR ACTION

OP PRIORITY/DE

MS TIDEWATER 0300 GMT COLLIDED WITH SS
KOFRESI TWO MILES SSE OF SCOTLAND LIGHT PROCEEDING TO ANCHOR
OFF SCOTLAND LIGHT X MOTOR LIFEBOAT 3702 OUT TO POSN
TWO MILES SSE OF SCOTLAND LIGHT TO INVESTIGATE COLLISION
OF SS TIDEWATER AND SS KOFRESI 2355Q

COMINCH ACTION

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TOT0641MAY3AK1942. 16 00A *01A 20G 38 HYDRO FWO(1) CWO(2) BUSHIPS OPDO

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM COMGULFSEAFRON	FOR ACTION	COMEASTSEAFRON	RRRRPP
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 1 MAY 1942	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TON CODEROM 1856 / 1827			PRIORITY
DECODED BY PORTER / BUSH			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

Ø11445 CCR 1877

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TEXT (PASSED BY COMEASTSEAFRON TO COMINCH)

AT Ø945 QUEEN. SS LA PAX WAS EIGHT MILES OFF NAVAL AIR STATION, BANANA RIVER, BEING TOWED TOWARD BEACH BY SS WORDEN. LA PAX NEARLY AWASH AT STERN ON PORT SIDE. SEVERAL MEN ON VESSEL. THREE LIFEBOATS WITH MEN TOWING BEHIND.

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FROM COM 16	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE RRRRRRR DEFERRED
DATE APRIL 29 1942	INFORMATION	COMSOWESPA	PRIORITY
TOR CODEROM 1644/1609			ROUTINE RRRRRRR DEFERRED
DECODED BY FIELD/FIELD			
PARAPHRASED BY			

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CCR 1449

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TEXT			

FOLLOWING DAMAGE SUSTAINED BY GUNBOAT MINDANAO RESULT OF FOUR DIRECT HITS ENEMY SHELLFIRE. HOLES IN SHELL PLATING AS FOLLOWS. FORWARD STARBOARD PORTION AFTER FIREROOM A THREE INCH HOLE LOCATED ONE FOOT BELOW GUARD RAIL, ALSO EIGHT INCH HOLE ABOVE TURN OF BILGE. PLATE LAP AT MID DRAFT OPENED FOR ONE FOOT. SEVEN SMALL RIVET AND BRAGMENTATION HOLES IN ABOVE AREA. AFTER STARBOARD PORTION ENGINE ROOM: SIX INCH HOLE JUST BELOW GUARD RAIL, FIVE RIVET AND FRAGMENTATION HOLES AT MID DRAFT THIS AREA. AFTER PORT CORNER ENGINE ROOM AT TURN OF BB BILGE AND IN BOTTOM ONE LARGE HOLE TWO FEET BY FOUR FEET. CONDITION MACHINERY UNCERTAIN AS IT IS SUBMERGED IN FUEL OIL AND WATER. THREE SHELL HOLES AND SEVERAL FRAGMENTATION HOLES IN WEATHER DECK OVER AFTER FIREROOM AND ENGINE ROOM. VESSEL STILL AFLOAT BUT HAS SETTLED TO FREEBOARD AFT OF

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FROM	FOR ACTION		PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

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TEXT

ABOUT ONE AND ONE HALF FEET WITH SLIGHT STARBOARD LIST.
LACK OF DOCKING FACILITIES MAKE REPAIRS IMPOSSIBLE. AM
SALVAGING EQUIPMENT AND FUEL AS PRACTICABLE.

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF NAVAL
INTELLIGENCE BY TELEPRINTER CIRCUIT (TWX) AT 1300 DATE APRIL
17 1942

FROM: DISTRICT INTELLIGENCE OFFICER 7ND.

TO: DISTRICT NAVAL INTELLIGENCE

TEXT: SUBJECT---SS SHEHERAZADE

REFERENCE---DIO 7 TWX 161807 GCT APR 1842

FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OBTAINED FROM PORT DIRECTOR MIAMI AT 171500
GCT APRIL 1942

THE CURRENT STATUS OF SUBJECT IS THAT OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN DIS-
CONTINUED PENDING CALMER SEAS. THE SHIP IS STILL BROADSIDE TO THE
BEACH AND IS NOT POUNDING BADLY. THE MARINE SUPERINTENDENT OF
THE MALLORY LINE, MR. ROBBITT, IS ENROUTE MIAMI AND UPON ARRIVAL
WILL BOARD THE SHIP AND SUPERVISE ANY FURTHER EFFORT TO FLOAT
HER. THE TUG "BROOKLYN", WHICH WAS ON THE SCENE YESTERDAY, IS
NOW 'N PORT MIAMI.

THE PORT DIRECTOR MIAMI ADVISES THAT THE SHIP WAS FORMERLY OF
FRENCH AND IS NOW OF PANAMANIAN REGISTRY. CAPTAIN WALL, THE
MASTER, IS AMERICAN.

COMINCH-ACTION

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37-38-HYDRO-CG-BUSHIPS-30

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED IN OFFICE OF NAVAL
INTELLIGENCE BY TELEPRINTER CIRCUIT (TWX) AT 1418

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DATED APRIL 16, 1942

FROM: DISTRICT INTELLIGENCE OFFICER SEVENTH NAVAL DISTRICT
TO: DIRECTOR NAVAL INTELLIGENCE

TEXT: SUBJECT --- VESSEL AGROUND FORT LAUDERDALE
VESSEL "SCHERAZADE" GIVING CALL LETTERS HYPO PREP ZED LOVE
FIRST ADVISED AGROUND AT 161124 GCT APRIL. COM 7 SECTION
BASE PORT EVERGLADES, PORT DIRECTOR MIAMI COGNIZANT.
COAST GUARD ASSISTING. TUG "BROOKLYN" ENROUTE TO SCENE
FROM MIAMI. TUG "BALTIMORE" ENROUTE TO SCENE FROM PORT
EVERGLADES. SHIP ADVISED SHE WAS TAKING NO WATER.
ACCORDING TO INFO RECEIVED FROM DIO 8 SHIP IS TANKER OF
PANAMANIAN REGISTRY OF 13467 GROSS TONS OUT OF BAYTOWN,
TEXAS FOR NEW YORK WITH 142029 BARRELS OF HEATING OIL.

COMINCH - ACT

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20 - 20G - 20K - 37 - 38 - HYDRO -

CG - CWO(2)

(CORRECTED COPY)

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IMMEDIATE

PASS TO COMINCH AND COM 10

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FOLLOWING RECEIVED KOLL (DELAVALLE) POSITION 17.50 N 72.25
W NEED IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE TWO RAFTS AND TWO LIFEBOATS IN WATER
NAVYCHARGE TRINIDAD ENDS BRITMAN WASHINGTON PASS TO COMINCH
AND COM 10

2113P/12 NAVCOM BERMUDA

APR 13 0241GMT

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FROM FCC

REC'D BY BALTIMORE UNIT ON 500 KCS RDO NORFOLK VA

DANGER . DANGER

SS ZOELLA LYKES 2300 GMT /12 VESSEL AFIRE LAT 2151 NORTH LONG 5958 WEST

SS ZOELLA LYKES RDO NORFOLK

PHONED TO EC/WDBYGH 130320

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

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

ORIGINATOR		MESSAGE NUMBER	OPNAV ADDRESSEES	PRIORITY
COAC (RADIO HALIFAX)				
FROM		FOR ACTION		PRIORITY
RELEASED BY	13 APRIL 1942			ROUTINE
DATE	1711			DEFERRED
TOR CODE ROOM	POWELL	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY	LELAND			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY				DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

ROUTED BY FULTON 131529 NCR 9064

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TEXT (ADMTY HSHQ 578 USCHO CINCPAC&WI FROM COAC)

MY 0142Z/13 NOT TO ALL ADDRESSEES.

EMPIRE LOTUS FOUNDERED DUE TO HEAVY WEATHER IN POSITION
44-06 NORTH 62-07 WEST AT 2315Z/12. ALL CREW RESCUED BY
HMCS MINAS AND LANDED AT HALIFAX.

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FROM	COM 10	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY				ROUTINE
DATE	13 APRIL 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	131704	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY	POWELL			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY	RUTCHINSON			DEFERRED

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INFORMATION FROM PANAM PILOT NEWYORK TO SAN JUAN REPORTS
SIGHTING SHIP ON FIRE 0035 GEORGE CT 13 APRIL LAT
37-45 LONG 72-04.

