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SUBMARINE ESTIMATE

COMINCH, April 28, 1508, (#2811).

4 patrolling from recent DFS: 55 N., 30 W; 52 N., 28 W; 49 N., 33 W;
47 N., 25 W.

1 unlocated within 200 miles 46 N., 29 W.

2 estimated moving SW 53 N., 32 W; 57 N., 27 W.

Enemy U/Boat estimate 1200 Z/28.

1 not recently located may be patrolling within 150 miles of
VIRGIN ROCKS.

1 estimated patrolling general area south of HATTERAS although not
well fixed.

1 may be westbound within 300 miles 17 N., 52 W.

1 homebound within 200 miles 34 N., 50 W.

1 southbound estimated area 36 N., 39 W.

No fresh information other areas.

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SHIPS SUNK

COMNAVEU, April 28, 1711 (#2826).

S.S. THOMAS G. MASARYK (U.S. Cgo. 7,176 tons) presumed sunk.

Note: Previously reported (summary 4/18) torpedoed Apr. 16 off
TOBRUK, (32-38 N., 23-08 E). Convoy UGS-37.

S.S. ROODE ZEE (DU. Tug 468 tons) torpedoed and sunk by E-boat
April 24 off DUNGENESS.

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SUBMARINES ATTACKED

CG ETOUSA (MIS) JNL. 287, Apr. 28.

April 26: SS attacked by Halifax 25 mi. SW of ST. NAZAIRE.

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SUBMARINES SIGHTED

CTF 24 (#2789), Apr. 28, 1947.

SS sighted by ATC plane at 1304 Z, Apr. 28 in 42-23 N.,
41-55 W., (550 mi. SE of NEWFOUNDLAND).

CG ETOUSA (MIS) JNL. 287, Apr. 28.

April 26: SS sighted by Liberator 25 miles SW of LA PALLICE.
Plane attempted to attack, but depth charges failed to release.

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Total Ships Sunk - 2

Total Ships Attacked - 0

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SHIPS SUNK - 1

Apr. 24 - S.S. HOODE ZEE (Du. Tug 500 tons) sunk by E-boat off S. coast of ENGLAND.

SHIPS ATTACKED - 0

SUBMARINES SIGHTED - 2

Apr. 26 - In BAY OF BISCAY, by Liberator. Plans attempted to attack, but depth charges failed to release.

Apr. 28 - 550 mi. SE of NEWFOUNDLAND, by ATC plane.

SUBMARINES ATTACKED - 1

Apr. 26 - In BAY OF BISCAY, by RAF plane.

SUBMARINE ESTIMATE

Our Atlantic: 4 Eastbound, 7 Westbound, 4 Patrolling. Total: 15

All Atlantic: 44. (Yesterday: 44).

MEDITERRANEAN

SHIPS SUNK - 1

Apr. 16 - S.S. THOMAS G. MASARYK (U.S. Cgo. 7,100 tons) torpedoed and presumed sunk off TOBRUK. Eastbound convoy.

Note: Previously reported torpedoed.

INDIAN and PACIFIC

(Nothing to report)

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SUBMARINE ESTIMATE

COMINCH, April 27, 1532 Z, (#2717).

Enemy U-Boat estimate 1200 Z/27.

1 vicinity 17-45 N., 38 W., by DF 270038 Z.

1 may be moving westward within 200 miles 17 N., 48 W., although not recently located.

2 estimated homebound: 32 N., 53 W; 48 N., 32 W.

2 not recently located may be patrolling within 200 miles 47 N., 28 W.

1 estimated southbound area 53 N., 33 W., from DF 261926 and torpedoing of COLIN.

1 patrolling area 55 N., 28 W., from recent DF.

1 estimated within 150 miles of VIRGIN ROCKS.

1 unlocated general area south of HATTERAS.

1 southbound area 38 N., 40 W.

No fresh information other areas.

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SUBMARINES ATTACKED

CTG 21.15, Apr. 27, 1633.

At 0654 April 26, USS HUSE and USS FROST attacked submarine contact in 17-52 N., 38-04 W., (700 mi. W. of CAPE VERDE ISLAND). 3 explosions after hedgehog attacks. Contact then lost. Heavy oil slick observed. Submarine possibly sunk.

ADMIRALTY, April 25, 1752.

SS sunk by Norwegian submarine ULA at 0519 Z, April 19, in 59-08 N., 05-23 E., (off NORWEGIAN coast). One torpedo seen to hit, and second explosion heard 1½ seconds later.

Note: Attack previously reported (summary 4/26).

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SUBMARINES SIGHTED

RDO HALIFAX, Apr. 28, 0341 B.

SS sighted by aircraft at 0333 B, Apr. 28 in 46-07 N.,
10-50 W., (BAY OF BISCAY).

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MISCELLANEOUS

CLEVELAND (AP), Apr. 27.

S.S. FRANK E. VIGOR (U.S. Cgo. 3,886 tons) was sunk in
PELEE PASSAGE of WESTERN LAKE ERIE about 1030 Z, April 27 after
a collision in the fog with S.S. PHILIP MINCH (U.S. Cgo. 5,865 tons).
All members of VIGOR'S crew were transferred to MINCH. There were
no injured.

CLEVELAND (AP), April 27.

