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SUBJECT: ACTION REPORT, BATTLE OF OKINAWA AT RP STATION #1,
12 APRIL 1945

ENCLOSURE: (A) COMMUNICATIONS LOG.
(B) ATTACK SKETCHES.

(ZONE -9, ITEM)

PART 1A. THIS REPORT COVERS THE PERIOD BETWEEN 1300 TO 2400
12 APRIL 1945. THIS SHIP WAS ACTING UNDER ORDERS OF COMMANDER
DESTROYER DIVISION 126, AS CLOSE SUPPORT PICKET, STATIONED
FORTY MILES NORTH OF OKINAWA SHIMA, LAT 27 166, LONG 127 50.5.
OTHER SHIPS PARTICIPATING IN THE ACTION WERE USS CASSIN YOUNG
(DD 793), USS PURDY (DD 734), USS LCS(L) 114, USS LCS(L) 115,
USS LCS(L) 33. THIS GROUP WAS ASSISTED BY ABOUT 15 HELLCATS AND
CORSAIRS WHILE BEING ATTACKED BY ABOUT 25 JAPANESE SUICIDE PLANES,
VALS AND NATES. THIS SHIP SUSTAINED 3 HITS BY SUICIDE PLANES,
SHOT DOWN 4 OTHERS. DD 793 AND DD 734 SUSTAINED HITS BY SUICIDE
PLANES AS DID LCS(L) 33, WHICH SANK.

PART II

A. DURING THE ACTION THIS SHIP OPERATED DIRECTLY UNDER COMMANDER
DESTROYER DIVISION 126 ABOARD DD 734. THIS SHIP WAS DETAILED AS
CLOSE SUPPORT RADAR PICKER UNDER ORDERS OF COMMANDER TASK UNIT
52.9.1 .

B. SHIP LEFT THE TRANSPORT AREA AT OKINAWA SHIMA OFF WESTERN
BEACHES AT 0850, 9 APRIL 1945 WITH ORDERS TO PROCEED TO POINT
LAT 27 166 LONG 127 50.5 AND ACT AS CLOSE SUPPORT RADAR PICKER
TO DD 793. REACHED THE AREA AND REPORTED AT 1445, BEING ASSIGNED
STATION BEARING 210(T), 5 MILES FROM BASIC STATION. THIS WAS
ALSO STATION DURING THE ATTACK. THIS SHIP PATROLLED WITHIN 21/2
MILES OF THIS POINT DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS FOR THE NEXT 3 DAYS.

DURING THE EVENING OF APRIL 1945 AT 2915, DD 793 ADVISED THAT
A FRIENDLY PLANE WAS ABOUT TO MAKE A SEA LANDING IN THE AREA. IT WAS
RAINING AT THE TIME, VERY DARK, CEILING POSSIBLY 500 FEET.
PLANE WITH LIGHTS WAS SIGHTED AND SEEN TO CRASH ABOUT TWO MILES
TO THE SOUTH. JOINED DD 793 IN SEARCH FOR PILOT. AT 2230 DD 793
APPEARED TO HAVE GIVEN UP SEARCH HAVING PROCEEDED 7 MILES TO THE
NORTH AFTER INSTRUCTING THIS SHIP TO PROCEED ON COURSE 152(T)
IN SEARCH OF PILOT. A RADAR FIX WAS TAKEN. CHANGED COURSE TO
090(T) SPEED 8 KNOTS AT 2242. AT 2315 SIGHTED PILOT'S FLASH LIGHT.
RESCUED 2ND LT. C.H. COPPEDGE USMCR AT 2340. CONTINUED PATROL AS
BEFORE.



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(16) 0025-FROM RADIUM TO IBEX 7 DO YOU KNOW THE FLIGHT CALL THE PILOT WAS USING LAST NIGHT. DO NOT WAKE HIM UP BUT IF YOU KNOW PLEASE ADVISE.

§17) 0030-FROM IBEX 7 TO RADIUM SORRY, WE DO NOT KNOW

(18) 0032-IF YOU FIND OUT LET US KNOW X WE NEED THE INFORMATION TO STRAIGHTEN OUT RECORDS.

(19) 0033-FROM IBEX 7 TO RADIUM AFFIRMATIVE.

