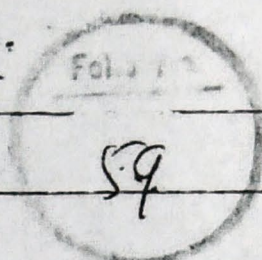


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MESSAGE FORM



- 1. Time Message Received 1900A.
- 2. Message received from COS Fleet.
- 3. Message received by ACNS(OP).
- 4. Text of Message

Sheffield abandoning ship

Fire out of control.

Two ships standing by to pick up survivors.
Hit in MCO/ Ops Room area.

Likely to be a large number of casualties.

Names not yet known.

CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF

DATE 4/3/02	CODES
CDS	CNS
SCS(A)	CAS
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SPC	ACDS (POL)
SO/CDS	ACDS (PL)
SA/CDS	ACDS (SI)
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5. Distribution:

- > PSO/CDS
- COSSEC
- DS11 (responsible for further distribution to S of S, PUS, AUS(DS), Resident Clerk)
- SCPL (responsible for VCDS(P&L) and/or ACDS(P&L))
- DIC
- Navy Ops
- Army Ops
- AF Ops
- SOG (as appropriate)

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