S.S. JAMES H. REED (U.S. Cgo. 5,265 tons) sank about 1030 ⁴,
April 27 as a result of a collision in the fog 40 miles North of
ERIE, PA., with S.S. ASHCROFT (Br. Cgo. 7,726 tons). 26 crew
members picked up. 10 missing. REED was enroute from BUFFALO to
TOLEDO. ASHCROFT was reported to be heavily damaged, and was
taken in tow by rescue boats.

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Total Ships Sunk - 0

Total Ships Attacked - 0

BRIEF OF DAILY SUMMARY

April 28, 1944

ATLANTIC

SHIPS SUNK - 0

SHIPS ATTACKED - 0

SUBMARINES SIGHTED - 1

Apr 28 - in Bay of Biscay, by aircraft.

SUBMARINES SUNK - 2 (1 sunk, 1 probably sunk)

Apr. 19 - SS sunk by Norwegian submarine ULA off Norwegian coast.

One torpedo hit seen, followed by second explosion 1 1/2 minutes later. Submarine considered sunk (by ADMIRALTY).

Note: Attack previously reported.

Apr. 26 - Submarine contact 700 mi. W. of CAPE VERDE IS, by USS HUSE (DE) and USS FROST (DE). 3 explosions and heavy oil slick followed hedgehog attack. Contact then lost. Submarine probably sunk.

MISCELLANEOUS

Apr. 27 - At dawn in a heavy fog S.S. FRANK E. VIGOR (U.S. Cgo. 4,000 tons) sank in WESTERN LAKE ERIE in collision with S.S. PHILIP MINCH (U.S. Cgo. 6,000 tons). All members of VIGOR'S crew rescued. There were no injured.

Apr. 27 - About the same time S.S. JAMES H. REED (U.S. Cgo. 5,000 tons) sank 40 mi. N. of ERIE, PA., in collision with S.S. ASHCROFT (Br. Cgo. 7,700 tons). 26 crew members picked up. 10 missing. ASHCROFT heavily damaged, taken in tow.

SUBMARINE ESTIMATE

Our Atlantic: 5 Eastbound, 6 Westbound, 3 Patrolling. Total: 14

All Atlantic: 14. (Yesterday: 14).

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(Nothing to report)

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SUBMARINE ESTIMATE

COMINCH, April 26, 1540 Z, (#2597).

- 1 estimated homebound within 150 miles 31 N., 55 W.
 - 1 estimated patrolling general area south of HATTERAS possibly 32-24 N., 77-52 W., by contact 260324 Z and from contact 251333 Z.
 - 1 may be moving westward area 18 N., 46 W., although entirely unfixed.
 - 2 estimated southbound: 40 N., 40-30 W; 47-30 N., 36 W.
 - 1 estimated between FIEMISH CAP and VIRGIN ROCKS.
 - 2 patrolling from recent DFS: 55 N., 30 W; 48 N., 35 W.
 - 2 estimated patrolling within 200 miles 47 N., 27 W. of which 1 area 49 N., 26 W., by poor DF 26-535 Z.
- Enemy U-Boat estimate 1200 4/26.
- 1 17-46 N., 37-45 W., by contact 252145 Z.
- No fresh information other areas.

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SHIPS ATTACKED

SO ESCORT GROUP 15, Apr. 26, 1850.

S.S. COLIN (Pan. Cgo. 6,255 tons) torpedoed in 54-16 N.,
31-58 W., (500 mi. SE of GREENLAND). Straggler from SC-157.

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SUBMARINES ATTACKED

COMINCH, Apr. 26, 2100.

Sound contact attacked by USCG ASTERION at 1400, Apr. 26,
in 42-50 N., 43-45 W., (500 mi. SE of NEWFOUNDLAND).

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SUBMARINES SIGHTED

NOB TRINIDAD, April 26, 1347 (#2581).

SS sighted by ATC plane at 1301 Z, Apr. 26 in 14-10 N.,
61-55 W., (50 mi. SW of MARTINIQUE).

COMINCH, Apr. 26, 2100.

SS sighted by Croatian aircraft at 2145, Apr. 25 in
17-46 N., 37-45 W., (700 mi. W. of CAPE VERDE IS.).

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Total Ships Sunk - 0

April 27, 1944

Total Ships Attacked - 1

ATLANTIC

SHIPS SUNK - 0

SHIPS ATTACKED - 1

Apr. 26 - S.S. COLIN (Pan. Cgo. 6,000 tons) torpedoed 500 mi. SE
of GREENLAND. Straggler from SC-157 (Eastbound-slow).

SUBMARINES SIGHTED - 2

Apr. 26 - 50 mi. SW of MARTINIQUE, by ATC plane.

Apr. 25 - 700 mi. W. of CAPE VERDE IS, by GROTAN aircraft.

SUBMARINES ATTACKED - 1

Apr. 26 - Sound contact 500 mi. SE of NEWFOUNDLAND, by USCG ASTERION.

SUBMARINE ESTIMATE

Our Atlantic: 5 Eastbound, 6 Westbound, 2 Patrolling. Totals: 13

All Atlantic: 44. (Yesterday: 45).

MEDITERRANEAN

(Nothing to report)

INDIAN OCEAN

(Nothing to report)

PACIFIC OCEAN

(Nothing to report)

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SUBMARINE ESTIMATE

COMINCH, April 25, 1527 Z (#2505).

1 unfixed estimated patrolling general area south of HATTERAS.

Enemy U/Boat estimate 1200Z/25.

1 estimated homebound within 150 miles 31 N., 57-30 W.

