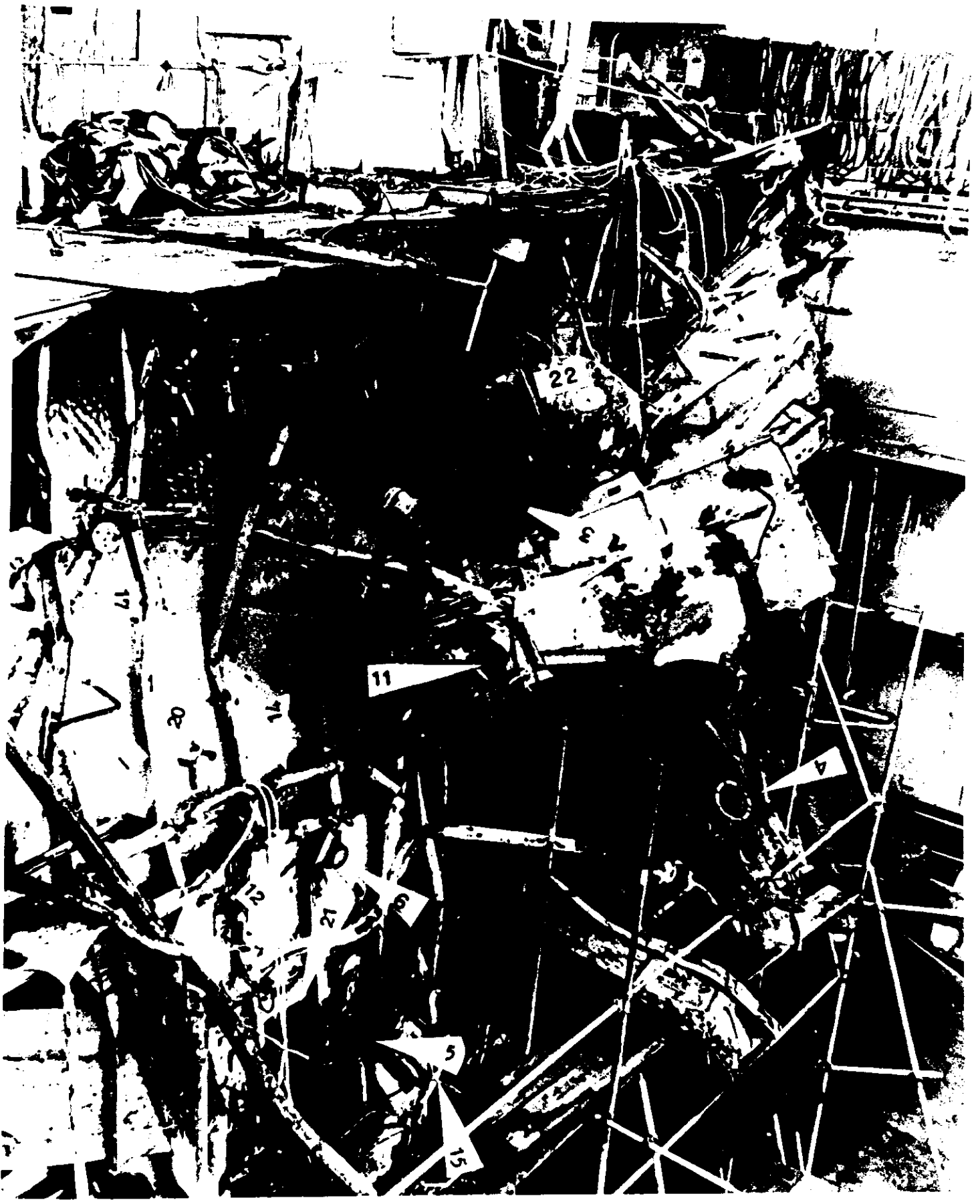


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1. Turbo Steam Line.
 2. Main Feed Line
 3. Main Steam "Y"
 4. Fuel Oil Pump Foundation.
 5. #2 Boiler foundation (back wall division wall header)
 6. "2 Boiler superheater alarm (a connection box)
 7. Auxiliary Steam Line Valve
 8. Remote Cable for Auxiliary Steam Valve.
 9. Valve for Bilge Suction Line.
 10. B-9 Feed Water Tank
 11. Auxiliary Steam Valve
 12. Feed Water Suction Line Off of B-9 tank
 13. Electrical Cables
 14. Drain Piping (high pressure)
 15. Deck Polisher (buffer)
 16. Electrical Cables
 17. Electric Light Mount
 18. Fire Extinguisher Mount
 19. Battle Lantern
 20. Level of Upper Level Deck Plats, forward Fire Room (approximately)
 21. Level of Lower Level Deck Plates, Forward Fire Room, approximately 2 feet below this painted line.
 22. Vent duct in Forward Engine Room (Main Control)
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Exhibit 71

ENCLOSURE (11)

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My first recollection of the events of the collision was a loud noise, a bright flash like an explosion (probably due to fuel), and then complete disorientation. The next recollection was that of seeing a man leg in wreckage. In trying to reconstruct this I believe I was looking out of the sea cabin aft. It seemed that in any direction I ~~was~~ felt it would touch structure but I was free to move. I could not find a hole to escape through but saw one hole with a ship I noted across it. I pulled and the metal gave way. I was able to get my head, shoulders and chest free but hung up on my hips. I finally worked free and could feel the attitude of the ship changing. About the time I also saw the mast lying over at about a 60 degree angle. At the time my thoughts were of escape to the exterior. At one point, water was rushing in and I went under ~~but~~ but pulled free, ~~the typical~~ ~~came~~ I recall that at this point my undershirt

ENCLOSURE (2)

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snagged. On reaching the exterior of the ship I saw a few people 3 or four but I don't know who they were. The ship lurched and I called to get off jump and get clear. I saw people going into the water and jumped myself. The water was warm and slightly oily. It seemed more like kerosene than fuel. I saw the boat come out of the water and was looking at it from a good quarter aspect. I spotted several men and called join me. About this time I saw a premature tender and went to it and pulled several men to the tender.

