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## U/Boat Intelligence Summary.

1.

GENERAL SITUATION

U/Boats continue inshore operations at focal points of shipping. Commanders are showing more ability in handling their boats as they gain confidence in schnorchel and the immunity it affords from aircraft attack. The number at sea in the Atlantic remains fairly static at 35 to 40 U/Boats. Of particular interest was the attack on 16 January by TG 22.8. (4 DEs) on the southern weather reporter, whom they had been stalking the past two weeks, and which resulted in her probable sinking. Another U/Boat is on weather patrol in the central North Atlantic, one is off Halifax and one is probably still patrolling west of Gibraltar Strait. Three are in transit in the central North Atlantic, two homebound from Canadian waters, and one outbound, heading for the New York area. Approximately 24 U/Boats, about half of which are in transit, are estimated in the vicinity of Britain. There are still no U/Boats estimated in the Atlantic south of 30N. Four U/Boats with cargo for Germany are homebound in the Indian Ocean; a 1200-tonner is still estimated ~~in the~~ *on patrol off* Australia. Most outbound U/Boats in the Atlantic are now receiving important messages in special individual ciphers, none of which has been broken.

2.

WESTERN ATLANTIC

(a) New York:

The U/Boat heading for the New York approaches, U-369 (Neuerburg), is presently estimated about 180 miles SSE of Flemish Cap. She reported her position in about 56N 27W 6 January and was told to "continue southward cruise". She is expected to arrive in the New York area at the beginning of February.