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From: Navy, DIO 3ND

Journal #81/3-20

THE COMMANDER OF US NAVAL FORCES AT CURACAO HAS CLOSED THE PORT OF LAS PIEDRAS TO OCEAN TANKERS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Filed: 3/20/42, 1316
From: Quarry Heights

Journal #87, 3/20

FREIGHTER CREWS OF 2 CHILEAN VESSELS HAVE BALKED AT SAILING A NEW VOYAGE UNLESS THEIR WAGES HAVE BEEN TRIPLED. THIS CONDITION IS AN OUTCOME OF THE FREIGHTER TOLTEC SINKING. 1 FREIGHTER IS NOW ON ITS WAY TO CHILE BUT THE NEW YORK BOUND CARRIER LIES IDLE WHILE ITS CREW REFUSES TO MAN.

TEN REPORTED PROJECTILE SIGHTED BEACHED AT POGRU PROVINCE OF LOS SANTOS WAS ADRIET MARKER USED BY THE AIR CORPS.

NEGATIVE RESULTS CULMINATED A CHECK-UP OF A SUB OFF CALDERA POINT, COSTA RICA.

Filed: 3/20/42, 1242
From: London (N)

Journal #78, 3/20

U-BOAT SITUATION (1300 EWT MARCH 19)
1 IN AREA N OR NE OF GEORGETOWN, NOT FIXED.
2 IN CARIBBEAN NOT FIXED
3 IN FLA STRAIT OR BAHAMAS, NOT RECENTLY REPORTED.
HOMWARD BOUND WITHIN 150 MI OF EACH OF FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

1 21-00 N 49-00 W (760 MI NW OF MARTINIQUE ISLAND)
From: Com Caribseafon (N) IJ #120, 3/20/42
Filed: 3/20/42, 1630 GMT
AT 1140 EWT SUSPICIOUS PERISCOPE SIGHTED BY S.S. DEL RIO AT 10-25 N., 46-25 W. (450 MILES NE OF CAPE ORANGE, BRAZIL).

COM CARIBSEAFON
(N)

From: Com Caribseafon IJ #121, 3/20/42
Filed: 3/20/42, 1735 GMT
A SMALL SUB ON SURFACE AT 0200 EWT MAR. 19TH 5 MILES OFF PETA LUORECIA, CUBA REPORTED BY MONTGOM.

COM CARIBSEAFON

From: Collins - San Juan, P.R. IJ #3, 2/21/42
Filed: N.F.T.
NOTHING UNUSUAL TO REPORT AS OF NOON GMT MARCH 20TH.

COLLINS
SAN JUAN, P.R.

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From: Pratt - Trinidad IJ #8, 3/21/42
Filed: 3/20/42, 2347 GMT
NOTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY TO REPORT FROM THE
TRINIDAD SECTOR ON MARCH 20.
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Journal #43, 3/20

From: Watkins, NTO

2 FLARES SIGHTED ON HORIZON BY CHESAPEAKE BAY SECTOR
PATROL APPROXIMATELY DUE EAST OF VIRGINIA BEACH AT 0930
GMT.

Filed: 3/20/42, 0712

Journal #44, 3/20

From: Watkins, NTO

FOLLOWING DISTRESS SIGNAL BY 1ST INTERCEPTOR COMMAND
AT 0600 GMT SS ARSON 0445 GMT 34-06 N, 70-00 W CREAMED BY
SUBS WHICH SENT UP LARGE FLARES.

Filed: 3/20/42, 0449

Journal #45, 3/20

From: Watkins, NTO

A SUB WAS SIGHTED 70 MI SW OF CAPE FEAR ON A 240 DEGREE
COURSE ACCORDING TO MESSAGE FROM AN UNKNOWN SHIP PICKED UP
BY CHESAPEAKE SECTOR AT 0315 GMT MARCH 20 ON 2716
KILOCYCLES.

Filed: 3/20/42, 0427

Journal #47, 3/20

From: Watkins, NTO

AT 0210 GMT SS GULF OF MEXICO GAVE DISTRESS CALL FROM
8 MI S CAPE LOOKOUT, WAS SUBJECTED TO MACHINE GUNS AND
SHELL FIRE.

Filed: 3/20/42, 1711

Journal #49, 3/20

From: 1ST A.F.

PERIODIC REPORT FOR MARCH 20, 1200 GMT:

OBSERVATION - 79 MISSIONS

RECONNAISSANCE - 50 MISSIONS

CIV. AIR PATROL - 48 MISSIONS

2 B-17'S ATTACKED SUB 10 MI S. OF CAPE HATTERAS.

ATTACK LASTED FROM 1805 to 1845 GMT. AIR & OIL BUBBLES
SEVERAL FEET IN DIAMETER. 9 CHARGES DROPPED. ENTIRE
COASTAL AREA WEATHER GOOD, SLIGHT HAZE, CALM.

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Filed: 3/20/42, 1015 Journal #73, 3/20
From: Navy, Bermuda
SS SIGHTED ON SURFACE IN POSITION 32-23 N, 79-46 W
(30 MI S. OF CHARLESTON, S.C.)

Filed: 3/20/42, 0840 Journal #74, 3/20
From: Navy, Ottawa
A SUB IS PLACED BY D/F WITHIN 100 MI OF 43-00 N,
59-00 W (330 MI SW CAPE RAGN) AT 2354Z (1954 NWT) MAR
18.

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8:00 A.M.
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Filed: 3/20/42, 0840 Journal #74, 3/20
From: Navy, Ottawa
~~A SUB IS PLACED BY D/F WITHIN 100 MI OF 43-00 N~~

Filed: 3/20/42, 1806 Journal #75, 3/20
From: East Sea Frontier
THE SS DAVILA REPORTS BEING ATTACKED BY A SUB AT THE
POSITION 27-03 N, 60-39 W (350 MI ENE OF BERMUDA) AT
1425 GMT (1025 NWT)

Filed: 3/20/42, 1616 Journal #83/3-20
From: Dron, EDO
1 B-17 BOMBER FROM 1ST BOMBER COMMAND DROPPED DEPTH
CHARGES ON OIL SLICK POINT IN OCEAN 8 MILES S. OF
HATTERAS. AT 2105 GMT AND 2110 GMT ON MARCH 19.
WRECKAGE AND OILS IDENTIFICATION PENDING. RESULTS
OPTIMISTIC. ATTITUDE OF BOMBER 200 FT. SPEED 107 MI PER
HOUR.

Filed: 3/20/42, 1558 Journal #84, 3/20
From: ETO
BROWN'S AIR ACTIVITY REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING NOON,
MARCH 20:
51 RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS
79 OBSERVATION MISSIONS.
WEATHER: GOOD OVER ENTIRE AREA
1 ATTACK BY FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT AS PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED
IN SPOK
NEWFOUNDLAND AIR REPORT DELAYED.

Filed: 3/20/42, 1637 Journal #85, 3/20
From: Brant, Newfoundland Base Command
AT 0935 GMT MARCH 20 THE SS DAVILA SIGHTED A SUB AT
38-39 N, 60-04 W. (20 MI S CAPE LOOKOUT THE SUB. W. E.
NUTTON WAS REPORTED TOWNEED AT 0345 GMT MARCH 19.
THIS IS DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT NO. 6.

Filed: 3/20/42 Journal #90, 3/20
From: EDO
AIR ACTIVITY REPORT FOR MARCH 19:
NEGATIVE
WEATHER: GOOD WITH UNLIMITED VISIBILITY

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Journal #94, 3/20

From: IBC

OVERALL REPORT OF IBC RE: ATTACKS ON ENEMY SUBS FROM DECEMBER 7:

9 ENEMY SUBS ATTACKED FROM AIR.

9 ATTACKS ON SMOKE BOMBS AND FLARES SHY BY NAVY AFTER ESTABLISHING SOUND CONTACT.

11 ATTACKS ON OIL SLICKS.

RESULTS: NO POSITIVE PROOF AS TO SINKINGS, BUT 4 SUBS BELIEVED SUNK OR DAMAGED.

8:00 A.M.

3/20/42

TO

8:00 A.M.

3/21/42

Filed: 3/20/42, 1800

Journal #70, 3/20

From: Newfoundland Base Command

AT 1440 GMT SS DAVILA POSITION 38-03 N, 60-39 W (900 MI E OF BALTIMORE) WAS ATTACKED BY SUB REPORTED BY SPOT INTELLIGENCE R. I.

Filed: 3/20/42, 2300

Journal #97, 3/20

From: EDC

ONE LIKELY INTERPRETATION OF SEVERAL MACHINE-GUNNING AND SHELLING ATTACKS LAST NIGHT ON MERCHANT SHIPPING IS THAT THAT IT INDICATES POSSIBLY THE PROLONGED UNDER-WATER OPERATIONS IN THE CAPE HATTERAS ZONE HAS DEPLETED TORPEDO STOCKS. REMAINING TORPEDOES ARE PERHAPS BEING CONSERVED FOR THE RETURN VOYAGE. THESE INDICATIONS LIKEWISE POINT TO A POSSIBLE RELIEF FROM SUCH ATTACKS IN NEAR FUTURE.

SUB POSITIONS: NO CHANGE, AND CONTINUING ACTIVE OFF AND SOUTH OF CAPE HATTERAS.

ATTACKS ON SURFACE SHIPPING OPPOSITE EDC ZONE: 2 VESSELS ATTACKED BY SHELL AND MACHINE GUN FIRE, BUT BOTH ESCAPED. AMER. DESTROYER ASSAULTED BY AN UNNAMED TAMER. HAS BEEN REPORTED IN SPOT MESSAGE OF MARCH 19.

SUBS SIGHTED: 6 OFF EDC ONE IS DOUBTFUL. ATTACKS ON

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U-BOATS: NO RESULTS ASCERTAINED FROM COMBINED NAVY AND COAST GUARD ATTACK OFF CAPE HENLOPEN, DEL. 1 ATTACK WAS CONDUCTED BY AN ARMY B-17 S OF CAPE HATTERAS FOR WHICH SEE SEE TODAY'S SPOT AIR REPORT.

Filed: 3/20/42 ---

Journal #101, 3/20

From: EDC

FROM CHESAPEAKE BAY SECTOR IT IS REPORTED THAT THE PANAMA CLIPPER SIGHTED A U-BOAT AT 1632 GMT AT POSITION (36-30 N 69-24 W) (280 MI E NORFOLK). SUB WAS MOVING ON A COURSE OF 295 DEGREES.

Filed: 3/20/42, 2222

Journal #108, 3/20

From: Duna, EDC

NEWFOUNDLAND'S AIR ACTIVITY REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING NOON (GMT) MARCH 20:

NEGATIVE EXCEPT FOR 3 RECON MISSIONS.

WETA WEATHER: CHILLING 900 FEET, VISIBILITY ABOUT 7 MILES.

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Journal #107, 3/20

From: HGO, Watkins

A SUB WAS SIGHTED BY THE OAKMAR AT 1840 GMT TODAY NEAR POSITION 36-22 N, 68-30 W (600 MI E CAPE HATTERAS). INFORMATION WAS PICKED UP AND FORWARDED BY INTERCEPTOR COMMAND.

THE TORPEDOED TANKER SANTA MONICA, HIT 10 MI NE OF WINTER QUARTER SHOALS SE OF OCEAN CITY, MD. WAS REPORTED READY TO PROCEED TODAY AT 1815 GMT. THE NAVY IS SENDING AN EAGLE-TYPE ESCORT VESSEL. THIS FROM NEW YORK & PHILADELPHIA SECTOR

8:00 A.M.

3/20/42

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Journal #114, 3/20

From: Bonesteel, Indigo

AIR ACTIVITY REPORT FOR MARCH 19: NO ENEMY ACTION. NO AIR ALERT PATROLS.

WEATHER: CEILING 2000 TO UNLIMITED; VISIBILITY 2 TO 9 MILES. VARIABLE WINDS CALM TO 10 MPH.

FLIGHT HOURS: 20 HRS., 30 MIN.

Filed: 3/20/42, ---

Journal #113, 3/20

From: HGO

FROM NAVY COMES WORD OF TANK SHIP SANTA THERESA IN TROUBLE AT POSITION 34-59 N, 75-04 W (90 MI SE CAPE HATTERAS) AT 1825 GMT THIS DATE. CAUSE OF DISTRESS NOT STATED.

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Journal #78, 3/20

From: London (N), ONI

U-BOAT SITUATION:

1 - 34-06 N, 77-00 W (60 MI E CAPE FEAR, N.C.) 0345Z MARCH 20.

