

U.S.S. SEA ROBIN (SS407) – Report of Second War Patrol.

(A) PROLOGUE

Arrived Fremantle, Western Australia from First War Patrol on 29 January 1945.  
Commenced refit under Commander Submarine Division 182.

Material condition of the boat after refit was excellent.

Commenced a seven day training period on 14 February 1945. Fired three Mark 14 exercise torpedoes. Captain Jesse L. Hull, USN, ironed out the rough spots during two days as training officer.

(B) NARRATIVE

The following named officers and CPO's made the Second War Patrol:

<u>Name (Officers)</u>	<u>No. of Patrols</u>
Commander P.C. STIMSON, USN	9
Lt. Comdr. P. F ECKERT, USN	9
Lieut F. P. MELZAR, (DE), USNR	6
Lieut V. C. PAGE, (DE), USNR	2
Lieut B. P. PERCY, USN	2
Lt. (jg) R. G. SHAVER, (E)L(T), USNR	2
Lt. (jg) J. H. BRUNS, (E)L, USNR	2
Ensign J.A. UNUMB, (DE)L, USNR	1
Ensign R.E. BELLEW, (DE)L, USNR	1
Ensign W.E. IBELE, (DE)L, USNR	1

<u>Name (CPO's)</u>	<u>No. of Patrols</u>
HUNTER, W.D., 234 16 75, CTM, USN	8
YOUNG, W.T., 346 53 53, CEM, USN	11
HAGOPAN, J. (n), 212 41 23 CMoMM, USN	10
KRIEG, K.H., 238 58 86 CMoMM, USN	3
LIDMAN, A.A., 371 95 15, CMoMM, USN	4
SHORT, J.A., 201 64 36, CRM, USN	7
McMURTREY, E.A., 368 44 83, CPhM, USN	8

The following named officers were detached from Sea Robin to relief crew;

Lt. (jg) R.W. Greene, (D), USNR.

Lt (jg) L.A. McHenry, USN.

The following named officers reported aboard for duty.

Ensign J. A. UNUMB, (D)L, USNR

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24 February

All times are HOW time, unless otherwise specified.

- 1300 Underway for Second war patrol in accordance with ComTaskGroup 71.1 OpOrd No. 25-45. Have 40 bags of mail on board to deliver to the following boats in patrol areas: PAMPANITO, BERGALL, HAWKBILL, BLUEBACK and BLUEFIN.
- 1402 Exercised at Battle Surface. Fired 15 rounds of 5" at towed target.
- 1406 Secured from Battle Surface.
- 1557 Commenced approaches on [Kiama](#).
- 2300 Secured making approaches. Released target. Set course for area.

25 February

- 0550 Made trim dive.
- 0620 Surfaced. Conducted dives and Battle Problems daily for training of all hands.
- 0858 Exchanged signals with [HMS Tradewind](#).

NOON POSIT: Lat. 30-05 S. Long. 113-30 E.

- 1303 Exchanged signals with [HMS Tantalus](#).

26 February

General training enroute area.

Noon POSIT: Lat. 24-45 S. Long. 112-12 E.

27 February

- 0500 Sighted Cape Vlaming Light.
- 0700 Entered Exmouth Gulf.
- 1031 Moored starboard side to [USS Coucal](#) at [Exmouth Gulf](#). Exchanged our two movies and commenced refueling.
- 1700 Enderway for patrol area.

28 February.

General training enroute area.

NOON POSIT: Lat. 18-54 S. Long. 113-26 E.

1 March

General training enroute area.

NOON POSIT: Lat. 14-23 S. Long, 114-30 E.

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2 March

General training enroute area.

NOON POSIT: Lat. 9-36 S. Long. 115-37 E.

- 1213 Sighted unidentified plane bearing 170° relative, distance 5 miles. Dived. Sine wave jamming on SD radar. (see paragraph unit for details).
- 1313 Surfaced.
- 1335 SD contact 10 miles, closing. Dived.
- 1400 Surfaced.
- 1500 SJ contact on Nusa Bear Island 75, 000 yards.
- 1626 Dived to approach Lombok Strait submerged.
- 2230 Completed transit of Lombok. Proceeding up the north coast of Bali. Passage thru Lombok was uneventful except for periodic APR contacts on 197 mcs, pulse rate 1000. Appeared to be an air search radar. Patrolling along coast of Bali looking for targets.

3 March

- 0203 Took departure from north Bali coast and set course to pass Coa Coa Island 5 miles abeam to port.
- 0614 Passed Coa Coa Island and changed course to sweep up the north Madura coast, north of minefield, in hopes of sighting traffic to or from Surabaya.

NOON POSIT: Lat. 6-28 S. Long. 113-56 E.

