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Wrecks in Darwin Harbour

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Position of
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FROM A. C. N. B.

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CODE
CYPHER. A. GENERAL

METHOD OF TRANSMISSION L. T.

DATE SENT 20/3/42

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T.O.O. 0756220

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DARWIN

SIGNAL FOLLOWING INFORMATION ~~REMOVED~~ IN CONNECTION WITH
DARWIN AIR RAID INQUIRY. POSITIONS OF FOLLOWING SHIPS
AT COMMENCEMENT OF RAID 19TH FEBRUARY. "ZEALANDIA" "PLATYPUS"
"MANUNDA". (2) IF THERE WERE ANY PARTICULAR REASONS FOR
CHOICE OF BERTHS.

Inquiry into 1806/2/20
+ report
by Mr Justice Lowe

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YOUR 0756 20th. (1) FOLLOWING BEARINGS & DISTANCES JETTY LIGHT.
 ZEALANDIA (BRIT) B 4 BERTH(?) 189° 830 YARDS. PLATYPUS G 2 BERTH
 161° 10 25 YARDS. MANUNDA (BRIT) C 3 BERTH 190° 15 10 YARDS.
 (2) "ZEALANDIA" WAS BEING DISCHARGED AT ANCHOR AND B 4 BERTH IS
 CONVENIENT TO PORT BEAM BOOM DEFENCE AND MAIN JETTY. G 2 BERTH
 IS PERMANENT BERTH FOR DEPOT SHIP. MANUNDA HAD RECENT MOVE TO C 3
 FROM A MORE DISTANT BERTH AT REQUEST OF HER MASTER IN ORDER REDUCE
 DIFFICULTY OF COMMUNICATION WITH SHORE. A COMPLETE PLAN SHOWING
 POSITIONS ALL SHIPS IN HARBOUR(?) ON 19th FEBRUARY WAS FURNISHED TO
 INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE WHILE AT DARWIN..

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Naval Headquarters,
Darwin, N.T.
26th February, 1942.

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The Secretary,
Naval Board.

(Copies to Commodore-in-Charge,
Sydney.
Officer-in-Charge,
Hydrographic Branch).

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WRECKS IN DARWIN HARBOUR.

It is submitted for the information of the Naval Board that wrecks, dangerous to navigation, exist in the following positions on Chart F 055:-

- (a) "ZEALANDIA" 129 degrees 16,300 feet from Emery Point Light. Derrick heads exposed at approximately L.W.O.S. Marked by Green Wreck Buoy.
- (b) "PEARY" 131 degrees 15,400 feet from Emery Point Light. Totally submerged. Position marked by Green Wreck Buoy.
- (c) "BRITISH MOTORIST" 142 degrees 13,600 from Emery Point Light. Starboard bilge exposed at approximately L.W.O.S. Position marked by Green Wreck Buoy.
- (d) "MEIGS" 175 degrees 12,200 feet from Emery Point Light. Funnel and masts exposed at approximately High Water. *(U.S. Transport)* X
- (e) "MAUNA LOA" 174 degrees 15,800 feet from Emery Point Light. Funnel and masts exposed at approximately High Water. X
- (f) H.M.A.S. "MAVIE" 117 degrees 16,200 feet from Emery Point Light. Masts exposed at approximately L.W.O.S.. X
- (g) "NEPTUNA" 113 degrees 13,900 feet from Emery Point Light. Starboard bilge exposed at approximately L.W.O.S.

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F.N.M. masts
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C. J. [Signature]

COMMODORE-IN-CHARGE,
DARWIN.