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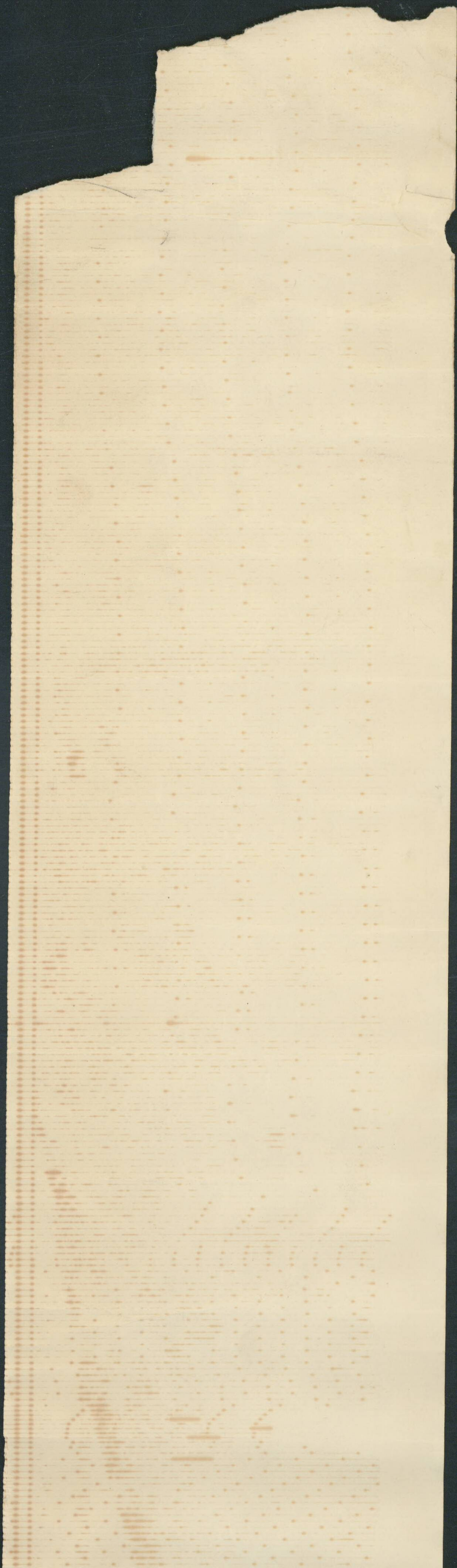
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A/S Section

D.W.T.

H.M.C.S. ¹⁰STETTLER"
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D/C ATTACK
SETTING "EAST"



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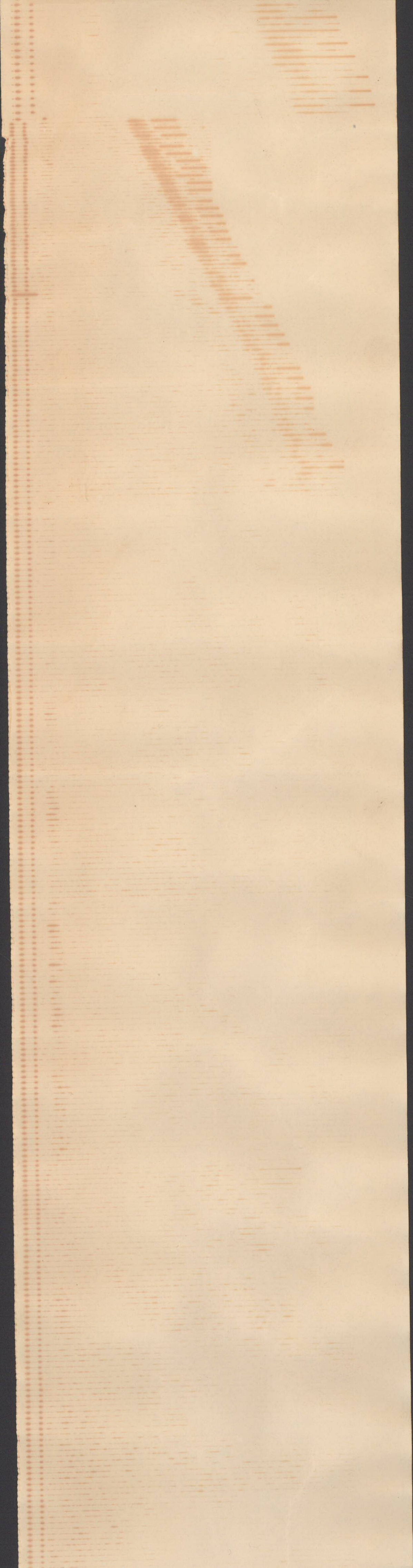
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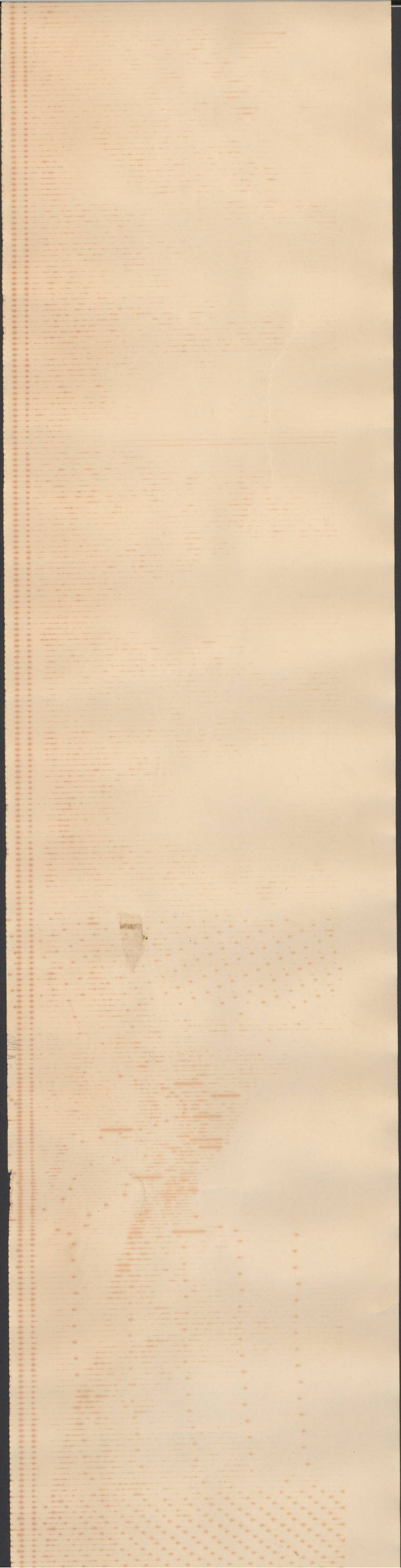
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49° 18' N 67° 16' W

