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SUBMARINE ESTIMATE

COMINCH 27 Feb 1544 (#2739).

Enemy U/Boat estimate 1200Z/27.

Possibly one 44-00N, 62-12W by contact 270113Z.

One possibly homebound from NEW YORK approaches.

One moving SW area 56-15N, 26-00W from poor DF 270344Z.

One entirely unlocated may be northbound general area east of
ST. PAUL ROCKS.

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SHIPS SUNK

ADMIRALTY Feb 27, 1033A.

S. S. AURETTA (Br. Cgo. 4571 Tons) sunk by explosion (probably mined) at 0830 Feb 26 in 51-25N, 02-47E (off OSTENDE).

S. S. NASHABA (U.S. Cgo. 5064 tons) sunk by explosion (probably mined) at 0830 Feb 26 in 51-22N, 02-55E.

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SHIPS ATTACKED

SHAEP, CM-1N-28482 Feb 28.

S. S. SAMPA (Br. Cgo. 7219 Tons) mined at 1715 Feb 27

near NF 9 buoy. Vessel still afloat.

Belgian fishing boat B-96 mined AM Feb 27 off BLANKENBER.

All crew except captain safe.

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SUBMARINES ATTACKED

ADMIRALTY Feb 27, 1033A.

SS attacked by aircraft at 1424 Feb 26 in 53-39N, 05-07W

(IRISH SEA).

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SUBMARINES SIGHTED

ADMIRALTY Feb 27, 1033A.

Periscope sighted by bomber aircraft at 1216 Feb 25 in
51-24N, 02-01E (ENGLISH CHANNEL).

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BRIEF OF DAILY SUMMARY

Total Ships Sunk - 2 28 February 1945

Total Ships Attacked - 2

ATLANTIC

SHIPS SUNK - 2

Feb 26 - S. S. AURETTA (Br. Cgo. 4500 T) and S. S. NASHABA
(U.S. Cgo. 5000 T) sunk by mines off OSTENDE. Total
of 68 survivors landed OSTENDE.

SHIPS DAMAGED - 2

Feb 27 - S. S. SAMPA (Br. Cgo. 7200 T) damaged by mine in ENGLISH
CHANNEL.

Feb 27 - Belgian fishing boat damaged by mine off Belgian coast.

SUBMARINES SIGHTED - 1

Feb 25 - In ENGLISH CHANNEL, by aircraft.

SUBMARINES ATTACKED - 1

Feb 26 - In IRISH SEA, by aircraft.

SUBMARINE ESTIMATE

Our Atlantic: 2 Eastbound, 1 Westbound, 2 Patrolling. Total: 4.

All Atlantic: 47. (Yesterday: 44).

MEDITERRANEAN

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INDIAN

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PACIFIC

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MERCHANT SHIP LOSSES

Allied and Neutral Nations

FEBRUARY	This Month			Corresponding Period Last Month		
Date Feb 28	Attacked	Sunk	Tons Sunk	Attacked	Sunk	Tons Sunk
ATLANTIC	26	16	61,133	21	13	63,695
MEDITERRANEAN	1			2	1	1,575
INDIAN	1	1	7,176	2		
PACIFIC	2			6	1	7,176
TOTAL ENEMY ACTION	30	17	68,309	31	15	72,446
MARINE DISASTERS		5	13,360		10	14,372
GRAND TOTAL		22	81,669		25	86,818

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SUBMARINE ESTIMATE

COMINCH 26 Feb 1531 (#2660).

No fresh information.

Lack of recent contacts suggests that U/Boats estimated
off HALIFAX and NEW YORK may now be homebound.

Enemy U/Boat estimate 1200Z/26.

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SHIPS SUNK

ADMIRALTY Feb 26, 1032A.
COMNAVEU Feb 26, 1711.

S. S. EGHOLM (Br. Cgo. 1317 Tons) sunk by explosion
(probably torpedoed) at 1755 Feb 25 in 55-50N,
01-52W (off E coast of SCOTLAND). Convoy FS-39.
25 survivors. 3 missing.

