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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION FOR PERIOD 22ND TO 25TH. BY 19TH SEEMS THAT ENEMY DRIVE TOWARDS ANZIO FROM SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST OF CARROCETA HAS BEEN SPENT. SITUATION QUIET GENERALLY SINCE THAT DATE AND NINETY PERCENT OF LOST GROUND RECOVERED BY ALLIED FORCES. SHIP GUNFIRE SUPPORT UNCALLED FOR SINCE 20TH. CRUISER MAY BE CALLED UPON ON 26TH. SITUATION WITH REGARD TO S/M SOMEWHAT CLEARER. AREA ANZIO AND NAPLES SEEMS TO CONTAIN NONE. SINKINGS REPORTED AS FOLLOWS: POSITION 40 - 46 14 - 35 ONE MERCHANT VESSEL 15TH. LST 418 LOST 41 - 06.5 12 - 49.9 ON 16TH. HMS PENELOPE ON 18TH IN 40 - 35 13 - 25. IN POSITION 41 - 14 12 - 31 ON 20TH LST 305 (GCI) E-BOAT. LST 348 40 - 56 13 - 20. REPORT OF E-BOATS: 6 SMALL ONES BELIEVED OPERATING FROM MOUTH OF RIVER TIBER. ATTEMPT TO WORK ON PORT OF ANZIO AFTER COMING DOWN ALONG COAST INSIDE OF MINE FIELDS. PC'S ENGAGED E-BOATS WITH PC-621 SINKING ONE AND DAMAGING ANOTHER. SECOND ATTACK DURING NIGHT OF 23RD DRIVEN OFF. ANZIO MINE REPORT SHOWS PORT AND APPROACH OPEN AFTER HAVING BEEN RENDERED DOUBTFUL. THIS FORCE IN VICINITY TORREANNUNZIA ON 23RD AND 24TH PERMITTING RECREATION PARTIES TO VISIT POMPEII. AT 250001A PHILADELPHIA WENT ON READY DUTY STATUS VICE MAURITIUS WITH ORDERS TO ARRIVE VICINITY PONZA BY SUNRISE 26TH.

Enclosure "A" (3).