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM CDM 6 ND	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			RRRRR
DATE 11 APRIL 42			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1823/11	INFORMATION	COM EASTSEA FROM COM 10.	PRIORITY
DECODED BY JERMAN			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY GLTUCKER			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

L. J. HATCH (JG) HATCH**111601 NCR 8088**

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TEXT

VP 218 WEATHERED STORM AND NOW PROCEEDING TOWARD CHARLESTON.
 SEARCHING CRAFT UNABLE TO LOCATE DUE POOR VISIBILITY BUT BELIEVE
 SHE WILL MAKE PORT WITH IMPROVING WEATHER CONDITIONS. REFERENCE
 MY 101600..

COMINCH.....ACT.

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FROM <u>COM 1</u>	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE <u>APRIL 11, 1942</u>	FOR INFORMATION	COM EASTSEA FRON NOB NEWPORT BUSHIPS USS CAPELLA	PRIORITY
TOB CODE ROOM <u>0102</u>			ROUTINE
DECODED BY <u>DISNEY</u>			DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY <u>CANBRON</u>			

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AN EXAMINATION OF THE CAPELLA REVEALS THE ENTIRE SHAFT ALLEY FLOODED AND ALSO ALL SPACES ABOARD BULKHEAD SEPARATING NUMBER 4 & 5 CARGO SPACES. DRAFT OF SHIP AFT 28 FEET. BY AUTHORITY OF COMMANDANT NOB NEWPORT A WORK PARTY FROM NEWPORT TRAINING STATION AND THE CAPELLA HAVE INSTALLED SHORES AGAINST SHAFT ALLEY BULKHEAD AND THE BULKHEAD BETWEEN NUMBER 4 & 5 CARGO SPACES. 22 TON LAUNCH AND AEROPLANE ON DECK OVER NUMBER 4 & 5 HOLDS BEING REMOVED. AN EXAMINATION BY TORPEDO STATION DIVERS SHOWS HOLE ON STARBOARD SIDE 10 FEET LONG 6 FEET HIGH WITH CENTER AT FRAME 155. BOTTOM OF THE HOLE IS ABOUT 4 FEET ABOVE THE KEEL. STRUCTURE BUCKLED INBOARD AND SHELL PLATES ROLLED BACK. 3 HOLES FOUND ON PORT SIDE EXTENDING A TOTAL OF 12 FEET FORWARD OF FRAME 159. BOTTOM OF HOLES ABOUT 4 FEET ABOVE KEEL AND 4 FEET HIGH. STRUCTURE BUCKLED OUTBOARD.

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RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE _____			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM _____	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY _____			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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TEXT			

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IT IS PROPOSED TO ATTEMPT TO BLANK HOLES AT NEWPORT BY USING COLLISION MATS REINFORCED BY VERTICAL STEEL RODS SHAPED TO THE CONTOUR OF THE HULL. IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO FIT TEMPORARY PATCHES PRIOR TO DRYDOCKING IF THIS PLAN IS SUCCESSFUL.

23....ACTION

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FROM COM BOSTON DISTRICT FOR INFO TO COM INSHORE PATROL
 BOSTON AND COMONE
 PASSED BY COMONE TO COMEASTSEAFRON AND ^{FOR INFO} TO SOP AFLOAT AT
 PORTLAND ME

FOLLOWING RECEIVED ON 500 KCS AT 0120 GMT BT DISTRESS DE
SS VIGILANT SOUTH ST LUCIE INLET POUNDING BADLY REQUEST
 ASSISTANCE AR

COMINCH ACTION ✓

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

COPY/RT

RECEIVED VIA FONE FROM FCC

URGENT

RECEIVED BY LAUREL UNIT 0127 GMT DISTRESS WE ARE AGROUND
ON ROCKS POUNDING BADLY REQUEST ASSISTANCE POSITION JUST
SOUTH OF ST LUCIA INLET AR
DISTRESS PROBABLY FROM SS VIGILANT AND REPEATED BY RADIO
HIALEAH FLORIDA

COMINCH ACTION

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

TOR 130126 GH/RT

FROM: COM BOSTON DISTRICT TO COM INSHORE PATROL BOSTON AND
COMONE FOR INFO
PASSED BY COMONE TO SOP AFLOAT AT PORTLAND ME

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FOLLOWING INTERCEPTED ON 500 KCS AT 0135 CMT DISTRESS DF
SS VIGILANT BT SUB SIGHTED HEADING 335 TRUE AT 0815 POSITION
2705 N LONG 8003 W AT

COMINCH ACTION

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

COPY/RT

RECD BY PHONE FROM FOC AT 0345/10APR42

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PRIORITY/SR

AT 0135 DIRECT FROM SS MC KEESPORT ON 500 KC
SS MC KEESPORT AGROUND FENWICK SHOALS - WHAT IS MY TRUE
BEARING RELATIVE TO YOU

COMINCH ACTION

05 10 19 20 20A 20B 20G 20K CG 00R

37 16 00A 01A 38 HYDRO

BUSHIPS OPDO

38 CWO(3) FWO(2)

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PRIORITY/SR

AT 0137 GMT TUCKERTON, N.J. SENT AUTOMATIC ALARM AS
FOLLOWS

DISTRESS FROM SS MC KEESPORT

COMINCH ACTION

05 10 19 20 20A 20B 20G 20K CG 00R

37 16 00A 01A 38 HYDRO

BUSHIPS OPDO CWC(3) FW0(2)

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PRIORITY/SR

0154 GMT FROM SS MC KEESPORT - THE DISTRESS TRAFFIC IS ENDED

COMINCH ACTION

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

BUSHIPS OPDO CWO(3) FWO(2)

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>COMTASKUNIT 27.5.1</u>	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE <u>10 APRIL 1942</u>	INFORMATION	CINCLANT COMTASKFOR 24	DEFERRED DDDDDD
FOR CODEROM <u>1727/10</u>			PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>TRAMPOSH</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <u>WEINE</u>			DEFERRED DDDDDD

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TEXT

24 US D.D. Fairfax

SS FRANCIS SCOTT KEY, US\$ FLAG IN COLLISION WITH HMS
RICHMOND NIGHT OF MARCH 30.

DAMAGED BOW REPAIRED BY VULCAN. SHIP SAILED WITH
PQ 14. RICHMOND BADLY HOLED STARBOARD SIDE FORWARD ENGINE
ROOM FLOODED NOW ALONG SIDE BRITISH TENDER FOR TEMPORARY
REPAIRS BEFORE TOWING TO UNITED KINGDOM.

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FROM	CAPELLA	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	URGENT
RELEASED BY				ROUTINE
DATE	10 APRIL 42			DEFERRED
TOR CODE ROOM	0929/10	INFORMATION	CINCLANT COM EASTSEA FRON COM GULFSEA FRON COM CARIBSEA FRON COM PANSEA FRON COM 1: NOB NEWPORT	URGENT
DECODED BY	LLOYD			PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY	GILKER			ROUTINE
				DEFERRED

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TEXT			

AT 1024 G WHILE AT ANCHOR BERTH 57 NEWPORT THIS VESSEL WAS STRUCK ON STARBOARD SIDE AFT BY A LIVE TORPEDO ACCIDENTALLY FIRED BY PT 59. FOLLOWING COMPARTMENTS FLOODED; NUMBER 5 HOLD, SHAFT ALLEY, AFT MAGAZINE DRY PROVISION STORE ROOM. DECK BUCKLED ON QUARTER DECK AND MAIN DECK AT FRAME 87. 8 MEN INJURED NONE CRITICALLY TRANSFERRED NAVAL HOSPITAL. BERTH SHIFTED TO SHOAL WATER. SHIP AFLOAT AND IN NO IMMEDIATE DANGER. NO EVIDENCE OF FURTHER FLOODING OR FAILURE OF COLLISION BULKHEADS. ENGINE CAN BE USED ONLY IN EMERGENCY AT SLOW SPEED. HAND STEERING ONLY AVAILABLE. CAPTAIN E R NORTON OF DISTRICT MATERIAL OFFICE 1ST NAVAL DISTRICT ON BOARD MAKING SURVEY OF DAMAGE. REQUEST INQUIRY BE CONVENED AND IMMEDIATE YARD AVAILABILITY FOR REPAIRS. SHORING OF BULKHEADS AND TEMPORARY REPAIRS BEING UNDERTAKEN.