SHAERF, CM-1N-27478 Feb 27.

On Feb 25 a fishing vessel was sunk by mine in SOMME BAY.

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SHIPS ATTACKED

ALUSNA MURMANSK Feb 26, 0800.

Feb 8: Unsuccessful torpedo attack on S. S. IDEFJORD

(Nor. Cgo. 4287 Tons) at berth in KIRKENES HARBOR.

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SUBMARINES ATTACKED

CTG 60.11 Feb 26, 2040.

SS contact attacked by USS OTOOLE (DE) at 0124 Feb 26 in
35-26N, 15-07W (about 175 mi. NE of MADEIRA).

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MISCELLANEOUS

MARITIME COMMISSION (by hand) (United States)
FA-1 (by hand) (Canadian)
COMNAVEU 26 Feb 1713 (British)

MERCHANT SHIP CONSTRUCTION - JANUARY

United States	89 ships	- 710,805 G.T.
United Kingdom	1	3,538
Canada	<u>1</u>	<u>7,148</u>
TOTAL.....	91	" 721,491 G.T.
Less Losses (all causes)	29	99,132
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NET GAIN.....	62 ships	622,359 G.T.

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BRIEF OF DAILY SUMMARY

Total Ships Sunk - 2 27 February 1945

Total Ships Attacked - 1

ATLANTIC

SHIPS SUNK - 2

Feb 25 - S. S. BOHOLM (Br. Cgo. 1300 T) sunk by explosion
(probable torpedo) off E coast of SCOTLAND. Vessel
in local convey. 23 survivors. 3 missing.

Feb 25 - Fishing vessel sunk by mine in SOMME BAY.

SHIPS ATTACKED - 1

Feb 8 - S. S. IDEFJORD (Nor. Cgo. 4200 T) received unsuccessful
torpedo attack while at berth in KIRKAW'S HARBOR (near
NORTH CAPE).

SUBMARINES SIGHTED - 0

SUBMARINES ATTACKED - 1

Feb 26 - SS contact 175 mi. NE of MADEIRA, by USS OTOOLE (DE).

JANUARY MERCHANT SHIP CONSTRUCTION:

	<u>Ships</u>	<u>Gross Tons</u>
United States	59	710,808
Great Britain	1	3,538
Canada	1	7,148
TOTAL.....	61	721,494
Losses (all causes)	29	99,132
NET GAIN.....	32	622,362

SUBMARINE ESTIMATE

Our Atlantic: 0 Eastbound, 1 Westbound, 3 Patrolling. Total: 4.

All Atlantic: 44. (Yesterday: 44).

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SUBMARINE ESTIMATE

COMINCH 25 Feb 1538 (#2570).

Weather reporter apparently homebound 59-30N, 25-00W by DF 251310.

One estimated moving SW same general area.

No fresh information Western Atlantic.

Enemy U/Boat estimate 1200Z/25.

One quite unfixed may be North bound general area 03-30S, 24-00W.

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ADMIRALTY Feb ~~23, 1946~~ 24, 1143A.

S. S. ORISKANY (Br. Cgo. 1644 Tons) torpedoed and sunk
in 50-05N, 05-51W (off LAND'S END).

COMNAVEU Feb 23, 1746.

S. S. HORACE GRAY (U.S. Cgo. 7200 T) total loss.

NOTE: Previously reported (summary 2/16) torpedoed off
N. NORWAY. Vessel beached in KOLA INLET.

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SHIPS ATTACKED

OPTEL 63 Feb 24.

S. S. HENRY BACON (U.S. Ggo. 7177 Tons), straggler from
convoy RUSSIA to U.K., torpedoed by aircraft Feb 23
SE of JAN MAYEN ISLAND.

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SUBMARINES ATTACKED

ADMIRALTY Feb 25, 1136A.

SS contact attacked by Escort Group 3 at 1005 Feb 24 in

49-55N, 06-07W (off LAND'S END). Probably sunk (OPTEL 64 of Feb 25).