My next recollection was seeing a carrier. I thought Kearsarge, dead in the water. My thought was then, My God, are we so all there are, and then, this

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she went into as I could see
intensity on her face, I estimated
she was 500 yards away ~~but~~ although
this could be in error. At this time,
and time was meaningless, it could be later
with spotlights flying and other boats on
the water. Some of the men on the tender
called out but I ordered them to be
quiet as we had flotation. I could see
no other survivors in my field of vision.
The boats were picking up people about
100 yards away. After maybe 10 more
minutes, ~~the~~ a Melbourne launch came
alongside and took the men aboard.

One additional item, when I got to
the tender there was a rope loop on the
end. I put my own theory it is that
I could hold others who might come
along. After some time under my own

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swelled, on the leader rotated on other
side holding the loop but my arm
went dead and I could not get it
out of the loop. I asked if anyone were
squeezing the loop and finally worked my
arm free and held on with my left
hand.

Upon reaching Mollanra I saw the
men out of the boat, except for the
one deceased that ~~the~~ had been removed
then went up a rope ladder to
Mollanra. I asked to go to the
bridge ~~which~~ which I did. I then
was taken to the C.O. cabin, given some
clothes and proceeded to the survivor
assembly area. I mailed this wounded
on sick bay and at the point the
squadron doctor (LT LANGE) mailed it
it be checked over the sutures a head

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Lucas. I then saw that the
instructor had a conversation
about and expressed my desire to
return to Evers. He stated the
room to that was coming over and that
I should remain as a salvage party
if wounded people had already returned
to the ship.

I would be quite sure, not get lost.
notably alert. Of course this must not
have been evident to others.

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