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7. General route taken by Neptune shipping is coast-wise to area Z. 15 miles south of NAB Tower and south east of Isle of Wight, thence to 50° N between approximately 0° 25' west and 0° 50' West thence to beaches.

8. Casualties reported to date. (A) Beach area. 1 British destroyer mined and towed to Portsmouth, one United States destroyer sunk by gunfire, one Norwegian destroyer torpedoed and sunk, unknown number of landing craft casualties due to mines or swamping.

(B) On approaches to Area Z and between Area ZA and lowering area, one British merchant ship hit by JU 88 and sunk. 430 survivors out of 580 on board, 2 U.S. minesweepers mined and sunk, 2 L.S.T. sunk one M.L. sunk in collision and one M.L. holed by striking wreckage.

9. General situation. ANCXF reported at 0023 7th as follows, landings were proceeding satisfactorily except at O beach warships beginning to return to re-ammunition first build up convoys approaching anchorages, first flights of empty landing craft returning to reload, weather causing some slowing down in rate of discharge.

10. Possibility of further deterioration in the weather is causing some concern at Admiralty.

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