

#23 - U.S. Losses (Combatant Ships)

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM COM SW PAC FORCE	FOR ACTION	ACTION; COMINCH OPNAV	PPPPPPPPPP PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE 7 FEB 1942	INFORMATION	CINCAF	PPPPPPPPPP PRIORITY
TOR CODEROOM 1445 / 1441			ROUTINE
DECODED BY BUSH			DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY BUSH	Franklin D. Roosevelt Library DECLASSIFIED		

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

DOD DIR. 5200.9 (9/27/58)

471245 CCR 1457

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

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

MY 051616 HOUSTON HIT EXPLODED MAIN DECK LEVEL BLOWING
HOLE FIFTEEN FEET DIAMETER TURRET FIRE CAUSED BY FRAGMENTS

THROUGH SIDE OF GUN HOUSE. ATTEMPTING REPAIR ONE SEARCH-
LIGHT. REPAIR FORWARD ANTI-AIRCRAFT DIRECTOR PROBABLY IM-

POSSIBLE THIS AREA XX NOW MARBLEHEAD BEING DOCKED TODAY ROCK
TWO SQAOL TO TAKE SHIP DOCKING ASTERN WILL BE DEVISED LATER.

SHIP HAS BROADSIDE SIX INCH FIRE THREE TO PORT FOUR TO STAR-
BOARD UNDER HANDPOWER INCLUDING FORWARD TWIN THREE INCH

BATTERY INTACT. ONE HIT BETWEEN FOREMAST AND NUMBER ONE
STACK WARDROOM OFFICE AND FORE AND AFT PASSAGEWAYS WRECKED

BY EXPLOSION AND FIRE. IC ROOM FLOODED AND FOUR COMPART-
MENTS FORWARD. HIT AFT MAIN DECK AFT OF MUSSLES TWIN

MOUNT DEC BLOWN UPWARD AND OUT M SIDE PLATING BULGED. ONE
PLATE PORT SIDE DECK LEVEL RUPTURED. STEERED BY ENGINES.

FIFTEEN DEAD INCLUDING LIEUT E M BLESSMAN USN. TWENTY
SERIOUSLY WOUNDED INCLUDING COMDR C W COGGINS SEVERELY

BURNED. HOUSTON LOST ONE PLANE MARBLEHEAD HAD ONE DAMAGED
PROBABLY REPAIRABLE. HOUSTON SHOT DOWN TWO PLANES

MARBLEHEAD TWO. AIR RAID RELAY BASE HERE LODMYNONU HIT
HULL AND OTHER LOCAL DAMAGE TO VESSELS HIT.

ACTION... F 1

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FROM <u>COM US NAVAL FORCES S.W.PAC</u>	FOR ACTION	COMINCH OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE R R R R R
DATE <u>5 FEBRUARY 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM _____	INFORMATION	CINCAF	PRIORITY
DECODED BY _____			ROUTINE R R R R R
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

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051616 CCR 848

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

FIRST OF TWO PARTS XX COMBINED US DUTCH STRIKING FORCE WHILE
PROCEEDING TO PRELIMINARY ATTACK POSITION FOUR FEBRUARY ATTACKED

BY SEVERAL WAVES JAPANESE BOMBERS X HOUSTON RECEIVED DIRECT HIT
BETWEEN MAINMAST AND NUMBER THREE TURRET CAUSING FIRE IN TURRET

X NUMBER THREE TURRET NOW COMPLETELY OUT OF COMMISSION AND OTHER
MINOR DAMAGE THAT AREA X FORWARD ANTIAIRCRAFT DIRECTOR AND THREE

SEARCHLIGHTS DISABLED X NO DAMAGE TO PROPULSIVE MACHINERY X
MINOR DAMAGE TO WATER TIGHTNESS X FORTY FIVE DEAD INCLUDING

LIEUT. G E DAVIS USN AND BOATSWAIN J B BIERNEET USN TWENTY SERIOUSLY
WOUNDED NUMEROUS OTHER MINOR X NOW AT TJILATVJP XX SECOND PART TO

FOLLOW FOR COMINCH OPNAV INFO ABDAFLOAT

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FROM <u>COM U.S. NAV FORCE SW PAC</u>	FOR ACTION	COMINCH OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE R R R R R I
DATE <u>05 FEB 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM _____	INFORMATION	CINCAF	PRIORITY
DECODED BY _____			ROUTINE R R R R R
PARAPHRASED BY _____			DEFERRED

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051620 CCR 847

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

HERE IS SECOND PART. MARBLEHEAD EXTENSIVE DAMAGE THROUGHOUT
SHIP. SEVERE DAMAGE AFT. STEERING GEAR WRECKED. GUN POWER
FIFTY PERCENT DISABLED. WATER FORWARD BARELY UNDER CONTROL.
APPROXIMATELY EIGHTY CASUALTIES NO DETAILS YET. EXPECTED
ARRIVE TJILATJAP EARLY MORNING SIXTH. NAVAL AIR BASE SOERABAYA
BOMBED TODAY. ONE PBV UNDER REPAIR BURNED, ANOTHER DAMAGED.
END OF PART TWO