1 estimated westbound vicinity FLEMISH CAP.

1 estimated moving SW area 50 N., 34 W.

1 estimated southbound area 42 N., 39-30 W.

2 patrolling from recent DFS: 54 N., 30 W; 48 N., 35 W.

2 unfixed estimated patrolling within 200 miles 46 N., 28 W.

Other areas quiet.

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SUBMARINES ATTACKED

ADMIRALTY, Apr. 25, 1954 B.

SS attacked at 0501 Z, Apr. 19 by Norwegian submarine
with torpedoes at 59-08 N., 05-23 E., (off Norwegian coast).
1 hit seen.

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MISCELLANEOUS

ALUSIO BOMBAY, Apr. 24, 0630.

The following ships are a total loss as a result of the explosion and fire April 14 in BOMBAY HARBOR:

	<u>Flag</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>
1. S.S. BARODA	BR.	CGO.	3,205 GT
2. S.S. EL HIND	BR.	CGO.	5,314 GT
3. S.S. KINGYAN	BR.	CGO.	2,653 GT
4. S.S. GENERAL VAN DER HEIJDEN	DU.	CGO.	1,213 GT
5. S.S. GENERAL VAN DER SWIETEN	DU.	CGO.	1,300 GT
6. S.S. TINOMBO	DU.	CGO.	872 GT
7. S.S. GRACIOSA	NO.	CGO.	1,773 GT
8. S.S. ROD-EL-FARAG	EG.	CGO.	6,842 GT
TOTAL: 8 ships of			23,172 GT

Previously reported (summary 4/17):

9. S.S. FORT STIKINE	BR.	CGO.	7,142 GT
10. S.S. JALAPADMA	BR.	CGO.	3,937 GT
11. S.S. IRAN	PA.	CGO.	5,704 GT

GRAND TOTAL: 11 ships of 39,955 GT

The following ships are badly damaged:

1. S.S. EMPIRE INDUS	BR.	CGO.	5,155 GT
2. S.S. BELPAY	NO.	CGO.	2,888 GT
3. S.S. NORSE TRADER	PA.	CGO.	3,507 GT
4. S.S. JALAVIJAVA	BR.	CGO.	3,756 GT
5. S.S. FORT CREVIER	BR.	CGO.	7,122 GT
TOTAL: 5 ships of			22,428 GT

The following ships are slightly damaged:

1. S.S. CHANGON	BR.	CGO.	3,619 GT
2. S.S. BRAGANZA	NO.	CGO.	6,327 GT
3. S.S. CAPSA	BR.	TNK.	8,229 GT
TOTAL: 3 ships of			18,175 GT

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Total Ships Sunk - 0

Total Ships Attacked - 0

ATLANTIC

SHIPS SUNK - 0

SHIPS ATTACKED - 0

SUBMARINES SIGHTED - 0

SUBMARINES ATTACKED - 1

Apr. 19 - Off Norwegian coast, by Norwegian submarine. 1 torpedo hit seen.

SUBMARINES ESTIMATED

Our Atlantic: 5 Eastbound, 6 Westbound, 3 Patrolling. Total: 14.

All Atlantic: 45. (Yesterday: 45).

MEDITERRANEAN (Nothing to report)

INDIAN OCEAN

BOMBAY EXPLOSION

April 14: The following are revised totals of losses:

(A) Total Loss:

5 British cargo ships	22,251 GT
3 Dutch cargo ships	3,385
1 Panamanian cargo ship	5,704
1 Egyptian cargo ship	6,842
<u>1 Norwegian cargo ship</u>	<u>1,773</u>
11 ships. Total tonnage	39,955 GT

(B) Badly damaged:

3 British cargo ships	16,033 GT
1 Norwegian cargo ship	2,888
<u>1 Panamanian cargo ship</u>	<u>3,507</u>
5 ships. Total tonnage	22,428 GT

(C) Slightly damaged:

2 British ships (1 cargo, and 1 tanker)	11,848 GT
<u>1 Norwegian cargo ship</u>	<u>6,327</u>
3 ships. Total tonnage	18,175 GT

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GRAND TOTAL sunk and damaged: 19 ships of 80,558 Gross Tons.

PACIFIC OCEAN

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SUBMARINE ESTIMATE

COMINCH, Apr. 24, 1954 (#2381).

2 patrolling from recent DFS: 53 N., 29 W; 47 N., 34 W.

2 estimated moving SW: 46 N., 44 W; 52 N., 33 W.

1 estimated southbound area 43-30 N., 38-30 W.

2 not recently located estimated patrolling within 600 miles north
of AZORES.

1 estimated homebound area 30 N., 59-30 W.

1 estimated patrolling general area south of HATTERAS not recently
located.

1 estimated moving SE area 09 N., 33 W., from DF 232049Z.

Enemy U/Boat estimate 1200Z/24.

No fresh information other areas.

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SHIPS ATTACKED

ALUSNA LISBON (#2402).

S.S. CHASSERAL (Swiss Ggo. 3,129 tons) damaged by bombs near
PORT VENDRES. Vessel towed for repairs to SETE April 23.

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SUBMARINES ATTACKED

CINCWA Apr. 24, 1322 Z and 1658 Z.

SS attacked by aircraft at 1539 Z, Apr. 24 in 50-44 N.,
18-40 W., (300 mi. W. of IRELAND). SS possibly damaged.