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H/H ATTACK





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HMC'S "STETTLER"
1500 $\frac{1}{2}$ Z 14-10-44
49°18'N 67°16'W
H/H ATTACK

HEDGING
ATTACK

PLATE
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HMC'S "STETTLER"
1500Z 14-10-44
49°18'N 67°16'W
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HEDGEHOG
ATTACK

STETTLER



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TO DATE REMARKS (WITH INITIALS AND DATE)

Lt. Bremner

This was found
loose. Do you know
where it belongs?

WJ
12/7

A.T.
CR
12/7

This recorder trace was obtained
on board HMCS "STETTLER" on
October 14, 1944. It probably
belongs to a Report of Proceedings.

WJ
DWT/a/s

NAVAL MESSAGE

IMPORTANT

SECRET

To:

ADMIRALTY FOR
OIC

(R) CDTs ALL NAV DIST LANT

CDRS ALL SEA FRON LANT

CDRS ALL TASK FORCES LANT

NOB GUANTANAMO

NOB TRINIDAD

NOB BERMUDA

SO (I) JAMAICA

COMNAVEU

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From:
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GNS

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CSOR

DWT

AFHQ

1020Z 23RD NOV. 1944 GUS W DARNELL HIT BY ENEMY

A/C TORPEDO OFF SAMAR NOW CONSIDERED A CON-

STRUCTIVE TOTAL LOSS.

PARA B. 0336Z 14TH HMCS STETTLER ATTACKED

U/BOAT CONTACT 52 18 N 30 00 W.

NAVAL MESSAGE

To:

From:

-2-

PARA D.

- (1) 1200Z 15TH FISHING VESSEL REPORTED SIGHTING U/BOAT 40 59 N
70 47 W. FRIENDLY PT'S IN AREA.
- (2) 1628 15TH A/C HAD RADAR CONTACT 42 46 N 63 17 W.

152004Z

T/T CYPHER

152145Z-3-45

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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PARA D.

(1) 1200Z 15TH FISHING VESSEL REPORTED SIGHTING U/BOAT NO 29 N

70 #7 W. FRIENDLY PT'S IN AREA.

(2) 1628 15TH A/D HAD RADAR CONTACT US NO N 69 17 W.

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T/T CYBER

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ACNS

Apparently "Stetta" did not follow "Cat Cream" Tactical Instructions No. 1. There is no evidence that Cat cream was streamers.

The slowing down to logk and the throw-off to Stbd. may have been enough to have saved the ship.

JD
DOK

STAFF	INITIALS	Date
6 <u>C. N. S.</u>		
2 <u>A.C.N.S.</u>	<u>ACNS</u>	
<u>D.J.A.F.</u>		
1 <u>D.W.T.</u>	<u>DW</u>	
<u>D.O.D.</u>		
<u>D. of P.</u>		
<u>D. N. I.</u>		
4 <u>D.T.D.</u>		
<u>D.S.D.</u>		
3 <u>O.I.C.</u>		
<u>HYD.</u>		
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REMARKS (WITH INITIALS & DATE)

ACNS.

Concur with D.O.R.

In view of recent promulgation of new instructions for proper no further action.

OIC Jof 16/11/44

BTD B 17/11

DWT 21/11

~~DOD~~ 20/11

D. T. DR.	
DISTRIBUTED	DATE
D.T.M. <i>AD</i>	24/11
D.O.M.	
DEV. OFF.	
REG. OFF.	
ISW	
TM (D)	
TM	
TM	
TO	
BY	

S. Raymond
DW 2/11
NOV 3 1944

Concur

[Signature] 7/11

[Signature] 21/11

- ① *[Signature]* 22/11
- ② *[Signature]* 28/11

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MINUTE III

SECRET

FILE: C.N.A. 7-13-1

Secretary, Naval Board,
 Department of National Defence,
 Ottawa, Ontario.

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Submitted for the information of the Department.

2. Classification of this contact as submarine during the initial run in appears to have been correct but firm contact was soon lost, probably as a result of the violent alterations of course which accompanied this attack.
3. It is to be regretted that the initial attack was broken off as a result of the unknown explosion astern; however, the Commanding Officer's action in steadying on his course whilst under the impression that Depth Charges had been fired was undoubtedly correct.
4. During the Hedge Hog attack, contact was lost at 450 yards, which defeats the accuracy of this form of attack and probably accounts for its failure. Scales do not appear to have been changed until after losing contact. These mistakes and other points mentioned in the narrative and not substantiated by the Recorder traces will be discussed with the Commanding Officer on his return to Halifax, and if considered necessary, a further report will be rendered.
5. The attack carried out on the 17th September in position 4850N and 6815W, vide Recorder trace attached, is not mentioned in the Narrative. The Commanding Officer's attention will be drawn to this on his return to Halifax.