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FROM <u>NOIC MALAYA</u>	FOR ACTION	BAD WASHINGTON	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____			ROUTINE
DATE <u>FEB 2, 1942</u>			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM _____	INFORMATION	Franklin D. Roosevelt Library DECLASSIFIED DOD DIR. 5200.9 (9/27/89)	PRIORITY
DECODED BY _____			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <u>ROBINSON</u>			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

371305 Z CR 1565

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

CORRECTED COPY:

FOLLOWING IS FROM USS WAKEFIELD TO BE PASSED TO CNO, US NAVY.
BOMB HIT SS WAKEFIELD TODAY; EXTENSIVE DAMAGE ALL ABOVE WATER-
LINE ABREAST NUMBER 2 HATCH.

KILLED IN ACTION: CRONCE, PAUL R., NUMBER 275 284 US COAST GUARD
GOOSE, JOHN, 228 739 US COAST GUARD
TURNER, DABIEL N., JR., 220 619, US COAST GUARD
COADY, WILFRED A., 272 575 US COAST GUARD
FIELDS, EVAN L., 234 31 40 US NAVY

WOUNDED IN ACTION: FORD, JOHN A., JR., 227 471 US COAST GUARD
NICHOLS, WILLIAM D., 646257 5536, US NAVY
HUX, TRAVIS D., 3371027, US NAVY
COMPTON, ROBERT L., 316 46 36 US NAVY
KINCAID, WILLIAM O., 295 58 31 US NAVY
LOVELACE, CLAIR B., 300 32 76, US NAVY
LOGSDON, RAYMOND L., 387 48 18, US NAVY
FERGUSON, DWIGHT L., 476 85 46, V-6 USNR
CUNNINGHAM, CHESTER E., 411 33 73 V-6 USNR.

ACTION: COMINCH.....

RECORD COPY 12.....16.....38.....21-K....BUAER....BUNAV....COASTGUARD

FILES: CNO.....20 OP.....P1A.....00.....01R.....

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM OPNAV	FOR ACTION	COM 7	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY RADM HORNE			ROUTINE
DATE 31 JAN 42			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	INFORMATION	COMINCH CONTRAINLANT CINCLANT AST COM 7 HAMILTON	PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY GLTUCKER			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

301810 CR 0534

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

CONDUCT BOARD OF INVESTIGATION, REFERENCE COM 7 281450.*"Hamilton" Collision***11....ORIG.****RECORD COPY TO 12....16....03....****FILES....OP-20....00R....P1A...SECNV...FILE.**

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM COMTASKCORP 8.5	FOR ACTION	CINCLANT	0000000000
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE 30 JAN 42	FOR INFORMATION	COMTASKFOR 4 OPNAV COMINCH.	PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED
TOR CODER ROOM 2227/30			
DECODED BY HATCH			
PARAPHRASED BY CLTUCKER			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

302130 ON 0024

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

IN LATITUDE 64-25, LONGITUDE 22-54, AT 1915 OCT, HAMILTON WHILE BEING TOWED TO HVALFJORDE TOOK SUDDEN LIST TO STARBOARD AND TURNED BOTTOMSIDE UP. ERIKSON SANK HER BY GUNFIRE AT 2010 OCT. CASUALTY LIST WILL BE FORWARDED TOMORROW. TO DATE 4 MEN HAVE DIED ASHORE 10 ARE CRITICALLY OR SERIOUSLY INJURED AND ABOUT 30 STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR. AM CONVENING A COURT OF INQUIRY.

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PHONE EXTENSION NUMBER

COM TASK GROUP 7.5

ADDRESSEES

CINCLANT

MESSAGE

PRECEDENCE

OF OF OF OF

FROM

PRIORITY

RELEASED BY

30 JANUARY 1942

ROUTINE

DATE

DEFERRED

TOR CODEROOM

OPNAV

OF OF OF OF

DECODED BY

COMINCH

PRIORITY

PARAPHRASED BY

COMTASKFOR 4

ROUTINE

DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESS WHICH DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME FOR DEFERRED AND MAIL DELIVERY

DATE

TIME

GCT

TEXT HAMILTON WAS TORPEDOED ON STARBOARD BEAM AT FOURTEEN THIRTY FIVE

DOT EIGHT MILES BEARING THREE ONE ZERO DEGREES FROM SKAGI LIGHT X
 ONE HAD BEEN RELIEVED OF TUGBOAT TOW BY TUG AND WAS PROCEEDING EVAL-
 UATED SPEED FIFTEEN TO PREPARE FOR ESCORT OPERATIONS X HAS BEEN
 ABANDONED BUT STILL AFLOAT AND AM ATTEMPTING SALVAGE OPERATIONS X
 HUBER CASUALTIES UNKNOWN BUT BELIE