(20) ?????-FROM IBEX 7 TO RADIUM BREAK WE HAVE A DOCTOR ABOARD WHO HAS GIVEN THE PILOT A STRONG SEDATIVE AND IT WILL PROBABLY BE SOME TIME BEFORE WE CAN GET INFORMATION FROM X WE ASKED HIM FLIGHT CALL AND HE SAID INCOHERENTLY SOMETHING LIKE DRAKE TOWER.

(21)???? -FROM RADIUM TO IBEX 7 WE WANT DRAKE AND NUMBER OF CALL BUT DO NOT BOTHER PILOT ANYMORE.

(22) 0500-FROM IBEX 7 TO RADIUM BREAK FLIGHT CALL OF RESCUED PILOT WAS DRAKE 21

(23) 1110-FROM CORTEZ 5 TO IBEX 7 BREAK MAKE ROUTINE REPORTS ON JAM HANDY X ESPECIALLY ABLE CHARLIE ITEM MIKE X INDICATE HUPMOBILE BREAK 100130

(24) ?????-FROM IBEX 7 TO RADIUM BREAK WE BELIEVE WE ARE BEARING FROM YOU 216 DISTANCE 10 MILES

(25) 1209-FROM RADIUM TO IBEX 7 DO YOU NOT HEAR COUNTERFIET ON THIS CIRCUIT.

(26) 1210-FROM IBEX 7 TO RADIUM NEGATIVE.

(27) 1213-FROM IBEX 7 TO CORTEZ 5 BREAK ROUTINE REPORTS AS FOLLOWS X ABLE 234-CHARLIE ROGER PETER STATION ONE ITEM NONE MIKE NONE X HUPMOBILE ON HAND 98 HUNDRED BREAK TIME 100310/Z

(28) 1605-FROM CUDGEL 6 TO DOLLY 3 MOHAIR 2 MORNING 4 MORNING 5 IBEX 7 RADIUM BREAK FOLLOWING SUPPORT STATIONS ESTABLISHED BEARING AND DISTANCES IN MILES FROM ROGER PETER ONE: 0700 ITEM TO 1730/I STATION ABLE 120-10 X BAKER 210-5 X CHARLIE 300-5 X DOG 300-10 X EASY 300-15 X DOG 300-10 X EASY 300-15 X CHARLIE 270-10 X DOG 285-13 X EASY 295-16 ROGER PETER ONE STATION IS LOCATED 10 MILES BEARING 200 DEGREEESE FROM ITS ESTABLISHED POSITION BETWEEN 1730/I AND 0700/I X DURING THAT PERIOD SEAHAWKS PATROL ROGER PETER ONE MODIFIED WITH PATROL LINE 355 AND 135 FIVE MILES EADH SIDE OF NEW CENTER X SEAHAWK RETURN TO ORIGINAL ROGER PETER LOCATION AT 0700/I. SUPPORT STATION ASSIGNED AS FOLLOWS: ABLE STATIONS D-3 X BAKER IBEX 7 X CHARLIE MORNING 4 X DOG MOHAIR 2 X EASY MORNING 5 X NOTE THAT MIGHT STATIONS ARE LOCATED WITH REFERANCE ROGER PETER



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(29) 1750- FROM CUDGEL 6 TO DOLLY 3 IBEX 7 MOHAIR 2 MORNING 4 MORNING 5 RADIUM BREAK MY 100715 X MODIFY POSITION OF STATION ABLE OCCUPIED BY DOLLY 3 AS FOLLOWS X BEARING S AND DISTANCES IN MILES FROM CENTER ROGER PETER ONE X DAYTIME 120-5 X NIGHTTIME 150-7

(30) 1100- FROM CUDGEL 6 TO IBEX 7 BREAK YOUR PROPER STATION BEARS 110 DISTANCE 85 HUNDRED YARDS FROM YOU

(31) 2018- FROM IBEX 7 TO CUDGEL 6 BREAK WE ARE NOW ON STATION DESIGNATED BY YOU X THIS POINT APPEARS TO BE 06 MILES BEARING 155 FROM ROGER PETER ONE MODIFIED X THIS IS NOT OUR ASSIGNED STATION PLEASE CHECK US AGAIN

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(32) 0140- FROM RADIUM TO IBEX 7 BREAK OUR COURSE IS 135