1 HEAVILY ATTACKED S OF CAPE HATTERAS MARCH 19

3 BETWEEN DELAWARE BAY AND LONG ISLAND.

3 OR 4 IN AREA N OF 40° AND BETWEEN LONG. 65-00 AND 70-00 W OF WHICH 1 APPROX. 43-00 N 59-00 W (WHICH IS 305 MI N CAPE SABLE, NOVA SCOTIA.)

1 WEST BOUND APPROX AT 47-00 N, 39-00 W (600 MI E OF CAPE RACE, NEWFOUNDLAND)

HOMEWARD BOUND WITHIN 150 MILES OF EACH OF FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

1 21-00 N, 54-00 W (540 MI ESE OF BERMUDA)

1 31-30 N, 50-30 W (710 MI E OF BERMUDA)

1 36-30 N, 51-30 W (600 MI S OF CAPE RACE, Nfld.)

From: NTO (Watkins)

LJ #68, 3/20/42

WATKINS

Filed: 3/20/42, 1313 GMT

ETO

SUB SUNK ON SURFACE AT 1109 G.M.T. LOCATION 3223 NORTH - 7946 WEST. 55 MI SE OF SAVANNAH. REPORTED BY U.S. PORT HALIFAX TO SOUTHERN SECTOR.

WATKINS

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT OFFICIAL MESSAGES

ATLANTIC OTHER
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OTTAWA (N)

From: Ottawa (N) LJ #118, 3/20/42
Filed: 3/20/42, 1347 GMT
ADMIRALTY REPORT LOCATES SUBMARINE AT 38.39 N - 60.04 W
(330 MILES SOUTHEAST OF CAPE SABLE, NOVA SCOTIA)

RADIO HUCKERTON
(N)

From: Radio Huxkerton (N) LJ #122, 3/20/42
Filed: 3/20/42, 1812 GMT
S.S. MONICA TORPEDOED 10 MILES NW WINTER QUARTER
SIGNALS BUOY (70 MILES NW CAPE CHARLES, VA.)

From: Cinc, AAWI (N) LJ #126, 3/20/42
Filed: 3/20/42, 1006 GMT
S.S. PORT HALIFAX REPORTS BEING ATTACKED BY A SUB IN
32-23 N., 79-46 W (50 MILES SW OF CAPE ROMAIN, S.C.) AT
0706 EST OR 1106 GMT ON MAR. 20.

CINC, AAWI (N)

From: Navy LJ #119, 3/20/42
Filed: 3/19/42, 2333 GMT
A CG PLANE SIGHTED A SUB 8 MI S OF CAPE HATTERAS.
TIME OF CONTACT NOT STATED IN DISPATCH, BUT WAS PROBAB-
LY JUST PREVIOUS TO 1933 ON MARCH 19.
AN ARMY BOMBER, 3 NAVY PLANES, AND A CG VESSEL AT-
TACKED WITH DEPTH BOMBS AND CHARGES. CONSIDERABLE OIL
AND AIR BUBBLES WERE EVIDENT.

NAVY

From: Ottawa (N) LJ #124, 3/20/42
Filed: 3/20/42, 1010 GMT
D/7 INDICATES A SUB WITHIN 50 MILES OF 28-30 N., 48-
00 W (626 MILES ESE OF BERMUDA) ON MARCH 20TH AT ABOUT
0630 EST.

OTTAWA (N)

From: EDC (Drum) LJ #10, 3/21/42
Filed: 3/21/42, 0612 GMT
FIRST AIR FORCE BOMBER COMMAND HAS BEEN GIVEN NOTICE
OF NAVY REPORT OF A SUB 1 1/2 MILES SOUTH OF SE FROM
BLACK ISLAND LIGHT. SUB IS ON TOP OF THE WATER. RE-
SULTS OF DEPTH CHARGE ACTION NOT APPARENT. LOCATION WAS
3852 NORTH 7423 WEST AND TIME WAS 2100. THE ARGO HAS
BEEN SIGHT.

DRUM
EDC

DRUM

W. E

Filed: 3/20/42, 1416
From: London, MOCLure

Journal #67, 3/20

FOR 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ HRS ALL FREQUENCIES USED BY THE THREE GUNS LAYING POSITIONS WERE COMPLETELY BLANKETED DURING THE ESCAPE OF GERMAN WARSHIPS FROM BREST. SOME FORM OF MODULATED CW WAS COMBINED WITH SOME FORM OF FREQUENCY MODULATION FROM STATIONS IN THE CALAIS-CAPE GRIZNEZ AREA TO JAM THE BANDS OF THE BRITISH GUN LAYING STATIONS.

Filed: 3/19/42, 2106
From: Solberg, Lisbon

Journal #64, 3/20

DONOVAN SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT WHILE ONLY A FEW HIGH PLACED BRIT & PORTUGUESE OFF. ARE COGNIZANT OF THE MATTER, THERE IS RELIABLE INFORMATION THAT WITH SALAZAR'S APPROVAL THE SECRET TALKS WITH THE BRIT FOREIGN OFFICE WHICH WERE INITIATED LAST AUGUST ARE BEING CONTINUED BY PORTUGUESE GOVT.

APPLICATION OF SCORCHED EARTH POLICY, GUNNILLA WARFARE, AND TURNING THE COLONIES AND THE AZORES ISLANDS OVER TO ALLIES IN EVENT OF AN AXIS INVASION ARE COVERED IN PLAN UNDER DISCUSSION.

THE BRIT. HERE HAVE BEEN ASKED BY A STRONG SECTION OF PORTUGUESE LEGION FOR ARMS AND AMMUNITION FOR USE IN THE EVENT OF AN AXIS INVASION. ON INQUIRY, THE BRIT. LEARNED OF SALAZAR'S DISAPPROVAL AND DID NOT GRANT THIS REQUEST AS THEY DID NOT WISH TO JEOPARDISE THE ABOVE

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MENTIONED NEGOTIATIONS WHICH ARE NOW BEING CARRIED ON IN LONDON.

THE LEGION CONTAINS NUMEROUS ELEMENTS FRIENDLY TO THE ALLIES ALTHOUGH THE PATTERN OF EVENTS WHICH USUALLY PRECEDES AXIS PENETRATION IS NOTED.

BY MID SUMMER THE PORTUGUESE LEGION WHICH NOW NUMBERS 102,000 EXPECTS TO INCREASE TO 150,000. ORDERS HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO BRIT SECRET ORGANIZATIONS HERE THAT THE MAJOR POLICING LISTED ABOVE WILL CONTROL THEIR ACTIVITIES.

Filed: 3/19/42, 1748
From: Navy, Dakar

Journal #72, 3/20

ON MARCH 18 THE ARCTURUS, BOURGES AND THE GARONNE (AN ARMED NAVY TANKER) ESCORTED BY THE AVISO BOUDIEUSE DEPARTED FOR THE NORTH. THE GARONNE IS REPORTED TO BE GOING TO TOULON.

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From: Legge - Berna

IS #1, 3/21/42

Filed: H.F.T.

LEGGE

BERNE

NOTHING ALTERED.

From: Eager - Madrid

IS #9, 3/21/42

Filed: H.F.T.

EAGER

MADRID

REPORT IS ABSOLUTELY NIL.

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Journal #6, 3/20

From: Navy

SUB SITUATION:

2 OFF LIBERIA OR TAKORADI (THE GOLD COAST) OF WHICH 1 WAS WITHIN 100 MI OF 03-30 N, 05-00 W (160 MI SSE OF CAPE PALMAS) AT 2059Z MAR 18 (1650 NWT)

Filed: 3/19/42, 2050

Journal #39, 3/20

From: Fellers, Cairo

ARRIVAL OF 69TH AND 249TH SQUADRONS WITH 15 SPITFIRES INCREASED THE NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT AS OF MARCH 12 IN MALTA TO 138 OF WHICH 39 WERE SERVICABLE.

TOTAL OPERATIONAL AIRCRAFT IN PALESTINE, SUDAN AND EGYPT IS 2,077 WITH 553 SERVICABLE AIRCRAFT IN THE OPERATION SQUADRONS.

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Journal #51, 3/20

From: Fellers, Cairo

A CRITICAL REPORT OF THE MECHANICAL CONDITION, STATE OF TRAINING AND CONDUCT OF THE 2ND ARMORED BRIGADE. ALSO A COMPARISON OF BRITISH CRUISER TANKS AND AMER. LIGHT TANKS

Filed: 3/20/42, ---

Journal #71/3-20

From: Maxwell, Cairo

INQUIRY REGARDING EQUIPMENT OF THE 72 B-25 WHICH THE FERRY COMMAND WILL DELIVER TO BASRA FOR RUSSIANS.

STATEMENT REGARDING NO AMER. AIR FORCE PERSONNEL AT BASRA AND CONDITION OF FIELD THERE.

DISINCLINATION OF RAAF TO PERMIT B-24'S TO USE AIRPORT AT HELIOPOLIS CAIRO AND REASONS.

Filed: 3/20/42, 1323

Journal #89, 3/20

From: McClure, London

AXIS ARTILLERY AND BRIT PATROLS EXCHANGED FIRE NEAR BIR TEMROD ON THE 18TH. NO OTHER GROUND ACTIVITY TOOK PLACE ON THAT DATE.

TEMROD IS 13 MI SW OF GAZALA.

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Journal #78, 3/20

From: London, N

U-BOAT SITUATION:

1A

1 BETWEEN TAKORADI (GOLD COAST) AND CAPE PALMAS, LIBERIA

1 AT 05-42 N, 10-46 W (130 MI WNW OF CAPE PALMAS,

LIBERIA) 1700Z

1 WESTBOUND APPROX AT 46-30 N, 30-30 W (540 MI NNW OF SAN MIGUEL, AZORES)

1 BOUND TO SW AT APPROX 32-00 N, 36-00 W (600 MI S OF SAN MIGUEL AZORES).

1 SW BOUND AT APPROX. 38-00 N, 26-00 W (20 MI NW OF SAN MIGUEL, AZORES)

HOMeward BOUND WITHIN 150 MI OF EACH FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

1 41-00 N 40-00 W (640 MI WNW OF SAN MIGUEL, AZORES)

1 42-30 N 36-30 W (550 MI WNW SAN MIGUEL, AZORES)

1 46-00 N 37-00 W (670 MI NW SAN MIGUEL, AZORES)

1 36-30 N, 33-30 W (355 MI WSW SAN MIGUEL, AZORES)

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6 OR 7 IN AREA NE OF AZORNE.

AREA EAST OF 30° W NO CHANGE.

From: Amcon - Casablanca Via ONI IJ #125, 3/20/42

Filed: 3/28/42, 2200 GMT

FRENCH NAVAL CRAFT AT CASABLANCA AS OF MARCH 16TH:

JEAN BART, BATTLESHIP.PRIMAUGET, CRUISER.ALBATROS, MILAN, AND ESPRIERE, DESTROYERS.BOULONNAIS, ALCYON, AND TEMPETE, TORPEDO BOATS.CENTAURE, ACTEON, FRENEZ, AND ARGO, 1500 TON SUBS.VENUS, IRIS, GERES, PSYCHE, PALLAS AND CREADE, 800

TON SUBS.

SERGEANT COUARNNE, VICTORIA, ALGEROISE, SENTINILLE, ANDTOULON HAISE (LATTER UNDER REPAIR), ARMED TRAWLERS.AMIRAL MOUCHEZ, GUN BOAT.MUMONT, MURVILLE, AND GRANDIERE, SLOOPS OF WAR.GRACIMUSE, SUB CHASER. (UNDER REPAIR)CHANDIE, GAZELLEAND, AND KONOMU, MINESWEEPERS.

From: Engert - Beirut

IJ #15, 3/21/42

Filed: 3/21/42, 0827 GMT

ON MARCH 18TH TWO OFFICERS AND THREE NON-COMs WERE KILLED BY A NUMBER OF SENEGALESE MOHAMMEDAN TROOPS OF THE FREE FRENCH FORCES WHO HAD MUTINIED. THE CIRCULATION OF FALSE ALARMING RUMORS APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN THE CAUSE FOR THE OUTBREAK. THE SOURCE OF THE RUMORS HAS NOT YET BEEN TRACED. THIS INCIDENT IS NOT BELIEVED HERE TO BE A SYMPTOM OF UNREST OR INSUBORDINATION AMONG FRENCH TROOPS IN SYRIA ALTHO DUE TO PROLONGED INACTIVITY DISCIPLINE HAS ADMITTEDLY BEEN SOMEWHAT LAX. THIS CONDITION IS ONE REASON FOR DESIRE OF FRENCH AUTHORITIES THAT CONTINGENTS BE SENT TO LIBYA AS MENTIONED IN MY TELEGRAM OF JANUARY 13 NUMBERED SEVEN.