(note: Contact with ComTaskGroup 7.5 faded out completely. Will
 get remaining groups after contact re-established)

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NAV. REGS

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER		EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	PANAMA NCF	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY PPP
RELEASED BY				ROUTINE
DATE	0000 31 JANUARY 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	145	INFORMATION	OPNAV CINCLANT COMSUBLANT COMSUBRON 5 SUB BASE COCO SOLO	PRIORITY PPP
DECODED BY	TIERS			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY				DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

292335 CCR87

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

IN LAT 8-13N LONG 79-21-50W USS S-26 LOCATED IN 3/1 FT OF WATER. NO SIGN OF LIFE ON BOARD. IN VIEW OF WAR CONDITIONS AND PRACTICAL CERTAINTY THAT NO LIFE REMAINS AM DISCONTINUING SALVAGE OPERATIONS.

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DRAFTER		EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	COMINTCH	FOR ACTION	COMANANA NCF	URGENT
RELEASED BY	RADM EDWARDS			ROUTINE
DATE	30 JAN. 1942			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	1436/30	INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY	GLUNT			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY	GLUNT			DEFERRED

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

RESUME RESCUE OPERATIONS SAIL TWENTY-SIX X CONTINUE FOR
MINIMUM FORTY EIGHT HOURS

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>COM PANAMA NCF</u>	FOR ACTION	COMINCH	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE RRRR DEFERRED
DATE <u>JANUARY 31, 1942</u>	INFORMATION	STANDARD ROUTINE NO TRANSFER	PRIORITY
TOR CODEROOM <u>147</u>			ROUTINE
DECODED BY			DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY			

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

292/26 CCR 77

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

YOUR 281641 S-26 NOT LOCATED. APPARATUS BEING USED WBA-2 UNDERWATER SOUND LISTENING GEAR ON ~~1~~ 1 AND ~~3~~ 3. QJC ~~UNDER QJC~~ UNDERWATER SOUND LISTENING GEAR ON TWO DLS. MAGNETIC AND MECHANICAL DRAGS. TWO PICK UP UNDERWATER MICROPHONES AND TWO MAGNETOMETERS WITH PISTOL POTS.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER		EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM <u>COMTASKGRP 7.5</u>		FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY _____				ROUTINE
DATE <u>28 JAN 42</u>				DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM <u>1552/29</u>		INFORMATION	CINCLANT COMINCH COMTASKFOR 4	PRIORITY
DECODED BY <u>HUTCHINSON</u>				ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <u>GLTUCKER</u>				DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

291530 CR 0280

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

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
TEXT			

10 MILES OFF SLAGI, ALEXANDER HAMILTON TORPEDOED. SHIP IS BEING
ABANDONED..OTHER DETAILS WHEN THEY ARE AVAILABLE.

37.....ACT.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER

EXTENSION NUMBER

ADDRESSEE

5920 K/C

PRECEDENCE

FROM

COMSUBRON 3

FOR ACTION

COM 15

PRIORITY

RELEASED BY

ROUTINE

DATE

20 JANUARY 1942

DEFERRED

TOR CODEROOM

2325

INFORMATION

PRIORITY

DECODED BY

HEINE

ROUTINE

PARAPHRASED BY

GRAYDON

DEFERRED

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252355 CR0493

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

TIME

GCT

TEXT

FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SAIL 26 WAS PICKED UP INSIDE A SMALL WOODEN
 BUOY: "IN 290 FEET OF WATER TORPEDO ROOM ENGINE AND MOTOR RMS FLOODED.
 AFTER BATTERY PARTIALLY FLOODED. COLLISION WAS IN TORPEDO ROOM.
 MOTOR RM FLOODED THROUGH MAIN INDUCTION APPARENTLY. 36 IN THREE MIDDLE
 COMPARTMENT. EVERYTHING OK AT PRESENT. PETERS." SUBMARINE NOT YET
 LOCATED. AM CONTINUING SEARCH.

(COM 15 TRANSMITTED TO OPNAV FOR ACTION)

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BUSHIPS.....FILE

FILES: PIA.....200P.....00R.....WAR DIARY.....

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

ORAFER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM SPENAVO LONDON	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE RRRR
DATE 25 JANUARY 1942			DEFERRED
FOR CODEROM 2132	INFORMATION	Franklin D. Roosevelt Library DECLASSIFIED DOD DIR. 5200.9	PRIORITY
DECODED BY FINKELDEV			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY GRAYDON			DEFERRED (9/27/58)

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252438 CR472

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME	DATE	TIME	GCT
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TEXT

ACTION OPNAV. INFO CINCLANT. USS ROPER DAMAGED NIGHT JANUARY 24 DUE DRAGGING WHILE ANCHOR LOUGH FOYLE AND FOULING TANKER AT ANCHOR.

