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161"&Z UNTIL STEER AT 1750Z• DUE TO WEATHER, LIMITEJZVISIBELITY

AND LACK OF EFFSUTIV ILLUMINATION, AIR SUPPORT NOT SUCESSFUL

IN LOCATING TARGETS•

3. Q
CO TURNER JOY CLAIMS SINKING ONE CRAFT AND DAMAGE TO
ZANOTHER WITHH
UNSURE• DAMAGED BOAT RETURNED CONFIRE-NO HITS• CO

TURNER JOY AND OTHER PERSONNEL OBSERVED BURSTS AND BLACK SNOJ

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FROM HITS ON THIS BOAT. THIS BOAT ILLUMINATED TURNER JOY

AND HIS RETURN FIRE WAS OBSZVED AND HEARD BY TJ PERSONNEL. MADDOX

SCORED NOINNOWN HITS AND NEVER POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED A BOAT

AS SUCH.

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OX TORPEDO

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