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Total Ships Sunk - 0

BRIEF OF DAILY SUMMARY

April 25, 1944

Total Ships Attacked - 1

ATLANTIC

SHIPS SUNK - 0

SHIPS ATTACKED - 0

SUBMARINES SIGHTED - 0

SUBMARINES ATTACKED - 1

Apr. 24 - 300 mi. W. of IRELAND, by aircraft.

SUBMARINE ESTIMATE

Our Atlantic: 5 Eastbound, 6 Westbound, 3 Patrolling. Total: 14.

All Atlantic: 45 (Yesterday: 47).

MEDITERRANEAN

SHIPS ATTACKED - 1

— S.S. CHASSERAI (Swiss Ggo. 3,000 tons) damaged by bombs
near PORT VENDRES and towed to SETE for repairs.

INDIAN and PACIFIC

(Nothing to report)

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SUBMARINE ESTIMATE

COMINCH, April 23, 1548 (#2300).

1 estimated homebound within 150 mi. 29 N., 61-30 W.

1 unfixed estimated patrolling general area south of HATTERAS.

Enemy U-boat estimate 1200Z/23.

2 estimated moving SW within 150 miles: 48 N., 42 W; 53 N., 32 W.

1 estimated southbound area 45 N., 37-30 W.

2 patrolling from recent DFS: 53 N., 30 W; 46 N., 36 W.

1 estimated northbound 04 S., 25-30 W., from contact 222000Z.

Other areas quiet.

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SHIPS SUNK

ALUSNA LISBON (#1811 and 2227) Apr. 18, 1800 and Apr. 22, 2130.

S.S. EMBLA (Sw. Cgo. 1,053 tons), international Red Cross ship,
sunk Apr. 19 outside SETE. Vessel left PORT VENDRE Apr. 17 for
MARSEILLE. No details.

Note: Previously reported (summary 4/14) damaged by bombs enroute from
MARSEILLE to CASABLANCA.

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SUBMARINES ATTACKED

CG ETOUSA (MIS) JNL. 220, Apr. 22.

Sub attacks Apr. 20: 105 mi. NW of CAPE ORTEGAL by Liberator;
120 mi. SW of BREST by Halifax.

SOEG 9, Apr. 2008, 22nd.

SS attacked at 52-09 N., 19-07 W., (350 mi. W. of IRELAND).

CG ETOUSA (MIS) JNL. 20 and JNL. 25, Apr. 22 and Apr. 23.

SS attacked Apr. 20 by Halifax, 120 mi. NW of CAPE ORTEGAL.

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MISCELLANEOUS

NAVDET, Naples, Apr. 22, 1417.

S.S. JOHN ARMSTRONG (U.S. Cgo. 7,196 tons) enroute ANZIO/NAPLES,
sustained 2 underwater explosions at 1708, Apr. 21 in 41-15 N.,
12-32 E., (West of NAPLES). Vessel arrived NAPLES under own power.

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Total Ships Sunk - 1

BRIEF OF DAILY SUMMARY

April 24, 1944

Total Ships Attacked - 0

ATLANTIC

SHIPS SUNK - 0

SHIPS ATTACKED - 0

SUBMARINES SIGHTED - 0

SUBMARINES ATTACKED - 4

Apr. 20 - 3 submarines in BAY OF BISCAY, by RAF.

Apr. 22 - 350 mi. W. of IRELAND, by surface craft.

SUBMARINE ESTIMATE

Our Atlantic: 8 Eastbound, 5 Westbound, 3 Patrolling. Total: 13.

All Atlantic: 47. (Yesterday: 50).

MEDITERRANEAN

SHIPS SUNK - 1

Apr. 19 - International Red Cross ship EMELA (Sw. Ggo. 1,000 tons) sunk. No details. Vessel left Port Vendre Apr. 17 for MARSEILLE.

Note: Previously reported damaged by aircraft (not identified) enroute from MARSEILLES to CASABLANCA.

MARINE CASUALTY

S.S. JOHN ARMSTRONG (U.S. Ggo. 7,100 tons) sustained 2 underwater explosions West of NAPLES enroute from ANZIO to NAPLES. Vessel arrived NAPLES under own power.

INDIAN and PACIFIC

(Nothing to report)

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SUBMARINE ESTIMATE

COMINCH, 21 April 1944, (N) - #2108.

One estimated homebound within 100 miles 26-30 N, 65 W.

One estimated patrolling general area S of HATTERAS.

One estimated homebound area 15 N, 32 W from DF 21/0101Z.

Possibly one 21-18 N, 33-50 W by contact 21/0705Z.

Two patrolling from recent DFs 46 N, 37 W; 55 N, 30 W.

Two estimated moving S or SW within 150 miles 50 N, 37 W.

No fresh information other areas.

Enemy U/Boat Estimate 1200Z/21.

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SHIPS SUNK

ALLIED FORCE HQ ALGIERS (MIS) Jnl. 86, April 22 and Jnl. 214, April 21.

About 25 planes attacked convoy UGS-38 off CAPE BENGUT, April 20 at 2130B. S.S. PAUL HAMILTON (U.S. Cgo. 7176 tons) and S.S. ROYAL STAR (Br. Cgo. 7900 tons) sunk.

Note: Position 37-00 N, 03-20 E.

ALLIED FORCE HQ ALGIERS (MIS) Jnl. 86, April 22.