AMCON

CASABLANCA VIA

ONI

8:00 A.M.

3/20/42

TO

8:00 A.M.

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From: AGNS

THERE WAS AN EVENING AIR ATTACK WITH BOMBS ON TULAGI (IN SOLOMONS) ON 17TH. BOTH TULAGI AND GAVUTU WERE BOMBED ON 18TH. ON MARCH 18TH MOVING FROM MARSHALL IS TO OCEAN IS WAS A JAP NAVY UNIT WITH AIR FORCE.

THERE HAVE BEEN ENEMY PLANE RECONN. OF TORRES STRAITS IS. PLUS THURSDAY IS AND HUELVA IS ON MARCH 18TH AND OF NEW GUINEA REGION ON SAME DATE. IN TORRES STRAITS THE COMMERCIAL VESSEL CANBERRA WAS ATTACKED BY MACHINE GUN.

THERE IS ANIMATED MOVEMENT FROM SUMBA ISLAND (W OF TIMOR) ZONE TO FLORES SEA ZONE ON MARCH 17 OF THE SOUTHERN EXPEDITIONARY FLEET'S FLAGSHIP.

MOVING IN DIRECTION OF NISSAN (50 MI N OF BUKA) ON MAR. 17 WAS "MY SERIES NO 56 AT KESSA (BUKA) IS ENEMY NAVY FORCE."

SOME HEAVY COMBAT PLANES WERE SEEN OVER DARWIN REGION JOURNAL #40, 3/20 CONTD.

ON MARCH 18, BUT THERE WAS NO ATTACK.

ENEMY VESSELS IN RABUL HARBOR WERE BOMBED BY 2 B-17'S. THERE ARE AT VUNAKANAU SEVEN ENEMY BOMBERS AND SIX FLYING BOATS.

NEAR CAPE ST. GEORGE (S. OF NEW IRELAND) A 6,000 TON SHIP WAS HEADED TOWARD RABUL. AT GASMATA ANOTHER VESSEL WAS SEEN AT RABUL. 9 COMMERCIAL VESSELS, A LIGHT CRUISER, A DESTROYER, AND A HEAVY CRUISER WERE OBSERVED.

ON MARCH 18 OUR PLANES BOMBED HANGARS AT KOMPANG. 1 OF THE 6 HUDSONS DID NOT COME BACK. THERE WAS MUCH ANTI-AIRCRAFT.

Filed: 3/20/42, 1146

Journal #77, 3/20

From: McClure, London

REPORT OF LIMITED PRODUCTION CAPACITY IN UNITED KINGDOM INDIA AND AUST. FOR AERIAL BOMB BODIES OF LARGE SIZES UNABLE TO MEET OWN REQUIREMENT FOR RAAF EVEN WITH TREBLING PRESENT PRODUCTION CAPACITY IN BRITAIN.

APPARENTLY NO PLANS FOR INCREASING THE SMALL PRODUCTION OF AERIAL BOMBS IN INDIA AND AUSTRALIA.

Filed: 3/20/43, --

Journal #

From: Navy

THERE ARE INCREASING INDICATIONS OF OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS FROM THE MALAY PENINSULA INTO THE INDIAN OCEAN, BUT AS YET THERE IS VERY LITTLE TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OTHER THAN AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS TOWARD RANGOON AND AN AIR PATROL ESTABLISHED ON MARCH 18 WITH A 600 MI RADIUS FROM BASES AT PENANG AND POSSIBLY RANGOON. THIS SUGGESTS THAT THE AVAILABLE JAP FLEET UNITS WILL MOVE INTO THE INDIAN OCEAN WITH SOME CAUTION.

8:00 A.M.

3/20/42

TO

8:00 A.M.

3/21/42

From: British Navy - Washington IJ #111, 3/20/42

BRIT. NAVY

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WASHINGTON

I. AIR RAID DARWIN 0212Z 19TH BY 7 TYPE 96 HEAVY BOMBERS (NAVY). TARGET APPEARED TO BE NAVAL HQ. AND RESIDENTIAL AREA. EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO NAVAL QUARTERS. CASUALTIES 2 KILLED, FEW INJURED.

II. RAID NUMBER 14 PORT MORESBY 0006Z 19TH BY 8 TYPE 96 Hvy BOMBERS (NAVY). AA FIRE ENGAGED ENEMY AT APPROXIMATELY 22,000 FEET AND CLAIM ONE BOMBER. NO DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES REPORTED. TARGET APPEARED TO BE THE HARBOUR AND R.A.A.F. STORE SHIP VANAKA.

III. FURTHER ENEMY AIR RECONNAISSANCE OVER SE NEW GUINEA.

IV. ONE TYPE 97 FLYING BOAT MADE RECONNAISSANCE OVER BASE AND TOWNSHIP TULAGI FROM 0000Z TO 0230Z 19TH AND CANNONED AND BOMBED CATALINA WITHOUT INFLECTING FURTHER DAMAGE. 2 BOMBS DROPPED ON FLORIDA ISLAND. NO DAMAGE.

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V. R.A.A.F. AIR RECONNAISSANCE (A) MADANG (NEW GUINEA) REVEALED PLACE DESERTED, BUILDINGS DESTROYED, HOLES ON RUNWAY NOT FILLED IN (B) LAE REVEALED 13 ZERO FIGHTERS & Hvy BOMBERS ON THE GROUND. BUILDINGS APPEARED REBUILT AND DISPERSAL BAYS APPEARED SOUTH OF RUNWAY. (C) SALAMAU PRELIMINARY REPORT INDICATES NO SHIPS IN HARBOUR NO AIRCRAFT, A/A FIRE OR ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

VI. COAST WATCHER REPORTED ENEMY BUILDING P BRIDGE OVER RIVER AT SALAMAU.

VII. UNIDENTIFIED WARSHIP IS REPORTED NEAR TABAR ISLAND (NORTH OF NEW IRELAND) AT 0001Z 19TH.

VIII. JAPANESE NAVAL UNIT REPORTED IN MY SERIAL NO. 57 IN OCEAN ISLAND (BETWEEN SOLOMON AND MARSHALL ISLANDS) AREA HAD PROCEEDED NORTH OF OCEAN ISLAND 18TH MARCH.

IX. INDICATIONS THAT JAPANESE WARSHIP PROCEEDED SOUWA-

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RAYA AREA TO SUMBA AREA 18TH.

X. JAPANESE MARU AUXILIARY WAS IN POSITION 015° SOUTH 121° EAST (NORTHERN CLEBERS) AT 0800Z 17TH.

From: McClure - London IJ #88, 3/20/42

McCLURE

Filed: 3/20/42, 1323 GMT

LONDON

FAR EASTERN SITUATION

NEW GUINEA: A STRONG JAP FORCE IN THE VICINITY OF LAE ON THE MARKHAM RIVER IS TRANSPORTING ITS ARMORED VEHICLES AND OTHER EQUIPMENT ACROSS THE RIVER IN BOATS. THERE ARE THOUGHT TO BE SOME 1000 JAPS AT SALAMAU. ACCORDING TO THE WAR OFFICE ONE JAP DIV IS BEING USED IN THE NEW GUINEA OFFENSIVE. TWO REGIMENTS ARE BELIEVED TO BE IN THE AREA BETWEEN LAE AND SALAMAU AND ONE REGIMENT IS THOUGHT TO BE AT RABAU (ON NEW BRITAIN). JAP FORCES ARE BEING GUIDED BY GERMAN MISSIONARIES AND BY SOME NATIVES ACCORDING TO STORIES COMING FROM NEW GUINEA NATIVES.

SOLOMON ISLANDS: BUKA ISLAND WAS VISITED BY A JAP NAVAL PARTY THAT MADE NO ATTEMPT TO OCCUPY THE ISLAND. THEY CAME ASHORE TO PROCURE FRESH FOOD.

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Filed: 3/30/42, 2328 CLEAR Journal #103, 3/30
From: WBS & 4th Army

PRESUMPTION OF UNIDENTIFIED PLANES TO NE S OF SAN DIEGO
CAUSED CIVILIAN DEFENSE ALERT IN SAN DIEGO AT 3:39 PM PWT
AND RADIO SILENCE. AT 3:40 PM PWT ALL CLEAR AT 3:55 PM
PWT ON IDENTIFICATION OF PLANES AS FRIENDLY AND RADIO
BROADCAST RESUMED AT 3:56 PM PWT.

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From: Beaulac - Madrid
Filed: N.F.T.

IJ #13, 3/21/42

Filed: N.F.T.

I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM THE RUMOR REGARDING MILITARY PRESSURE BEING BROUGHT TO BEAR ON SPAIN BY GERMANY AND WITH POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF REQUEST FOR INCREASE IN BLUE DIVISION I DOUBT THAT PRESSURE EXISTS.

From: Navy Via Ensign Shufro IJ #19, 3/21/42
Filed: 3/21/42, 1430 GMT

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LARGE GERMAN CRUISER, PROBABLY HIPPER, ESCORTED BY
THREE DESTROYERS AND ONE TORPEDO BOAT OBSERVED AT SEA
OFF BERGEN (60 50 N. 4 E AT 1430 OCT. 3/20)

From: London Via Navy IJ #32, 3/21,42

Filed: N.Y.T.

A LARGE ENEMY UNIT WAS REPORTED BY AIRCRAFT AT 1130 MARCH 20 WITH FOUR ESCORTS IN POSITION 60-50 N, 04-00 E. (33 MILES ENE OF BERGEN, NORWAY)

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From: Alula - Cairo IJ #30, 3/21/42
Filed: N.F.T.

AXIS ACTIVITIES IN AEGEAN HAVE BEEN VERIFIED BY AN OBSERVER JUST RETURNED FROM THAT AREA.

AN ESTIMATED 25 ROUND TRIPS BY TRANSPORT PLANES ARE BEING MADE DAILY FROM ATHENS TO THE SOUTH, CRETE BEING THE PROBABLE DESTINATION.

THREE ENEMY TROOP TRANSPORTS OF 3, 5 AND 7,000 TONS WERE OBSERVED ENTERING SUDA BAY ON FEB. 26.

THERE IS GREAT CAIQUE AND SCHOONER ACTIVITY BETWEEN ATHENS AND SALONICA, CARRYING TROOPS AND CARGO. ALSO BETWEEN LEMNOS, MELOS, CRETE, KHIOS AND MITILENE ISLANDS. IT IS ESTIMATED THERE IS ABOUT 100 VESSELS OPERATING 30 OUTBOUND TRIPS DAILY.

IT IS BELIEVED THAT RADAR HAS BEEN INSTALLED BY THE AXIS ON SEVERAL OF THE CYCLADES ISLANDS, AS SUB WAS

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LOCATED BY RADAR ON TWO OCCASIONS.

Filed: 3/19/42, 2115

Journal #91, 3/20

From: Michael Kouibyshev

ARTICLES AGAINST FINLAND, BULGARIA AND ROMANIA CENSORED IN RUSSIA.

MUCH EVIDENCE THAT RUSSIAN WAR EFFORT CONSIDERABLY HAMPED BY INEFFICIENT AND INADEQUATE RAILROADS.

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From: Kouibyshev

IJ #86, 3/20/42

KOUIBYSHEV

Filed: 3/19/42, 1929 GMT

GERMAN BATTLE ORDER ON GERMAN-SOVIET FRONT FOLLOWS:

1. DISPOSITION OF GERMAN ARMIES AND COMMANDERS (APPROXIMATE DISPOSITIONS)

ARMIES	COMMANDERS	FRONT	LOCATION
EIGHTEENTH	LEES	NORTH	LENNINGRAD
TWENTY-FIRST	SCHMIDT	NORTH	NOVGOROD
SIXTEENTH	BUSCH	NORTH	STARAYA RUSSA
NINTH	STRAUSSE	NORTH	RZHEV
SEVENTH		CENTRAL	VYAZMA
THIRD		CENTRAL	MOSELA
FOURTH	KLUGE	CENTRAL	OREL
SEVENTEENTH		SOUTHERN	
SIXTH		SOUTHERN	TAGANROG
(UNIDENTIFIED)	KURSKUN	SOUTHERN	CHARKOV

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THERE ARE THOUGHT TO BE FIVE ADDITIONAL ARMIES WHOSE LOCATIONS ARE NOT KNOWN.