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FROM NOB NEWPORT RI	FOR ACTION	COM 1	PPPPP PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 10 APRIL 1952			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 0523/10	INFORMATION	COMEASTSEAFRON OPNAV	PPPPP PRIORITY
DECODED BY MORGAN			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY HARDEY			DEFERRED

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DATE

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TEXT

TORPEDO ACCIDENTALLY DISCHARGED BY PT-59 IN UPPER NARRAGANSETT BAY DUE SHORT CIRCUIT IN FIRING CIRCUIT STRUCK CAPELLA AFTER RUNNING TEN THOUSAND YARDS TUGS FROM NOB IMMEDIATELY SENT ALONGSIDE COMMANDING OFFICER REPORTS SHIP ANCHORED IN SHOAL WATER AND IN NO IMMEDIATE DANGER EXPERT ADVICE NOW HERE FROM BOSTON COMMANDER MOTOR TORPEDO BOAT SQUADRON FOUR HAS ORDERED INVESTIGATION HAVE GIVEN PRESS NO INFO FOR PUBLICATION

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM, COM 6	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	OPOROP
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE 10 APRIL 1942	INFORMATION	EASTSEAFROM	OPOROPOROP
FOR CODEROOM 1639/10		COM 10	PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED
DECODED BY YEAGER			
PARAPHRASED BY COLEMAN			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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TEXT

RECEIVED REPORT FROM YP 210 FOUNDERING ABOUT ONE HUNDRED
MILES OFF SHORE BETWEEN CHARLESTON AND SAVANNAH APPARENTLY
BECAME SEPARATED FROM ESCORTING VESSEL TURQUOISE. AM
DISPATCHING CGC TALLAPOOSA UNPQUA AND TWO PATROL PLANES TO SEARCH
AND RESCUE. WEATHER CONDITIONS UNFAVORABLE.

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FROM FONF	FOR ACTION	NSHQ	PPPPRIORITY PPP
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 10 APRIL 19 42			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1412/1955	INFORMATION	ADMIRALTY COMINCH CTF 24 CINCHA CINC A&W	PPPPPPPPPP
DECODED BY FIELD/EGGEMAN			PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY			ROUTINE
			DEFERRED

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TEXT			

NSHQ OTTAWA REPEATED ADMTY COMINCH CTF 24 CINC WA CINC A&W
FROM FONF.

AT 2100Z YESTERDAY TANKER ATHOL VISCOUNT BROKE ADRIPT FROM
NUMBER ONE BUOY ST JOHNS NFLD AND DRIFTED ACROSS ENTRANCE
AT INSIDE BAFFLE DURING HEAVY SQUALL. TUGS AT ONCE STOOD
BY BUT TIDE AND WEATHER HAVE SINCE THEN PREVENTED THEM
FROM HAULING HER OFF. SHIP IS AGROUND AFT, WHERE SHE WAS
TORPEDOED AND DREW THIRTY FIVE FEET. HARBOR IS AT PRESENT
BLOCKED. DO NOT EXPECT TO REFLOAT TILL NEXT HIGH WATER,
2030Z, AND THEN ONLY IF WEATHER MODERATES.

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FROM COM 7	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE RRRRR DEFERRED
DATE 10 APRIL 1942	INFORMATION	COMINCH	PRIORITY
TON CODEROM 1333/11			ROUTINE RRRRR DEFERRED
DECODED BY ANELLO			
PARAPHRASED BY HARDEY			

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LT WEINSTOCK 092145 NCR 7186

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME GCT

TEXT
3600 GCT SERIOUS COLLISION OFF MOLASSES REEF BETWEEN ATLANTIC
REFINING COMPANY PHILA TANKER SS ROBERT C TUTTLE STANDING
SOUTH LIGHT AND NORWEGIAN STEAMER SS BENWOOD NORTH BOUND WITH
PHOSPHATE FROM PORT TAMPA TO NORFOLK. BENWOOD WAS BEACHED OFF
MOLASSES REEF AND SALVAGE TUG WILLETT PROCEEDED HER ASSISTANCE.
ROBERT C TUTTLE ARRIVED OFF SANDKEY ABOUT 1910 TODAY THURSDAY
UNDER OWN POWER. COASTAL INFO INTERVIEWED MASTER OF BENWOOD
WHO STATED HE HAD MOST OF SHIPS PAPERS. ZONE INTELLIGENCE
REQUESTED BOARD BENWOOD SEARCH FOR OTHER PAPERS OR CONFIDENTIAL
PUBLICATIONS. CREW BENWOOD 38 MEN OF WHO 24 LANDED IN GULF
STREAM LODGE FLORIDA OTHERS BELIEVED RESCUED BY ROBERT C
TUTTLE NOW OFF SAND KEY. NO REPORT OF LOSS OF LIFE. TUTTLE
REPORTS DAMAGE PORT BOW BELOW DECKS OF FORWARD STORE ROOM.
NO PUBLICITY DESIRED DUE DANGEROUS POSITION OF BENWOOD UNTIL
AFTER SALVAGE.

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DRAFTER		EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	USS WILKES	FOR ACTION INFORMATION	COM 1 PASSED BY COM 1 TO USS SAN DIEGO USS AUGUSTA SOPA PORTLAND FOR ACTION	URGENT PRIORITY
RELEASED BY				ROUTINE
DATE	8 APRIL 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	Ø729/8			URGENT
DECODED BY	NEWMEYER		PASSED BY COM 1 TO COMEASTSEA FRONT CINCLANT AND OPNAV * FOR INFO	ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY	PURDY		*ALSO ONE UNDECIPHERABLE CALL HAS BEEN SERVICED.	ROUTINE

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

*Comdeslant***BLOVIN.****Ø8Ø6Ø4 NCR 6Ø63**

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

TIME

GCT

TEXT

IN COLLISION WITH MERCHANTMAN BEARING Ø67⁰ 47 MILES FROM THE
GRAVES. BADLY HOLED NUMBER ONE FIRE ROOM. REQUEST ASSISTANCE AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE. AUGUSTA IN VICINITY.

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FROM: USS WILKES 080530
ACTION: USS AUGUSTA
INFO : COMDESLANTFLT

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OP PRIORITY

RAMMED BY MERCHANTMAN X BADLY HOLED AMIDSHIPS IN NUMBER ONE
FIREROOM X REQUEST YOU STAND BY

COMINCH COG

TOT 08 07 APR 8 RD

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>USS AUGUSTA (NERK)</u>	FOR ACTION	CINCLANT	PPPPPP PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____		COM ONE	ROUTINE
DATE <u>8 APRIL 1942</u>	INFORMATION	COMINCH	DEFERRED
TOR CODER ROOM <u>0818/0755</u>			PPPPPP PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>SLADE/SLADE</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

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TEXT			

(ORIGINATOR AUGUSTA)

WILKES RAMMED IN FORWARD FIRE ROOM PORT SIDE BY
 SS DAVILA AT 0517 ZED LATITUDE 42-39 NORTH LONGITUDE
 69-59 WEST REQUIRES ASSISTANCE AM STANDING BY X

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM COMDESLANT	FOR ACTION	USS AUGUSTA	OP OP ^{PRIORITY} OP OP ROUTINE DEFERRED
RELEASED BY			
DATE 8 APRIL 1942			
FOR CODEROOM 0814/0804	INFORMATION	USCG BIBB USS WILKES CINCLANT COMINCH USS MACLEISH OPNAV	OP OP OP OP ^{PRIORITY} OP OP OP OP ROUTINE DEFERRED
DECODED BY TIERS/SLADE			
PARAPHRASED BY			

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080707

CCR 8352

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

BIBB AND MACLEISH HAVE BEEN DIRECTED PROCEED FROM BASE
SAIL TOWARD POSITION COLLISION AS REPORTED BY WILKES X
THEY WILL GUARD AREA FREQUENCY AND HAVE BEEN DIRECTED RE-
PORT YOU FOR ESCORT AUGUSTA OR WILKES AS YOU DIRECT

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FROM	COM 1	FOR ACTION	USS WILKES	PRIORITY OP OP OP
RELEASED BY				ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE	8 APRIL 1942	INFORMATION	CINCLANT SOPA PORTLAND USS SWANSON USS NICHOLSON	PRIORITY OP OP OP
TOR CODER ROOM	0848/0829			ROUTINE DEFERRED
DECODED BY	TIERS/TIERS			
PARAPHRASED BY				

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080800 CCR 8359

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	SEC
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YOUR 080604 HAVE DOUBLEHEADED TO COMDESLANT AUGUSTA AND
 SAN DIEGO X ALSO PC 471 ORDERED YOUR ASSISTANCE TO
 ARRIVE ABOUT 0600 QUEEN X DAYLIGHT AIR COVERAGE BEING
 ORDERED FROM SQUANTUM X NO TUGS AVAILABLE

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	WIRE	PRECEDENCE
FROM NOB NEWPORT RI	FOR ACTION	XOPNAV COM EASTSEA FRON		PRIORITY
RELEASED BY				ROUTINE
DATE 8 APRIL 1942	INFORMATION	COM 1		DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM 2327/7				PRIORITY
DECODED BY COLEMAN				ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY HEINE				DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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USS WILKES, DD 441 NIBQ, DEPARTED 2030 GCT APRIL 7.