DAMAGE STARBOARD SIDE IN NUMBER ONE AND TWO FOREBOOMS WITH RIVET HEADS SHEERED OFF BELOW WATERLINE AND MANY FRAMES BENT. ON PORT

SIDE PROPELLOR GUARD SHEERED OFF WITH LARGE VENT AT WATERLINE AND HOLE INSIDE ABOVE WATERLINE. VERTICAL SPLIT AT COUNTER FOR

DISTANCE OF ABOUT TWENTY FEET. FOR REPAIRS ESTIMATE THREE WORKING DAYS IN DOCK AFTER STURTEVANT UNDOCKS LATE MONDAY

JANUARY 26. DUE LACK OF WATER OVER SILL MAY NOT DOCK ROPER UNTIL TUESDAY JANUARY 27. IF PROPELLOR DAMAGED WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN

SPARE FROM BRITISH AS IT IS BELIEVED SOME ON HAND FOR BRITISH TOWN CLASS.

(PASSED TO CINCLANT AS 264244 CR4523)

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RECOP: COMINCH....22....38....3SW....BUSHIPS....OPDO....

FILES: CNO....24-OP....GENERAL.

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FROM COMSUBRON 3

RELEASED BY

DATE JANUARY 25, 1942.

TOR CODEROOM

DECODED BY

PARAPHRASED BY ROBINSON

FOR ACTION

OPNAV
COMINCH
CINCLANT
COMSUBRON 5
COMSUBLANT

INFORMATION

COMSUBRON 3
CINCLANT
COMSUBLANT

URGENT

ROUTINE

DEFERRED

PRIORITY

ROUTINE

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250545 CR 0305

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

TIME

GCT

TEXT

15 MILES WEST OF SAN JOSE ISLAND S-26 WAS SUNK BY COLLISION
IN PANAMA BY ESCORT VESSEL. RESCUE FACILITIES ARE BEING
MOBILIZED AND 3 SUBS AND ESCORT VESSEL ARE STANDING BY.
THREE SURVIVORS RESCUED, DETAILS LATER.

WAR DIARY.....

ACTION: 38.....

10/11....COMINCH....00A....03....38W.....

23....BUSHIPS...12....16....OPDO.....

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FROM

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RELEASED BY

DATE

JANUARY 25, 1942.

TOR CODEROOM

DECODED BY

PARAPHRASED BY

ROBINSON

FOR ACTION

COMINCH

INFORMATION

COMSUBRON 5

COMSUBRON 3

CINCLANT OPNAV

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

TIME

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TEXT

8-33 WAS SUNK BY COLLISION, 3 SURVIVORS REPORTED. THREE
SUBMARINES AND PC 480 STANDING BY. COMSUBRON 3 WITH MALLARD AND
SALVAGE GEAR PROCEEDING TO THE SCENE WHICH IS 15 MILES WEST
OF SAN JOSE LIGHT AT 8-13 NORTH, 79-23 WEST.

ENGINES AND PROPELLORS ARE BELIEVED NOT TO HAVE BEEN DAMAGED.
DETAILS OF BOTH CASES WILL BE FURNISHED LATER. PROCEEDING

ACTION: COMINCH..... SAFE SPEED ESTIMATED AT 13 KNOTS.

18/11....12....13....16.....38.....38W....OPDO.....FILE....

ACTION: COMINCH.....

FILES: 28-OP....PIA.....998...WAR DIARY,...

WAR DIARY.....NAVAIDE.....PIA.....FILE.....

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FROM INDEFINITE CALL	FOR ACTION	COMINCH OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE RRRRR
DATE JANUARY 25, 1942.			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	INFORMATION	CINCPAC CINCAF	PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE RR
PARAPHRASED BY ROBINSON			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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ON TAKA BAKANG SHOAL 5 DEGREES SOUTH, 118-33 EAST
 9-38 GROUNDED AND IS A TOTAL LOSS. THE USS BOISE STRUCK AN
 UNCHARTED SHOAL SAPU STRAIT AND SUFFERED FAIRLY EXTENSIVE
 DAMAGE TO ~~WINDWARD~~ KEEL AND HULL PLATING BETWEEN FRAMES.
 ENGINES AND PROPELLORS ARE BELIEVED NOT TO HAVE BEEN DAMAGED.
 DETAILS OF BOTH CASES WILL BE FURNISHED LATER. PROCEEDING
 TO LSILATJAP AT MAXIMUM SAFE SPEED ESTIMATED AT 15 KNOTS.

ACTION: COMINCH..... CNO.....
 20 OP.....
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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM INDEFINITE CALL	FOR ACTION	COMINCH OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE RRRRR
DATE JANUARY 25, 1942.	INFORMATION	CINCPAC CINCAF	DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM			PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE RR
PARAPHRASED BY ROBINSON			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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TEXT			

ON TAKA BAKANG SHOAL 5 DEGREES SOUTH, 118-33 EAST
 S-36 GROUNDED AND IS A TOTAL LOSS. THE USS BOISE STRUCK AN
 UNCHARTED SHOAL SAPU STRAIT AND SUFFERED FAIRLY EXTENSIVE
 DAMAGE TO ~~ENGINE~~ KEEL AND HULL PLATING BETWEEN FRAMES.
 ENGINES AND PROPELLORS ARE BELIEVED NOT TO HAVE BEEN DAMAGED.
 DETAILS OF BOTH CASES WILL BE FURNISHED LATER. PROCEEDING
 TO LSILATJAP AT MAXIMUM SAFE SPEED ESTIMATED AT 15 KNOTS.