Possible SS attacked by aircraft at 1830 Feb 24 in 49-54N,

04-43W (off LAND'S END).

ADMIRALTY Feb 23, 2018A.

Possible SS attacked by aircraft at 1020 Feb 23 in 53-25N,

05-03W (IRISH SEA).

Possible SS attacked by aircraft at 1034 Feb 23 in 53-03N,

05-03W (IRISH SEA).

SS attacked by aircraft at 1246 Feb 23 in 51-03N, 09-42W

(off S. coast of IRELAND).

SS contact attacked at 0022 Feb 24 by HMS ST. ELSTAN in

50-20N, 06-11W (off LAND'S END).

SS contact attacked by aircraft at 0650 Feb 24 in 55-46N,

07-05W (off N. Coast of IRELAND).

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MISCELLANEOUS

ALUSLO VALPARAISO Feb 22, 2014.

S. S. HUENUL (Chil. Cgo. 2850 Tons) abandoned at 0200Z Feb 22
in 46-44S, 75-51W. Vessel believed total loss.

DCGO 3ND (Via FX-43) Feb 23, 0951.

S. S. MAPLEFIELD (Br. Cgo. 492 tons) sunk on Feb 23, marine
casualty.

NOTE: Estimated British coastal waters.

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BRIEF OF DAILY SUMMARY

Total Ships Sunk - 2

26 February 1945

Total Ships Attacked - 1

ATLANTIC

SHIPS SUNK - 2

Feb 24 - S. S. HORACE GRAY (U.S. Cgo. 7200 T) torpedoed and total loss off N. NORWAY. Previously reported torpedoed.

Feb 24 - S. S. ORISKANY (Br. Cgo. 1600 T) torpedoed and sunk off LAND'S END).

SHIPS ATTACKED - 1

Feb 23 - S. S. HENRY BACON (U.S. Cgo. 7100 T) torpedoed by aircraft. SE of JAN MAYEN IS. Vessel a straggler from convoy N. RUSSIA to U. K.

SUBMARINES SIGHTED - 0

SUBMARINES ATTACKED - 6

Feb 24 - Off W coast of IRELAND, by aircraft.

Feb 23 - 2 submarines in IRISH SEA, by aircraft.

Feb 23 - Off S coast of IRELAND, by aircraft.

Feb 24 - 2 submarines off LAND'S END, by aircraft and surface craft.

SUBMARINES SUNK - 1 (probable)

Feb 24 - Off LAND'S END, by Escort Group 3. No details.

SUBMARINE ESTIMATE

Our Atlantic: 0 Eastbound, 1 Westbound, 3 Patrolling. Total: 4.

All Atlantic: 44. (Yesterday: 40).

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PACIFIC

MARINE CASUALTY - 1

Feb 22 - S. S. HUEMUL (Chilean Cgo. 2800 T) abandoned (cargo shifted) and believed total loss of the South coast of CHILE.

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(Nothing to report)

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MERCHANT SHIP LOSSES

Allied and Neutral Nations

FEBRUARY	This Month			Corresponding Period Last Month		
Date Feb 26	Attacked	Sunk	Tons Sunk	Attacked	Sunk	Tons Sunk
ATLANTIC	19	12	50,181	21	13	63,695
MEDITERRANEAN	1			2	1	1,575
INDIAN	1	1	7,176	2		
PACIFIC	2			6	1	7,176
TOTAL ENEMY ACTION	23	13	57,357	31	15	72,446
MARINE DISASTERS		5	13,360		6	10,590
GRAND TOTAL		18	70,717		21	83,036

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SUBMARINE ESTIMATE

COMINCH, Feb. 23, 1457 (#2304).

1 estimated off HALIFAX possibly 43-35N, 63-23W, by
contact 22/1220Z.

1 possibly off NEW YORK Approaches.

Weather reporter area 58-30N, 27-30W, from recent DFS.