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FOR OPNAV. PART ONE OF TWO PARTS.

MAJOR STRUCTURAL REPAIRS REQUIRED FOR DAMAGE SUSTAINED MARBLEHEAD AS
FOLLOWS X NEAR MISS FRAMES TWENTY TWO TWENTY TO TWENTY SIX PORT X
SHELL PLATING BADLY DISTORTED AND RUPTURED X KEEL BENT AND LONGITUDINALS
TWISTED X INNER BOTTOM DESTROYED X BULKHEADS AND STANCHIONS BUCKLED
OR SHEARED X RIVETS SEAMS AND BULKHEADS STEM TO FRAME TWENTY SIX
SPRING X WATERTIGHT COMPARTMENTATION FORWARD MAGAZINES DESTROYED X
VENT TRUNKS BENT AND RUPTURED X HOLD FORWARD FRAME THIRTY FOUR FLOODED
X FIRST AND SECOND PLATFORM LEVELS PARTIALLY FLOODED TO FRAME FORTY
SEVEN XX DIRECT HIT FRAME FORTY SEVEN X STRINGERS AND BEAMS RUPTURED
OR BADLY TWISTED FRAMES FORTY TO FORTY EIGHT X UPPER DECK BULGED UP
AND SPLIT X STANCHIONS SHEARED X SIDE BULGED OUT AND LOOSEMED FROM
FRAMES X LARGE HOLE BLOWN IN MAIN DECK X

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM (ADMT) ORIGINATOR UNKNOWN*	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 8 APRIL 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 0837/08	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY TRAMPOSH			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY BALL			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

LT COMELAND

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NCR 6086

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TEXT
PART TWO OF TWO PARTS.

BULKHEADS NUMBER 1 UPTAKES DESTROYED X NUMBER 1 INNER STACK DEMOLISHED AND OUTER STACK FOUNDATION WEAKENED X BULKHEADS FORMING WARDROOM AND STATEROOMS DESTROYED OR BADLY TWISTED X LOCKERS AND EQUIPMENT IN AREA DEMOLISHED. DIRECT HIT FRAME ~~NUMBER 126~~ 126, MAIN NECK BETWEEN FRAMES 128 AND 134 INCLUDING ALL STRINGERS AND BEAMS BLOWN OFF, SHIPS SIDES INCLUDING SHEER STRAKE BULGED OUT, 1ST PLATFORM DECK RUPTURED AND BADLY TWISTED FRAMES 125 TO 128 X BULKHEADS AND DECKS ALL DISTORTED AND STANCHIONS BENT OR SHEARED FRAMES 127 TO 134, 2ND PLATFORM CENTER LINE LONGITUDINALS SHEARED, STRINGERS AND BEAMS BADLY TWISTED, BEAM ENDS (ENDS) TOWN AWAY FROM SIDE FRAMES 125 TO 128. AFTER PART OF SHIP FLOODED FROM FRAME 117 TO 1ST PLATFORM LEVEL. TEMPORARY REPAIRS NOW BEING ACCOMPLISHED SHOULD MAKE HULL DRY AND SEAWORTHY.

END OF TWO PART MESSAGE.

APRESUMED TO BE CO MARBEEHEAD.

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FROM S-16	FOR ACTION	COM PAN SEA FROM COMSUBRON 3	OP OP OP
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE APRIL 2 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 2059/2035	INFORMATION	COMINCH COM SUBS LANT FLT COM CARIB SEA FROM	OP OP OP
DECODED BY COWDEN/BELL			PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY			ROUTINE
			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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SAFETY TANK CARRIED AWAY WHILE SUBMERGED X CONTROL ROOM
FLOODED UNABLE DIVE X PROCEEDING FROM LAT 11-40N
LONG 77W ON SURFACE X COURSE 237 AVERAGE SPEED 8 X WILL
ADVISE ARRIVAL LATER XX

REASON FOR CODEROOM DELAY: IT WAS NECESSARY TO SERVICE
THIS DISPATCH IN ORDER TO BREAK SAME.

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FROM <u>S-16</u>	FOR ACTION	PANAMASEA COMSUBRON 3	OP OP OP
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>APRIL 3 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>0150/0128</u>	INFORMATION	COMINCH COMSUBLANT CARIBSEA S-17	OP OP OP
DECODED BY <u>COWDEN/COWDEN</u>			PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY _____			ROUTINE
			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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TEXT

SUBMARINE NOTICE. ARRIVE OFF MANZANILLO ABOUT
 1200Z APRIL 3. ON SURFACE SPEED TEN. CASUALTY
 NOT SERIOUS MY ZERO^{Two}NINETEEN THIRTY.

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FROM <u>CINCPAC (NPM)</u>	FOR ACTION	COMINCH (NSS)	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>1 APRIL 1942</u>	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TON CODEROOM <u>0838/0818</u>			PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>GLUNT/TIERG</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

010305 CCR 7476

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

OPERATIONS UNDER PREPARATION AS PREVIOUSLY DIRECTED
OR REPORTED. TURKEY IS ENROUTE TO RELIEVE KINGFISHER
OF DUTY AT SAMOA. NO INDICATION OF ENEMY THIS AREA.
MAHAN AND TUGS RETURNED WITH SALVAGE PERSONNEL FROM
HOLLY NO RECOMMENDATION REGARDING TAYLOR AS YET.
COMINCH FOR ACTION FROM CINCPAC.

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FROM	GARbled CALL	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY				ROUTINE
DATE	26 MARCH 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	6649	INFORMATION	CINCLANT COMAMPHFORLANTFLT	PRIORITY
DECODED BY	HUTCHINSON			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY	LELAND			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

ROUTED BY FULTON

260208 NCR 8730

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME *returning from magnet* DATE TIME GCT

TEXT *(night transport)*

BARNETT AS A RESULT COLLISION BRITISH STEAMER PERELLE REQUIRES
 REPAIRS TO STEM INVOLVING DOCKING. TIME 2 DAYS. AM ARRANGING TO
 DOCK SHIP BETHLEHEM SHIPBUILDING PLANT. REQUEST AVAILABILITY ON NOT
 TO DELAY BASIS.

ACTION: 23.....

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FROM COM 3	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PPPPITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 25 MARCH 1942			DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM 2347/24	INFORMATION	CARIBSEAFROM COM 10	PPPPITY
DECODED BY MORGAN			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY GILKER			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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242239 NCR 7830

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

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TEXT

INFO RECEIVED FROM MASTER E H MCKAY STEAMER ROBIN LOCKSLEY (US)
 THAT SHIP HAD SERIOUS FIRE ABOARD DESTROYING US MAIL MARCH 10
 THIS YEAR. EVERY INDICATION ORIGIN SABOTAGE. SHIP SAILED NEW
 YORK MAR EIGHT THIS YEAR CALLED TRINIDAD MAR 15 DUE CAPE TOWN MAR
 30 ENROUTE SUEZ. IF DETAILS WERE OBTAINED TRINIDAD INFORM US IF
 NOT WILL NAVY OBSERVER EXAMINE CAPE TOWN OBTAIN AND CABLE.
 UNDERSTAND 1 MAIL BAG CONTAINED SUSPICIOUS MATERIAL POSSIBLY
 INCENDIARY POWDER. CAN MASTER IDENTIFY THIS BAG BY TAG OR OTHER-
 WISE. INVESTIGATION PENDING HERE.