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RELEASED BY

DATE JAN 24 1942

TOR CODEROOM 1321

DECODED BY J ALLEN

PARAPHRASED BY

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FOR ACTION

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

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TEXT

1ST TORPEDO HIT AFT 1349. 2ND TORPEDO FORWARD 1420. SHIP SANK
1507 LA T 21-01 LONG 160-18. PROCEEDING INDEPENDENTLY 12 KNOTS.
NIGHT DARK NINE TENTH CLOUDS. 56 ENLISTED MEN UNACCOUNTED FOR.
126 SURVIVORS IN PORT, NONE SERIOUSLY INJURED. NECHES PRELIMINARY
REPORT.
TIMES GCT. PASS TO COMINCH AND BUNAV LOG.

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COMINCH.....ACTION.

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DATE 21 JAN. 1942

TOR CODEROM

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DECODED BY

J ALLEN

PARAPHRASED BY

GLUNT

FOR ACTION

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ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

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TEXT

INSPECTION SARATOGA MACHINERY SHOW EXTENSIVE REPAIRS REQUIRED BOILER NUMBER 10 MODERATE REPAIRS BOILER NUMBER EIGHT AND 12. ALL REPAIRS BOILERS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED IN SHIP WITH EXCEPTION ROLLING OUT INDENTATION IN PORT WATER DRUM NUMBER 10 BOILER. NUMBER 10 FIRE ROOM REQUIRES EXTENSIVE PIPING REPAIRS. MACHINERY REPLACEMENTS REQUIRED ONE DUPLEX SAFETY VALVE, ONE GRISCOM RUSSEL TYPE B FUEL HEATER AND TWO FIRE ROOM FOAM FIRE EXTINGUISHERS. CONTROLLING REPAIR 10 RENEWAL FUEL AND WATER SOAKED ELECTRIC CABLES IN FLOODED MACHINERY SPACES. DETAILED REPORT WILL BE FORWARDED BY MAIL. CINCPAC AND SARATOGA HAVE BY MAIL

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM <u>22MX3 VINCENNES</u>	FOR ACTION	CINCLANT, COMINCH CTF 17, COM 3 NYD NYR, CTF 1	DEFERRED CP OP
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE <u>20 JANUARY 1942</u>	INFORMATION		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM <u>0011</u>			PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY <u>CALLAN</u>			DEFERRED

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TEXT

AT 0931 JANUARY 19 WHILE ROUNDING INTO ENTRANCE CHANNEL TO
BAYONNE TERMINAL SPEED ABOUT FIVE WITH PILOT AND SIX TUGS

VINCENNES GROUNDED IN MUD X ENGINES IMMEDIATELY FAILED DUE
MUD BLOCKING CONDENSERS X TENDING TUGS UNABLE REFLOAT LAST

TIDE AM LIGHTENING SHIP ARRANGEMENTS MADE ATTEMPT REFLOAT
NEXT TIDE WITH ADDITIONAL TUGS X EXTENT DAMAGE UNKNOWN

BUT BELIEVE SLIGHT IF ANY X ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE BY COM 3
FOR DOCKING

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ACTION...COMINCH

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Aid. Stark

Called to say Vincennes had been floated -

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRAFTER		EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	COM 16	FOR ACTION	CINCAF	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY				ROUTINE
DATE	20 JAN 42			RRRRR DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM	1045/20TH	INFORMATION	OPNAV COM 14	PRIORITY
DECODED BY	HUTCHINSON			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY	GLTUCKER			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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TEXT

PT 31 REPORTED DESTROYED. LIEUT(JG) E.G. DELONG AND 9 MEN RETURNED
THROUGH ARMY LINE ON BATAAN. ENSIGN W.H. PLANT 3 MEN STILL MISSING.
FULLER REPORT ON CONFIRMATION. REFERENCE MY 191150.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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PHONE EXTENSION NUMBER		ADDRESSEES	MESSAGE PRECEDENCE
FROM	CINCPAC	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE	12 JANUARY 1942		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROM	12/28/12	COMINCH	PRIORITY
DECODED BY	ELVIN		ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY	SLADE		DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY

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TEXT
 SARATOGA ONE TORPEDO HIT PORT QUARTER. POSITION 45N MILES
 24N FROM PEARL. EXTRA DESTROYERS AND SALVAGE TUGS EN ROUTE.
 AS RECEIVED, DETAILS WILL BE FORWARDED.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Gen Pae

