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SUMMARY FOR PERIOD 26TH FEB TO 1ST MARCH. ANZIO FRONT REPORTS INDICATE ACTIVITY BY ENEMY PATROLS AND REGROUPING POSSIBLE. ESTIMATED THAT FROM 28TH ONWARD HEAVY SCALE EFFORTS ON PART OF ENEMY SHOULD BE EXPECTED. APPEARS THAT AREAS OFF PONZA AND ANZIO MIGHT BE NEXT SPOTS FOR S/M TO OPERATE. CONTROLLED BOMBING RESULTED IN LOSS OF HMS INGLEFIELD DURING EVENING OF 25TH OFF ANZIO. SAME DAY ALSO LOST LST 349 AS RESULT OF GROUNDING OFF PONZA DUE TO HEAVY WEATHER. PHILADELPHIA SPENT 26TH OFF PONZA, NO FIRING CALLED FOR. ON 27TH EXPENDED 4Ø7 ROUNDS. ENEMY ARTILLERY ON EAST AND WEST LINE 25ØØ YARDS ON OUR LEFT AND BEYOND FRONT LINES TAKEN UNDER FIRE ON 7 MISSIONS. HAD EXCELLENT RESULTS USING NEW PROCEDURE FOR CONTROL OF FIRE AS I HAD OUTLINED IN MY 231132. EXPECT ENEMY OFFENSIVE AND STANDING BY FOR CALL WITH CRUISER SQUADRON 15. UNFAVORABLE WEATHER DURING ENTIRE PERIOD.

Enclosure "A" (4).