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FROM COM EAST SEAFRON	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY OP OP
RELEASED BY		(....?)	ROUTINE
DATE 19 MARCH 1942		OPNAV	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 2335/2346	INFORMATION	COMDESLANTFLT	PRIORITY OP OP
DECODED BY TIERS/KNOWLTON			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

192245 CCR 5225

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

DICKERSON HAS ARRIVED NORFOLK AFTER HAVING BEEN HIT
VICINITY OF BRIDGE BY SHELL FROM UNIDENTIFIED TANKER
LAST NIGHT X COMMANDING OFFICER AND THREE OTHERS
DEAD FIVE WOUNDED X

COPY DELIVERED TO OPNAV CODEROOM

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FROM ALUSNOB SUEZ	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 20 MARCH 1942			DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY SCHREIBMAN-YONOVITZ			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY BLAND			DEFERRED

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191815 MCR 5186

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

ON MARCH 15 AT 1900 THE UTAHAN AND PENNSYLVANIA COLLIDED AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE GULF OF SUEZ WITH CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE. CLASSIFICATION AND LLOYDS CALLED FOR SURVEY RECOMMENDATIONS AS FOLLOWS: UTAHAN AT FRAME SIXTY SIX STARBOARD SIDE PLATING CUT DOWN FROM UPPER DECK THROUGH DEEP TANK TOP AND TEN FEET IN BOARD. STARBOARD DEEP TANK AND NUMBER FOUR HOLD FLOODED. SURVEYOR RECOMMENDS UTMOST CARE EVEN DISCHARGE OF CARGO ON ACCOUNT LONGITUDINAL WEAKNESS AND FURTHER SURVEY IN DOCK. MARITIME COMMISSION RECOMMENDS UTAHAN GENERAL AVERAGE TO BE DECLARED. CARGO DAMAGED MOSTLY BRITISH MINISTRY STOWED NUMBER FOUR. ARRANGE. PENNSYLVANIA STEM TURNED ROUND TO PORT FROM 27 FOOT DRAFT MARK AND 4 LARGE HOLES AT FRACTURED PLATING ABOVE AND BELOW FOREPEAK TANK TOP. DOCKING FOR REPAIRS RECOMMENDED BY SURVEYOR AND ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE ACCORDINGLY.

BRISTOW

FOR AMERICAN EXPORT LINE, WEYERHAEUSER STEAMSHIP COMPANY, AND AMERICAN-HAWAIIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

COMINCH..... 39..... 16..... 23.....
 37.....ACTION.

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FROM <u>USS WASP (NERK)</u>	FOR ACTION	COMBATDIV 6	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____		COMINCH	EDPPPP
DATE <u>19 MARCH 1942</u>	INFORMATION	COMCRUDIV 7	ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM <u>0030/2319</u>		CINCLANT	DEFERRED
DECODED BY <u>TTERS/TTERS</u>		NYD NORFOLK	PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY _____		CONDESRON 6	ROUTINE
			DEFERRED

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INITIALS BY TULTON

182125 GCR 5111 -

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

WASP ABOUT 5 FEET LONG AT WATER LINE STERNWARD SIDE. NUMBER 1
YARD STATES REPAIRS TO WASP ORIGINATOR WILL BE COMPLETED BY 0800 SATURDAY 21ST.
DAMAGED. THE TORPEDO
MONEY BELLS REPLACEMENT. 100 AND STAY CABLES SEVERED ALONG WITH
CABLES CHARGE HYDRAULIC RELEASING LINES. MACHINE GUN SHIELDS BENT
AND NUMBER 3 GUN JAWED. NUMBER 3 TURRET AND GUN DAMAGED. STAKE
STAKE DAMAGED AND FORECAST HOOKED OVER TO PORTSIDE. BOILER AVAILABLE
ONLY SALTED DUE CONDENSER CASUALTY. STACK ORIGINATOR AND PRO-
CESSION BY PAUL NEAREST NAVY YARD. REQUEST LATTER BE ADVISED
UPWARDS TO BE EFFECTED. SHALL REQUIRE DOCKING UPON ARRIVAL TOMORROW
MORNING.

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FROM INDEFINATE CALL	FOR ACTION	CINCLANT	OPPOPOPOPO
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE 18 MARCH 1942	INFORMATION	CTG 22.6	OPPOPOPOPO
TOR CODEROOM 058		CTF 22	
DECODED BY DISNEY		COMDESLANT	
PARAPHRASED BY LELAND		ZMK COMDESRON 8 OPNAV	

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171912 NCR 3826

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

HOLE ABOUT 5 FEET LONG AT WATER LINE STARBOARD SIDE. NUMBER 1 FIRE ROOM COMPLETELY FLOODED. CANNOT DETERMINE SIZE OF HOLE ACCOUNT FLOODING. TOPSIDE FITTINGS ALONG SAME SIDE DAMAGED. THE TORPEDO MOUNT NEEDS REPLACEMENTS. D G AND OTHER CABLES SEVERED ALONG WITH DEPTH CHARGE HYDRAULIC RELEASING LINES. MACHINE GUN SHIELDS BENT AND NUMBER 7 GUN JAMMED. NUMBER 3 TURRET AND GUN DAMAGED. SMOKE STACK DAMAGED AND FOREMAST KNOCKED OVER TO PORTSIDE. BOILER AVAILABLE BADLY SALTED DUE CONDENSER CASUALTY. STACK ORIGINATOR AND PROCEEDING NY PHIL NEAREST NAVY YARD. REQUEST LATTER BE ADVISED REPAIRS TO BE EFFECTED. SHALL REQUIRE DOCKING UPON ARRIVAL TOMORROW MORNING.

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FROM INDEFINITE CALL	FOR ACTION	CINCLANT	OP PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 18 MARCH 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	INFORMATION	CTG 22.6 CTF 22 COMDESLANT --- COMDESRON 8 OPNAV	OP PRIORITY
DECODED BY HATCH			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY HUTCHINSON			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

ROUTED BY FULTON

171912 NCR 3640

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

HOLE ABOUT 5 FEET LONG AT WATER LINE STARBOARD SIDE. NUMBER 1
 FIREROOM COMPLETELY FLOODED. CANNOT DETERMINE THE SIZE OF HOLE
 ON ACCOUNT OF FLOODING. TOPSIDE FITTINGS ALONG SAME SIDE
 DAMAGED. THE TORPEDO MOUNTS NEED REPLACEMENTS. D G AND OTHER
 CABLES SEVERED ALONG WITH DEPTH CHARGE HYDRAULIC RELEASING
 LINES. MACHINE GUN SHIELDS BENT AND NUMBER 7 GUN JAMMED.
 NUMBER 3 TURRET AND GUN DAMAGED. SMOKE STACK DTN.....
 (ALL OF MESSAGE THAT WAS RECEIVED THEN TRANSMISSIONS FADED OUT)

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 SHOWN TO DO

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 0150

COG...COMINCH

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This must be from STACK

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FROM WASP (NERK)	FOR ACTION	CINCLANT COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE MARCH 17 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 12 43/1223	INFORMATION	CTG 22.6 COMBATDIV 6 COMS 3 & 5	PRIORITY
DECODED BY WINTER/BELL			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

171100 CCR 4962

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

AT 0540 QUEEN SEVENTEEN MARCH WASP ORIGINATOR IN COLLIS-
 ION WITH DESTROYER OF SCREEN BELIEVED TO BE STACK X
 DENSE FOG X DAMAGE TO CAST VICTOR TWO HOLES IN BOW
 PEAK TANK FLOODED X CONTACT WITH BOTH DDS XXXX XXXX XXX
 OF SCREEN LOST X DAMAGE TO DESTROYER UNKNOWN X REMAI-
 ING ON SCENE TO LOCATE DESTROYERS.

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FROM <u>USS WASP (NERK)</u>	FOR ACTION	CINCLANT COMINCH	OP OP PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>MARCH 17 1942</u>	INFORMATION	CTG 22.6 COMBATDIV 6 COMS 3 & 5	OP OP PRIORITY
TOR CODEROOM <u>1351/1340</u>			ROUTINE
DECODED BY <u>WINTER/BELL</u>			DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY _____			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

171322 CCR 4966

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

WASP ORIGINATOR REQUIRES DOCKING TO REPAIR BENT STEM X
STACK FORWARD FIREROOM FLOODED PROCEEDING BASE HYPO
 SPEED TEN X NO PERSONNEL CASUALTIES REPORTED X
 UNABLE COMMUNICATE FURTHER APPARENTLY ~~X~~ DUE FAILURE
 STACK TRANSMITTER.