2. TOTAL NUMBER OF GERMAN DIVISIONS ON SOVIET FRONT.

OF THIS DATE, AS THE RESULT OF FOUR MONTHS ANALYSIS OF RUSSIAN REPORTS, 192 NAZI DIVISIONS HAVE BEEN SPOTTED. TOTAL NUMBERS OF VARIOUS TYPES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

TYPES	NUMBERS
SPANISH	1
INFANTRY	130
YUGOSLAV	1
ARMORED	16
FINNISH	4
MOTORIZED	17
HUNGARIAN	1
ROMANIAN	4
SS	3

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ITALIAN 4
YRAGER 4

NAMES, NUMERICAL DESIGNATIONS AND SITUATIONS BY NAZI DIVISIONS.

NAMES	NUMERICAL DESIGNATION	LOCATION
YRAGER	24, 3d	MURMANSK
FINNISH INFANTRY	4th, 7th, 24th, 26th	KARELIA
GERMAN INFANTRY	163d	KARELIA
SS IMPERIA GERM. INF.	269th, 225th, 217th	LENNINGRAD
SS IMPERIA GERM. INF.	215th, 171st, 121st 96th "	"
"	58th, 93d, 61st, 1st	"
SS DEATH HEAD GERMAN		
INFANTRY	ONE (NO NUMBER)	STRAYA RUSSA
GERM. INF.	290th, 123d, 81st, 30th	"
GERM. MOTORIZED	18th	"
GERM. INF.	61st, 216th	NOVGOROD

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SPAN. INF.	11th	NOVGOROD
GERM. ARMORED	8th	"
GERM. MOTORIZED	12th, 18th, 20th	"
YRAGER	ONE (NO NUMBER)	"
SS GERMAN INF.	266th, 3d, 263d	RZHEV
"	31st, 39th, 110th, 251st	"
"	91st, 86th, 206th, 41st	"

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SS GERMAN INF.	161st, 163d, 123d, 151st, 129TH	RENEV
GERMAN INF.	9th, 1st, 2d, 6th, 5th, 10th	ROSLAVL
"	20th, 11th, 19th	"
SS GERMAN INF.	197th, 230th, 231st, 396th	"
"	262d, 267th, 268th, 292d	"
"	263d, 267th, 268th	"
GERMAN MOTORIZED	14th, 3d, 36th	"
GERMAN ARMORED	3d, 4th, 17th, 18th	"
GERMAN MOTORIZED	29th, 26th, 17th, 10th, 9th	"
SS STAGO HEAD INF.	855th, 521st, 296th, 260th	"
"	19th, 112th, 131st, 137th, 167th	"
"	208th, 216th	"
GERMAN INF.	262d, 134th, 45th, 95th	OREL
GERMAN INF.	62d, 57th, 46th, 48th	KHARKOV
"	94th, 113th, 295th	"

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HUNGARIAN	One (no number)	KHARKOV
GERMAN INF.	299th	KURSK
GERMAN MOTORIZED	16th	"
GERMAN MOTORIZED	60TH	TAGANROG
TRAGER	13th	"
GERMAN MOUNTAIN	4th	"
GERMAN INF.	9th, 111th, 297th	"
SS VIKING	One (no number)	"
SS ADOLF HITLER	" " "	"
GERMAN ARMORED	14th, 16th	"
GERMAN INF.	298th, 68th	LOZOVAYA
GER. ANTITANK REGT	336th (REGT)	"
GERMAN INF.	76th, 97th	STALINO

DIVS. & OTHERS IDENTIFIED BUT LOCATION NOT KNOWN.

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NAME	NUMERICAL DESIGNATION OR OTHER
GERMAN INFANTRY	50th, 72d, 132d, 170th, 25th, 900th, 337th, 333d, 293d, 291st, 14th, 21st, 25th, 27th, 29th, 43d, 56th, 70th, 75th, 77th, 249th, 223d, 213th, 212th, 207th, 203d, 189th, 168th, 79th, 85th, 88th, 100th, 101st, 133d, 150th, 157th, 164th, 33d, 119th, 4th
GERMAN MOTORIZED	ONE
HUNGARIAN MOUNTAIN	1st
RUMANIAN TRAGER	85th, 1st
RUMANIAN INFANTRY	?
FLANDRIA	
WALLOONA VOLUNTEER	BATTALION
BELGIUM BATTALION	3rd REGIMENT
CROATIAN TROOPS	

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AUSTRIAN TROOPS	COMPLIMENT UNKNOWN
CZECH TROOPS	" "
ITALIAN DIVISION	TORIO
"	BLACK SHIRT LEGIONS
"	FAZUBIO
"	CHELERI

From: Brett - Australia IJ #104, 3/20/42
Filed: 3/20/42, 1455 GMT

ENEMY RAID ON DARWIN ON 19TH BY NAVY T-96 HVB BOMBERS CAUSED SEVERAL CASUALTIES AND HEAVY DAMAGE TO NAVAL HQS. IN RAID ON PORT MORESBY ON 19TH BY T-96 HVB BOMBERS, ONE WAS POSSIBLY SHOT DOWN, NO DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES CAUSED. RAID ON TULAGI SAME DAY BY ONE T-97 FIGHTER-BOMBER -- ONLY DAMAGE WAS TO ONE CATALINA.

AIR RECONNAISSANCE ON 19TH INDICATES MADANG (NEW GUINEA) DESERTED - HOLES ON RUNWAY STILL UNFILLED. AT LAE FOUR T-96 HVB BOMBERS, 18 "O" (HVB BOMBER OF UNIDENTIFIED TYPE) AND 3 HVB BOMBERS, POSSIBLY FIAT BR-20'S WERE OBSERVED. SIMILAR RECONNAISSANCE AT SALAMUA SHOWED NO AIRCRAFT, SHIPPING OR OTHER ACTIVITIES ON THE 19TH.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY ON THE 20TH: ATTACK ON BROOME REPORTED. AIRDROME AT MORESBY BOMBED BY 4 "O'S AND 1 HVB BOMBER, NO DAMAGE. A T-97 FLYING BOAT ATTACKED TULAGI

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WITHOUT CAUSING DAMAGE.

ALLIED AIR ACTIVITY ON 20TH: APBY PATROLLED AREA TULAGI, MISIMA ISLAND AND ROSSEL ISLAND (LATTER TWO ISLANDS IN LOUISADE GROUP). FOUR B-17'S ATTACKED TULAGI AT DAWN, AND A PBY PATROLLED THE REGION WEST OF BORN ISLAND.

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From: Admiralty Via Navy
Filed: 3/17/42, 2453 GMT

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VIA NAVY

SURVIVORS OF THE S.S. MARY REPORT THAT U-BOAT WHICH SANK SHIPS IN 08-25 N, 52-50 W (200 MILES NN OF PARAMARIBA) AT 1623 MARCH 3 EXCHANGED VISUAL SIGNALS WITH ANOTHER SHIP (TYPE UNKNOWN) DURING THE NIGHT MARCH 4-5, HAVING PREVIOUSLY SIGNALLED DURING THE NIGHT MARCH 3-4 WITHOUT RECEIVING REPLY.

MOTOR VESSEL GASCONY REPORTS HEARING AT 0130 FEB. 28 A PARTLY INTELLIGIBLE RAIDER DISTRESS MESSAGE FROM UNKNOWN SHIPS IN 00-27 N, 40-24 W (580 MILES E OF THE MOUTH OF THE AMAZON).

MASTER USA SHIPS REPORTS TWO UNIDENTIFIED SHIPS APPARENTLY EXCHANGED V/S IN 13-00 S, 34-15 W. (270 MILES E OF BAHIA, BRAZIL) AT 2000 FEB. 28.

THESE INCIDENTS INDICATE PRESENCE OF SUPPLY SHIP OR

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RAIDER OFF BRAZIL-GUIANA COAST. NO SHIP IS YET OVERDUE FROM THIS AREA. GERMAN TANKER CHARLOTTE SCHLIMMANN SAILED LOS PALMAS FEB. 23 WITH 9,000 TONS DIESEL OIL AND COULD THEREFORE BE CONNECTED WITH INCIDENT.

*DUTCH GUIANA

From: Lang. Buenos Aires
Filed: 3/19/42, 2120 GMT

IJ #19, 3/20/42

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B. AIRES

PRESIDENT OF ARGENTINA'S EFFORTS TO RELIEVE CONDITIONS AMONG JAPAN'S MILITARY AND CIVIL PRISONERS MEETS WITH FAVORABLE PRESS REACTION.

From: Alusna - Mexico City Via Navy IJ #3, 3/20/42
Filed: 3/19/42, 1600 GMT RE TO SERIAL NO. 9230:

ALUSNA
MEXICO CITY
VIA NAVY

THE DISPATCH REFERRED TO STATED THAT A VIOLENT EXPLOSION AND WATER HURLED INTO THE AIR WERE SEEN AND HEARD FROM A RAFT IN 26-03 S, 67-57 W. THIS SEEMED TO INDICATE THE EXPLOSION OF A SHIP, IN A POSITION W OF CHILE.

THE LAT. SHOULD HAVE READ 26-03 N, WHICH WOULD HAVE PLACED THE EXPLOSION 400 MI. N OF PUERTO RICO.

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From: Culseafon (W) Via ONI LJ #75. 3/19/42
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VIA ONI

AFTER BEING TORPEDGED IN VICINITY OF CAYO VERDE (IN
BAHAMAS) AN AMERICAN HAWAIIAN LINE STEAMSHIP, THE COLAMB
IS NOW FLOATING AND MOORED IN THAT AREA.

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VIA NAVY

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MOTOR VESSEL BASCOM REPORTS HEARING AT 0130 FEB. 26
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KNOWN SHIPS IN 00-27 N. 40-24 W (580 MILES E OF THE MOUTH
OF THE AMAZON).

THESE INCIDENTS INDICATE PRESENCE OF SUPPLY SHIP OR
RAIDER OFF BRAZIL-GUIANA COAST. NO SHIP IS YET OVERDUE

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From: ETO
LOW LING CRAFT REPORTED ON SURFACE AT 28-06 N, 76-08 W. (ABOUT 26 TO 30 MILES OFF COAST OF VIRGINIA) WAS OBSERVED AT 0645 GMT MARCH 19 ACCORDING TO RADIO INTERCEPT FROM ALSO SOS DENIED VALL. INFORMATION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO NAVY.

Filed: 3/19/42. ---
From: Buenos, ETO
10 MILES E. OF CAPE MATTHEWS A SUB WAS SIGHTED BY THE SS LIPITOR AT 1020 GMT MARCH 19.

Filed: 3/19/42. ---
From: Valdivia, ETO
Journal #103.
3/19
FROM CHINAPARK BAY SECTOR IS REPORTED CASUALTY LIST OF 3 DEAD, 6 WOUNDED FROM DESTROYER DICKINSON WHEN THAT VESSEL WAS FIRED ON BY AN UNKNOWN TANKER DURING NIGHT OF MARCH 18-19. CAPTAIN'S CONDITION GIVEN AS SERIOUS.
FURTHER REPORTS FROM IS7 ON THE SAN DIMITRIO SINKING REVEAL THERE ARE 36 SURVIVORS RESCUED. GERMAN STATE TAN SUB JUST PRIOR TO ATTACKING THEM WAS TAKING ON FUEL FROM WELL-LIGHTED SURFACE VESSEL. DETAILS REGARDING RESCUE WERE NOT DISCLOSED. SAN DIMITRIO WAS TORPEDOED AT 0025 GMT MARCH 17 AT POSITION (37-03 N, 72-50 W.)

Dickinson was reported to be in Norfolk.

Filed: 3/19/42. 1703
From: Valdivia, ETO
Journal #105. 3/19
AT 1823 GMT MARCH 19 THE LIBERATOR WAS TORPEDOED & OF DIAMOND SHOAL ABOUT 3 MILES.

Filed: 3/19/42. 1817
From: ETO, B. COM, Brazil
Journal #104. 3/19
ROUTINE INFORMATIONAL REPORT FROM RE-FOUNDED BASE COMMAND INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING SUB DATA:
US TANKER MOBILLOIL CAUGHT SIGHT OF U-BOAT MARCH 18 AT 1850 GMT AT POSITION 39-38 N, 74-00 W (15 MI SSE OF CAPE MAY, DEL.
THE CATALUNDO, VENEZUELAN MERCHANTMAN, SPOTTED A SUB MARCH 18 AT 1450 GMT AT POSITION 35-14 N, 75-20 W (40 MI E CAPE MATTHEWS).

Filed: 3/19/42. ---
From: Valdivia, ETO
Journal #112. 3/19
CHINAPARK BAY SECTOR FORWARDS NEWS OF THE REPORTED U-BOAT ATTACK ON THE US REGISTERED TANKER CHESTER SUND AT 1430 GMT MARCH 19 AT POSITION (35-29 N, 75-20 W) (40 MI E CAPE MATTHEWS)

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From: Journal #100. 3/19

Filed: 3/19/42, ---
From: Watkins, NTO

Journal #107, 3/19

NAVY UNABLE CONFIRM TORPEDOING OF REAVEN OFF DIAMOND SHOAL AT 1805 GMT ON MARCH 11.