Convoy CAF-31 attacked by enemy aircraft, April 20, about 50 miles N of BOUGIE. S.S. EL BIAR (Fr. Cgo. 4678 tons) hit by torpedo and subsequently sank. AA fire claim 1 aircraft and fighters claim 1 probable and 3 damaged.

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SHIPS ATTACKED

ALLIED FORCE HQ ALGIERS (MIS) Jnl. 86, April 22.

About 25 planes attacked convoy UGS-38 off CAPE BENGUT at 2130B
April 20. S.S. SAMITE (Br. Cgo. 7176 tons) and S.S. STEPHEN F. AUSTIN
(U.S. Cgo. 7176 tons) damaged and later arrived ALGIERS.

Note: Position 37-00 N, 03-20 E.

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SUBMARINES SIGHTED

NOB TRINIDAD (2090), April 21, 1328.

SS sighted by ATC plane at 1219Z, April 21 in 15-44 N, 62-55 W
(120 mi. NW of MARTINIQUE).

CG ETOUSA (MIS) Jnl. 121, April 21.

SS sighted by aircraft, 19 April, 13 miles W. of CAPE ST. VINCENT.

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MISCELLANEOUS

HARRISON, U.S. Min., BERNE, April 19. (State Dep't. Brief 4/21).

According to reliable Berlin sources (via a report April 8 from Turin)
27 German submarines were sunk or missing in March. Three were badly
damaged by mines, and 3 were badly damaged at Toulon.

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April 22, 1944

Total Ships Sunk - 0

Total Ships Attacked - 2

ATLANTIC

SHIPS SUNK - 0

SHIPS ATTACKED - 0

SUBMARINES SIGHTED - 2

Apr. 19 - Off SW coast of SPAIN, by aircraft.

Apr. 21 - 180 mi. NW of MARTINIQUE, by ATC plane.

SUBMARINES ATTACKED - 0

SUBMARINE ESTIMATE

Our Atlantic: 3 Eastbound, 4 Westbound, 4 Patrolling. Total: 16.

All Atlantic: 50 (Yesterday: 53).

MEDITERRANEAN

SHIPS SUNK - 3

Apr. 20 - Convoy UGS-38 (U.S. - Medit.) attacked by about 25 planes off ALGIERS in the late afternoon. S.S. PAUL HAMILTON (U.S. Cgo. 7100 tons) and S.S. ROYAL STAR (Br. Cgo. 7900 tons) sunk.

Apr. 20 - S.S. EL BIAR (Fr. Cgo. 4600 tons) sunk by torpedo as a result of air attack off BOUGIE. Coastal convoy.

SHIPS ATTACKED - 2

Apr. 20 - S.S. SAMIYE (Br. Cgo. 7100 tons) and S.S. STEPHEN F. AUSTIN (U.S. Cgo. 7100 tons) damaged by aircraft off ALGIERS, reached ALGIERS in tow. Convoy UGS-38.

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SUBMARINE ESTIMATE

COMINCH, 20 April 1944, (N) - #1978.

One estimated homebound within 100 miles 27 N, 67 W.

One estimated moving SW area 22 N, 36 W from DF 19/2208Z.

Two patrolling from recent DFs 54 N, 28 W; 47 N, 36 W.

One area 51 N, 28 W from DF 19/2354Z possibly homebound.

Up to five estimated in general area within 600 miles N to

AZORES three of which homebound.

Two estimated moving S or SW within 150 miles 52 N, 36 W.

One unlocated general area S of HATTERAS.

No fresh information other areas.

Enemy U/Boat Estimate 1200Z/20.

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SUBMARINES ATTACKED

CG ETOUSA (MIS) Jnl. 273, April 20.

SS attacked by RAF Wellington, 140 miles WSW of LORIENT on 18 April.
Depth charges dropped. SS apparently keeled over, foundering in
long streaks of oil.

COMINCH, April 20, 2102.

SS attacked by aircraft from TRIPOLI at 0740, April 19 in 22-12 N,
35-34 W (600 mi. NW of CAPE VERDE ISLANDS). Heavy AA fire encountered.

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Total Ships Sunk - 0

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Total Ships Attacked - 0

April 21, 1944

ATLANTIC

SHIPS SUNK - 0

SHIPS ATTACKED - 0

SUBMARINES SIGHTED - 0

SUBMARINES ATTACKED - 2

Apr. 18 - Stationary SS 180 mi. W. of LORIENT, by RAF Wellington. Depth charges dropped. SS apparently keeled over and foundering in long streaks of oil.

Apr. 19 - 600 mi. NW of CAPE VERDE IS. by aircraft from USS TRIPOLI (CVE). Heavy AA fire encountered.

SUBMARINE ESTIMATE

Our Atlantic: 8 Eastbound, 4 Westbound, 4 Patrolling. Total: 16.

All Atlantic: 53 (Yesterday: 52).

MEDITERRANEAN

(Nothing to Report)

INDIAN

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PACIFIC

NAVINE CASUALTY (1)

Apr. 19 - Commissioned auxiliary USS JOHN STRAUB (7176 tons) had 2 underwater explosions of undetermined origin off the S. coast of the Alaskan Peninsula. 17 survivors of crew of 80 accounted for. Vessel sighted later same day with bow awash. Vessel left Seattle April 12 for Attu via Dutch Harbor, with cargo mostly fuel.

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SUBMARINE ESTIMATE

COMINCH, 19 April 1944, (N) - #1851.