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TEXT

REFERENCE NY 161130 EXAMINATION BY DIVER DISCLOSES HOLE IN FOREPEAK
STARBOARD SIDE 13 FEET ABOVE KEEL SIXTEEN FEET LONG TWO FEET WIDE
BEGINNING ONE FOOT FROM STEM

MEDICATION MANAGEMENT

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DRAFTER		EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES 16345 KCS	PRECEDENCE
FROM USS KENNEBEC	FOR ACTION		COMTASKFORCE 23 CINCLANT COMTASKFORCE 29 OPNAV	OPERATIONAL PPPPPPP
RELEASED BY				ROUTINE
DATE 17 MARCH 1942				DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1612/17TH	INFORMATION		COMINCH BUSHIPS	OP OP OP ROUTINE DEFERRED
DECODED BY HEINE				
PARAPHRASED BY GRAYDON				

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
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TEXT

ORIGINATOR ARRIVED BAHIA. THE SHIP SUNK IN COLLISION THIS VESSEL NIGHT 8 MARCH WAS SS PETAR 2851 DEAD WEIGHT TONS YUGOSLAVIAN REGISTRY. SEVEN SURVIVORS RESCUED OF TOTAL CREW 24 NOW ON BOARD THIS VESSEL ARE DOXIDAR OXANIC (KOXIDAR OZANIN) MASTER, NIKOLAI DUKOVIC 1ST OFFICER, VJEYOSLAV MILOS CHIEF ENGINEER, FRANO PAJKRRIC COOK. ALL YUGOSLAVIA NATIONAL. PLUS FREDRICK HOPKINSON SEAMAN, HARMON PETERS SEAMAN, JOHN ALLYNE FIREMAN BRITISH NATIONALS. BELIEVE THESE SURVIVORS ARE ONLY MEMBERS CREW RESCUED AS OTHER CRAFT REPORTED NO TRACE SURVIVORS FOLLOWING MORNING. PETAR BOUND GEORGETOWN BRITISH GUIANA TO ST THOMAS WITH BAUXITE CARGO. REQUEST AGENT NEW YORK CITY COBBINEU ARGOSIEROFLEFFEN BROADWAY BE INFORMED. PETAR REQUISITIONED BY YUGOSLAVIAN GOVERNMENT IN EXILE.

EXTENT

KNOWN DAMAGE KENNEBEC PUNCTURES FOREPEAK QTEGS UNKNOWN
PEAK FLOODED AND THREE MINOR DENTS STARBOARD SIDE BOW BELOW WATER

LINE. EXAMINATION UNDERWATER BODY SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED IMMEDIATELY TO ASCERTAIN EXTENT ACTUAL DAMAGE. WILL REPORT RESULTS. NO PER-

SOME CASUALTIES THIS VESSEL. LETTER REPORT BEING MADE.

(DELAYED DUE TO GARBLES; HAS BEEN SERVICED)

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FROM <u>NOB GUANTANAMO CUBA</u>	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PPPPPP
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>13 MARCH 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>1828/13</u>	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>ANELLO</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <u>V TUCKER</u>			DEFERRED

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122323 NCR 0777

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TEXT			

ESSO COLIVAR SEVERELY SHELLED AND FIRED WHICH DID CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO ENTIRE SHIP. HOLED BY TORPEDO WHICH OPENED SIDE APPROXIMATELY 15 FEET DIAMETER PARTLY BELOW WATER LINE. TEMPORARY REPAIRS BEING MADE WHICH WILL PERMIT SHIP TO PROCEED UNDER OWN POWER TO ~~REPAIR~~ REPAIR YARD GALVESTON SUGGESTED UNDER ESCORT. ESTIMATED COST TEMPORARY REPAIRS FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS. SHIP WILL BE READY TO PROCEED 18TH MARCH BUT WILL REQUIRE MAINT TWO MATES TEN CREW. ONE LOCKED SAFE IN CABIN STOREROOM COMBINATION UNKNOWN BELIEVED CONTAIN LARGE SUM MONEY RECOMMEND REMOVAL HERE. NOTIFY PORT DIRECTOR NEW YORK TO INFORM OWNERS.

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FROM <u>NAVY YARD BOSTON</u>	FOR ACTION	CTG 24.4	PRIORITY RRRRR ROUTINE DEFERRED
RELEASED BY _____			
DATE <u>12 MARCH 1942</u>	INFORMATION	SOPA, BOSTON OPNAV USSWILKES COMINCH CINCLANT BUSHIPS CTF 24.	PRIORITY RRRRRR ROUTINE DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>0229/0024</u>			
DECODED BY <u>TIERS/TIERS</u>			
PARAPHRASED BY _____			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

112230 CCR 4425

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TEXT			

BASED ON EXPECTED DATE DELIVERY EQUIPMENT YARD
RECOMMENDS COMPLETION DATE WILKES 2400 APRIL 10.
INSPECTION SHOWS AFTER MAIN ENGINE BEARINGS AND
GEARS AND PIPING REQUIRE THOROUGH CLEANING. YARD
IS PROCEEDING TO ACCOMPLISH AND CAN COMPLETE
WITHIN ABOVE DATE.

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BUSHIPS....

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FROM	CINCAWI	FOR ACTION	B A D	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY				ROUTINE
DATE	10 MARCH 42			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	1507/10TH	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY	MAIL			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY	GLUCKER			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

LT. KELLY

100053P NCR 9006

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	QCT
TEXT			

IMMEDIATE

CHARLES RACINE (NOR) TORPEDOED TWICE AT 0318 GMT 2310 NORTH 6028 WEST.

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FROM COMTASKFORCE 25	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE MARCH 10 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 0133/0018	INFORMATION	CINCLANT COM EAST SEA FRONT	PRIORITY
DECODED BY WINTER/BELL			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

092340 COR 4192

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

H M SUB PARTHIAN RETURNED NEW LONDON 1830 QUEEN
MARCH 9 DUE MATERIAL CASUALTIES X PROBABLE THAT
PARTHIAN WAS SUB REPORTED CINCLANT 1940 OF NINTH
AS SHE REPORTS BEING NEAR POINT JUDITH ABOUT 1300
QUEEN DUE POOR VISIBILITY AND MISTAKE IN NAVIGATION.

near Black Island

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FROM MOTOR TANKER PHOEBUS (PAN.)	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY PP
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 10 MARCH 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1520	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY RAFTER			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY POLK			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

LT. WEINSTOCK 092100 NCR 9081

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

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GCT

TEXT

MOTOR TANKER MANSEAT TORPEDOED 20 DEGREES ^E 23 MINUTES NORTH
 73 DEGREES 55 MINUTES WEST AT 6 AM. FROM MOTOR TANKER PHOEBUS

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM ? RNO STLUCIA	FOR ACTION	ADMIRALTY	IMMEDIATE
RELEASED BY			PRIORITY
DATE 10 MARCH 1942			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 101014	INFORMATION	SOI JAMAICA NSHQ OTTAWA FO/I/C TRINIDAD GOVERNOR GRANADA	DEFERRED
DECODED BY			PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY HUTCHINSON			ROUTINE
			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

ROUTED BY FULTON

092330 NCR9002

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT	RECEIVED BY MESSENGER	FROM BAD	

LADY NELSON AND UMTA IA TORPEDOED VISBY WHARF 1040 SHIPS UPRIGHT
ALONGSIDE WHARF.

COMINCH...ACTION

1040...16...12...13...37...38...39... 20 OP...

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM OTTAWA	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE RRR
DATE 8 MARCH 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1524	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY EVANS			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY C ALLEN			DEFERRED

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041746Z NCR 8034

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT (NSHQ RPTD CTF 4 ADMIRALTY COAC FROM FONF)			

MY 271801Z FEBRUARY, NOT TO ADMIRALTY.

1. HAVE ABANDONED EFFORTS TO TOW EMPIRE OEL NOW ADRIPT IN 46-45 N 51-28 W. WILL PROBABLY FLOAT INDEFINITELY.

2. CAN ANY ASSISTANCE BE SENT FROM CANADA OR ELSEWHERE. STILL CONSIDER THIS HULK VERY WELL WORTH SALVING BUT AT PRESENT SHE IS A DANGER TO NAVIGATION.

3. NO SHIP AVAILABLE HERE TO STAND BY HER AND REPEATED EFFORTS TO TOW WITH VESSELS AT MY DISPOSAL EVEN IN GOOD CONDITIONS HAVE PROVED USELESS. EVEN

ACTION: COMINCH.....

