

MACREBOR

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OWN SHIP TYPE: <u>U-25</u> NAME: <u>MACREBOR</u> AREA: <u>63</u> MOON: <u>Just set</u> CLOUDS: <u>0</u>									
DATE: <u>2-27-42</u> LAT: <u>19-51 N</u> DIST. LAND: <u>20</u> WIND: <u>None</u> GR. TONNAGE: <u>2498</u>									
DATE: <u>Feb. 27, 1942</u> CON. <u>64-43 W.</u> PATRONS: <u>2250</u> COURSE: <u>315 T</u> SPEED: <u>10</u>									
SEA: <u>Slight</u> VISIBILITY: <u>Just set</u>									
OWN SHIP: NAME <u>MAC GREGOR</u> NATL. BR. TYPE <u>CATCO</u>									
ENROUTE <u>St. Lucia to Tampa, Fla.</u> CARGO/MISSION <u>Bell's LUN CREW</u> YES									
ZIEGAG No CONVOY No ARMED BY US OTHER BATTERY <u>Unknown</u>									
OWN LIGHTS <u>Blacked out</u> RADIO <u>Silent</u> RADAR SOUND GEAR MAG DET									
LOOKOUTS <u>2 - 1 on bridge, 1 gunner aft</u> REMARKS									
OWN DAMAGE <u>Shelled (PES) - Sunk</u> ENEMY DAMAGE <u>Unknown</u>									
CONTACT MADE BY-SIGHT SOUND D/F RADAR ENEMY ATTACK <u>XX</u>									
ON SURFACE <u>XX</u> AWASH PERISCOPE SUBMERGED TORPEDO TRACK NOT SEEN									
DISTANCE <u>100-800 yds</u> BEARING <u>P &amp; S</u> QUARTER resp. COURSE SPEED									
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Br., MAC GREGOR, torpedoed and sunk by 2 subs 0820  
19-51 N., 69-43 W. Life boats machine gunned. ALUSNA  
DOM. REP. 272310.

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