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To: All EDO (Hull) Officers.  
All CC-V(S) Officers.  
Student Officers of Naval Construction and Engineering  
(Massachusetts Institute of Technology).

Subj: USS ERIE (PG50) - Loss.

Encl: (H.V.)  
Bureau of Ships War Damage Report No. 31 - one copy to each  
addressee.

1. The events which led to the eventual loss by capsizing of the USS ERIE were such as are liable to occur again and again during the course of the war. For this reason the enclosure, the Bureau's analysis of the loss of the USS ERIE, is being forwarded to each officer who may be confronted at some future time with a similar situation.

2. Part C of Section III, "Analysis of Stability", presents in some detail an analysis of the events which caused the USS ERIE to develop negative stability characteristics and to capsize. The lessons to be drawn from the loss of the USS ERIE thus have universal importance for all personnel to whom this letter is addressed, and warrant careful study.

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