Saturday 8¹⁰ 12 flocked

No water above 3 deck

Point 18-20 N
Lat 164-40 W

Speed 16

but 2° being run

Course 115°

will leave for Pearl

on morning 11

Dry deck plane will
be ready,

NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM	ALUSNA KO VIBYCHEV	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY				ROUTINE
DATE	DEC 27 1941			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM		INFORMATION		PRIORITY
DECODED BY				ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY	ROBINSON			DEFERRED

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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TEXT

NEUTRAL EMBASSIES HERE ARE BEING CIRCULARIZED BY JAPS WITH
PROPA GANDA PLUS THE FOLLOWING "INFORMATION" REGARDING OUR

LOSSES AT PEARL: ITEM I. SUNK 5 BATTLESHIPS OF THE FOLLOWING TYPES
WITH TONNAGES AS GIVEN IN "JAYNE'S"; 1 CALIFORNIA, 1 MARYLAND,

1 ARIZONA, 1 UTAH, 1 UNKNOWN. CRUISERS; 2 CLASS 'A' OR 'B'. 1 OIL
TANKER.

ITEM II. HEAVILY DAMAGED THREE BB'S; 1 CALIF; 1 MARYLAND, 1 NEVADA.
2 LIGHT CRUISERS, 2 DESTROYERS.

ITEM III. DAMAGED, BUT REPAIRS POSSIBLE; 1 NEVADA, 4 LIGHT CRUISERS.

ALSO 450 PLANES BURNED BY BOMBING; 14 PLANES SHOT DOWN; LARGE
QUANTITY DAMAGED. BURNED 16 HANGERS AND DAMAGED 2.

ACTIONS: 15.....

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM COM 14	FOR ACTION	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY			ROUTINE
DATE DEC 27 1941			DEFERRED DD
TOR CODEROOM	INFORMATION	CINCPAC COMBATFOR COMBASEFOR COMBATSHIPSATFOR NEVADA	PRIORITY
DECODED BY			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY ROBINSON			DEFERRED DD

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

271000 CR 0553

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TEXT

A GOOD ESTIMATE OF DAMAGE BY INDIVIDUAL HITS IS STILL PREVENTED BY CONDITIONS ON THE NEVADA. ONE BOMB HIT AT ABOUT 80-1/2 EXPLODED

INSTANTANEOUSLY. LARGE NUMBER SMALL FRAGMENTS DAMAGING TO PERSONNEL BUT STOPPED BY LIGHT STEEL. FEW FRAGMENTS THROUGH 25 LB. SPECIAL

TREATMENT, BUT SHIELDS OPEN ON INBOARD SIDE. 15 INCH BOMB ENTERED DECK SKY CONTROL FORWARD FRAME 62-1/2 ABOUT 16 FEET TO PORT, BURST ON UPPER DECK AT ABOUT FRAME 64 AND 8 FEET TO PORT. FIRE DID SEVERE DAMAGE UP TO BRIDGE. AT LEAST 4, AND PROBABLY 5, BOMBS FROM 12 TO 15 INCH IN FORECASTLE. UPPER DECK RUPTURED FROM STRINGER TO STRINGER AT FRAME 27. MAIN DECK BADLY RUPTURED UP BETWEEN 23 AND 30. CAPSTAN

HEADS STRUCK BOTTOM OF TURRET GUNS. SEAM RIPPED FROM 6 TO ABOUT 20 ABOUT 14 FEET TO PORT. TORPEDO HIT FRAMES 29 TO 37 PORT.

ACTION: 23..... CNO.....
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COMINCH.....FILE..... SECNAV.....
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WAR DIARY.....

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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FROM CINCPAC	OPNAV	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY		ROUTINE ROUTINE DEFERRED
DATE 10 DECEMBER 1941		
TOR CODEROOM	CINCAF CINCLANT BUORD	PRIORITY
DECODED BY ALLENSWORTH		ROUTINE DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY V TUCKER		

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY

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TEXT		

MOST OF DAMAGE SUSTAINED BY HEAVY SHIPS IN RAID DECEMBER 7TH CAUSED BY AERIAL TORPEDOES. IN 40 FEET WATER JAP TORPEDOES PROVED MOST EFFECTIVE. BELIEVE THEY CAN BE DROPPED IN ANY DEPTH WHICH HEAVY SHIPS CAN NEGOTIATE. ONE TORPEDO COMPLETE WITHOUT WARHEAD RECOVERED.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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RELEASED BY _____	FOR ACTION	ROUTINE
DATE <u>10 DEC 1941</u>		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM _____	INFORMATION	CINCPAC
DECODED BY <u>GRAYDON</u>		PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY <u>PURDY</u>		ROUTINE
		DEFERRED

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DATE	TIME	QCT
TEXT		

ABOUT 27 PLANES HIGH LEVEL BOMBED CAVITE AT 1300 LOCAL TIME WITHOUT INTERFERENCE. INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES POWER PLANT AND