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FROM <u>NERK</u>	FOR ACTION	CINCLANT	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE RRRR
DATE <u>4 MARCH 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>1931/4TH</u>	INFORMATION	OPNAV COMBATSHIPSLANT COMDESLANT BUSHIPS	PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>GERMAN</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <u>GRAYDON</u>			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

FULTON 040101 NCR05614

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TEXT

COMBATDIV 5 ORIGIN TOR. ONE MARCH TEXAS AND ESCORT IN WHOLE GALE THIRTY HOURS. TEXAS LOST TWO MOTOR WHALE BOATS, TWO 40-FOOT LAUNCHES, PORT PARAVANE AND PORT CAST RECOVERY LOWER BOOM. TWO 50-FOOT LAUNCHES DAMAGED BEYOND REPAIR. ALL REQUIRE REPLACEMENT ON ARRIVAL. AFTER CONFERENCE WITH YOU IF TIME AND SCHEDULE PERMITS RECOMMEND TEXAS BE ASSIGNED SIX DAYS AVAILABILITY AT A NAVY YARD TO ACCOMPLISH FOLLOWING URGENT ITEMS. REINFORCE FORWARD END DAMAGED PORT SUPERSTRUCTURE BULKHEAD. RAISE ENGINE VENTILATORS TO PERMIT USE DURING HEAVY WEATHER. COMPLETELY REFIT TWO 50-FOOT MOTOR LAUNCH SKIDS. POSSIBLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE 5-INCH BATTERY. REPAIR FIFTEEN OTHER DAMAGE ITEMS ON NOT TO DELAY BASIS. IF SCHEDULE DOES NOT PERMIT AVAILABILITY SHIP CAN GO TO SEA. RECOMMEND FIVE DAYS AVAILABILITY FOR ERICSSON AND EBERLE TO INSTALL RADAR AND ACCOMPLISH REPAIRS ON NOT TO DELAY BASIS. TEXAS 2200/Z POSIT LAT 59-01 LONG 31-35 SPEED FOURTEEN.

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10/1.....BUSHIPS.....38.....COMINCH....FILE

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM SCOPATWING 3	FOR ACTION	COMTASKGROUP 27.4	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			RRRRRRRR DEFERRED
TOP: 060 8/0530	INFORMATION	COMINCH OPNAV CINCLANT	PRIORITY
DATE: 2 MARCH 1942			RRRRRRRR DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM			
DECODED BY WINTER			
PARAPHRASED BY EGGEMAN			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

020010

CCR 3337

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME GCT
TEXT

SALVAGE REPORT. BOARDED TRUXTON. REMOVED EASY CAST
MIKE WITH BASKET WHEEL TEN TO TWENTY AND KEY LIST FOR
SAME. REMOVED A FEW CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS AND ORDNANCE
PUBLICATIONS FROM OFFICERS LOCKERS. WARDROOM SAFE
EMPTY. DESTROYED SOME STRAY SHELLS. RECOVERED TWO
ADDITIONAL UNIDENTIFIED BODIES.

F-34 ACT

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FROM COMTASKGROUP 7.4 (LANT)	FOR ACTION	COMDESLANT	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			RRRRRRR
DATE 24 FEB 1942	INFORMATION	OPNAV COMINCH CINCLANT	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 0526/0418			PRIORITY
DECODED BY CURTIS			RRRRRRR
PARAPHRASED BY PORTER			ROUTINE
			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

232125 CCR 2751

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ORIGINATOR	FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT	Re "Wilkes"			

SUPPLEMENTING MY ONE NINE TWO ONE FOUR NINE LEAKAGE TO COMPARTMENT AFIRM TWO FOX ONLY THREE THOUSAND GALLONS PER HOUR X IMPORTANT EQUIPMENT DAMAGED TWO FIVE INCH AMMUNITION HOISTS, SOUND GEAR PROJECTORS AND MECHANISMS, REFRIGERATING MACHINERY X DIVERS EXAMINATION SHOWS EXTENSIVE STRUCTURAL DAMAGE KEEL IF TURN OF BILGE FROM FRAME FORTY FIVE FORWARD X VERTICAL KEEL UPSET SHARPLY SEVERAL PLACES NUMEROUS PUNCHED HOLES VARIOUS SIZES AND MANY CRACKED BUTTS AND SEAMS X SLIGHT MISALIGNMENT UPWARD OF HULL FORWARD FRAME TWENTYFIVE CAUSING FIFTEEN MINUTE MISALIGNMENT TWO FORWARD MOUNTS XX WILKES INFORMED.

F-2....ACTION

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM INDEFINITE CALL	FOR ACTION	CINCLANT	PRIORITY PPPPP
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE 23 FEB 1942	INFORMATION	NYD NORFOLK OPNAV	PRIORITY PPPPP
TOR CODEROM 0537			ROUTINE DEFERRED
DECODED BY HEINE			
PARAPHRASED BY PUNDY			

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

NORTH CAROLINA REPORTS FOLLOWING DAMAGE SUSTAINED IN STORM NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 21ST:- STARBOARD CATAPULT LIFTED OFF ROLLER PATH AND THROWN ON DECK. ONE ~~WING~~ PLANE DAMAGED BEYOND REPAIR REPLACEMENT REQUIRED. COMBATSHIPSLANT ORIGINATOR. ONE PLANE DAMAGED REQUIRING REPLACEMENT WING TIP PONTON AND RECHECK. UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED WILL ASSIGN TECHNICAL AVAILABILITY NYD NORFOLK FOR REPLACEMENT OF CATAPULT COMPLETE WITH LAUNCHING CAR. OPNAV INFORM COMINCH AND COGNIZANT BUREAUS.

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM INDEFINITE CALL	FOR ACTION	CINCLANT	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			PPPPP
DATE <u>23 FEB 1942</u>			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM <u>0537</u>	INFORMATION	NYD NORFOLK OPNAV	PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>HEINE</u>			PPPPP
PARAPHRASED BY <u>Pu-0V</u>			ROUTINE
DEFERRED			

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME GCT
TEXT

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM COM 12	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 21 FEB 1942	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
FOR CODEROM			PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY BNS			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ~~ASTERISK~~ ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

LT SHALLABR GER

211812 CR 9436

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

TIME

GCT

TEXT

YT 135 CAHOKIA GROUNDED ON SHOAL SOUTH AND WEST NAVAL AIR STATION
 ALAMEDA TENDER PIER TWO ZERO ONE EIGHT THREE ZERO TARE (201830T)
 ON FALLING TIDE. SLID OFF SHOAL AND CAPSIZED IN 36 FEET OF WATER
 202100T. NO PERSONNEL INJURED. DISTRICT SALVAGE OFFICER CONDUCTING
 SALVAGE OPERATIONS. NYMI BY MAIL

38....ACTION 10/11....23....30....COMINCH...OPDO..... 280P

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DE WIM 406 KC

FROM NIBQ ** USS WILKES ***
N
AGROUND ENTRANCE PLACENTIA BAY

XXX 0848 C Q WILKES

** WIM RADIO CHATHAM MASS

COMINCH ACTION

10 11 19 20 20A 20B CNO(3) CG 20K OOR 37 10
00A 01A OPDO 20G 38 HYDRO

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MESSAGE		NAVY DEPARTMENT	
DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	TRUXTUN	CTF 4 (LANT)	<u>URGENT</u>
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE	18 FEBRUARY 1942		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	1137/1135	CTU 4.1.2	<u>URGENT</u>
DECODED BY	SMITH		ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY	SLADE		DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

180904

CCR 2120

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT	(PASSED BY CTF 4 TO OPNAV, COMINCH, CINCLANT FOR INFO)		
	WE ARE ON ROCKS X DOG TANKS HOLED X BOTH PROPS		
	USELESS AND RUDDER OUT OF WACK X AM ABANDONING SHIP		

F-31....ACTION

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MESSAGE		NAVY DEPARTMENT	
DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	POLLUX	COMEASTSEA AREA	URGENT
RELEASED BY	18 FEB 1942		ROUTINE
DATE	1025/18		DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM	GILKER	WILKES TRUXTON OPNAV	URGENT
DECODED BY	COPELAND		ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

180937 NCR 7413

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME GCT

TEXT

IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE REQUIRED. AGROUND LANCE POINT.