DAILY REPORT TO NOON GMT MARCH 19 CONCERNS SUB DATA AS FOLLOWS: U-BOATS SIGHTED: 3 OFF CAPE ROMAIN - CAPE HATTERAS ZONE: 1 OFF MARYLAND; 1 OFF NEW JERSEY. SEVERAL U-BOATS OR SEVERAL PACKS REPORTED MOVING NORTHEASTWARD IN MID-ATLANTIC FROM BAHAMAS DIRECTION. A PACK TO N. OF THIS POINT WAS REPORTED HEADING SW. U-BOAT ACTIVITY AROUND CAPE HATTERAS HAS GENERALLY HEIGHTENED.

SHIPPING ATTACKS: 2 ATTACKS REPORTED IN WATERS OFF CAPE LOOKOUT, N.C. TORPEDOING OF DATONIA MARCH 13 WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY WHAT ARE THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN ITALIAN SUBS.

ATTACKS AGAINST SUBS: A NAVY LIGHTER-THAN-AIR CRAFT DEPTH BOMBED A SUB OFF NEW JERSEY WHICH PROCEEDED TO JOURNAL #107, 3/19
CHANGING COURSE BUT OTHER RESULTS WERE NOT ASCERTAINED OFF CAPE HENLOPEN, DEL. AN ARMY AIRPLANE RELEASED A DEPTH BOMB WITH UNKNOWN EFFECT.

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From: Watkins, NTO

Journal #100, 3/19

TODAY BETWEEN 1700 & 1800 GMT SHELL OF UNKNOWN CALIBER LANDED IN FIELD NEAR OCOONAMOCK W OF EDMORE, VA. (EDMORE IS AT HEAD OF OCOONAMOCK CREEK S. OF TANGIER ISLAND 37-32 N, 75-45 W. SHELL DID NOT EXPLODE BUT BURIED IN GROUND. GUARD HAS BEEN POSTED. BELIEVED NAVY SHELL FROM TARGET PRACTICE VICINITY OF TANGIER SOUND REPORTED BY CHESAPEAKE BAY SECTOR.

Filed: 3/19/42, 0258
From: HNSG, Navy

Journal #74, 3/19

REPORT OF 2 SUBS: 1 40 MI NW OF CAPE PINE, NEWFOUNDLAND, 1 900 MI ENE OF BERMUDA.

Filed: 3/19/42, 0417
From: Navy, ONI

Journal 85, 3/19

FISHING BOAT SIGHTED SUB ON SURFACE 7 1/2 MI 180 DEGREE TRUE FROM BLOCK ISLAND SOUTH EAST LIGHT 2045 (SIG) MAR 18. SUB TURNED SEARCHLIGHT ON FISHING BOAT. ENDEAVORED TO HAVE HIM COME ALONGSIDE.

Filed: 3/18/42, 0326
From: Navy

Journal #89, 3/19

TANKER ACME SOUTH BOUND WAS TORPEDOED AT 2155Z VICINITY DIAMOND SHOALS. ACUSHNET ENDEAVORING TO TOW ACME TO NORFOLK. SAIL SAIL GUL DAWN PULLED OFF DIAMOND SHOALS AND PROCEEDING NORTH UNDER OWN POWER.

Filed: 3/19/42, 2131
From: NTO,

Journal #115, 3/19

COAST GUARD PATROL BOAT ATTACKED ON SOUND CONTACT OFF CAPE HENLOPEN, DEL. AT 1735 GMT MAR. 19. LATER ASSISTANCE CAME FROM OTHER NAVY SHIPS. 2 ARMY DIVE BOMBERS WERE IN NEIGHBORHOOD BUT HAVE NOT BEEN HEARD FROM.

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SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT OFFICIAL MESSAGES

ATLANTIC OCEAN # 3

From: ETO (WATKINS)

IJ #116, 3/19/42

Filed: 3/19/42, 2208 GMT

A SUB WAS REPORTED TO HAVE RISEN TO THE SURFACE 4 ON 5 MILES OFF ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY, BY A CIVILIAN AT 1830 GMT.

From: Watkins - ETO

IJ #117, 3/19/42

Filed: 3/19/42, 2328 GMT

AT 2028 GMT MARCH 19, SUB WAS SIGHTED EIGHT (8) MI SOUTH OF CAPE HATTERAS BY CHESAPEAKE BAY SECTOR.

WATKINS
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From: Commander Eastern Sea Fron. IJ #4, 3/20/42

Filed: 3/19/42, 1353 GMT

SUB SIGHTED 1 MI FROM OVERFALLS, (LIGHT SHIP SOUTH OF DELAWARE BAY) BEARING 48°. PATROL BOATS ATTACKING.

COMM. EASTERN
SEA FRON.

From: Watkins - ETO

IJ #124, 3/19/42

Filed: 3/20/42, 0152 GMT

TANKER REPORTED SEEN BY TWO MOBILE FLIGHT OBSERVERS AND TWO CAP OBSERVERS IN AREA OF PREVIOUS REPORT. DECKS AWASH AND SUPERSTRUCTURE ONLY SHOWING SO HAS APPEARANCE OF SUB BUT IS MOVING AND DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE HAVING TROUBLE. THE ABOVE WAS REPORTED AT 2245 GMT BY NEW YORK-PHILADELPHIA SECTOR IN REGARD TO A PREVIOUS REPORT OF A SUB SIGHTED NEAR ATLANTIC CITY BY A CIVILIAN.

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From: Leahy - Vichy Via St. LJ #22, 3/20/42

Filed: 3/19/42, 1800 GMT

THERE IS NOTHING NEW TO REPORT TODAY.

LEAHY

VICHY VIA ST

From: Leahy - Vichy Via St. LJ #15, 3/20/42

Filed: 3/19/42, 1800 GMT

INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED TO THE EFFECT THAT A SECRET MEETING RECENTLY TOOK PLACE BETWEEN GENERAL ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ WEYGAND AND MARSHALL PETAIN BUT NO PARTICULARS REGARDING THE SUBJECT OF THE MEETING ARE YET AVAILABLE. IT IS SAID THAT THE MARSHAL ARRANGED TO MEET WEYGAND DURING THE FORMER'S VISIT TO THE SOUTH. THE MEETING TOOK PLACE AT THE HOUSE OF THE PARENTS OF OUR INFORMANT WHO IS CONSIDERED RELIABLE.

LEAHY

LEAHY

VICHY VIA ST.

From: Nager - Madrid Via St. LJ #25, 3/20/42

Filed: 3/19/42, 1930 GMT

GERMAN AIR ATTACHE AND C OF S SPANISH ARMY IN BERLIN. SITUATION IN SW FRANCE WITH REGARD TO GERMAN PRESSURE IS UNCHANGED.

NAGER

MADRID VIA ST

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Journal #86, 3/19

From: Fish, Lisbon thru St. Dept.

PORTUGUESE GOVT HAS CHARTERED FOUR TANKERS. NONE OF THESE SHIPS ARE GOING TO SUPPLY THE AZORES THAT I KNOW OF. BELIEVE THEY WOULD COME BACK FOR MORE CARGOES IF THEY COULD BE GUARANTEED OF GETTING THEM. AS BRITAIN HAS FOSTERED THESE CHARTERS WISHING TO HELP PORTUGAL AT THIS TIME, I DO NOT THINK THERE IS ANY POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE TO THE SAILING OF THESE SHIPS FROM AMER. WATERS.

From: Bonesteel - Iceland

IJ #77, 3/19/42

BONESTEEL
ICELAND

Filed: 3/19/42, 1544 GMT

REPORT OF ENEMY CAPABILITIES AND HOSTILE TROOPS IN NORWAY NO CHANGE. TIRPITZ REPORTED BY ADMIRALTY TO BE NOW AT AASEFJORD (25 MI N. TRONDHEIM).

From: Legge - Bern

IJ #7, 3/20/42

LEGGE
BERN

Filed: 3/19/42, 1653 GMT

NOTHING NEW TO REPORT.

Filed: 3/19/42, 1209

Journal #78, 3/19

From: Michala, Kouibyshev

SECRET SERVICE AGENT OF OCCUPIED COUNTRY, AS REPORTED BY M/A FOR AIR OF SAME COUNTRY, STATES: NAZIS HAVE WITHDRAWN FROM VIAZMA SECTOR TWO CORPS, LEAVING BUT 2 DIVS. THEREIN: GERMAN TROOPS CONCENTRATING IN NIKOLAYEV AREA, USING BARGES CHIEFLY; NEAR KONIGSBERG, TROOPS AND SUPPLIES BEING ACCUMULATED FOR OPERATIONS THROUGH NIGA; RUMANIAN BOMBINGS BY SOVIET NOT EFFECTIVE; LITTLE PROGRESS MADE BY RUSS IN PRESENT ATTACKS. ABOVE M/A BELIEVED RELIABLE.

From: Bonesteel - Iceland

IS #77, 3/19/42

BONESTEEL

Filed: 3/19/42, 1544 GMT

REPORT OF ENEMY CAPABILITIES AND HOSTILE TROOPS IN NORWAY NO CHANGE. TIRPITZ REPORTED BY ADMIRALTY TO BE NOW AT AARFJORD (25 MI N. TRONDHEIM). See W.E.

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M.E. & AFRICA # 2

From: McClure - London IJ #62, 3/19/42. 2022
Filed: 3/19/42, 1409 GMT
IN BUNGHAI HARBOR THERE ARE A NUMBER OF SHIPS. ON
MARCH 17TH THERE WAS NO VISIBLE ENEMY ACTIVITY.

McCLURE
LONDON

From: Admiralty Via Navy IJ #75, 3/19/42
Filed: 3/17/42, 2453 GMT
VESSEL PURPORTS TO BE U.S. LIVERBANK REPORTED IN 35-
53 S, 19-59 E (140 MILES SE OF CAPE TOWN). AT 2015 MARCH
13.
VESSEL PURPORTS TO BE U.S. IVERBANK REPORTED IN 35-
11 S, 20-03 E (270 MILES SE OF CAPE TOWN) AT 1025 MARCH
14.
ONE VESSEL WAS SUNK PROBABLY BY A MINE OFF CAPE TOWN
AT 0030 MARCH 16. NEITHER THE LIVERBANK NOR IVERBANK
WERE IN THE AREA AT THAT TIME.
THESE INCIDENTS INDICATE A RAIDER OR SUPPLY SHIP IN
THE CAPE AREA. POSSIBLE SHIPS ARE RAIDERS X OR SPYBANK
CAPTURED BY GERMANS JAN. 1941.

ADMIRALTY
VIA NAVY

From: Astralussa - Lisbon Via Navy IJ #2, 3/20/42
Filed: 3/19/42, 1830 GMT
THE FOLLOWING TROOPS EMBARKED FROM LISBON ON MARCH 18:
740 INFANTRY AND 100 ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY MEN, FOR
PONTA-DEL GADA, 3 BATTERIES OF 105 MILLIMETER HOWITZERS
WITH 560 MEN AND 100 ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY MEN.

ASTRALUSSA
LISBON VIA NV.

From: Capetown Via Navy IJ #5, 3/20/42
Filed: 3/18/42, 1040 GMT
CONDOR, FRENCH SHIP, ARRIVED TANANARIVE, MADAGASCAR, ON
TWELFTH OF MARCH FROM DAKAR ESCORTED BY A FRENCH SLOOP,
D'ENTRACASTRAUX, AND AN UNNAMED SUBMARINE.

CAPETOWN
VIA NAVY

From: Beaulac - Madrid Via St. IJ #21, 3/20/42
Filed: 3/19/42, 1900 GMT
THE HIGH COMMISSIONER IN SPANISH MOROCCO, GEN. ORGAS, IS
AT PRESENT HERE IN MADRID.
IT IS REPORTED THAT INSISTENCE BY THE GERMANS THAT THE
BLUE DIVISION BE ENLARGED IS CONNECTED WITH SERIOUS DIFFER-
ENCES BETWEEN THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND AND THE COMMANDER OF
THE BLUE DIVISION, GENERAL NUNOZ, WHICH THE CHIEF OF STAFF
MAY HAVE COME TO BERLIN TO SETTLE. FOR SOME TIME IT HAS
BEEN PERSISTENTLY REPORTED THAT THE GERMANS WERE INSISTING
ON THE INCREASE OF THE BLUE DIVISION AND THAT NUNOZ GRANDE
WAS DISSATISFIED.

BEAULAC
MADRID
VIA ST.

