

The Accused having nothing further to offer in his Defence the Court was

cleared at 1050 . . . m. to consider the finding.

Finding.

The Court finds that the charge against the accused of negligently or by default regarding this Majesty's Ship "Mercury" is proved, in that the regarding was due to the following causes.

- (a) In stopping his ship at about 1620 when it was suspected that a mine was in the ether.
- (b) Having been informed between 1620 and 1625 that there was a dark object in the ether, he allowed his ship to remain stopped.

The Court also find that the charge against the accused of negligently or by default losing this Majesty's Ship "Mercury" is proved for the above reasons, but that the loss was aggravated by evidence of structural damage caused by enemy action and bad weather.

~~Archibald Cooke~~

A. J. W. Noble.

M. E. S. B. Bissell

M. J. Brown

J. C. S. S. S.

Archibald Cooke

The ~~Officiating~~ Deputy Judge-Advocate
Clerk of the Court

(Date) 7th February 1941.