SUPPLY DEPOT COMPLETELY RUINED MAINLY ACCOUNT FIRE. SEA LION TOTAL LOSS SEA DRAGON PEARY AND PILLSBURY SLIGHTLY DAMAGED. 11 ENLISTED MEN 1 OFFICER KNOWN KILLED BUT FULL CASUALTY LIST

UNDETERMINED. HOLLAND ORUS 2 DESTROYERS 5 SMALL AUXILIARIES SAILING FOR SOUTH TONIGHT. PATWING 10 HAS MADE SEVERAL ATTACKS

ONLY KNOWN RESULT TWO BOMB HITS ON HEAVY CRUISER HAS LOST ONE PLANE WITH ALL PERSONEL. NO RESULTS REPORTED BY SUBMARINES YET.

REGARD MANILA UNTENABLE AS BASE ACCOUNT AIR SITUATION BUT WILL CONTINUE SUBMARINE AND AIR OPERATIONS AS LONG AS POSSIBLE.

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NAVAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE

FROM: CINCNAV
TO : CINCNAV OPNAV

CAVITE BOMBED DAMAGE EXTENSIVE

TOR OOSO LOT, 12/10/41 (1200 MANILA TIME) - Lt. Shultz

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM COMBATDIV 3

FOR ACTION

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PRIORITY

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ROUTINE

DATE 10 DEC 1941

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TOR CODEROOM

INFORMATION

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TEXT

IN VICINITY 39-55 NORTH 69-45 WEST AT 0940 GCT NEW MEXICO
ENROUTE NORFOLK IN COLLISION WITH AMERICAN FLAGSHIP OREGON
ENROUTE BOSTON X KNOWN DAMAGE NEW MEXICO FLUKES OF CENTER AND
PORT ANCHORS CARRIED AWAY X UPPER BLISTERS PORT SIDE PAREN VOIDS
AFIRM FOUR BAKER X AFIRM SIX UNIT BAKER AND AFIRM TWO BAKER PAREN
ROLLED UP DISHED IN AND PROBABLY FLOODED FROM APPROXIMATELY
FRAME 25 TO 40 X FORWARD PEAK TANK (A101W) FLOODED X CREWS WASH
ROOM MAIN DECK PORT SIDE (A603) PLATE AT BLANKED OFF PORT BULGED
IN AND CRACKED X OREGON HOLED ABOVE WATERLINE STARBOARD SIDE
FORWARD OF BRIDGE PROCEEDING BOSTON WITHOUT ESCORT X NO INJURIES
PERSONNEL EITHER SHIP REPORTED X REQUEST EMERGENCY DOCKING NEW
MEXICO NORFOLK FORENOON ELEVEN DEC

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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FROM	OPNAV (23) <i>Copy shown to President by Capt Beardsall</i>	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY DEC 1941		ROUTINE
DATE 0647		DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM AMES	INFORMATION FOR ACTION	PRIORITY
DECODED BY C ALLEN		ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY		DEFERRED

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TEXT IN SPITE OF SECURITY MEASURES WHICH WERE IN EFFECT SURPRISE
 ATTACK BY JAPANESE BOMBING AND TORPEDO PLANES DAMAGED ALL BATTLE-
 SHIPS EXCEPT MARYLAND. DAMAGE TO TENNESSEE AND PENNSYLVANIA WAS
 MODERATE. ARIZONA A TOTAL WRECK. WEST VIRGINIA RESTING ON BOTTOM
 STILL BURNING OKLAHOMA CAPSIZED. HONOLULU, HELENA, RALEIGH
 DAMAGED AND UNFIT FOR SEA. VESTAL DAMAGED AND BEACHED. CURTIS
 MODERATELY DAMAGED. DESTROYERS SHAW, CASSIN, DOWNES IN DRYDOCK
 COMPLETE WRECKS. AS A RESULT OF ATTACK ARMY AIRPLANE LOSSES
 SEVERE. THERE REMAIN 13 BAKER 17, 9 BAKER 18 AND ABOUT 21
 PURSUIT PLANES. APPROXIMATELY 10 PATROL PLANES REMAIN AVAILABLE
 OAHU. ONE PATROL SQUADRON AT MIDWAY. RECOMMEND ALL AVAILABLE ARMY
 BOMBERS BE SENT TO OAHU. FIRE WAS OPENED PROMPTLY BY ALL SHIPS
 AND NUMBER OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT WERE DESTROYED. ONE ENEMY SUBMARINE
 WAS SUNK, POSSIBLY TWO MORE. 2 CARRIERS, 7 HEAVY CRUISERS,
 3 SQUADRONS DESTROYERS AND ALL AVAILABLE PLANES SEARCHING FOR
 ENEMY. PERSONNEL BEHAVIOUR MAGNIFICENT IN FACE OF FURIOUS
 SURPRISE ATTACK. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES BELIEVED TO BE HEAVY IN
 OKLAHOMA AND ARIZONA.