- 1 homebound 27-30 N, 69-00 W from recent DFs.
- 1 unlocated general area south of HATTERAS.
- 2 patrolling from recent DFs: 47 N, 36 W; 52 N, 30 W.
- 2 estimated moving SW within 150 miles 53 N, 34 W.
- 3 estimated homebound within 300 miles north of FLORES.
- 2 estimated patrolling within 150 miles 46 N, 28 W although
not well fixed.

No fresh information in other areas.

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SHIPS ATTACKED

ALUSLO NAPLES (1845), April 19, 1845.

S.S. JAMES GUTHRIE (U.S. Cgo. 7177 tons) and S.S. ALEXANDER G. BELL (U.S. Cgo. 7176 tons) presumably mined about 1030, April 17 in NAPLES BAY. S.S. JAMES GUTHRIE damaged forward and aft, towed in and beached. S.S. ALEXANDER G. BELL damaged but proceeded to berth under own power. No casualties.

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Total Ships Sunk - 0

Total Ships Attacked - 0

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April 20, 1944

ATLANTIC

SHIPS SUNK - 0

SHIPS ATTACKED - 0

SUBMARINES SIGHTED - 0

SUBMARINES ATTACKED - 0

SUBMARINE ESTIMATE

Our Atlantic: 7 Eastbound, 4 Westbound, 4 Patrolling. Total: 15.

All Atlantic: 52 (Yesterday: 52).

MEDITERRANEAN

SHIPS DAMAGED - 2

Apr. 17 - S.S. JAMES GUTHRIE (U.S. Cgo. 7100 tons) and S.S. ALEXANDER G. BELL

(U.S. Cgo. 7100 tons) damaged presumably by mine in NAPLES harbor.

GUTHRIE towed in and beached. BELL returned to port under own power.

No casualties.

INDIAN

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PACIFIC

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SUBMARINE ESTIMATE

COMINCH, 18 April 1944, (N) - #1762.

Two unlocated general area S of HATTERAS of which one possibly
28-46 N, 74-29 W by attack on sound contact 18/1400Z.

One of these U-boats should be returning shortly.

Two patrolling from recent DFs: 47 N, 37 W; 53 N, 30 W.

Two estimated moving S or SW: 57 N, 33 W; 52 N, 32 W.

Three estimated homebound within 150 miles 42 N, 34 W.

Two estimated patrolling within 600 miles N of AZORES.

No fresh information from other areas.

Enemy U/boat Estimate 1200Z/18.

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SHIPS SUNK

NOIC WEST AFRICA (1766), April 18, 1237.

S.S. NEBRASKA (Br. Cgo. 8621 tons) torpedoed and sunk at 0355Z, April 8 in 11-55 S, 19-52 W (400 mi. SW of ASCENSION IS.). 21 survivors arrived Freetown on merchant vessel. 2 lifeboats containing 21 each still adrift.

Note: Vessel left GIBRALTAR, March 25, for BUENOS AIRES, due April 17, detached from convoy OS-71 on April 2. Whaleboat (empty) from vessel found April 11. (Refer. summary April 13).

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SUBMARINES ATTACKED

COMINCH, April 18, 2134.

Sound contact attacked by USS THORNHILL (DE) at 1400, April 18,
in 28-46 N, 74-29 W (350 mi. E of FLORIDA).

ADMIRALTY, April 18, 0906Z.

SS attacked by aircraft at 0330Z, April 18 in 47-08 N, 06-50 W
(BAY OF BISCAY).

SS attacked by French surface craft from 1830 to 2100Z, April 17,
in 16-14 N, 21-47 W (E. of CAPE VERDE ISLANDS).

CG ARMY SERVICES IN ICELAND (MIS) Jnl. 202, April 18.
ADMIRALTY, April 18, 0906Z.

SS attacked by Iceland - based Canadian Catalina aircraft at
0821, April 17 in 60-15 N, 29-35 W (300 mi. SW of ICELAND).

SS sunk. Wreckage seen.

CTF 67, April 18, 1255Z.

Sound contact attacked from 1620Z, to 2028Z April 17 by MOFFETT (DD)
STAFF (AM), SWIFT (AM), PC-619 in 50-05 N, 12-51 W (200 mi. SW of IRELAND).
Excellent possibility that enemy submarine was sunk.

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MISCELLANEOUS

FLAG OFFICER, NEWFOUNDLAND, April 18, 0328.

Empty life rafts and considerable wreckage sighted by U.S. Army
transport plane vicinity 41-52 N, 31-20 W (200 mi. N of AZORES) at
1235Z, April 17.

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Total Ships Sunk - 1

April 19, 1944

Total Ships Attacked - 0

ATLANTIC

SHIPS SUNK - 1

Apr. 8 - S.S. NEBRASKA (Br. Cgo. 8800 tons) torpedoed and sunk by SS, 400 mi. SW of ASCENSION IS. 21 survivors landed FREETOWN on merchant ship. 2 lifeboats, containing 21 each, still missing. Vessel enroute from GIBRALTAR to BUENOS AIRES, detached from convoy April 2.

Note: Previously reported that one whaleboat and a life raft of this ship had been sighted SW of ASCENSION.

SHIPS ATTACKED - 0

SUBMARINES SIGHTED - 0

SUBMARINES ATTACKED - 3

Apr. 18 - In BAY OF BISCAY, by aircraft.

Apr. 18 - Sound contact 380 mi. E of FLORIDA, by USS THORNHILL (DE).