Commander in Chief,
 Canadian North West Atlantic,
 11th October, 1944.

L. W. Murray
 (L. W. Murray)
 REAR ADMIRAL, R.C.N.

STAFF	INITIALS	Date
6 C.N.S.		
5 AC.N.S.		
D.J.A.F.		
3 D.C.T.		
1 D.O.D.	<i>Sub</i>	18/10
4 DTD		
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 17¹⁰ OCT 17 A.M.

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4. As the first abortive attack was carried out at "Scare Stations" with the watch on deck, there was no plot kept. However, the assumed movements of the Ship and U-Boat during this attack are shown on the track chart, enclosed.

5. Copies of logged signals are also enclosed. Other signals, which of course were not logged, were sent by T.B.S.

D.G. King

(D.G. King)
A/Lieut. Commander (n), RCNVR
Commanding Officer.

MINUTE II

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EILE: G. 21-1-4

Commander in Chief, Canadian Northwest Atlantic
Area Combined Headquarters,
Halifax, N.S.

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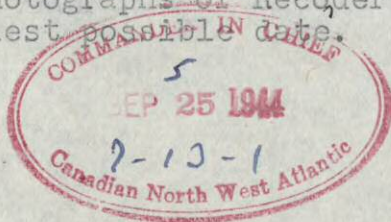
REPORT OF ATTACK ON CONTACT IN

49° 34' N - 65° 20' W

Submitted for your information.

2. I have no special comments to make on enclosed Report of Attack on Suspected U Boat by H.M.C.S. "STETTLER".

3. Photographs of Recorder Tracer will be forwarded at earliest possible date.



G.C. Bernard
G.C. Bernard,
A/Commander, R.C.N.V.R.

Naval Officer in Charge,
H.M.C. Dockyard,
Gaspe, Quebec.

21st September, 1944



(Minute III. . . .)

Archibald

SECRET

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

NAVAL SERVICE.

ORIGINAL

19th September, 1944.
File : S^t 16-1

From : Commanding Officer,
H.M.C.S. "STETTLER".

To : Naval Officer in Charge,
Gaspé, QUE.

ATTACK ON SUSPECTED U-BOAT - 14th September, 1944.

Submitted:

On 14th September, 1944, at 1355Z, H.M.C. Ships "ST. THERESE" (S.O.), "THETFORD MINES", "STETTLER", and "MAGOG" were on patrol in estimated position 49° 34' North, 65° 20' West, stationed line abreast, distance apart two miles, speed twelve knots, mean line of advance 295°.

2. At 1355Z, A/S contact was obtained at a range of 1200 yards, fine on the starboard bow, Ship's head being 280°. Speed was immediately reduced to nine knots, and "Scare Stations" sounded, depth charges being set to "Dog". Echo was first classified as doubtful, then as "Submarine". Inclination, moderate opening; movement, slow right. At a range of 700 yards, I increased speed to 18 knots, and commenced to throw off to starboard. Almost immediately, a large explosion occurred in the Ship's wake. Assuming that the pattern was being accidentally fired, I hastily brought the helm amidships, and phoned to the quarterdeck hoping that it might be possible to prevent the balance of the pattern being fired. Quarterdeck replied that no D/Cs had been dropped. (This was verified by the First Lieutenant, whom I immediately sent to check.) By this time, unfortunately, the attack had been spoiled, and as the contact was well across the bow at a range of about 150 yards, I decreased speed to 9 knots, with the intention of running out and re-attacking, and rang action stations. Contact was held down the starboard side at a range of 100 yards. It was necessary to alter to starboard to avoid "MAGOG" but contact was successfully held through own wake. After opening to 1200 yards, I turned, and carried out Hedge Hog attack (sinking time 7½ seconds). Contact was lost at 450 yds, and Hedge Hog fired at 1413Z at a range of 275 yards with negative results. Contact was regained at 700 yards, and range opened to 1200 yards. Depth Charge attack was carried out at 1437Z, depth charges set at "Easy", range being lost at 450 yards. All Depth Charges detonated satisfactorily. H.E. was heard during this attack. Contact was not regained, and observant was commenced shortly afterwards, with "THETFORD MINES" and "MAGOG". "ST. THERESE" by this time was attacking a contact about a mile and a half to the South-westward. Observant was discontinued around datum at 1647Z and large box search commenced under orders of "ST. THERESE".

Contact ?

3. The explosion which occurred in the Ship's wake was somewhat similar to a very shallow Depth Charge, the detonation and a column of dark coloured water which rose to a height of about 20 feet, occurring almost simultaneously. The explosion was accompanied by a cloud of blackish smoke.

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To: [Illegible]

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REPORT OF ATTACK ON U-BOAT

SECRET

1. H.M.C.S. "STETTLER"

2. DUTY ON WHICH EMPLOYED—

- (A) Convoy No.
- (B) Patrol.....
- (C) Searching Force.....
- (D) Independent.....

3. SIGHTING OR FIRST CONTACT—

- (A) Date 14th September, 1944
- (B) Time 1401 G.M.T.
- (C) Zone 1101

4. POSITION—

- (A) Lat. 49° 34' N
- (B) Long. 65° 20' W
- (C) Reliability D.R.
- (D) Depth of Water 150 Fathoms.

5. SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT IN COMPANY H.M.C.S. "STE. THERESE", H.M.C.S. "THETFORD MINES"
H.M.C.S. "STETTLER", H.M.C.S. "MAGOG"

6. ESCORT DIAGRAM NO. D.E. /OR 4 FL 1423 N.E.

SHIP'S STATION IN DIAGRAM FL 2

7. WEATHER CONDITIONS:

- (A) Weather Y
- (B) Visibility 6
- (C) Sea 0
- (D) Tide (Direction and Rate).....
- (E) Wind West
- (F) Force 0

8. ASDIC CONDITIONS:

- (A) Range of Reverberations 3500 yds
- (B) Max. Range of Echoes from Surface Ships 3000 yds
- (C) Estimate of Asdic Conditions Good. ~~FAIR~~

(G) Moon

Quarter	Bearing.....	Degrees (T)
Half		
Full		
Obscured		

INSTRUCTIONS

9. DRAW CIRCLE AROUND THE APPROPRIATE ENTRY IN THIS REPORT, WHEREVER SUITABLE.

10. NARRATIVE (use another sheet of paper):

- (A) Mention Ship's movements prior to, during, and after attacks, and any points that may be of general interest, including tactics used by U-Boats.
- (B) If Gunfire used, state size of gun, type of shell and fuse, range on opening fire, number of rounds fired, number of hits and their positions, whether all shells which hit, were seen to burst or penetrate.
- (C) Give reasons and time hunt was abandoned.
- (D) Describe fully any breakdowns or shortcomings experienced and recommendations for any improvements.

11. ATTACH RECORDER TRACE AND PHOTOGRAPHS, BRIDGE LOG, SIGNALS AND TRACK CHART.

RESULT OF ATTACKS

12. EVIDENCE OF DAMAGE TO U-BOAT (Air, Oil, Remains, Survivors, Debris).....

13. COMMANDING OFFICER'S OPINION OF THE RESULT OF ATTACKS:

- (A) U-Boat Destroyed.
- (B) U-Boat Damaged.
- (C) U-Boat present but not Damaged
- (D) Doubtful Contact.
- (E) Non-Sub Contact
- (F) Wreck.

See attached report

COMMANDING OFFICER

H.M.C.S. "STETTLER"

Date 19-9-44

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ATTACKS

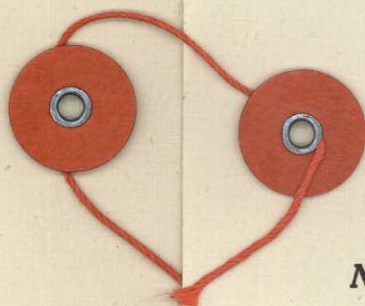
14. REASON FOR ATTACK: ~~Sighting~~ ~~R.D.F. Contact~~ Asdic Contact ~~H.E. Contact~~
 Torpedo Track Any other reason

15. INITIAL RANGE ON: ~~Sighting~~ By R.D.F. By Echo 1200 yds.

	1st Attack	2nd Attack	3rd Attack	4th Attack
16. MOVEMENT.....	Nil Left Right	Nil Left Right	Nil Left Right	Nil Left Right
17. INCLINATION.....	No Doppler Slight Opening Mod. Closing Marked	No Doppler Slight Opening Mod. Closing Marked	No Doppler Slight Opening Mod. Closing Marked	No Doppler Slight Opening Mod. Closing Marked
18. EXTENT OF TARGET AND RANGE AT WHICH OBTAINED.....	10 Deg. 1200 Yds.	9 Deg. 800 Yds.	10 Deg. 700 Yds.	..... Deg. Yds.
19. ATTACKING SPEED.....	18 Kts.	9 Kts.	18 Kts.	.....
20. DEPTH CHARGES:—			MINOL	
(A) Types used.....	Nil		10	
(B) Number dropped.....			4	
(C) No. Throwers.....			"E"	
(D) SETTINGS { Rails.....			"E"	
{ Throwers.....			Nil	
(E) Failures.....			Nil	
(F) Number of Charges remaining.....			Nil	
21. AHEAD-THROWING WEAPONS:—				
(A) Were they used?.....	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
(B) Type used.....		Hedgehog		
(C) Range on Firing.....		275 Yds		
(D) Gun-Bearing on Firing.....	..... Deg.	304 Deg.	..... Deg.	..... Deg.
(E) Centre-bearing of U-Boat on Firing.....	..... Deg.	290 Deg.	104 Deg.	..... Deg.
(F) Number of Charges Fired.....		24		
(G) Failures.....	Yes No	None	None	
(H) Any Charges Detonate.....	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
(I) If so, Seconds after Firing (If fitted, and weapons not used, reasons are to be included in narrative).				
22. (A) RECORDER DEPTH SETTING.....	"D"	7½ secs.	"E"	
(B) RECORDER SPEED SETTING.....	18 knts.	9 Knts.	18 Knts.	
23. RANGE CONTACT LOST.....	Not lost yds.	450 Yds.	450 Yds.	..... Yds.
24. (A) METHOD OF FINDING TIME TO FIRE:—	Recorder Tables Log Eye Directing Ship E/S Type	Recorder Tables Log Eye Directing Ship E/S Type	Recorder Tables Log Eye Directing Ship E/S Type	Recorder Tables Log Eye Directing Ship E/S Type
(B) Time of Firing.....		14 12' 50"	14 37' 30"	
25. FLARE OR MARKER DROPPED.....	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
26. U-BOAT HEARD TO BLOW TANKS.....	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
27. H.E. HEARD.....	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
28. WHISTLE EFFECT.....	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
29. CONTACT RE-ESTABLISHED AFTER ATTACK.....	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
30. RANGE RE-ESTABLISHED..... Yds.	800 Yds.	700 Yds. Yds.
31. NAMES OF OTHER SHIPS IN CONTACT.....	"MAGOG"	"MAGOG"	"MAGOG"	

H. Q. 27

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OF
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NAVAL SERVICE
CANADA



N. S.

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Date

Navy Trace Copy

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H/H ATTACK -
LOST CONTACT AT
H50x
1411Z



R. C. A. F. PHOTOGRAPH
CROWN COPYRIGHT
NEGATIVE

No UNIT

48° 50' N

68° 15' W

17-9-44

1300 P.P.

D/C ATTACK

"D"

CONTACT HELD TO

50X



DK ATTACK
"E" AT
1435Z



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No.....Unit.....