Enemy U-Boat estimate 1200Z/23.

1 long unlocated maybe northbound general area 06-30S,
23-30W.

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COMNAVEU, Feb. 23, 1746.

S.S. GOODWOOD (Br. Cgo. 2,780 T) sunk by E-boat
Feb. 22, in 52-50N, 02-12E, (ENGLISH CHANNEL).

Note: Refer summary 2/23. S.S. BLACK TOFT sunk in
same attack.

COMNAVEU, Feb. 23, 1746.
ADMIRALTY, Feb. 23, 1056A.

S.S. ALEXANDER KENNEDY (Br. Cgo. 1,313 T) torpedoed
and sunk at 1233, Feb. 22, in 50-07N, 04-45W, (ENGLISH
CHANNEL). Convoy BTC-76.

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COMNAVEU, Feb. 23, 1746.

S.S. SKJOLD (~~XXXX~~ Br. Cgo. 1,345 T) in convoy
FX-34 shelled by E-boat, Feb. 22, in 52-50N, 02-12E,
(ENGLISH CHANNEL). Vessel returned to YARMOUTH.

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SUBMARINES ATTACKED

ADMIRALTY, Feb. 23, 1056 A.

At 1950 Feb. 22, SS contact attacked by HMS ROWLEY and DOMETT in 49-47N, 04-58W (ENGLISH CHANNEL).

SS attacked by S/120 (aircraft) at 1545, Feb. 22 in 55-36N, 05-54W, (off N. coast of IRELAND).

At 1504, Feb. 22, SS contact attacked by HMS CRANSTOUN in 53-48N, 05-07W, (IRISH SEA).

SS contact attacked by FORCE 33 at 0215, Feb. 23 in 55-39N, 05-51W, (off N. coast of IRELAND).

SS contact attacked by USS DAVIS at 0452, Feb. 22 in 50-21N, 02-10 W, (ENGLISH CHANNEL)

ALLIED FORCE HQ, CASERTA, ITALY (CM-IN-24100), Feb. 23.

SS sunk by 2 British minesweepers in 36-25N, 08-06W, (GIBRALTAR Approaches). 4 officers and 37 ratings recovered.

Note: Date of attack not stated. OPTEL 62, Feb. 23, gives date of attack as Feb. 22 and identifies the minesweepers as HMS RECRUIT and PINCHER.

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SUBMARINES SIGHTED

ADMIRALTY, Feb. 23, 1056 A.

SS sighted at 0715, Feb. 22, by Escort Group C-8
in 53-53N, 05-05W, (IRISH SEA).

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COMNAVEU, Feb. 23, 1746.

S.S. CITY OF LINCOLN (Br. Cgo. 8,039 T) in FS-32
mined Feb. 19, off HUMBER. Vessel arrived HUMBER.

Note: refer summary 2/21.

COMNAVEU, Feb. 23, 1746.

S.S. BLAIRNEVIS (Br. Cgo. 4,155 T) in collision
Feb. 13, in 53-38N, 04-38W, (ENGLISH CHANNEL). Vessel
beached in MERSEY, back broken, salvage hopeless.
(Marine casualty).

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Total Ships Sunk - 2
Total Ships Attacked - 1

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ATLANTIC

SHIPS SUNK - 2

- Feb. 22 - S.S. GOODWOOD (Br. Cgo. 2,700 T) sunk by E-boat off E. coast of England. Note: Reported yesterday as attacked.
Feb. 22 - S.S. ALEXANDER KENNEDY (Br. Cgo. 1,300 T) torpedoed and sunk in ENGLISH CHANNEL.

SHIPS ATTACKED - 1

- Feb. 22 - S.S. SKJOLD (Br. Cgo. 1,300 T) torpedoed by E-boat off E coast of ENGLAND. Vessel returned to port.

SUBMARINES SIGHTED - 4

- Feb. 22 - In IRISH SEA, by Escort Group C-8.
Feb. 22 - 3 submarines in IRISH SEA, by aircraft.

