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To: Commander, Force O,
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SUBJECT: Report of Proceedings - H.M.S. PRINCE LEOPOLD, Group O.4, Force O.

The following report covering assault phase is submitted:

Passage through the Minefield.

2 buoy passed at 2120 appeared to be 1/2 mile to Eastward of charted position. Convoy, after making a large alteration of course, entered No. 4 Channel and, owing to the fact that many Dan bouys had dragged, rigged between Nos. 3 and 4 Channels, becoming very disorganised.

Entered transport area and anchored at 0130.

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Assault.

L.C.s were lowered in accordance with plan in a very choppy sea, no difficulty was experienced in unhooking, and craft formed up and proceeded inshore without incident.

Craft were swamped many times on way in, but the Rangers, although soaked, were in very good spirits, and no reports of sea sickness have been received.

C.O., 5th Battalion attempted to contact C.O., 2nd Battalion after intercepting signal from Charlie Sector calling ~~in~~ in, as no reply was received it was agreed that boats must beach on Dog Green, beaching being successfully made at 0800, no casualties to personnel or craft occurring and all Rangers safely disembarked, no casualties being noticed.

Craft withdrew without accident, and two survivors from Empire Javelin Flotilla were picked up.

Recovery of Craft.

Closed beach at 0805 to recover craft. Craft returned to ship in formation and were hoisted, two at a time, on the lee side without difficulty.

Signalled 'ready to proceed' to Prince Charles at 0945, and waited in swept channel until returning to transport area at 1030 to await orders for second

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