49°34'N
65°20'W

1406 #14-9-24





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No Unit

NAVAL MESSAGE

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Originators Instructions:
(Indication of Priority,
Intercept Group, etc.)

No. of
Groups:

TO:

ST. THERESE

FROM:

STETTLER

Write
Across

				5
				10
	Am investigating a contact on my starboard side.			15
				20
		1400Z		25
				30
				35
				40
				45
				50

System

R/T

P/L Code or Cypher

C

Time of

Receipt

Despatch

1401Z

Operator

B.R

Date

14/9/44

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Originators Instructions:
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Intercept Group, etc.)

No. of
Groups:

TO:

STETTLER

FROM:

MAGOG

Write
Across

Bearing and range of submarine 173 - 950 yards

1420Z

5

10

15

20

25

30

35

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45

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System

R/T

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Operator

Sword

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No. of
 Groups:

TO:

ST. THERESE

FROM:

STETTLER

Write
 Across

Enemy's course 340 degrees

1412Z

5

10

15

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45

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System
 R/T

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 Receipt Despatch
 1412Z

Operator
 Sword

Date
 14/9/44

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 (Indication of Priority,
 Intercept Group, etc.)

No. of
 Groups:

TO:
 ST. THERESE

FROM:
 STETTLER

Write Across			
			5
	Am attacking with H/H		10
			15
			20
		1409Z	25
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No. of
Groups:

TO:

ST. THERESE

FROM:

STETTLER

Write
Across

5

Suggest carrying out observant around position

10

15

1408Z

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 (Indication of Priority,
 Intercept Group, etc.)

No. of
 Groups:

TO:

THETFORD MINES MAGOG (R) STETTLER

FROM:

ST. THERESE

Write
 Across

					5
	Carry out	observant	around	STETTLER	10
					15
					20
					25
					30
					35
					40
					45
					50

System

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48° 50' N
68° 15' W
17-9-44

1300 P.

D/C ATTACK
"D"

CONTACT HELD TO
50x

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65 20

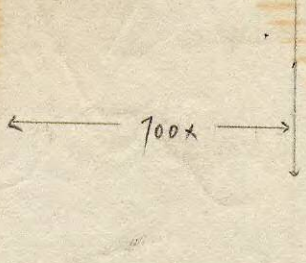


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J/C ATTACK
"E" AT
1435Z

H/H ATTACK -
LOST CONTACT AT
1450X
1411Z

49°34'N
68°20'W
1406Z/14-9-44



NAVAL SERVICE

S E C R E T

FROM: The Naval Officer in Charge,
Gaspé, Quebec.
c/o Naval Post Office 504.

TO: Commander in Chief, Canadian Northwest Atlantic,
Area Combined Headquarters,
Halifax, N.S.

DATE: 23rd September, 1944 FILE: G. 21-1-4

REPORT OF ATTACK ON CONTACT IN
49° 34' N - 65° 20' W

The attached photographs and negatives of Recorder traces are submitted with reference to my Minute II, File G. 21-1-4 of 21st September, 1944.



G.C. Bernard
G.C. Bernard,
A/Commander, R.C.N.V.R.

Encl.
F.

