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SECRET SERIES

From: Naval Officer-in-Charge
Vancouver, B. C.

To: Commanding Officer
Pacific Coast
H.M.C. Dockyard
Esquimalt, B. C.

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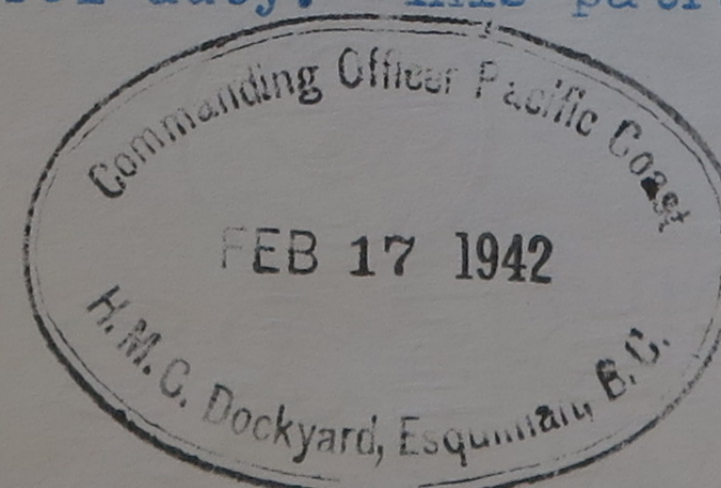
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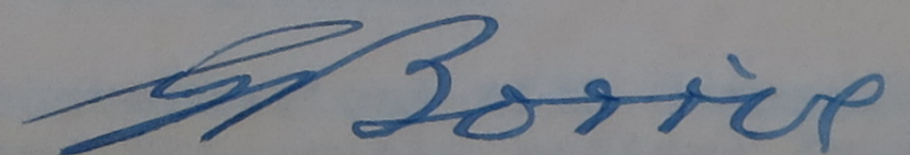
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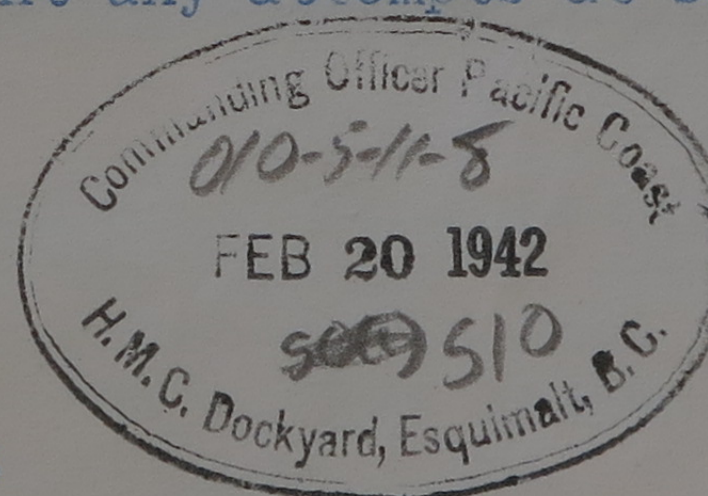
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STAFF MINUTE SHEET

SUBJECT. *Sabotage: Japanese fishing vessel: Amnaris Island*

ORIGIN *Vancouver 15-037 dated 19th Feb:42...*

Referred to Officer	Date	Date	Rec	Passed
S.O.O.	23/2/42			
S.O.I.	24/2			
A/S.O.I.	25/2	25/2/42		
S.I.O.	25/2/42			

For remarks please

no remarks

*Anti sabotage precautions appear to be well
in hand. No further comment.*

no remarks

After Action
Circulation

Disposal

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(Initials and Date.)

Continue, if necessary, on
a fresh minute sheet.

S E C R E T

DATE February 20th, 1942 AREA Vancouver, B. C.

SUBJECT Japanese Fleet at New Westminster, B. C.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION Geo. Bournfeind through R.C.M.P. (Bournfeind being previously known to the Security Officer and being very reliable for information).

NATURE OF INFORMATION That the Japanese at Steveston, B. C. were not satisfied with the treatment given their boats and also the unfair prices they were getting for same, they stated they were going to burn up the boats at New Westminster by letting a barge or some other oil soaked boat float down the river and lodge in the main anchorage, causing a fire.

ACTION TAKEN N.O.i/c notified and Lieut. Commander Elfert, O.C. i/c, New Westminster, in turn notified to be on the alert for any attempt.

Patrol made to Steveston and Mr. Hashimoto, President of Steveston Fishermen's Association, interviewed. Hashimoto stated he had not heard of any talk about the boats, but would either notify the Naval Service or the R.C.M.P. should he hear of any such talk or movement.

RECOMMENDATIONS Special precautions be taken such as a log boom in front of the boats to stop a fire boat from entering and, if possible, a patrol vessel be kept in constant use at the fleet, which could tow away any obstacles that might drift into the main anchorage.

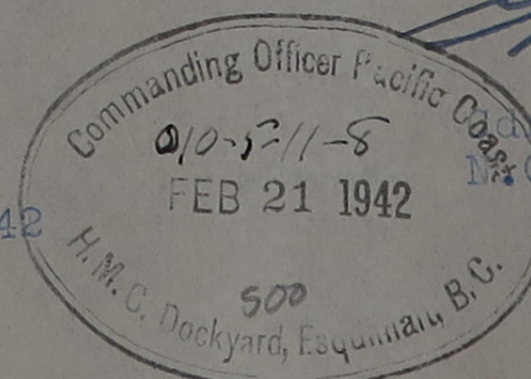
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