- 1617 Dived for possible periscope sighting. May have been a piece of wood. Held Battle Problems.
- 1745 Surfaced. Secured from General Quarters.
- 1748 Executive Officer sighted ship thru high periscope bearing 210° T distance about 25,000 yds, standing out of Surabaya mine field. Called away the general quarters tracking party. (S/C #1). Commenced tracking by high periscope and SJ radar. Must be a large target as we can track him on radar at 28,000 yds. Enemy base course 320° T, speed 7 knots. No escorts visible. Will wait until darkness to make surface approach. Target is a MFM double well deck AK.
- 1905 Range now 21,000 yds. It is getting dark.
- 1947 Battle Stations Torpedo.
- 1959 SJ picked up one small escort on target's starboard bow at range of 8000 yds. Am to left of his track, so will come in for a port track. Torpedoes at 6 feet; 400 foot target, 100% coverage; 4 torpedoes.
- 2000 Headed toward target, giving him a zero relative bearing. TDC and both plots check at 6.6 knots, base course 320° T.
- 2005 Target made a 70° zig to left giving us a zero angle on bow. Range 4300 yds. All stop. Wait for zig or fire down the throat?

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3 March (con't)

- 2003 Zig right angle on bow 40 port, range 3000.
- 2014 Escort appears to be dropping back on target's starboard side. At
- 2014:50 With a range of 2000 yards, 74 port track, 6° Left gyro, commenced firing. (#1).
- 2017 Fired #2 tube.
- 2017:10 Fired #3 tube.
- 2017:20 Fired #4 tube. Right full rudder to fire stern tubes if necessary.
- 2018:47 One hit; flames and pieces of Jap ship went 400 feet high.
- 2021 With only one hit, and one target still afloat, commenced firing stern tubes (#8 tube) – 126 port track, range 1700, gyros 7° right.
- 2021:10 Fired #9.
- 2021:20 Fired #10.
- Target in plain site. CO walked forward and called Exec. (who has made eight patrols, but had yet to see a ship blow up) to bridge to see hits. Radar officer reported target pip gone. CO and Exec walked aft; target had already disappeared.
- 2032 Target sank, with three torpedoes on their way to target. Pip completely disappeared from radar screen. After first hit, escort changed course to westward, fleeing the scene about nine knots. Trailed him, but he was too small for torpedoes. Decided to investigate him later and to return to scene of sinking to take some prisoners and obtain anything of value.
- 2026 Rammed capsized lifeboat while making four knots.
- 2120 Heard shouting from water.
- 2325 Sighted another capsized lifeboat with three men hanging on to it. Called away rescue party. Maneuvered ship alongside lifeboat. All three men left lifeboat and began swimming away. Threw life ring amongst them with a line attached. One of them finally took hold and we hauled him aboard. Threw ring to second one who threw it away and then went under. Third one swam back to lifeboat. Decided if the fools didn't want to be rescued it was OK with us. Sighted some debris with two men hanging to it. Maneuvered alongside and hauled them aboard. The first man rescued is a ship's cook, the second a civilian passenger from the navy office in Surabaya, and the third we think is a seaman shipped aboard at Surabaya. The ship was bound for Singapore. She made round trips between Singapore, Surabaya, and Balikpapan. Took prisoners below and gave them medical aid and dry clothes. Chased escort and remained 8,000 yards from him during the night intending to finish him with the gun at dawn.

4 March

- 0500 Sent dispatch to CTG 71.1 requesting transfer of transfer of prisoners to Perth bound sub.
- 0505 Escort identified definitely as a spit-kit. His maneuvering through the night brought us back towards Surabaya. We were now about 15 miles from the entrance to Surabaya mine field. Decided to clear out and headed for Karimata Strait.

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NOON POSIT: Lat. 5 - 28 S. Long. 111 - 33 E.

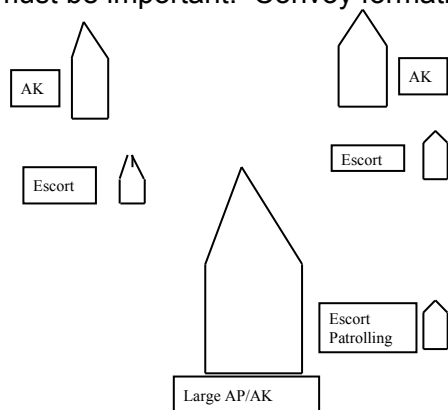
1437 Decide to do some patrolling north of Bawean Island. Reversed course to patrol central eastern Java Sea. At

2320 63 miles east of Bawean Island, contacted enemy convoy by SJ radar. Commenced tracking. Base course determined to be 050° T, speed 8.5 knots.