(Placentia Bay)
Newfoundland.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>COM 5TH MD</u>	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			PRIORITY ROUTINE
DATE <u>18 FEB 42</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM <u>0500/13</u>	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>AMELLO</u>			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <u>GLUCKER</u>			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

172135 HCR 7131

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TEXT			

THE FOLLOWING FOR THE DIRECTOR OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE:

~~RECEIVED~~ AMERICAN TANKER, SS E.H. BLUM OF ATLANTIC REFINING CO, SERIOUSLY DAMAGED BY 3 EXTERNAL EXPLOSIONS 2132Q FEBRUARY 16, 1942 WHILE ENTERING VIRGINIA CAPES CAUSE STILL UNDETERMINED BUT BELIEVED NINE, SHIP NOW PARTIALLY SUBMERGED RESTING ON BOTTOM BEARING 57 DEGREES TRUE FROM HARBOR ENTRANCE CONTROL POST CAPE HENRY 7500 YARDS SALVAGE EFFORTS PROCEEDING. ENTIRE CREW OF 46 SAVED, REPORT ON QUESTIONING FOLLOWS.

16.....ACT.

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DRAFTER NYNYK	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES CINCLANT	PRECEDENCE PRIORITY
FROM	FOR ACTION INFORMATION	COMCRULANT COMTASKFOR 1	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY 14 FEB 1942			ROUTINE
DATE			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM			PRIORITY
DECODED BY HNS			PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY			ROUTINE
			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

142110 CR 5625

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME DATE TIME GCT

TEXT

URDIS 131540 WICHITA DOCKED 13TH. INVESTIGATIONS TO DATE SHOW REPAIRS
STORM DAMAGE TO HULL AND PROPELLERS WILL REQUIRE UNTIL MIDNIGHT 23-24.

PROVIDED MATERIAL ARRIVES AS NOW SCHEDULED BOTH ANCHOR ENGINES WILL BE
OPERATIVE SAME TIME. YARD NOW INVESTIGATING ARMAMENT ALTERATION AUTHOR-

IZED TODAY TO TOPSIDE INCLUDING REMOVAL OF CRANE, REARRANGEMENT OF RE-
DUCED BOAT STORAGE, INSTALLATION WITH SPLINTER & 20 MILLIMETER GUNS, IN-

STALLATION OF CLIPPING ROOMS, REMOVAL SEARCHLIGHTS, INSTALLATION
DEPTH CHARGE RACKS, MODIFICATION OF AMMUNITION STOWAGE. SIMILAR WORK

ON BROOKLYN REQUIRED FORTYFIVE DAYS. VERY LITTLE THIS WORK CAN BE
ACCOMPLISHED WITH COMPLETION DATE 23 FEB. YARD REQUEST IMMEDIATE IN-

STRUCTION IF DELAY CONTEMPLATED IN ORDER COMPLETE INSTALLATION. SHIP
WILL REQUIRE FORTYEIGHT HOURS AFTER COMPLETION YARD WORK TO DEPERM FUEL

AND AMMUNITION. THIS DISPATCH DELIVERED TO WICHITA BY YARD.

23....COB 10/11....38....BUSNIPS....BUORD....COMINCH....OPDO....FILE

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FROM ABDAFLOAT	FOR ACTION	ADMIRALTY	PP PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE FEB 11 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 1939	INFORMATION	CINC EF CINC EI COMINCH OPNAV	PP PRIORITY
DECODED BY _____			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY HORD			DEFERRED

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TEXT			

NUMBER ~~06045601045~~ 11/2.

U.S. CRUISER MARBLEHEAD HULL SERIOUSLY DAMAGED BY BOMBS AND
 RUDDER OUT OF ACTION. WILL HAVE TO RETURN TO U.S. BUT MUST BE
 DOCKED AND TEMPORARY HULL REPAIRS EFFECTED BEFORE UNDERTAKING
 THAT VOYAGE.

CONDITIONS OF WEATHER AND DISTANCE TO FIRST POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE
 MAKE WEST ABOUT JOURNEY NECESSARY. REQUEST INFORMATION NEAREST
 POINT FOR TEMPORARY REPAIRS WHETHER COLOMBO, BOMBAY OR ELSEWHERE.

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FROM BOBAY INDIA	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PPPPPP PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 11 FEB 42			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 2250/11TH	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY DE LA MAYR			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY GLTUCKER			DEFERRED

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111630 NCR 3847

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TEXT

FEBRUARY 10TH, WESTPOINT WAKEFIELD ARRIVED BOBAY. NAVAL DOCKYARD SURVEY BOMB DAMAGE WAKEFIELD ESTIMATED TIME PERMANENT REPAIRS MINIMUM 3 MONTHS NOT INCLUDING ELECTRICAL RENEWALS. TEMPARY REPAIRS TO PUT VESSEL CONDITION RETURN US ESTIMATED TIME 1 WEEK. CO WAKEFIELD WITH CONCURRENCE WESTPOINT HAS RECOMMENDED BRITISH AUTHORITIES VESSEL NOT BE USED TRANSPORT TROOPS UNTIL PERMANENTLY REPAIRED. ABOUT FEBRUARY 16TH, WESTPOINT EXPECTS TO SAIL SUEZ.

39.....ACT.

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FROM CINGPAC	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 11 FEB 1942	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
FOR CODEROOM 0645/0722			PRIORITY
DECODED BY BLUNT			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY			DEFERRED

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TEXT			

TASKFORCE ELEVEN AND REINFORCEMENTS PROCEEDING AS PREVIOUSLY
 REPORTED X EIGHT AND SEVENTEEN PREPARING FOR SEA X NUMBER
 NINETEEN COMPOSED OF SARATOGA AND SELFRIDGE PROCEEDING PUGET
 SOUND X REPAIRS CASE AND OBRIEN WHICH COLLIDED IN THICK FOG OFF
 PARALLORES ON FOURTH WILL BE COMPLETED AT MARE ISLAND SIXTEENTH
 AND TWENTIETH RESPECTIVELY X TERN IS PROCEEDING BOBCAT TO ARRIVE
 ABOUT EIGHTEENTH X ONE SUBMARINE CONTACT NEAR JOHNSTON X NONE
 NEAR OAHU

ACTION

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		PRIORITY
		ROUTINE
		DEFERRED

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FROM COM 9 th PAC FORCE	FOR ACTION	COMINCH OPNAV	PRIM ^{PP}
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 09 FEB 1942			DEFERRED
TON CODEROOM 0102/0029	INFORMATION	CINCAF	PRIM ^{PP}
DECODED BY PORTER			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY PORTER			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

071245 CORRECTED CCR 1150

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TEXT			

MY 051616 HOUSTON HIT EXPLODED MAIN DECK LEVEL
 BLOWING HOLE FIFTEEN FEET DIAMETER TURRET FIRE
 CAUSED ~~###~~ BY FRAGMENTS THROUGH SIDE OF GUN HOUSE.
 ATTEMPTING REPAIR ONE SEARCHLIGHT. REPAIR FORWARD
 ANTI-AIRCRAFT DIRECTOR PROBABLY IMPOSSIBLE THIS AREA.
 BOW MARBLEHEAD BEING DOCKED TODAY. DOCK TOO SMALL TO
 TAKE SHIP DOCKING ~~##~~ STERN WILL BE DECIDED LATER.
 SHIP HAS BROADSIDE SIX INCH FIRE THREE TO PORT FOUR ~~#####~~
 TO STARBOARD UNDER HANDPOWER INCLUDING FORWARD TWIN
 THREE INCH BATTERY INTACT. ONE HIT BETWEEN FOREMAST AND
 NUMBER ONE STACK. WARDROOM OFFICE AND FORE AND AFT
 PASSAGEWAYS WRECKED BY EXPLOSION AND FIRE. I C ROOM
 FLOODED AND FOUR COMPARTMENTS FORWARD. HIT AFT MAIN
 DECK AFT OF MUZZLES TWIN MOUNT DECK BLOWN UPWARD AND
 OUT. SIDE PLATING BULGED. ONE PLATE PORT SIDE DECK
 LEVEL RUPTURED. STEERED BY ENGINES. FIFTEEN DEAD INCLUDING

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INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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

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TEXT			

LIEUT W M BLESSMAN USN. TWENTY SERIOUSLY WOUNDED
INCLUDING COMDR W S GOGGINS SEVERELY BURNED.
HOUSTON LOST ONE PLANE MARBLEHEAD HAD ONE DAMAGED
PROBABLY REPAIRABLE. HOUSTON SHOT DOWN TWO PLANES
MARBLEHEAD TWO. AIR RAID NAVAL BASE HERE TODAY
ONE HIT HOLLAND PIER LOCAL DAMAGE NO VESSELS HIT.

ACTION...F-2

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