ACTION: 12.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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PRECEDENCEFROM **QINCPAC**

FOR ACTION

OPNAV**PRIORITY**

RELEASED BY

ROUTINE

DEFERRED

DATE **8 DEC 1941**

INFORMATION

TOR CODEROOM **12000**

PRIORITY

ROUTINE

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DECODED BY **HUTCHINSON**PARAPHRASED BY **C ALLEN**

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TEXT

THE FIRST EVIDENCE OF HOSTILITIES WAS THE PRESENCE OF A SUBMARINE IN PEARL HARBOR DEFENSE AREA AT ABOUT 0715 LOCAL TIME. THERE WERE ONLY A FEW MINUTES WARNING OF THE APPROACH OF AIRCRAFT WHICH ARRIVED AT 0747. THEIR FIRST ACTT ACKS AGAINST OUR AIRCRAFT ON THE GROUND AT PEARL HARBOR, EWA, KANOE, HICKAM AND WHEELER WERE SO EFFECTIVE THAT PRACTICALLY NONE WERE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE EXCEPT TEN WHICH WERE IN THE AIR. ENEMY CARRIERS WERE NOT SIGHTED BUT INDICATIONS OF AT LEAST ONE NORTH AND ONE SOUTH OF OAHU AS THERE APPEARED TO BE THREE SEPARATE ATTACKS ENDING ABOUT 0930. DIVE BOMBING AND TORPEDOING WERE MOST EFFECTIVE AND IN SPITE OF MAGNIFICENT AND COURAGEOUS WORK BY GUN CREWS, NOT MORE THAN A DOZEN OF THE ENEMY WERE SHOT DOWN INCLUDING THOSE BY ARMY PURSUITS. ADD TO REPORT OF CASUALTIES. THE ARIZONA BLEW UP AND MOST OF HER OFFICERS AND MEN INCLUDING REAR ADMIRAL KIDD WERE LOST. THE FLOATING DRYDOCK WAS SUNK. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES ARE ESTIMATED AT 2800, ABOUT HALF OF THEM DEAD. ATTEMPTED BOMBING OF DOCK FACILITIES IN HONOLULU KILLED ABOUT 200 CIVILIANS. THERE WAS NO DAMAGE FROM SUBMARINES AND BELIEVE THAT THREE WERE DESTROYED.

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NAV REGS

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MESSAGE

NAVY DEPARTMENT

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TEXT

ROYED, ONE IN PEARL CHANNEL CERTAIN. HIT IN NEVADA WAS POSSIBLY
MINE BUT NO OTHER DAMAGE FROM MINES. PEARL CHANNEL IS UNABLE.

IN ADDITION TO SHIP BASED AND PLANES IN CARRIERS ABOUT 30 VPB-15
ARMY PURSUITS AND 13 ARMY BOMBERS ARE AVAILABLE. LEXINGTON AND

FOUR HEAVY CRUISERS FROM POSITION EAST OF MIDWAY ATTEMPTING TO
INTERCEPT SOUTHERN CARRIER. ENTERPRISE WITH OTHER AVAILABLE LIGHT

FORCES ARE GUARDING AGAINST REPETITION OF RAID. WAKE REPORTS
HEAVY DAMAGE FROM BOMBING BY 30 PLANES. GUAM ALSO REPORTED AIR
ATTACK.

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AMCONSULS HANKOW HONGKONG SWATOW AMOY CANTON CHEFOO TSINGTAO

CAPTAIN C D SMITH COMMANDING USS WAKE RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL AT ~~XXX~~
FOUR FIFTEEN THIS MORNING PERIOD A JAPANESE NAVAL OFFICER STATED
QUOTE A STATE OF WAR EXISTS BETWEEN MY COUNTRY AND YOURS AND I AM
TAKING CONTROL OF WAKE UNQUOTE PERIOD ALL COMMUNICATIONS WITH WAKE
CUT OFF AND NO FURTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE REGARDING HER PERIOD
HMS PETEREL SMALL BRITISH GUNBOAT BLEW UP AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME PER
IOD JAPANESE IN CONTROL OF WATERFRONT BUT HAVE NOT TAKEN OVER SETTLE
MENT OR FRENCH CONCESSION CITY QUIET PARA ALL CONFIDENTIAL CODES AND
PAPERS DESTROYED INCLUDING THOSE ABOARD WAKE EXCEPT DITOF

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TEXT

COMMENCING **1750** LOT, ENEMY AIR RAIDS ON FLEET AT PEARL HARBOR.
DAMAGE KNOWN TO BE GREAT, THOUGH ITS FULLEST EXTENT NOT DETER-
MINED. THREE BATTLESHIPS SUNK; ALL OTHERS VARIOUSLY DAMAGED.
LARGE PROPORTION OF PLANES DESTROYED ON GROUND. AM SEARCHING
ENEMY WITH ALL AVAILABLE PLANES AND FORCES. CARRIERS AT SEA
UNDAMAGED.

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