5 March

0038 Working our way ahead of convoy. One radar pip larger than all the others. Decided to work him over first. Am ahead of convoy now. Moon is bright, but is occasionally obliterated by fast moving clouds. Hold conference on bridge with Exec and Engineer. Decided three times to make a surface attack as moon clouded over, and four times to make a submerged approach as the moon came out bright. Decided we couldn't trust the moon.

0108 Changed course down true bearing of convoy at 11,000 yards and dived. The largest ship is plenty big. All three escorts are guarding him with the other two AK's out, one on bow. The large one must be important. Convoy formation:



Large ship gives a nice pip at 10,000 yards at 55 feet depth on ST radar. At 4300 yards convoy zigged giving us a 45 port angle on the bow. Came left. At 2500 yards target zigged at us. It looks like a "down the throat shot". She finally steadied down on 20 starboard angle on the bow. This is a fine kettle of fish. Decided to shoot with the track presented even though it is small with a high parallax shot. Small AK on bow of convoy went steaming by. Will get him later. At 2000 yards can see an escort on each side of our target. They look like canoes alongside this towering fellow. Ships all around us but we have our eye on the big fellow.

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The third escort is on starboard quarter of target. It is too late to maneuver the ship now for a better setup, so At

0123 With a 30° starboard track and a 54° right gyro – range 980 yds. – started shooting three bow tubes set at four feet.

0123:10 Fired # 2 tube.

0123:20 Fired # 3 tube.

0124:01 One hit.

0124:09 Second hit

0124:19 Third hit.

Flames are shooting 500 feet into the air. She is a blazing holocaust from bow to stern. Pieces of him are falling all around us. I hope none of these big pieces g hit us. He has masts and goal l posts sticking out in all directions. Searching for small AK on port bow of convoy for our stern tubes but am unable to find him in scope. ST gives a range of 350 yards on an escort. Went deep to 180 feet and rigged for depth charge and silent running. Negative flood jammed closed with 12000 pounds in it. Going ahead 100 turns trying to hold our depth. Bank slowly to 235 feet in 235 feet of water with 10° rise angle. Our rudder must be on the bottom because we cant turn it. Rising slowly now to 190 feet. Screws on sound gear in all directions. Loud breaking up noises and minor explosions can be heard through the hull as well as on the sound gear. After a particularly loud series they died away. Do not understand where the depth charges are. The escorts must be bust picking up survivors. This large ship must have been as troop transport. Whatever it was they considered it important for they were all guarding it. Swung all around the compass trying to keep screws astern. Drawing off to the northwest; screws are all astern now. Sound men are doing a wonderful job. At

0125 Started up to periscope depth. At

0225 At periscope depth – all clear.

0240 Surfaced 6000 yards from scene of sinking. Escort 5800 yards on starboard beam.

Opened out to north west. Escort seems to be trying to cut us off from going to the eastward. Started around him to the northward and rapidly left him astern. He is the PC type escort that had been on the starboard quarter of our target.

0300 SJ radar contact on two ships bearing 090° T, range 17,000 yards; probably the remnants of our convoy. Commenced working ahead of him. Enemy bas course 050° T speed 12 knots.

0414 Am well ahead of them now. These two ships are probably the two AK's that were with the AP/AK. No escort visible on the radar screen. Battle stations torpedo. Too light for a surface approach so will try another submerged approach to see if we can get both of them. Headed down the true bearing and at