(33) 0505- FROM CUDGEL 6 TO RADIUM GANG BREAK ACTION TO DOLLY 3 MORNING 4 MORNING 5 IBEX 7 INFORMATION TO RADIUM START FOR YOUR DAYLIGHT STATION NOW BREAK 0605 ITEM

(34) 1520- FROM CUDGEL 6 TO RADIUM GANG BREAK THIS CANCELS ALL PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS FOR NIGHT STATIONS X FOLLOWING NIGHT STATIONS ARE LOCATED WITH REFERANCT TO ROGER PETER ONE MODIFIED WHICH BEARS 200 TRUE 10 MILES FROM NORMAL ROGER PETER X DOLLY 3 STATION ABLE BEARING 120 TRUE 7 MILES FROM ROGER PETER ONE MODIFIED X IBEX 7 STATION BAKER 210 3 MILES X MORNING 4 STATION CHARLIE 000 4 MILES X MORNING 5 STATION DOG 330 7 MILES X START FOR NIGHT STATIONS AT 1700 ITEM BREAK 110615

(35) 1313- FROM CUDGEL 6 TO ALL STATIONS AT ROGER PETER ONE BREAK FLASH RED CONTROL YELLOW

(36) 1355- FROM IBEX 7 TO RADIUM BREAK WE HAVE BEEN HIT ONCE, SPLASHED ONE OTHER.

(37) 1405- FROM IBEX 7 TO RADIUM BREAK WE HAVE BEEN HIT TWICE BY SUICIDE PLANES X HAVE SPLASHED THREE MORE.

(38) 1406- IBEX 7 FROM RADIUM CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS SPLASHES.

(39) 1431- CUDGEL 6 FROM IBEX 7 WDWAVE BEEN HIT AGAIN X POSSIBLY SINKING

(40) 1433- FROM COUNTERFIET TO IBEX 7 HOW LONG CAN YOU STAY AFLOAT DOLLY 3 IS GOING TO YOUR ASSISTANCE

(41) 1445- IBEX 7 FROM DOLLY 3 WE ARE CLOSING YOU NOW.
{BLINKER TO DOLLY 3} HELP US SEARCH FOR MEN IN WATER.
{BLINKER TO DOLLY 3} MEN FOUND.

(42) 1500- CUDGEL 6 FROM IBEX 7 TAKING WATER IN ENGINE ROOM FAST X REQUEST PERMISSION TO TRY TO MAKE PORT.



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- (43) ????-DOLLY 3 FROM IBEX 7 ARE YOU COMING TO OUR ASSISTANCE
- (44) ????-IBEX 7 FROM MORNING 5 WE ARE PICKING UP DOLLY 3 SURVIVEORS
- (45) ?B??-IBEX 7 FROM CUDGEL 6 DOLLY 3 WILL ASSIST YOU TO PORT.
- (46) ????-COUNTERFEIT FROM IBEX 7 WE UNDERSTAND THAT DOLLY 3 HAS BEEN HIT AND IS OUT OF COMMISSION.
- (47) ????-COUNTERFEIT FROM IBEX 7 WE MAY NOT MAKE IT TO PORT X PLEASE WAIE FOR US.
- (48) ????-IBEX 7 FROM COUNTERFEIT DOYOU HAVE ANY FRIENDS WHO CAN STANDBY YOU X WE ARE IN PRETTY BAD SHAPE OURSELVES AND WISH TO PROCEED IN TO PORT.
- (49) ????COUNTERFEIT FROM IBEX 7 NEGATIVE X WE WILL RETURN NORTHWARD TO VICINITY OF OTHER SHIPS.
- (50) 2100-MORNING 5 FROM IBEX 7 OUR TCS IS OUT X PLEASE RELAY FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO HIGHJINKS, INFO TO CORTEZ 5 BT SUFFERED 3 HITS BY SUICIDE PLANES X SHOT DOWN 4 OTHERS X PERSONEL CASUALTIES 2 DEAD 2 SERIOUSLY WOUNDED X LIVING COMPARTMENTS WERE FLOODED BUT ARE BEING PUMPED OUT X REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS AS TO DISPOSITION OF SERIOUSLYWOUNDED AND REQUEST SUITABLE LIVING QUARTERS FOR CREW X MATERIAL CASUALTIES-ONE LARGE HOLE IN PORT QUARTER, STEERING DAMAGED ONE TWIN MOUNT 30 MM INOPERATIVE, ONE SINGLE 40 MM DESTROYED X EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO ELECTIRCAL WIRING SYSTEM BREAK TIME 1000/Z
- (51) 2115-IBEX 7 FROM CRADLE 2 BT WE ESTIMATE OUR POSITION 21/2 MILES FROM YOU X WE HAVE ABOARD MEDICAL FACILITDS TO HANDLE PERSONEL CASUALTIES X PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU WISH TRANSFER OF WOUNDED.
- (52) 2120-CRADLE 2 FROM IBEX 7 CANNOT MANEUVER PROPERLY X CANNOT COME ALONGSIDE X WILL PROCEED TO DODGER AREA.
- (53) 2130-IBEX 7 FROM CRADLE 2 WILL YOU REQUIRE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PRIOR ARRIVING DODGER AREA
- (54) 2132-CRAKLE 2 FROM IBEX 7 NEGATIVE X ARE YOU ESCORTING US IN
- (55) IBEX 7 FROM CRADLE 2 AFFIRMATIVE X WHAT IS YOUR COURSE AND SPEED
- (56) 2136-CRADLE 2 FROM IBEX 7 ALL COMPASSES INOPERATIVE X OUR COURSE APPROXIMANTLY 245 SPEED 10
- (57) ????-IBEX 7 FROM CRADLE 2 SUGGEST YOU CLOSE US SO WE CAN LEAD YOU IN
- (58) ????-CRADLE 2 FROM IBEX 7 WE HAVE STOPPED MOMENTARILYX OUR COURSE IS NOW 230