BEAULAC

From: Admiralty Via Navy IJ #6, 3/20/42
Filed: 3/19/42, 1255 GMT
1 SUB HOMEWARD BOUND WITHIN 150 MILES OF EACH OF THE
FOLLOWING POSITIONS:
(690 MILES NE OF MARTINIQUE).
(990 MILES SW OF SAN MIGUEL, AZORES).

ADMIRALTY VIA NAVY

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From: Stilwell - Chungking IJ #55, 3/19/42

Filed: 3/19/42, 0330 GMT

ARRIVAL AT CHUNGKING THE NIGHT OF THE 17TH. A MARCH 16 P.M. MESSAGE FROM THE GENERALISSIMO REPORTS 22ND AND 96TH DIVISIONS AT MANDALAY.

BECAUSE OF UNUSUAL TACTICAL CONCEPTIONS ARE UNABLE TO GET CHANGE IN PRECONCEIVED PLAN. AS THE GENERAL STAFF IS CONFERRING ON IT I HOPE TO GET A HEARING.

AS SUPPORTING ARMS ARE TOO WEAK AND THERE IS A FIXED GENERAL POLICY OF FEELING THE WAY WE CANNOT COUNT MUCH ON DIRECT AGGRESSIVE ACTION.

STILLWELL
CHUNGKING

From: Brink - Burma

IJ #45, 3/19/42

Filed: 3/18/42, 1600 GMT

BRITISH CONCENTRATING ASTRIDE PROME - OKPO ROAD (110 MI N RANGOON) TO PROTECT LAST REMAINING OIL FIELD IN BURMA AT TENANG YAMG (175 MI N. PROME)

A DISCUSSION OF TERRAIN AND TACTICAL POSSIBILITIES OF COUNTRY AROUND PROME.

BRINK
BURMA

From: Stilwell - Chungking IJ #68, 3/19/42

Filed: 3/19/42, 0330 GMT

33RD & 88TH JAP DIVISION ARE IN THE RANGOON AREA.

THE FORMER ON THE PROME ROAD, THE LATTER ON THE TOUNGOO ROAD. THEIR REINFORCEMENT IS SUSPECTED. ON THE 16TH TOUNGOO WAS BOMBED AND PYINMAHA (65 MI N. OF TOUNGOO) BURNED. THERE IS NO TROUBLE YET FROM THE JAP AGENTS WORKING ON THE SO-CALLED BURMESE FREE ARMY. THE NATIVES AND CHINESE TROOPS GET ALONG WELL. THE DISCIPLINE IS GOOD.

SOON LABOR WILL BECOME A PROBLEM AS THE EXODUS OF INDIANS FROM SOUTH BURMA CONTINUES.

STILLWELL
CHUNGKING

From: Stilwell - Chungking IJ #122, 3/19/42

Filed: 3/19/42, 1130 GMT

PLAN FOR DIVISION OF COMMAND IN BURMA HELD IMPRACTICAL.

STILWELL
CHUNGKING

From: Stilwell - Chungking IJ #120, 3/19/42

Filed: 3/19/42, 1130 GMT

STILWELL HAMPERED IN ORGANIZING MEDICAL AND EVACUATION SERVICES BY LACK OF DOCTORS OR SUPPLIES. LIMIT TO THE NUMBER OF TROOPS THAT CAN BE FED IN BURMA. GAS REFINERY NORTH OF PROME IS VITAL SPOT. DIGBOY WITH NO ROAD CONNECTION IS ONLY OTHER SOURCE.

STILWELL
CHUNGKING

From: Stilwell - Chungking IJ #123, 3/19/42

Filed: 3/19/42, 0133

LATE APRIL WILL BRING THE RAINS. ALL WAS QUIET ON THE 17TH OF MARCH. A SOUTH-NORTH RANGE OF DENSELY COVERED HILLS LIES BETWEEN PROME AND TOUNGOO, WHILE EAST OF THE RANGOON-MANDALAY VALLEY LIES A VERY MOUNTAINOUS HEAVILY WOODED COUNTRY. THE BRIT ARE IN POSITION NEAR INX THARRAWADDY ASTRIDE THE ROAD FROM PROME TO RANGOON. A FRONT OF 220 MILES IS COVERED BY THE 6TH ARMY AND THERE IS A WESTWARD GAP OF 100 MILES BETWEEN THE 6TH AND 5TH ARMIES. THE 5TH ARMY WITH FRONT AT TOUNGOO WILL COVER THE RANGOON-MANDALAY ROAD. IT IS 60 MILES FROM TOUNGOO TO PROME.

STILWELL
CHUNGKING

THE EXTENT OF THE FRONT AND THE PECULIARITIES AND NATURE OF THE TERRAIN IS CALLED TO YOUR ATTENTION. AVG EQUIPMENT IS NOW IN SUCH A REDUCED STATE THAT OPERATIONS

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MUST NECESSARILY CEASE VERY SOON. IT IS REITERATED THAT I CONSIDER IMMEDIATE ACTION ESSENTIAL TO BUILD UP THE 10TH AIR FORCE.

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Journal #96, 3/19

From: Stilwell, Chungking

CHINESE 22ND AND 96TH DIVS SENT TO MANDALAY BY GEN. STILWELL. COMMUNICATIONS PREVENT PRIOR CONSENT OF CHANG KAI-SHEK BUT COOPERATION ARRANGED WITH ALEXANDER. BRIT. EFFECTIVE STRENGTH IN BURMA IS NOW 10,000.

File: 3/19/42, 0800

Journal #97, 3/19

From: Navy, ONI

NAVY COMMENTS THAT JAPS ARE SHOWING INTEREST IN SHIPPING AT COLOMBO, CALCUTTA, MADRAS, AND VIZAGAPATAM ON THE N.E. COAST OF MADRAS PRINCIPALITY.

FORCE AVAILABLE TO GO INTO INDIAN OCEAN IS AS FOLLOWS:
3-4 BB, 4 AIRCRAFT CARRIERS, 4 HEAVY CRUISERS, 3 LIGHT CRUISERS, 34 DESTROYERS, 1 SUB TENDER AND 10 SUBS. PROBABLY TO BE USED A LITTLE AT A TIME.

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Journal #63, 3/19

From: McClure, London

W.O. BELIEVES LULL IN BURMA OPERATIONS DUE TO JAP AWAITING TANK REINFORCEMENTS THINKS IT POSSIBLE ONE OF 3 TANK REGIMENTS LOCATED IN MALAYA ARE BEING MOVED FROM THAILAND TO BURMA.

TO SUPPLY ARMS AND INSTRUCTIONS TO DISAFFECTED BURMESE A JAP PARTY OF STRENGTH UNKNOWN LANDED BELOW MONYO AND LATER WITHDREW.

THERE IS A POSSIBLE RIVER-BORNE THREAT TO BRIT RIGHT FLANK.

TOWN OF LETPADNA (70 MI N. RANGOON) IS REPORTED PREPARING JAP RESISTANCE.

THE MAIN STRENGTH OF JAP REMAINS S OF TAIKKYI (40 MI N. RANGOON) BUT A STRONG FORCE WHICH IS ADVANCING TOWARD TOUNGOO HAS BEEN ENGAGED BY BRIT TROOPS S OF KANTUKWIN (4

(45 MI S TOUNGOO)

Filed: 3/19/42, 0800

Journal #97, 3/19

From: Navy

JAP FORCE NORTH OF WAKE WITHDRAWS TOWARD MIDWAY.
PATROL ACTIVITY HEAVY IN JAP HOME WATERS.

From: Emmons - Hawaii

IJ #65, 3/19/42

EMMONS
HAWAII

Filed: 3/19/42, 1642 GMT

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 17TH MARCH:

LAND ACTIVITIES NIL. SAME CONCLUSIONS AS BEFORE.
CONSIDERABLE DECREASE IN REPORTS OF SUB ACTIVITY.

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Journal #67/3-19

From: A.C.N.S.

FOLLOWING FROM CENTRAL WAR ROOM, 17TH OF MARCH: ENEMY RECO. OF PORT MORESBY ON 16TH AND SAMARAI ON 17TH. 2 DESTROYERS AND 3 (?) FLYING BOATS AT LAE ON 16TH; DESTROYED DEPARTED TO EAST. NATIVE SOURCE, RELIABLE, REPORTS 3 LARGE SHIPS IN DOINI ISLAND (NEAR SAMARAI IS) AREA ON 17TH. KOMPANG AIRDROME BOMBED BY ONE HUDSON ON 17TH. RUNWAYS HIT. HUDSON ATTACKED UNSUCCESSFULLY BY 10 ENEMY PLANES. INDICATIONS THAT LANDING PARTIES HAVE FORAGED FOR FOOD FROM LARGE NAVAL FORCE REPORTED AT KESSA. NO MOVE MADE TO OCCUPY AREA. ON MARKHAM RIVER (NEAR LAE) LARGE ENEMY FORCE WITH ARMED VEHICLES REPORTED CROSSING RIVER IN RUBBER BOATS. SUSPECT COOPERATION OF LOCAL NATIVES WITH ENEMY. 8 HEAVY BOMBERS REPORTED OVER PORT DARWIN ON 17TH. ATTEMPTED (TWO) ATTACK. ENEMY FORCE OF 1000 BELIEVED AT SALAMAUVA.

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Journal #71/3-19

From: Navy

JAP FLEET AND AIR DISPOSITIONS & ACTIVITY:

JAP AIR PATROLS FROM MARSHALLS, WAKE AND MAKIN COVER RADIUS OF 600 MILES. THOSE FROM JAPAN 700 MILES. COMBAT FORCES CONTINUE TO MOVE TO THE EMPIRE. AMONG THESE ARE DESRONS 2 AND 4, POSSIBLY ATAGO AND KAGA. KAGA HAS BEEN DIVERTED TO SASAKI.

OTHER THAN IN MALAY SEC, THERE IS NO INDICATION OF LARGE OFFENSIVE ACTION AT THIS TIME. OF THE MALAY FORCE ONE OR MORE UNITS ARE ON THEIR WAY TO JAPAN. FROM A LOCATION NEAR 32-00 N 160-00 E (560 MI NE MARCUS IS) AUXILIARY SHIP SENDS OUT WEATHER REPORTS PLUS UPPER AIR SOUNDING. STILL NOTED IN NEW BRITAIN AREA WERE COMMANDANTS OF CRUVERS 6 AND 18 AND DESRON 6. ALSO HERE GUNBOAT DIV. 8.

From: Australia (Brett)

IJ #101, 3/19/42

AUSTRALIA

Filed: 3/19/42, 0253 GMT

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OVER HORN ISLAND 20 TYPE O FIGHTERS WERE SEEN. THEY WERE ALSO SEEN OVER THURSDAY ISLAND AND CAPE YORK ON THE 18TH. 1 DIRECT HIT WAS SCORED ON A HVY CRUISER & 2 OTHER LARGE SHIPS EXPERIENCED NEAR MISSES WHEN DABAU WAS ATTACKED ON THE 18TH BY 2 B-17'S. 2 DESTROYERS, 2 CRUISERS, 9 TRANSPORTS AND 6 FLYING BOATS WERE SEEN IN THE HARBOR, ALSO 7 BOMBERS AT THE AIRDROME.

4 HITS WERE SCORED ON RUNWAY OF KOMPANG AIRDROME WHEN IT WAS ATTACKED BY 6 HUDSONS ON THE 18TH. 1 HUDSON FAILED TO RETURN. ANOTHER RAID, THE 2ND, WAS MADE ON TULAGI ON THE 18TH BY 9 PLANES. THEY WERE MOST LIKELY HEAVY BOMBERS AND DID NO FURTHER DAMAGE.

AIR ACTIVITY OF ALLIES: 1 CATALINA SEARCHING W OF HORN ISLAND. ROUTINE PATROLS AUSTRALIAN COAST. RECONNAISSANCE

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MORESBY TO SALAMAUVA LAE MARKHAM MANDANG BY 1 HUDSON. SEARCH BY 1 CATALINA W OF TULAGI TO ROSSELL ISLAND.

ACTIVITIES OF JAPS: IN THE NEW GUINEA AREA ON THE 18TH MANY RECONNAISSANCE MORESBY WHARF. STORM SHIP WANAKA ATTACKED BY 8 TYPE-96 HVY NAVY BOMBERS ON THE 19TH. THEY DID NO DAMAGE. AN ANCHORED CATALINA WAS ATTACKED WITH CANNON AND BOMBS BY A FLYING BOAT RECONNOITERING TULAGI ON THE 19TH.