SUBMARINES ATTACKED - 5

- Feb. 22-23 - 2 submarines off N. coast of IRELAND, by aircraft and surface craft.
Feb. 22 - SS contact in IRISH SEA, by surface craft.
Feb. 22 - 2 SS contact in English Channel, by surface craft.

SUBMARINES SUNK - 1

- Feb. 22 - In Gibraltar Approaches, by 2 British minesweepers. 4 officers and 37 men taken prisoner.

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February 24, 1945

MARINE CASUALTY - 1

Feb. 13 - S.S. BLAIRNEWIS (Br. Cgo. 4,100 T) in collision in English Channel. Vessel beached, back broken, total loss.

SUBMARINE ESTIMATE

Our Atlantic: 0 Eastbound, 1 Westbound, 3 Patrolling. Total: 4.

All Atlantic: 40. (Yesterday: 39)

MEDITERRANEAN

(Nothing to report)

PACIFIC OCEAN

(Nothing to report)

INDIAN OCEAN

(Nothing to report)

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MERCHANT SHIP LOSSES

Allied and Neutral Nations

FEBRUARY	This Month			Corresponding Period Last Month		
Date Feb 24	Attacked	Sunk	Tons Sunk	Attacked	Sunk	Tons Sunk
ATLANTIC	17	10	41,337	20	11	59,749
MEDITERRANEAN	1			2	1	1,575
INDIAN	1	1	7,176	2		
PACIFIC	2			6	1	7,176
TOTAL ENEMY ACTION	21	11	48,513	30	13	68,482
MARINE DISASTERS		3	10,018		6	10,590
GRAND TOTAL		14	58,531		19	79,072
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SUBMARINE ESTIMATE

COMINCH 22 Feb 1507 (#2198).

One estimated South of NOVA SCOTIA. Another possibly patrolling
NEW YORK approaches. Not well fixed. These 2 U/Boats may
be starting home shortly.

Weather reporter area 58-30N, 26-30W from recent DFS.

Enemy U/Boat estimate 1200Z/22.

One unfixed in South Atlantic may be general area 08-00S,
23-00W Northbound.

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SHIPS SUNK

OPTEL 61 Feb 22.

On Feb 21 S. S. DETTIFOSS (Icelandic Cgo. 1564 Tons) sunk
in IRISH SEA.

NOTE: Previously reported (summary 2/22) torpedoed.

SHAEP CM-1N-23423 Feb 23.

French fishing vessel NOTRE DAME DE GRACE when fishing Feb 21
off NIEUPORT hauled on a horned mine in her trawls. This
exploded, sinking her.

OPTEL 61 Feb 22.

S. S. BLACKTOFT (Br. Cgo. 1109 Tons) sunk in coastal convoy
by E/Boat on Feb 21.

NOTE: Presumably ENGLISH coastal waters.

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SHIPS ATTACKED

OPTEL 61 Feb 22.

Enemy attack on shipping: Feb 22: S. S. GOODWOOD (Br. Cgo.
2780 Tons) off CHOMER this morning.

NOTE: Details not given.

OPTEL 60, Feb 21.

On Feb 20, convoy from N. RUSSIA unsuccessfully attacked by
25 JU-88's. 3 planes shot down.

OPTEL 60 Feb 21.

On Feb 19, S. S. TAN (Turkish - 2335 Tons) mined in SEA OF MARMORA
and beached.

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SUBMARINES ATTACKED

OPTEL 60 Feb 21.

On Feb 20, U/Boat in IRISH SEA probably sunk by HMS AMETHYST
and PEACOCK (Sloops).

NOTE: Attack previously reported (refer summary 2/22).

ADMIRALTY Feb 22, 1131A.

Probable periscope attacked by G/810 (aircraft) at 1630 Feb 21
in 49-35N, 01-03W (ENGLISH CHANNEL).

SS attacked by HMS RECRUIT at 0755 Feb 22 in 36-25N, 08-06W
(GIBRALTAR APPROACHES).

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