0430 Dived to 55 feet. Disposition of the two ships is as follows:

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- Both targets are zigging independently and radically, apparently to no set plan. Intend to run between them and shoot "A" which is the larger of the two, with the bow tubes and "B" with the stern tubes.
- 0450 Angle on the bow on "A" is very sharp - why doesn't he zig?
- 0452:30 "A" has just zigged. At a range of 1050 yds, 70° - port track 13° left gyro, commenced firing first of three bow tubes. Torpedoes set at 4 foot.
- 0452:40 Fired # 2 tube.
- 0452:50 Fired # 3 tube. Shifted to "B" for a quick set up for the stern tubes. "B" is still zigging.
- 0453:50 "A" hit by one torpedo abreast bridge on the port side. He spun around to port, capsized to port, and sank stern first immediately - range 300 yards.
- 0455 With a range of 1780 yards, 96° starboard track, gyro 45° - left, commenced firing first of stern tubes. Fired 9 and 10 tubes at 8 second firing interval. "B" swinging hard right giving us a zero angle on the bow. Those torpedoes will never hit. Swinging hard right to bring the bow tubes to bear. Target "B" has completely reversed course now.
- 0502 Ready to shoot but target is zigging wildly. Angle on bow is now 90 port or starboard? Am taking looks with the ST scope now. Finally decided it was 90 starboard angle on the bow. At
- 0503 with a range of 900 yds, 109 starboard track, gyro 16° right, commenced shooting first of three tubes. Spread 300 feet, we can't miss.
- 0503:10 Fired # 2 tube.
- 0503:20 Fired # 3 tube.
- 0503:47 First torpedo hit target smack in the middle. Target broke in two parts. Radar Officer on ST radar reported "SPLIT PIP". Target's forward half sank first, almost immediately. All hands in the C/T watched the stern half sink. Range 300 yards.
- 0509 Escort still hasn't arrived although we can hear his pinging. Surfaced to get some prisoners. SJ radar picked up escort at 3600 yds and he was picked up visually by the bridge watch. He started in pursuit. Decided we wouldn't be able to get any prisoners here.
- 0600 Informed CTG 71.3 of results, and that we had 3 fish left. Requested instructions as to reload. Set course for scene of sinking of AP/AK at 4 engine speed to see if we could get any prisoners there. Escort is still chasing us.
- 0700 Sighted the other two escorts in vicinity of sinking of the AP/AK. They appear to still be searching for survivors. The challenged us by search light. I think they believe we are the third escort who still can be seen astern of us in the high periscope. Headed for close rain squall. At
- 0712 Dived for SD contact 5 miles.

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- 0717 Surfaced again and headed for rain squall. Don't want to get that mob on our neck in shallow water. Can see both escorts plainly and float plane search above them. Put JOOW on job of watching plane and began clearing area to the south-east on 4 engines. When at 0730 SD radar contact two miles. We didn't see him. Decided to clear area at 5 knots submerged at 90 feet.
- 0932 Surfaced. Can see the three escorts in high periscope, and two planes searching the area in which we dove. Clearing the area on 4 main engines with QM watching one plane and JOOD watching the other. At
- 0945 Dived when OOD sighted patrol boat ahead of us. They are really trying to box us in. Decided to get this one so began maneuvering into his track.
- 1027 Battle Stations Submerged.
- 1030 Patrol boat was identified as a whole clump of palm trees floating upright in the water.
- 1041 Surfaced clearing the area on 4 engines. Can see two float planes and a patrol plane searching astern of us.
- 1100 Float plane coming in. At
- 1102 Dived. Received small bomb and it was not close. Decided to stay submerged.

NOON POSIT: Lat. 5-28.1 S. Long. 114-24 E

- 1442 Sighted float plane through the scope. He passed right over us and at an elevation of about 200 feet. At
- 1815 Surfaced. At
- 2130 Received instructions to deliver the mail to the Indo-China boats and proceed to Subic for reload. Set course for [Karimata](#).
- 2300 Sent dispatch to 71.3 requesting permission to patrol [Surabaya](#) area two more days.

6 March

- 0600 Received permission to patrol this area for two more days. Proceeding at 4 engine speed to patrol northwest of [Bawean Island](#).

NOON POSIT: Lat. 5-22 S. Long: 111-46 E.

- 1507 Dived for submerged patrol.
- 1907 Surfaced. Set course for [Surabaya](#) at 4 engine speed in order to make a high speed sweep north of the mine field.

7 March

- 0527 Dived for submerged patrol, just north of [Surabaya](#) mine field.

NOON POSIT: Lat. 6-20 S. Long. 112-14 - E.

- 1720 Surfaced. Set course for [Karimata](#) Strait



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8 March

- 0548 SJ radar interference from northwest.
- 0604 Exchanged signals with Guitarro. She told us to be careful as she had spotted a Nazi U-boat 10 miles south of Seratu Island.
- 1018 Dived south of Karimata Strait to wait for u-boat.

NOON POSIT: Lat. 3-40 S. Long. 109-20 E.

- 1917 Surfaced and commenced passage of Karimata Strait.

9 March

- 0557 Completed passage thru Karimata. Set course of 310° T for rendezvous with Pampanito.
- 0640 Sighted lights of ship bearing 001° T.
- 0646 Dived
- 0700 Identified ship as AWA MARU, carrying relief supplies for POW, bound from Singapore to Surabaya. She had been granted free passage and was right on schedule. Let her pass at 10,000 yards. She was on course 150° T at 16 knots.

NOON POSIT: Lat. 1-05 S. Long. 107-49 E.

- 1305 Sighted small sailing vessel bearing 310° T. Avoided.
- 1839 Crossed Equator.
- 2035 Commenced converting # 4 FBT to a MBT.
- 2124 Completed rigging # 4 MBT.
- 2227 Dived to flush out # 4 MBT.