H.M.C.S. STETTLER

SEPTEMBER 14/44

SCALE: CANADIAN CLARSTONE PLOTTER - EACH HALF MINUTE PLOTTED

OBSERVANT - 3 MILES SQUARE

ZERO TIME - 1404 Z

DOTTED BLUE LINE REPRESENTS ASSUMED SUBMARINE'S COURSE

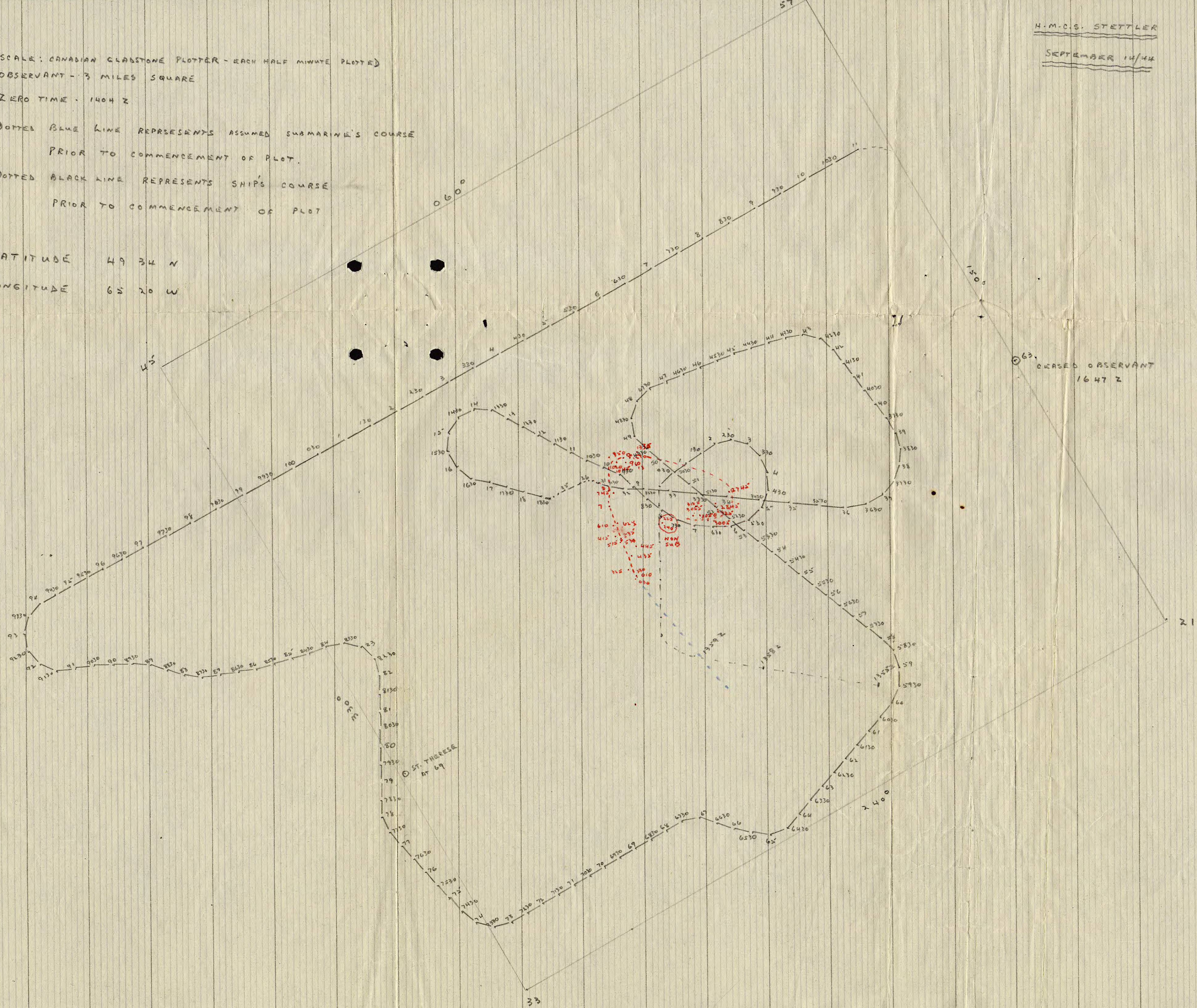
PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF PLOT.

DOTTED BLACK LINE REPRESENTS SHIP'S COURSE

PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF PLOT

LATITUDE 49 34 N

LONGITUDE 65 20 W



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DOR.

Herewith is the report of
the Arctic experts on
Shubin's traces.

DOR
10/9



JK

To file and P.A.
DOD.

DEPT. NUMBER

MEMORANDUM TO D.O.D.

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Report of Attack on Suspected U-Boat
by H.M.C.S. "STETTLER"

It is very difficult to tell from a Recorder Trace alone when a contact is submarine or non-sub. After examining these photographs, the following opinions are offered:-

- (i) The length and sharp definition of the echo indicate that it could be from a submarine almost beam-on. This agrees with the narrative. The last part of the trace is wake. The slope of the trace indicates a rate of approach of about 12 knots. PA
- (ii) These echoes, rather long and with indeterminate leading edges, could be from a submarine almost stern-on. This again agrees with the narrative. There appear to be a number of strong non-sub echoes about.
- (iii) This trace is probably non-sub. The echoes are long and vary in intensity. They certainly do not indicate a beam-on submarine as suggested by the attack report of "no doppler". In fact, nothing in this photograph corresponds with the third attack as described in the narrative and attack report, and it is probable that this trace has nothing to do with the attack.

(iv) The trace could be that of a beam-on submarine.

2. The following further comments are submitted:-

- (a) During the first attack, the Commanding Officer increased speed to 18 knots at a distance of only 700 yards from the target, and yet he allowed the A/S C.O. to set 18 knots on the Recorder.
- (b) During the hedgehog attack, the Recorder does not appear to have been changed to Scale 10. This should have been done at range 800 yards.
- (c) It is not understood why, after twice losing contact at 450 yards, Pattern E (150 to 300 ft.) was used in preference to Pattern G (350 to 550 ft.).

3. I should conclude from the evidence that a U-Boat was present.

M. Ellis

(M. Ellis)
Lt. Cdr. (A/S) R.C.N.V.R.
A/S SECTION, D.W.T.

O T T A W A
3rd October, 1944.

O.I.C.S. by hand.



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May your Asdic Officer please
examine these photographs and
give me his opinion on the
probability of them being a
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The descript indicates that HE was heard during the 3rd attack. The attack form that HE was heard on the 1st and 2nd, but not the 3rd attack.

The explosion in the wake (probably "Conat") the Doppler in the 1st two attacks and the HE certainly indicate that a UFB was present.

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Gaspe, Quebec.
c/o Naval Post Office 504.

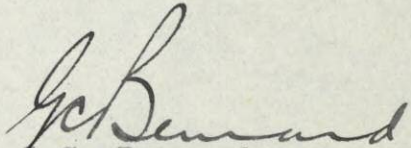
TO: Director of Operations,
Naval Service Headquarters,
Ottawa, Ont.
For: O.I.C. 5

DATE: 23rd September, 1944 FILE: G. 21-1-4

ATTACK BY H.M.C.S. "STETTLER"
ON SUSPECTED U-BOAT - 14th SEPTEMBER, 1944.

Submitted for your information with reference to telephone conversation between Staff Officer Operations and O.I.C. 5 are the following documents pertaining to an attack made by the above ship on contact in 49° 34' N and 65° 20' W:

- (a) Report of the Commanding Officer, H.M.C.S. "STETTLER".
- (b) Relative Signals.
- (c) Form S. 1203
- (d) Photographs of Recorder Traces.