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From: WDC & 4th Army
Filed: 3/19/42, 2007 GMT

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WDC & 4TH ARM
HARRINGTON

JAP NAVAL LIST DOES NOT INCLUDE JUNJO ALTHO THE JAPS
HAVE A NYUJO AS A CARRIER. THE FORMER N Y K LINE SHIP
KAMIKAWA MARU IS NOW A SEAPLANE TENDER. NAVY BELIEVES
THIS MAY BE THE SHIP REFERRED TO AS KAMICHA MARU (NOT
A JAP NAME) IN G-2 REPORT NO. 4. A CHECK IS REQUESTED
ON NAMES OF JAP SHIPS PLACED IN MALAYA IN ABOVE REPORT.
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From: Admiralty Via Navy IJ #6, 3/20/42

Filed: 3/19/42, 1255 GMT

SUBMARINE SITUATION:

2 WITHIN 150 MILES OF CAPE HENRY.

2 OR 3 BETWEEN HAMPTON ROAD AND NEW YORK, 2 OF WHICH MAY BE ABOUT 70-80 WESTBOUND (ABOUT 200 MI OFF THE COAST) ABOUT 5 IN AREA JUST NORTH OF BERMUDA.

1 HOMEWARD BOUND WITHIN 150 MI OF EACH OF THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

(410 MILES ESE OF BERMUDA)

(570 MILES ESE OF BERMUDA)

(320 MILES NE OF BERMUDA)

(750 MILES W OF SAN MIGUEL, AZORES)

(440 MILES S OF CAPE RACE, N.P.)

2 WESTBOUND AT APPROXIMATELY 710 MILES NW OF SAN MIGUEL AZORES)

ADMIRALTY VIA NAVY

From: ETO (Watkins)

IJ #14, 3/20/42

Filed: 3/19/42, 0059 GMT

ETO

WATKINS

OBSERVATION BEING MAINTAINED BY TWO MOBILE FLIGHT PLANES OVER AREA AT 3918 N, 7416 W WHERE THERE IS FRESH OIL SPOT AND SLICK. HUGE DARK PATCHES FOUR IN NUMBER.

59 OBSERVATION SQUADRON REPORTED THE ABOVE TO NEW YORK-PHILADELPHIA SECTOR AT 1650 GMT.

From: DIO 5 Via Navy

IJ #28, 3/20/42

Filed: 3/20/42, 0632 GMT

DIO 5 VIA NAVY

S.S. PAPOOSE, AMERICAN TANKER, TORPEDOED TWICE 9 MI. SW OF CAPE LOOKOUT AT 2250, MARCH 18 AND REMAINS AFLOAT.

From: Spenavo - London Via Navy IJ #30, 3/20/42

Filed: 3/19/42, 1605 GMT

SPENAVO

LONDON VIA NAVY

ATTENTION IS CALLED TO SUCCESSFUL USE OF RECOGNITION PROCEDURE BY ENEMY RAIDER AND WARNS SHIPS THAT A SUCCESSFUL EXCHANGE OF SIGNALS DOES NOT CONSTITUTE PROOF THAT A MERCHANT VESSEL IS FRIENDLY.

Filed: 0352, 3/20

IJ #26, 3/20

From: ETO WATKINS

CHARLESTON NAVAL OPERATIONS FIGURED LOCATION OF SHIP TRINA AS OFF BRUNSWICK, GA., AT HOUR MESSAGE SENT (2458GMT) TRINA BELIEVED SIGHTED AT 1600 OCT AT 29-30 N 80-46 W. THIS MESSAGE FROM KEY WEST NAVAL OPERATIONS STATED ORDERS WERE TO STOP THIS SPANISH SHIP & BRING IT TO PORT USING PRECAUTION TO PREVENT SCUTTLE. ENEMY NATIONAL & SUPPLIES FOR SABOTAGE POSSIBLY BEING CARRIED. KEY WEST OBTAINING ORDERS RE STOPPAGE.

Filed: 3/20

IJ #31, 3/20

From: ETO WATKINS

SSSS SENT BY STEAMSHIP ARGON AT 0445 GMT CANCELLED BY LATER MESSAGE AT 0712 GMT BY 1st INTERCEPTOR COMMAND.

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IJ #32, 3/30

From: GILES

ENEMY ACTIVITY REPORT FOR 18-19 MAR IS NEGATIVE.

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From: Admiralty Via Navy IJ #6, 3/20/42

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SUBMARINE SITUATION:

1 E OF GUIANA NOT FIXED.

2 IN THE CARIBBEAN OR PASSAGES, NOT FIXED.

2 OR 3 IN FLORIDA STRAIT, BAHAMAS OR TO NORTHEASTWARDS.

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From: Admiralty Via Navy IJ #6, 3/20/42
Filed: 3/19/42, 1255 GMT
SUBMARINE SITUATION:

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EAST OF 30-00 W NO CHANGE, BUT TWO U-BOATS WERE ATTACK-
ED ON MARCH 18 TO THE SOUTHWARD OF ROCKALL.

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NAVY

From: Cinopao Via Navy
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THERE IS INCREASING INDICATION OF OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS FROM MALAY PENINSULA. THE KAGA, NOW NEAR OKINAWA ISLANDS, IS ENROUTE BASEBO. THE ATAGO IS RETURNING TO JAPAN. UNITS OF CHITOSE AIR GROUP ARE AT WAKE. THE HOSHO IS STILL IN THE AREA SOUTH OF TRUK. AIR SEARCHES FROM WAKE YESTERDAY INCLUDED SECTORS FROM NORTH TO EAST FOR A DISTANCE FROM 3 TO 400 MILES. AT 1900 MARCH 17 THERE WAS SIGHTED IN RABAU ONE HEAVY CRUISER, ONE FLYING-DECK CRUISER, ONE DESTROYER, 9 MERCHANT TYPE. AND THERE WAS ONE 6,000 TON VESSEL STANDING TOWARD RABAU, SIX PATROL PLANES IN HARBOR AND 7 BOMBERS AT BUNAKANAU AIRDROME. THERE WAS EXTENSIVE ENEMY RECONNAISSANCE OF PORT MORESBY. ONE THE 16TH IN THE NEW GUINEA. AREA GULAGI AND CAYUTU WERE BOMBED BY 9 TWIN-ENGINE PLANE. NO SHIPS SIGHTED AT GASMATA.

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 FROM: 12/16/39/20/20
 SUBJECT: 249TH SQUADRONS WITH 15 SPITFIRES
 INCREASED NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT AS OF MAR 18 IN MALE SO
 130 OF WHICH 30 WERE OF US-30 Y. 05-00 Y (160 MILES
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 15 2,077 WITH 553 SERVICEABLE AIRCRAFT IN OPERATION
 SQUADRONS.

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IJ #42, 3/20

From: BTO

WATKINS

SS DAVILA SIGHTED SUB ON SURFACE AT 3839 N, 6004 W.
APPROX. 900 MILES DUE EAST OF BALTIMORE AT 0944 GMT MAR 20.

Filed: 0802 3/20

IJ #49, 3/20

From: BTO WATKINS

SUB WAS SHELLING AMER TANKER MERCURY SUB 16 MILES
SOUTH OF LOOKOUT ACCORDING REPORT FROM SHIP AT 0415
GMT MAR. 20.

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Journal #78, 3/18

From: Cockrell, Quarry Heights

COMPOSITE OF SITUATION TO NOON GMT TODAY. ABOUT 300 MILES SW BALBOA ON MARCH 18 THE CAPTAIN OF THE CHANTVONT¹ USST. THIS SUB DID NOT ACKNOWLEDGE SIGNALS OF RECOGNITION BUT FLEW AMERICAN FLAG.

Filed: 3/18/42, 0740

Journal #81, 3/18

From: Navy, Ottawa

D/F PLACES ENEMY SS WITHIN 100 MILES 15-30 N, 61-00 W (30 MILES E. OF DOMINICA IS. W.I.

Filed: 3/17/42, 2111

Journal #82, 3/18

From: Navy

U.S. CONSUL AT NASSAU REPORTS THAT THE RECENT SINKING OF DAYTONIA N OF NE PROVIDENCE CHANNEL WAS BY AN ITALIAN EMERICO TAZZOLI TYPE SS. THE SHIP WAS ENROUTE FROM MOBILE TO HALIFAX AND EVIDENTLY WAS NOT USING THE AMERICAN ROUTING.

Filed: 3/18/42, 1601

Journal #89, 3/18

From: Congdon, Montevideo

NO DISTURBANCES HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN MONTEVIDEO AS A RESULT OF THE TORPEDOING OF THE SS MONTEVIDEO.

THE POPULACE MURMURS ABOUT VIOLENT VENGEANCE AGAINST RESIDENT NAZIS. YEARNING STUDENTS MAY CAUSE INCIDENT THE POLICE ARE MAINTAINING MOBILE FORCES AT STRATEGIC PLACES NEAR NAZI ESTABLISHMENTS.

AS A PROTECTIVE MEASURE THE CREW OF THE GERMAN VESSEL TACOMA WAS TAKEN ASHORE.

Filed: 3/18/42, 1510

Journal #94, 3/18

From: Pratt, Port of Spain

ROUTINE REPORT AS OF NOON GMT MARCH 18:

FOLLOWING INTELL. WAS TAKEN FROM MASTER AND COXWAIN OF THE TANKER PENELOPE, PANAMA REGISTRY, TORPEDOED AND SUNK MARCH 18 AT 18-00 N - 64-00 W. HOSTILE U-BOAT WAS IDENTIFIED AS RENAULT-LA PLAGE, GUNNED BOTH PORE AND AFTER WITH 8-INCHERS AND MANEED BY GERMAN CREW. U-BOAT COMM. HAD COMPLETE INTELLIGENCE ON DESTINATION, PORT OF DEPARTURE, CREW, AND ARMAMENT OF PENELOPE. SUB CONNING

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HATCH WAS INSCRIBED WITH A GOAT UNDER WHICH WAS A CIRCLE
ENCLOSING (CHART?)NO CHANGES IN LINES OPEN TO ENEMY ACTION. GDC AND MILID
HAVE BEEN ADVISED.ATTEMPTING A BREAK-OUT OF THE INTERMENT CAMP IN DUTCH
GUINIA BROUGHT ABOUT THE WOUNDING OF TWO PRISONERS.From: Cockrell - Quarry Heights LJ #78, 3/18/42
Filed: M.F.T.COCKRELL
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U.S.N.T. OBSERVED A SUB WHICH DID NOT ACKNOWLEDGE SIG-
NALS OF RECOGNITION BUT DID FLY AN AMERICAN FLAG.

1. (PROBABLY CHAUMONT)

From: Admiralty Via ONI LJ #91, 3/18/42
Filed: 3/18/42, 0845GMT

ADMIRALTY VIA ONI

- 1 SS PROBABLY STILL BETWEEN PARAMARIBO & BARBADOS.
- 2 SS's UNLOCATED IN THE CARIBBEAN OR PASSAGES.
- 2 SS's N OF THE BAHAMAS; 1 OF WHICH IS IN 29-36 N, 74-03 W (310 MI SE OF CAPE FEAR) AT 17-15 HWT ON MAR. 16.
- 1 SS WITHIN 100 MI OF 21-00 N, 57-00 W (450 MI ENE OF MARTINIQUE) HOMEWARD.
- 1 SS WITHIN 100 MI OF 22-30 N, 57-30 W. (420 MI ESE OF BERMUDA) HOMEWARD.
- 1 SS WITHIN 100 MI OF 29-00 N, 62-00 W. (240 MI SE OF BERMUDA) HOMEWARD.

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From: Navy, Ottawa

D/F PLACES ENEMY SS WITHIN 100 MILES 41-30 N, 46-30 W
AT 2229 MARCH 17 (1629 MWT MARCH 17) 430 MILES SE OF
CAPE PINE, NEWFOUNDLAND.

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Journal #77, 3/18

From: NTO, Drum

EASTERN THEATER REPORTS SUSPECTED SS BOMBED BY ARMY
PLANE DEPTH CHARGE AT 38-33 N, 74-56 W (56 MI SE OF CAPE
MAYD EL.) AT 1453 GMT MARCH 18. RESULTS UNKNOWN.

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From: Drum - ETO IJ #17, 3/19/42 DRUM
Filed: 3/19/42, 0440 GMT ETO
ABOUT TWENTY MILES SW CAPE LOOKOUT, N.C., THE W. E.
HUTTON, A TANKER, WAS REPORTED STRUCK BY A TORPEDO AT
0350 GMT THE 19TH.

From: Watkins - (WDGBI) IJ #12, 3/19/42 WATKINS
Filed: 3/18/42, 2110 GMT (WDGBI)
AMERICAN TANKER MOBIL OIL SAW SUB SOUTH OF BARNEGAT
LIGHT, N. J. MARCH 18TH. LOCATION 39-38 N, 74-00 W.
THIS INFORMATION FROM CHESAPEAKE BAY SECTOR BY INTERCEPT
AT 1845 GMT.