10 March

- 0430 Lookout sighted object close aboard on starboard side. Put object astern.
- 0440 Reversed course and closed object. We got a very faint radar blip from it.
- 0440 Identified object as a small sailing fishing vessel. Continued on our way.
- 0650 Made trim dive.
- 0712 Surfaced.
- 0720 Exercised 40mm gun crews. Sighted a floating oil drum and used it as a target.
- 0740 Secured 40mm gun crew.
- 0756 Closed Pintado and exchanged pleasantries.
- 1110 Sighted float plane - distance 6 miles. Dived.
- 1152 Surfaced.

NOON POSIT: Lat. 3-02 N. Lat. 105-21 E.

- 2335 SJ radar interference - exchanged challenges and calls with Pampanito.

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11 March

- 0121 Began transferring mail to Pampanito. Each bag of mail had been divided and the mail put into two bags to make loads of mail lighter and smaller.
- 0520 Completed transfer of mail having sent over 68 half bags of mail in a state 3.5 sea. Set course to rendezvous off Cape Varella to transfer balance of mail to Blueback.
- 1158 Dived for trim.

NOON POSIT: Lat. 6-08 N. Long. 108-50 E.

1212 Surfaced

12 March

- 1150 Sighted plane and dived.
- 1315 Surfaced.

NOON POSIT: Lat. 8-40 N. Long. 108-50 E.

13 March

- 0453 Exchanged calls with Becuna by SJ radar off Cape Padaran.
- 0627 Had some time to spend before rendezvous with Blueback so dived 10 miles off Camranh Bay, Indo-China, in the vicinity of patrol boat reported over the Wolfpac frequency in hopes of being able to knock him off. At
- 0820 Small Chinese junk came by trolling with several youngsters setting out on a boom balancing the sails. At
- 1204 Surfaced since patrol boat was not here. Set course to rendezvous with Blueback.

NOON POSIT: Lat. 11-45 N. Long. 109-35 E.

- 1356 Dived on SD contact at ten miles.
- 1530 Surfaced.
- 1825 SJ interference - exchanged calls with Flasher.
- 1956 SJ interference - exchanged calls with Blackfin. This ocean is alive with American subs.
- 2030 SJ interference - exchanged calls with Blueback.
- 2127 Began transferring mail.
- 2215 Completed transfer of mail. Sent dispatch to CTG 71.3 info CTO 71.5 with information on our time arrival at point Maxi and our speed of advance.

14 March

NOON POSIT: Lat. 14-24 N. Long. 113-37 E.

- 1239 Dived. Lookout sighted seven planes.
- 1249 Surfaced. Decided those planes were B-25's making a shipping strike on the Indo-China coast.
- 1400 Arrived Point Maxi and set course for Subic.

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15 March

Arrived Subic Bay. Assigned to Division 122 for administration and to the U.S.S. GRIFFIN for voyage repairs. GRIFFIN repair force changed starboard propeller, without dry docking; repaired # 2 periscope in high power and both gyro compasses. Received load of 16 Mk 14-3 torpedoes forward and 6 Mk 18-1 torpedoes aft. We sound tested.

19 March

- 0800 (I) Departed Subic in company with Guavina, with Day as escort, enroute to area.  
0920 (I) As we were leaving Subic Bay escort reported patrolling DE had sound contact. Swung wide around area on four engines and stood out through safety lanes.  
0940 (I) DE dropped two depth charges. It was a wonderful sound to hear depth charges being used on the enemy.

NOON POSIT: Lat. 14-42N. Long. 119-30 E.

- 1303 (I) Dumped two 50 gallon oil drums over the side for targets.  
1314 (I) Fired 40MM and 50 cal. guns while Guavina made trim dive.  
1340 (I) Ceased firing. Guavina reported that her radar mast was leaking.  
1400 (I) V Changed all clock to HOW time. All time hereafter will be HOW unless designated otherwise. At  
1301 Guavina made dive to test radar mast. At  
1302 Sea Robin dived and went to test depth. Latch on conning tower was leaking considerably.  
1331 Surfaced. Guavina stated she was returning to Subic with escort. Accompanied Guavina and escort while we made repairs to hatch.  
1351 Departed company with our companions and set course for our area.  
1445 Dived when single engine float plane came out of clouds. It may have been one of our own. Hatch still leaking. We will fix it tonight. At  
1548 Surfaced. At  
1815 APR contact 110 Mc 105 pulse rate. Contact soon faded out.  
2130 SJ radar interference to the south. It is Lagarto but she will not answer our challenges by radar.

20 March

- 0622 Made trim dive. Hatch still leaks. # 4 exhaust valve leaking.  
0708 Surfaced Sighted Becuna bound for Subic. Exchanged pleasantries by radar.  
0840 SD contact. Exchanged call with Mindoro search plane by VHF.

NOON POSIT: Lat. 14-46N. Long. 113-51 E.