G.C. Bernard,
A/Commander, R.C.N.V.R.

S E C R E T

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

NAVAL SERVICE

19th September, 1944.
File: ST 16-1

FROM: COMMANDING OFFICER,
H.M.C.S. "STETTLER".

TO: Naval Officer in Charge,
Gaspé, Que;

ATTACK ON SUSPECTED U-BOAT - 14TH SEPTEMBER, 1944.

SUBMITTED:

On 14th September, 1944, at 1355Z, H.M.C. Ships "ST.THERESE" (S.O.), "THETFORD MINES", "STETTLER", and "MAGOG" were on patrol in estimated position 49° 34' North, 65° 20' West, stationed line abreast, distance apart two miles, speed twelve knots, mean line of advance 295°.

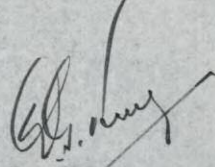
2. At 1355Z, A/S contact was obtained at a range of 1200 yards, fine on the starboard bow, Ship's head being 280°. Speed was immediately reduced to nine knots, and "Scare Stations" sounded, depth charges being set to "Dog". Echo was first classified as doubtful, then as "Submarine. Inclination, moderate opening; movement, slow right. At a range of 700 yards, I increased speed to 18 knots, and commenced to throw off to starboard. Almost immediately, a large explosion occurred in the Ship's wake. Assuming that the pattern was being accidentally fired, I hastily brought the helm amidships, and phoned to the quarterdeck hoping that it might be possible to prevent the balance of the pattern being fired. (This was verified by the First Lieutenant whom I immediately sent to check.) By this time, unfortunately, the attack had been spoiled, and as the contact was well across the bow at a range of about 150 yards, I decreased speed to 9 knots, with the intention of running out and re-attacking, and rang action stations. Contact was held down the starboard side at a range of 100 yards. It was necessary to alter to starboard to avoid "MAGOG" but contact was successfully held through own wake. After opening to 1200 yards, I turned, and carried out Hedge Hog attack (sinking time 7½ seconds). Contact was lost at 450 yards, and Hedge Hog fired at 1413Z at a range of 275 yards with negative results. Contact was regained at 700 yards, and range opened to 1200 yards. Depth charge attack was carried out at 1437Z, depth charges set at "Easy", range being lost at 450 yards. All Depth Charges detonated satisfactorily. H.E. was heard during this attack. Contact was not regained, and observant was commenced shortly afterwards, with "THETFORD MINES" and "MAGOG". "ST. THERESE" by this time was attacking a contact about a mile and a half to the South-westward. Observant was discontinued around datum at 1647Z and large box search commenced under orders of "ST.THERESE".

3. The explosion which occurred in the Ship's wake was somewhat similar to a very shallow Depth Charge, the detonation and a column of dark coloured water which rose to a height of about 20 feet, occurring almost simultaneously. The explosion was accompanied by a cloud of blackish smoke.

4. As the first abortive attack was carried out at "Scare Stations" with the watch on deck, there was no plot kept. However, the assumed movements of the Ship and U-Boat during this attack are shown on the tract chart, enclosed.

5. Copies of logged signals are also enclosed. Other signals, which ofcourse were not logged, were sent by T.B.S.

(SIGNED)


D.G. King,
A/Lieut-Commander (n), RCNVR
COMMANDING OFFICER

MINUTE II

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FILE: G. 21-1-4

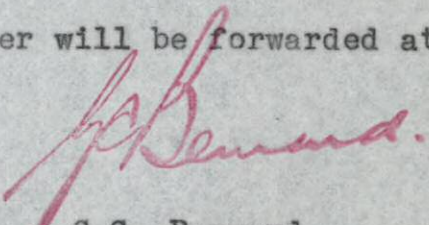
Commander in Chief, Canadian Northwest Atlantic,
Area Combined Headquarters,
Halifax, N.S.

REPORT OF ATTACK ON CONTACT IN
49° 34' N - 65° 20' W

Submitted for your information.

2. I have no special comments to make on enclosed Report of Attack on Suspected U-Boat by H.M.C.S. "STETTLER".

3. Photographs of Recorder Tracer will be forwarded at earliest possible date.


G.C. Bernard,
A/Commander, R.C.N.V.R.

Naval Officer in Charge,
H.M.C. Dockyard,
Gaspe, Quebec.

21st September, 1944.

S. 1320D
10 Mil.-8-42 (5915-6)
N.S. 815-0-1320D

NAVAL MESSAGE

To:

From:

THETFORD MINES MAGOG (R) STETTLER

ST THERESE

CARRY OUT OBSERVANT AROUND STETTLER

R/T

TOR 1411Z

SWORD

14/9/44

S. 1320D
10 Mil-8-42 (5915-6)
N.S. 815-9-1320D

NAVAL MESSAGE

To:

ST. THERESE

From:

STETTLER

SUGGEST CARRYING OUT OBSERVANT AROUND POSITION

1408Z

R/T

C

TOD 1409Z

SWORD

14/9/44

S. 1320D
10 Mil.-8-42 (5915-6)
N.S. 815-9-1320D

NAVAL MESSAGE

To:

ST. THERESE

From:

STETTLER

AM ATTACKING WITH H/H

1409Z

R/T

TOD 1410Z

SWORD

14/9/44

S. 1320D
10 Mil-8-42 (5915-6)
N.S. 815-9-1320D

NAVAL MESSAGE

To:

ST THERESE

From:

STETTLER

ENEMY'S COURSE 340 DEGREES

1412Z

R/T

TOD 1412Z

SWORD

14/9/44

S. 1320D
10 Mil-8-42 (5915-6)
N.S. 815-9-1320D

NAVAL MESSAGE

To:

From:

STETTLER

MAGOG

BEARING AND RANGE OF SUBMARINE 173 - 950 YARDS

1420Z

R/T

TOR 1420Z

SWORD

14/9/44

S. 1320D
10 Mil-8-42 (5915-6)
N.S. 815-9-1320D

NAVAL MESSAGE

To:

From:

ST THERESE

STETTLER

AM INVESTIGATING A CONTACT ON MY STARBOARD SIDE

1400Z

R/T

C

TOD 1401Z

BR

14/9/44

H. Q. 27

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OF
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NAVAL SERVICE
CANADA

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Enclosures

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H/H ATTACK -
LOST CONTACT AT
450x
1411Z

14-9-44



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48° 50' N
68° 15' W
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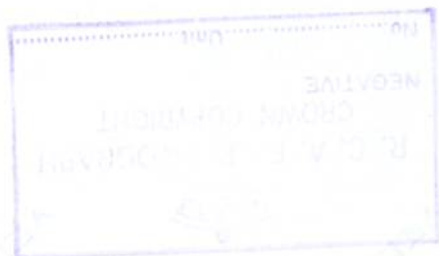
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D/C ATTACK

"D"

CONTACT HELD TO
50x

452 1100
Considered Now SUB 17-9-44



JK ATTACK
"E" AT
1435 Z

14-9-44.



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No Unit

49°34' N
65°20' W

14067/14-9-44



14-9-44



NAVAL MESSAGE

To:

ECW-13
(R) NSHQ
NOIC GASPE
NOIC SILENE
NOIC QUEBEC

From:
C IN C CNA

18800-W13

18910-381/56

CNS YOUR 151300 SUGGEST BEST AREA TO SEARCH IS 20 MILES OFF
ACNS SHORE FROM CAP DES ROSIERES TO CAPE CHAT.
DOD
DSD
DTD 2. REPORT WHETHER CATS STREAMED AT TIME OF EXPROSION
DNI
D OF P YOUR 141632 REFER
OIC
DWT
CSOK

18910-381/56
18800-W13

151717Z

151300- RE: W-13 COMPLETED BOX SEARCH AND SWEEP TO 060° WEST
141632- STETTLER ATTACKING CONTACT AT 700 YARDS WHEN EXPLO-
SION OF SUSPECTED ACOUSTIC TORPEDO OCCURRED.

PASSED TO QUEBEC AT 151945Z

T/T CYPHER TOD 151904Z/9/44

MJW 013531

MAILED MESSAGE

1954

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK
SUBJECT: [Illegible]

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U. S. 815-9-1320-H
K. P. 95441

NAVAL MESSAGE

To:

NOIC GASPE

From:

E.G. W 13

(R) AIG 302

18800-W 13

GNS
ACNS
DOD
DTD
DNI
D OF P
OIC
DWT

MY 141425 AND 141632.

18910-381/56

FURTHER UNCONFIRMED CONTACT

ATTACKED BY THETFORD MINES AND LOST.

AM CARRYING OUT BOX SEARCH AROUND

049° 29' 065' 25'

142010Z

141425 PROBABLY REFERS TO 141430 RE HMCS
"SETTER" IN CONTACT ESTIMATED COURSE OF
SUBMARINE 240

141632Z RE MAGOG T HETFORD MINES CARRIED

NAVY AIR MESSAGE

NOVO CASPE

(H) AIG 305

ONS
AGNS
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MY TAPES AND TAPES

FURTHER UNCONFIRMED CONTACT
ATTACKED BY THETBORD MINES AND LOST.
AM CARRYING OUT BOX SEARCH AROUND

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IN 50105

THIS PROBABLY REFERS TO 14140 RE WMS
"SETTER" IN CONTACT ESTIMATED COURSE OF
SUBMARINE 540
141405 RE WAGG T HETBORD MINES CARRIED

169554

NAVAL MESSAGE

To:

From:

OUT DEPTH CHARGER ATTACKS ON CONTACTS NOW LOST
T/T CODE TOR 142147Z/9/44 HM 12926

NAVAL MESSAGE

OUT DEPTH CHARGER ATTACKS ON CONTACTS NOW LOST
T/T CODE FOR INSTANT/AM HM TSSSE

169553

NAVAL MESSAGE

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
IMMEDIATE

To: NOIC GASPE
(R) C IN C CNA
AIG 302

From: ESCORT GROUP W 13

18800 - W 13

18910 - 381/56

GNS MY 141425. STETTLER ATTACKING CONTACT AT 700 YARDS WHEN
ACNS EXPOSITION OF SUSPECTED ACOUSTIC TORPEDO OCCURRED 40 YARDS
DOD ASTERN IN WAKE. MAGOG SAINTE THERESE THETFORD MINES CARRIED
DSD OUT DEPTH CHARGE ATTACKS ON CONTACTS NOW LOST. CARRYING
DNI OUT OBSERVANT.
D OF P
CIC
DWT
CSOR

141632Z.

141425-PROBABLY REFERS TO 141430 - REL HMCS STETTLER IN
CONTACT ESTIMATED COURSE OF SUBMARINE 240.

T/T CODE 141741Z/9/44 BES 012628

NAVAL MESSAGE

To:

CONFIDENTIAL
IMMEDIATE

From:

18800 - W 13

W 13

C IN C CNA

(R) AIG 302

18910-381/56

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HMCS STETTLER IN CONTACT

ESTIMATED COURSE OF SUBMARINE 240 EXPLOSION IN WAKE

OF STETTLER SUSPECTED TO BE TORPEDO MY POSITION

49 29 N 65 24 W

141430Z

T/T

CODE

141520Z/9/44

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