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- (59) ????-IBEX 7 FROM CRADLE 2 WHAT IS YOUR POSITION RELATIVE YOUR TWO FRIENDS
- (60) CRADLE 2 FROM IBEX 7 WE HAVE LOST ONE FRIEND X WE ARE 1800 YARDS EAST OF OTHER ONE
- (61) ????-IBEX 7 FROM CRADLE 2 EXECUTE ON RECEIPT 170 CORPEN
- (62) ????-CRADLE 2 FROM IBEX 7 PLEASE TAKE US TO BERTH H-83 TO TRANSFER OUR WOUNDED
- (63) ????- IBEX 7 FROM CRADLE 2 WE CAN TAKE YOUR WOUNDED AT ANY TIME.
- (64) ????- IBEX 7 FROM CRADLE 2 WE WILL TRANSFER THEM ON ARRIVAL DODGER AREA
- (65) 0333-HIGHJINKS FROM IBEX 7 WE SUFFERED THREE HITS BY SUICIDE PLANES CAUSING EXTENSIVE DAMAGE X WE ARE ANCHORED IN YOUR AREA X DO YOU WISH FULL REPORT BY RADIO OR VISUAL TOMORROW
- (66) 0355- IBEX 7 FROM HIGHJINKS REFERENCE YOUR 121833 BY VISUAL TODAY
- (67) 0450-IBEX 7 FROM MORNING 5 YOUR DOCTOR IS ABOARD X REQUEST INFO WHETHER OR NOT GUNNERY OFFICER WAS REMOVED FOR MEDICAL ATTENTION
- (68) 0555 MORNING 5 FROM IBEX 7 GUNNERY OFFICER WAS REMOVED 2045
- (69) 1428-STADIUM 6 FROM IBEX FROM HIGHJINKS CLOSE DODGER AREA AND CONTACT IBEX 7 FOR POSITION 180 5 MILES FROM BOLO X WHEN SHE HAS LANDED HER DEAD ESCORT HER TO WISEMAN'S COVE X ADVISE WISEMAN AND WE ETA UPON COMPLETION REPORT TO ME FOR DUTY
- (70) 1440-IBEX 7 FROM SLOCUM WHAT IS YOUR ANCHORAGE X ADVISE
- (71) 1505-SLOCUM FROM IBEX 7 PRESENT ANCHORAGE 180 5 MILES FROM BOLO X AM PROCEEDING UNDER ESCORT TO YOUR AREA X ETA 1800
- (72) ????- IBEX 7 FROM SLOCUM WHO IS YOUR ESCORT X ADVISE
- (73) ???? SLOCUM FROM IBEX 7 OUR ESCORT IS TOBY 6