- 1453 Intercepted two messages from Indo-China boats stating a B-25 had ditched in blind bombing area 160 miles astern and that Flasher was proceeding to scene. Flasher had over 300 miles to travel to spot. Reversed course on four engines. Sent message to CTF 71 we were proceeding to rescue. Requested bombing

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restrictions and put the dope in message for Becuna. Received message that bombing restrictions had been requested for us. Received message for Flasher to return to her area.

21 March

- 0015 Began firing green flares every 15 minutes. At
- 0124 Reached area in which plane was supposed to be down. Cut in DRT and began search.
- 0200 SJ radar interference from Becuna. Exchanged information. Organized coordinated search.
- 0315 Received message from CTF 71 that plane had not ditched but that plane reached base safely. The initial bad dope on this plane had cost three submarines twenty four hours and about 10,000 gals of fuel apiece. At
- 0330 Set course for area. At
- 0645 QM sighted periscope in joint zone. Cleared area on surface. Sent message to CTF 71 reporting periscope.
- 0825 SD contact 8 miles. Exchanged calls with Mindoro search plane on VHF. At
- 1026 Submerged fro trim. No. 4 main engine outboard exhaust valve would not close in hydraulic or hand power. Decided to try our luck from topside. At
- 1153 Surfaced and sent Chief Engineer and two men on deck. Keeping sharp lookout for planes.

NOON POSIT: Lat. 14-40N. Long. 114-11 N.

The operating gear in superstructure appeared to be all right. Started disassembling exhaust valve. Found pin securing valve gate had come out allowing gate to drop down and jam the operating gear. Managed to work it back into position and insert pin. At

- 1335 work was completed and valve worked fine. It was a relief to get the men off deck again. At
- 1533 Dived for battle problem. At
- 1616 Surfaced. At
- 1643 SD contact 20 miles. No IFF.
- 2030 Sent dispatch to CTF 71 giving our posit clear of bombing zone.

22 March

- 0616 Dived for trim.
- 0723 Surfaced.
- 0910 SD contact 22 miles. No IFF.
- 1800 SD contact. Closed to 10 miles. Dived. At
- 1821 Surfaced. At
- 1825 SD contact. Closed to nine miles. Dived. These people are being hard to get on with. At
- 1909 Surfaced. From this time on for most of the night we had APR contacts on 150 Mc, 176 Mc, and our old friend of last patrol "Yulinkan Joe" of the 193 Mc coolie trained radar at Yulinkan Bay. Maybe the flu fly boys will fix him up tomorrow.

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2355 Exchanged challenges and calls with Flounder. Arranged ?? rendezvous with her after moonset. Received wolfpack ?? that Bergall had been fired on by torpedoes at 2330.

23 March

0428 Began maneuvering alongside Flounder to transfer three bags of mail to her.

0515 Completed transfer of mail. Flounder stated that Brill had just left this area, had been fired at twice with torpedoes. It doesn't look like a very health place to patrol on the surface in the day time. Flounder told us to patrol ?? 17° and 17°-30' N. after air strike on Yulikan Bay tomorrow morning. Decided to dive about 15 miles southeast of Yulikan Bay until 15 minutes after start of air strike and then surface and do our part for the fly boys.. Proceeding at four engine speed. At

0715 Sighted Cape Bastion, forming eastern side of Yulikan Bay. At

0737 Dived. At

1016 Surfaced. Sighted Catalina and two B-25's. We got better acquainted with them before the morning was over. Exchanged calls with strike fighter cover by VHF.

1045 Fighter planes stated that they were leaving for home because of a shortage of gasoline. At

1105 Mustang pilot informed us he was in trouble and looking for us. He stated he was 40 miles east of target. Ordered him to head for us and turn on his IFF. Set off at flank speed in his direction. He stated he had 15 minutes more in the air and to watch for him because his windshield was covered with oil. Communications were difficult because other planes kept cutting in on the VHF circuit despite the fact that the pilot in distress kept ordering them to stay off the air. At

1128 Pilot stated he could see us and had closed to 3 miles. Sighted him coming in high on the port bow. He only had a couple of more minutes in the air. He circled and stated he was bailing out. Saw object fall from plane. It was a sick feeling to see it plunge toward the sea with no parachute. Plane appeared to out of control. But wait! Plane now seems to have someone at the controls because it is banking back towards us. It was impossible to see him until he was close aboard. It must be discouraging looking for raft when all you know is that there is one someplace in a general area. In the meantime the Catalina and two bombers which we sighted earlier, arrived and gave us excellent coverage during rescue operations. At

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- 1138 Recovered First Lieutenant Wilfred Nials Joyal, USA Ser. No. 0692152, 341<sup>st</sup> fighter squadron of the 348<sup>th</sup> fighter group. He was in excellent condition except for bruises where he hit the tail surface while bailing out. The object we had first seen fall into the water was the plane canopy. Pilot stated that the first time he tried to bail out his parachute had fouled on something and that he had climbed back in and regained control. The second time he struck the tail surface as he fell clear. At
- 1140 Gave air cover name of our pilot and began clearing the area. The air cover stated that all planes had left for home. Sent CTF 71 dope on our aviator. At

NOON POSIT: Lat. 17-58 N. Long. 109-40 E.