Apr. 17 - W. of CAPE VERDE ISLANDS, by French surface craft.

SUBMARINES SUNK - 2 (1 sunk, 1 probable)

Apr. 17 - 300 mi. SW of IRELAND, by Canadian aircraft (Catalina). Wreckage seen.
SS sunk.

Apr. 17 - Sound contact 200 mi. SW of IRELAND, by USS KOFFETT (DD), USS STAFF (AM), USS SWIFT (AM), and PC-619. "Excellent possibility that enemy submarine was sunk".

MISCELLANEOUS

Apr. 17 - Empty life rafts and considerable wreckage sighted by U.S. Army transport plane 200 mi. E of AZORES.

SUBMARINE ESTIMATE

Our Atlantic: 6 Eastbound, 5 Westbound, 4 Patrolling. Total: 15.

All Atlantic: 22 (Yesterday, 24).

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SUBMARINE ESTIMATE

COMINCH, 17 April 1944, (N) - #1627.

No fresh information since my 16/1617. (Ref. is ONI 1528 of April).

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SHIPS SUNK

COMNAVJEU (1637), April 17, 1941.

S.S. MEYER LONDON (U.S. Cgo. 7210 tons) torpedoed and sunk April 16
in 32-38 N, 23-08 E (off TOBRUK). Convoy UGS-37.

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SHIPS ATTACKED

COMNAVEU (1637), April 17, 1941.

S.S. THOMAS G. MASARYK (U.S. Gco. 7176 tons) torpedoed, abandoned,
burning badly, on April 16 in 32-38 N, 23-08 E (off TOBRUK). Convoy UGS-37.

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MISCELLANEOUS

ALUSLO BOMBAY (1660), April 17, 1100.

Initial survey of fires in BOMBAY Port, started April 14, reveals 15 ships gutted and total loss, 2 badly damaged but salvageable, 5 in fair condition.

Note: Loss of 4 ships reported summary 4/17.

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BRIEF OF DAILY SUMMARY

Total Ships Sunk - 1

April 18, 1944

Total Ships Attacked - 1

ATLANTIC

SHIPS SUNK - 0

SHIPS ATTACKED - 0

SUBMARINES SIGHTED - 0

SUBMARINES ATTACKED - 0

SUBMARINE ESTIMATE

Our Atlantic: 6 Eastbound, 3 Westbound, 4 Patrolling. Total: 13.

All Atlantic: 54 (Yesterday: 56)

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SHIPS SUNK - 1

Apr. 16 - S.S. MEYER LONDON (U.S. Cgo. 7200 tons) torpedoed and sunk off TOBRUK.
Convoy UGS-37, (U.S. - Medit.)

SHIPS ATTACKED - 1

Apr. 16 - S.S. THOMAS G. MASARYK (U.S. Cgo. 7100 tons) torpedoed, abandoned, and
afire off TOBRUK. Convoy UGS-37, (U.S. - Medit.)

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BOMBAY FIRES

Apr. 14 - Initial survey reveals 15 ships gutted and total loss. 2 badly damaged
but salvable, 5 in fair condition. Note: Loss of 4 ships reported
yesterday.

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SUBMARINE ESTIMATE

COMINCH, 16 April 1944, (N) - #1528.

2 unfixed estimated patrolling general area S of HATTERAS and
W of 70 W.

Enemy U/B Estimate 1200Z/16.

2 estimated homebound areas: 42-30 N, 40 W; 39-30 N, 37 W.

1 homebound 36-30 N, 41 W from attack 15/0507Z.

3 patrolling from recent DFs: 60 N, 28 W; 52 N, 31 W; 47 N, 37 W.

Other areas quiet.

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SHIPS SUNK

CTG 21.5 (Indef. Call), April 16, 1223 and 1547.

S.S. PAN PENNSYLVANIA (U.S. tanker. 11,017 tons) torpedoed and
presumed total loss at 1216Z, April 16 in 40-07 N, 69-24 W (100 mi.
S. of CAPE COD). 60 survivors. Vessel set afire by escorts shelling
submarine. Convoy CU-21. (Carib. - U.K.)

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SUBMARINES ATTACKED

COMEASTSEAFRON(1530), April 16, 1408.
CTG 21.5, April 16, 1547.

SS sunk by USS JOYCE, GANDY and PETERSON about 1400Z, April 16
in 40-07 N, 69-24 W (100 mi. S of CAPE COD). 8 survivors, including
2 officers and the captain taken.

CTF 63, April 15, 1230.

Sound contact attacked by USS JEFFERS in 36-10 N, 42-34 W (700 mi.
W of AZORES), at 0507Z, April 15.

ADMIRALTY, April 16, 1144.

Submarine contact attacked by HMS MIDDLETON at 0735, April 15 in
49-57 N, 05-40 W (off LAND'S END).

OPTEL 121, April 15.

SS sunk by HMCS SWANSEA (frigate), April 14 in "SW approaches".
Prisoners taken.

Note: Position 490 miles SW of CAPE CLEAR (Ref. ETOUSA (MIS) Jnl. 71,
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MISCELLANEOUS

ALUSLO BOMBAY (1479), April 15, 0645.