From: Drum - ETO IJ #11, 3/19/42 DRUM
Filed: 3/19/42, 0406 GMT ETO
USN SENDS INFORMATION THAT AT 2250 GMT YESTERDAY K5
FOUND A SUB FOLLOWING A TANKER. DISCOVERY MADE BY SOUND
CONTACT AT 3914N, 7419 W. THE LOCATION WAS 9.2 MILES SSE
FROM ATLANTIC CITY LIGHT ON A BEARING OF 150 DEGREES.
COURSE OF TARGET SSW BUT TOOK NEW DIRECTION AFTER DARK.
FOUR DEPTH CHARGES DROPPED. TWO NAVY PATROL VESSELS IN
AREA.

From: Drum - ETO IJ #13, 3/19/42 DRUM
Filed: 3/19/42, 0431 GMT ETO
SOS FROM TANKER PAPOOSE FIFTEEN MILES SOUTHWEST CAPE
LOOKOUT PICKED UP ON RADIO BY SOUTHERN SECTOR AT 0241
THE 19TH.

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From: Watkins, ETO

REPORT ON DISPOSITION OF SUBS FOR EASTERN THEATER TO 8
NOON GMT MARCH 18: SITUATION REMAINS SAME. 2 ENEMY ATTACKS
ON VESSELS IN VICINITY OF MATTERAS. 1 SUB OBSERVED OFF COAST
COAST OF FLORIDA AND ANOTHER WELL OUT FROM NEW JERSEY.
AT 1300 GMT YESTERDAY, RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT GULF-
DAVE WAS ASHORE AT MATTERAS ON DIAMOND SHOAL. THIS WAS
NOT THE RESULT OF HOSTILE ATTACK BUT VESSEL NEEDS HELP.
AT 1410 GMT YESTERDAY, ADVISED COASTWISE TO BE GROUNDING
ON FISHERS ISLAND. THIS NOT CAUSED BY HOSTILITIES EITHER.

8:00 A.M.

3/18/42

TO

8:00 A.M.

3/19/42

Filed: 3/18/42, 1410

Journal #61/3/18

From: Bonesteel, Indigo

INDIGO'S AIR ACTIVITY REPORT FOR MARCH 17:

WEATHER: FOG AND LIGHT RAIN; VISIBILITY 2 TO 7 MILES,
WITH VARIABLE WIND OF 10 MPH., TEMPERATURE AVERAGED 40
DEGREES.

ENEMY ACTIVITY: NIL.

PATROLS: 5 HRS., 30 MINS., AND 50 MINS., WITH CEILING
OVERCAST TO 4500 FT.

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Journal #71, 3/18

From: Watkins, ETO

AIR ACTIVITY REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING NOON GMT MAR 18:

18 OBSERVATION MISSIONS, 8 RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS.

WEATHER: GENERALLY BAD IN CHESAPEAKE BAY SECTOR NORTH,
CAUSING CANCELLATION OF SOME FLIGHTS; GENERALLY FAIR IN
SOUTHERN SECTOR.

NEWFOUNDLAND REPORT:

4 RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS.

WEATHER: CEILING 5000 FT. TO UNLIMITED; VISIBILITY 5
MILES TO UNLIMITED.

Filed: 3/18/42, 1815

Journal #63, 3/18

From: Watkins, ETO

IN VIEW OF YOUR INSTRUCTIONS OF MARCH 14 SIGNED WALSHE
TO FIRST AIR FORCE TO REPORT AIR ACTIVITIES DIRECTION
YOUR HQS. SHALL WE DISCONTINUE EXCEPT FROM NEWFOUNDLAND
OUR DAILY PERIODIC AIR ACTIVITIES REPORT WHICH
DUPLICATES.

Filed: 3/18/42, 1755

Journal #93, 3/18

From: BLUIN WEST - Giles

ONE RAF BOMBER ARRIVED FROM BLUIN WEST NIGHT (810)

Filed: 3/18/42, 1830 IN CLEAR Journal #90, 3/18
From: Navy

IT IS REPORTED BY THE SS MOBILOIL THAT SHE SIGHTED A
U-BOAT AT POSITION (39-38 N, 74-00 W) (80 MILES NE OF CAPE
MAY) AT 1430 GMT ON MARCH 16, 1942.

Filed: 3/18/42, 0823 Journal #43, 3/18
From: Navy, Ottawa
REPORT OF SUB 290 MI SSW OF CAPE RAGE, NEWFOUNDLAND
(43-30 N, 56-00 W) AT 2314Z EWT MARCH 17.

8:00 A.M.
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Filed: 3/18/42, 1708 Journal #63, 3/18
From: Navy
SS SIGHTED 10 MI S OF BUOY AT ENTRANCE TO DELAWARE

Filed: 3/18/42, 1822 Journal #68, 3/18
From: Watkins, ETO
STEAMER CATATUMBO OF VENEZUELAN REGISTRY ADVISES
HAVING OBSERVED A SUB AT 1435 GMT THIS DATE. LOCATION
GIVEN AS 38-14 N, 76-20 W (60 MI SE CAPE HATTERAS).
IN VICINITY OF CAPE REMAIN, N.C. A SUB WAS SEEN BY THE
VESSEL LIBERATOR AT 1442 GMT, ACCORDING TO RADIO
INTERCEPT. ORIGIN OF THESE REPORTS IS BCF.

Filed: 3/18/42, 1938 Journal #76, 3/18
From: Watkins, ETO
THE E.W. CLARK WAS THE UNNAMED VESSEL TORMPEDED IN
VICINITY DIAMOND SHOALS THIS MORNING AT 0530 GMT.
13 MEMBERS OF CREW SAVED BY USN.

From: Admiralty Via ONI IJ #91, 3/18/42 ADMIRALTY VIA ONI
Filed: 3/18/42, 0845 GMT
1 SS UNLOCATED IN THE BAHAMAS.
1 SS BETWEEN CHARLESTON AND CAPE HATTERAS.
1 SS IN 38-06 N, 76-19 W, (76 MI NE OF CAPE LOOKOUT, N.C.)
AT 1745 EWT ON MAR. 17.
1 OR 2 SS'S BETWEEN HAMPTON ROADS AND CAPE COD.
1 SS IN 36-46 N, 67-09 W, (340 MI NE OF CAPE COD) AT
1245 EWT ON MAR. 17 W-BND.
1 SS POSSIBLY OFF CAPE SABLE.
ABOUT 6 SS'S N OF 36-00 N, BETWEEN 68-00 W, AND 40-00 W
OF WHICH 3 WERE N-BND. WITHIN 100 MI OF THE FOLLOWING
POSITIONS:
1 SS - 37-00 N, 61-00 W (330 MI ENE OF BERMUDA)
1 SS - 40-00 N, 54-00 W (960 MI SE OF BERMUDA)
1 SS - 40-00 N, 47-00 W (565 MI SE OF ST. JOHNS)

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5 SS'S IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY 39-00 N, 46-00 W & 36-00
W, 56-00 W (APPROXIMATELY 600 MI NW OF SAN MIGUEL)
E-BND.
THERE IS NO CHANCE IN THE AREA S OF 30-00 W.

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From: N/A London

ON RUSS FRONT, SEEMS THAT GERM. FEEL THEY MUST RETAIN AT ALL COSTS THEIR POSITIONS N OF SMOLENSK BECAUSE THIS AREA IS VITAL TO SUMMER CAMPAIGN. SIGNS INDICATE GERMANS PLANNING GIVE GROUND IN S BUT HENT ON MAKING ALL-OUT EFFORT TO FURNISH AN AIR DEFENSE THAT GUARANTEES HOLDING CENTRAL FRONT.

RUSS PRESSURE IN AREA FROM RZHEV TO LAKE ILMEN IS GIVING GERMANS CONCERN AS REINFORCEMENTS ARE SENT TO THIS AREA SO THEY ARE USING THEIR AIR FORCES DEFENSIVELY IN THIS AREA. THE IMPORTANCE WHICH THE GERMANS AScribe TO THIS AREA IS EVIDENCED BY THE FACT THAT FROM BEGINNING OF YEAR THEY HAVE SENT FEW AIR FORCE REINFORCEMENTS TO SOUTHERN FRONT IN SPITE OF PROGRESS WHICH RUSS OFFENSIVE IS MAKING IN CRIMEA AND AGAINST KHARKOV.

ON SOUTHERN FRONT, GERMAN AIR FORCE HAS RECOGN. AS FAR JOURNAL #87, 3/18 CONTD.

AS BAKUM IN THE CAUCASUS. IN TURN, THE RUSS AIR FORCE HAS CONDUCTED LONG RANGE BOMBING ATTACKS AGAINST GERMAN-HELD AIRDROMES IN SPITE OF BAD WEATHER.

ON CENTRAL FRONT, DAYTIME LONG RANGE BOMBING ATTACKS AGAINST COLUMNS OF RUSSIAN REINFORCEMENTS AND AGAINST RUSS COMM. HAVE BEEN CHIEF EFFORT OF GERM AIR FORCE. PRINCIPAL RUSS RE SUPPLY LINE FROM TOROPETS TO BOLOGOE is REGULARLY RECOGN. CLOSE SUPPORT FORCES HAVE OPERATED CHIEFLY IN RZHEV AREA FROM BASES NEAR VYAZMA.

THIS INFORMATION CONCERNING GERMAN AIR FORCE IN RUSSIA COME FROM AIR MINISTRY AND INCLUDES BELIEF THAT GERMAN AIR FORCE WILL REQUIRE FOR ITS SUMMER CAMPAIGN IN RUSS AT LEAST 2500 AIRCRAFT. THE ACQUISITION OF THIS TOTAL SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE UNLESS UNITS NOW IN MED AREA OR ON WESTERN FRONT ARE TRANSFERRED. RETURN OF UNITS FROM MED TO RUSS FRONT SEEMS MORE LIKELY POSSIBILITY SINCE SOME OF THESE UNITS HAVE ALREADY HAD EXPERIENCE IN RUSSIA WHILE THE STRENGTH JOURNAL #87, 3/18 CONTD.

OF GERM AIR FORCE ON WESTERN FRONT REGARDED AS BEING AT MIN.

IF OPERATIONS CAN BE DISCONTINUED DURING SPRING THAW, THE GERMAN AIR FORCE MAY BE IN POSITION TO REEQUIP TO SOME DEGREE. THE RUSS OFFENSIVE, COMING AS IT DID AFTER 6 MONTHS VIGOROUS OPERATIONS, KEPT GERM AIR FORCE FROM REEQUIPPING. IT COMPELLED GERM AIR FORCE TO OPERATE DEFENSIVELY UNDER SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS. THIS CAUSED SERIOUS DECLINE IN SERVICEABILITY, REQUIRING MAINTENANCE OF 1800 TO 1900 AIRCRAFT IN ORDER PERMIT 300 TO 350 SORTIES A DAY. OPERATIONS IN BAD WEATHER INCREASED WASTAGE BOTH IN BATTLE AND NON-BATTLE LOSSES AND CREATES STRAIN ON CREWS.

DURING PAST MONTH, GERMAN AIR FORCE ON RUSS FRONT HAS BEEN STRENGTHENED BY CLOSE SUPPORT FORCES CONSISTING CHIEFLY OF FIGHTERS AND DIVE-BOMBERS WITH SOME RECOGN. PLANES FOLLOWING ESTIMATE OF GERMAN AIR FORCE ON THE RUSS FRONT PRESENTS INITIAL EQUIPMENT. IT IS THE ESTIMATED STRENGTH OF JOURNAL #87, 3/18 CONTD.

UNITS UP TO INITIAL EQUIPMENT WITH NO IMMEDIATE RESERVES. SERVICEABILITY IS NOT ESTIMATED TO EXCEED 30% OF INITIAL EQUIPMENT.

LONG RANGE BOMBERS:	685
DIVE-BOMBERS	230
RECOGN BOMBERS	245
ARMY COOPERATION	290
1-ENGINE FIGHTERS	400
3-ENGINE FIGHTERS	120
COASTAL (PATROL)	15
TOTAL	1985

1300 OF THESE AIRCRAFT ARE ON Leningrad AND CENTRAL FRONTS 680 IN AREA FROM KURSK TO CRIMEA, AND REMAINDER IN N NORWAY AND FINLAND.

G-2 COMMENT:

1. S OF Leningrad, N OF MOSCOW
2. ABOUT MIDWAY BETWEEN Leningrad AND MOSCOW.

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