- 1320 Dived to work on main gyro. It has been out of commission for the last 30 hours. All efforts to fix it have been to no avail to date. At
- 1909 Surfaced. Main gyro still out of commission. At
- 2235 Exchanged info with Flounder by SJ and told him we were going to patrol west of Tiger Island tomorrow. Flounder was proceeding to rendezvous with Chub at midnight. At
- 2345 Received wolfpack message to wolfpack Commander No. 18 info Chub, Sea Robin and Flounder. Message was in channel not held by SW boats. Sent wolfpack message telling Puffer to use our crypto channel and reversed course in case Puffer had a contact coming south along coast of Hainan. At

24 March

- 0206 Puffer sent wolfpack message canceling first message. Exchanged info with Flounder by SJ. Decided to patrol between Tourance and Yulinkan Bay tomorrow.
- 0645 Dived. Still working on gyro compass.

NOON POSIT: Lat. 17-11 N. Long. 109-20 E.

Worked all day on Gyro Compass. Gyro Compass back in commission.

- 1910 Surfaced. At
- 2132 Exchanged information with Flounder. Proceeding to patrol along coast west of Tiger Island.

25 March

- 0530 SJ contact on Tiger Island. At
- 0631 Dived west of Tiger Island. Ran down the Indo-China coast in 75 to 100 feet of water. Visibility 500 to 2000 yds. Taking sweeps with ST radar.

NOON POSIT: Lat. 17-00 N. Long. 107-18 E.

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- 1555 Passed inshore of Chinese junk at anchor. No Jap markings of any kind on Junk.
- 1906 Surfaced. Made sweep back up the coast close inshore. No contacts.
- 2330 Left coast and set course to patrol eastward across the lanes from Tourane, Indo-China, to the northward.
- 2355 Secured # 1 Main Engine. Noise heard in blower. Investigation showed damage to the blower impellers which puts engine out of commission for balance of patrol.

26 March

- 0527 Exchanged information with Flounder and informed her of our engine casualty.
- 0620 Dived.

NOON POSIT: Lat. 17-10 N. Long. 108-33 E.

- 1904 Surfaced Received message that Cobia had sighted enemy submarine on surface off Cape Padaran.

27 March

- 0635 Dived.
- 1124 Two Jap fighter planes passed overhead flying low.

NOON POSIT: Lat. 17-16 N. Long. 109-00 E.

- 1555 Surfaced for sun line.
- 1606 Submerged.
- 1909 Surfaced. Received message from Chub that she had sighted periscope at 1130 HOW today just north of where we had been patrolling. They are really getting serious about using their subs for anti-submarine work.
- 2309 Stopped to shift vents on No. 4 FBT to MBT.

28 March

- 0626 Dived.

NOON POSIT: Lat. 17-11 N. Long. 108-15 E.

- 1800 Surfaced.
- 2034 SJ contact 6,000 yds. Swung away and called away the tracking party. Range opened to 9,000 yds. Turned to close target. At 8,000 yds. pip disappeared. Closed spot to 4,000 yds. At three engine speed, unable to regain contact. Submarine must have dived. Sent dope to Flounder, Chub, and Sea Owl.
- 2135 Lookout sighted ship on horizon. Called away tracking party and began closing. Full moon-visibility excellent. Target turned out to be a Chinese Junk. It is estimated that lookout picked it up at 14, 000 yards.
- 2206 Dived at range 6300 yds. to look over junk.
- 2320 Closed target to 100 yds. He doesn't look suspicious. Pulled clear.

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0005 Surfaced. From this time until morning dive we were continuously dodging junks and phantom pips on SJ radar. These phantom pips were picked up at 1000 to 4500 yds. Some of them gave saturation pips. The moon was full and c visibility excellent. No birds were sighted. They are the same type pips that all boats have experienced at various times, but it is very disconcerting when enemy subs are known to be in the area. It has been C.O. 's experience that these pips are usually encountered on a calm night with a smooth sea.

0623 Dived. Sighted two junks during day.

NOON POSIT: Lat. 17045 N. Long. 108-21 E.