At 0800Z, April 14, fire broke out on S.S. FORT STIKINE (U.S. Cgo. 7142 tons) at No. 1 berth, Victoria Dock, Bombay. Vessel carrying 1,000 tons TNT and other explosives, and at 1120Z exploded firing 10 other ships later observed gutted. At 1150Z, S.S. JALAPADMA (Br. trans. 3935 tons) carrying munitions exploded. Estimated 2,000 people killed, several thousand injured. Following ships gutted: S.S. NORSE TRADER (Pan. Cgo. 3507 tons), IRAN (Pan. Cgo. 5704 tons). Port will take months to repair.

OPTEL 121, April 15.

A convoy of 38 ships has arrived safely in U.K. from North Russia.

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MERCHANT SHIP LOSSES

Allied and Neutral Nations

APRIL	This Month			Corresponding Period Last Month		
Date Apr. 17	Attacked	Sunk	Tons Sunk	Attacked	Sunk	Tons Sunk
ATLANTIC	4	4	26,071	6	4	21,191
MEDITERRANEAN	2			8	3	14,650
INDIAN				3	2	14,356
PACIFIC						
TOTAL ENEMY ACTION	6	4	26,071	17	9	50,197
MARINE DISASTERS		5	20,354		3	13,627
GRAND TOTAL		9	46,425		12	63,824

IN CONVOY	5	3	20,794	4	3	21,191
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Total Ships Sunk - 1

Total Ships Attacked - 0

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Apr. 16 - S.S. PAN PENNSYLVANIA (U.S. tank. 11,000 tons) torpedoed and presumed sunk by SS, 100 miles S. of CAPE COD. 60 survivors picked up. Vessel set afire by escorts shelling SS. Convoy GU-21. (Carib. - U.K.)

SHIPS ATTACKED - 0

SUBMARINES SIGHTED - 0

SUBMARINES ATTACKED - 5 (3 sunk)

Apr. 15 - SS contact off LAND'S END, by British surface craft.

Apr. 14 - 500 mi. SW of IRELAND, by HMS SHANSEA (frigate). SS sunk. Prisoners taken.

Apr. 16 - 100 mi. S. of CAPE COD, by USS JOYCE, GANDY and PETERSON, escorts of GU-21 (Carib. - U.K.). 8 survivors including Captain and 2 officers picked up. USS GANDY (DE) rammed and damaged.

Apr. 15 - SS contact 700 mi. W of AZORES, by USS JEFFERS (DD).

Apr. 9 - 150 mi. NW of MADRIRA, by A/C from USS GUADALCANAL. SS sunk.

MISCELLANEOUS

A convoy of 38 ships has arrived safely in U.K. from North Russia.

SUBMARINES ESTIMATED

Our Atlantic: 5 Eastbound, 2 Westbound, 3 Patrolling. Total: 15.

All Atlantic: 56 (Yesterday: 58).

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(Nothing to Report)

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BOMBAY EXPLOSION

Apr. 14 - At 0800Z, a U.S. cargo vessel carrying explosives caught fire at Victoria Dock, and at 1130Z, exploded, firing 10 other ships. At 1130Z, a British transport also carrying munitions exploded. Two Panamanian ships were gutted. Estimated 2,000 people killed. Dock will take months to repair.

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BOMBAY EXPLOSION (Cont'd):

<u>Ships Sunk:</u>	<u>FORT STIKINE</u>	U.S. Cgo. 7100 tons
	<u>JALAPAIMA</u>	Br. Trans. 4000 tons
	<u>WORSE TRADER</u>	Pan. Cgo. 3500 tons
	<u>IRAN</u>	Pan. Cgo. 5700 tons

Note: Preliminary estimates of damage are conflicting.

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SUBMARINE ESTIMATE

OMINCH, April 14, 1613 (#1366).

2 unfixed within 300 miles 30 N., 75 W.

1 estimated patrolling within 200 miles east and west
of 39 N., 68 W.

2 estimated homebound within 200 miles 36 N., 42 W.

1 estimated homebound about 300 miles south of FLEMISH CAP.

3 patrolling from recent DFS:

- 58 N., 29 W.

54 N., 31 W.

47 N., 36 W.

1 southbound about 200 miles NE of ST. PAUL ROCKS by
sighting 14/1040 Z.

No fresh information other areas.

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SHIPS SUNK

COMNAVEU, Apr. 13, 1901.

S.S. SOUTH AMERICA (Nor. Cgo. 6,246 tons) presumed sunk.

Note: Previously reported (summary 4/7) torpedoed at 0430

Apr. 6 in 45-05 N., 31-11 W., (400 mi. NW of AZORES).

Convoy SC-156.

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SUBMARINES SIGHTED

COMINCH, Apr. 14, 2120.

SS sighted by transit aircraft at 1040, Apr. 14 in
03-55 N., 26-57 W., (800 mi. SW of FREETOWN).

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Total Ships Sunk - 1

BRIEF OF DAILY SUMMARY

April 15, 1944

Total Ships Attacked - 0

ATLANTIC

SHIPS SUNK - 1

Apr. 6 - S.S. SOUTH AMERICA (Nor. Ggo. 6,000 t) torpedoed and
presumed sunk 400 mi. NW of AZORES. SC-156 (eastbound
slow).

Note: Previously reported torpedoed.

SHIPS ATTACKED - 0

SUBMARINES SIGHTED - 1

Apr. 14 - 800 mi. SW of FREETOWN, by transit aircraft.

SUBMARINES ATTACKED - 0

SUBMARINES ESTIMATED

Our Atlantic: 5 Eastbound, 2 Westbound, 8 Patrolling. Total: 15

All Atlantic: 58. (Yesterday: 58).

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