1800 Surfaced.

2106 Received Wolf Pack message of contact on convoy with Flounder. Set course to intercept at full power. The possibility of cutting them off from Yulikan looks very remote. We are going to regret the loss of # 1 engine many times before this patrol is over.

2130 Received message from Perth that PBM's from Luzon would attack this convoy from 2130 to 0100 and for all boats to stay clear. We can't intercept before that time anyway so we will hold on to our course and speed.

2236 From this time until early morning we sighted dozens of lights in small boats strung out in line from mother junks. This was very suspicious since it was the only night shipping came through and it was the only time small boats were seen operation the three weeks we operated in this area.

2330 Flounder reported that she had lost contact and was looking for downed PBM. Chub reported that she was trying to intercept.

30 March

Radar contacts of 177Mc, 158 Mc, and 138 Mc, could be picked up almost continuously on the APR. There were SD contacts continuously on radar, some of which came in to very close range. The closest one picked was picked up on SJ at 2,800 yds. It is believed that the 177 Mc contacts were our own planes. The whole situation was very disconcerting. At

0135 OOD sighted flash of lights to the south of us which he thought was a plane landing in water. Change course to close. At

0145 Sighted several shapes which at first were thought to be junks. At

0148 Radar contact on several ships at 11,000 yds. Range was closing fast.

0150 Six ships can be seen clearly in the moonlight. It looks like six DD's or 1 CL and 5 DD's. Turned with targets and went ahead at full power. Range closed to 6,000 yds and then started to open. It is impossible that they can't see us or haven't picked us up on their radar. It is bright moonlight now. Targets are zig zagging radically. Some zigs are over 90°. Sent Wolf Pack message to Chub and Flounder. At



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- 0202 with the range to the nearest DD at 6700 yds she started blazing away with her main battery and the C.O., OOD, and all bridge watch died a thousand deaths while we waited for the hits. It was with a sigh of relief that we saw the shells burst in the sky above the formation. She was working on the planes. She fired intermittently until at
- 0215 with a speed of 13 knots for targets, dove at range of 9000 yds, on task force track for ST radar attack. Targets were zig zagging wildly. Decided that we had better take any target we could get a setup on before they zigged around us. Legs of zigs were about 3 minutes long. At
- 0224 Nearest DD has a 90 port angle on the bow. At
- 0230 Same DD has 90 stbd angle on the bow. At
- 0241 We are directly between two Terutsuki DD's with range to each one 1300 yds. One has 90° starboard angle on the bow and the other has 90° port angle on the bow, Got a setup on the DD with the port angle on the bow and with a check range and bearing at
- 0243 Fired three Mk 14 torpedoes at range of 1200 yds - high parallax shot. Swung scope around to shoot at target on our starboard beam..Angle on the bow was 180°. Swung around to look at our first target. Angle on the bow was zero - range 800 yds. Our torpedoes had gone ahead when he zigged and it was too late to get off a down the throat shot. Depth of water was 40 fathoms so went to 220 feet and rigged for depth charge. Heard five sets of pinging - screws all around the dial. At
- 0307 First depth charge. At
- 0319 Last depth charge. At
- 0326 Started to periscope depth. At
- 0353 Surfaced - all clear. Set out at full power in pursuit. Sent wolf pack message to Chub and Flounder, Planes on the radar continuously - one ahead at 7500 yds. Now only 12 miles south of Hainan. At
- 0455 Anti aircraft fire bearing 269° T. Our task force again. Set course to try to cut them off from Hainan. Sent message to CTG 71 about attack. At
- 0525 Sighted object on starboard beam that looked like midget submarine or small boat. Did not have time to investigate. At
- 0532 SJ radar contact 13,000 yds to task force. Ships can be seen in moonlight. They bear 010° T and are headed for Yulikan Harbor or west coast of Hainan. Am already in dangerous water because of reefs and shoals and sandbars are supposed to stick out some 22 miles. Range to land is about 10 miles. Am now directly astern of task force and trying to close range. It is a sinking feeling to see them beginning to break and all those Japs getting away scot free, The water is now 90 feet deep - not a very nice place to get caught by six destroyers. At

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- 0607 With sunrise only 35 minutes away, took one last chance and fired six Mk 14 torpedoes, set on low power, up the base course of the task force at a range of 8000 yds. It was impossible to pursue them any longer without discovery. It was realized that the targets would zig several times before the torpedoes reach them and our only chance was their radical zigs would carry them into the spread. It was brilliant if successful, foolish if it failed. Headed for deeper water at full power. At
- 0616 Below decks personnel claimed they heard one explosion and it looked like black smoke in direction of destroyers. This was too early for a hit. The next day China planes attacked five DD's and one CL north of Hainan. All information to the contrary. These torpedoes set on four feet, left very distinct wakes and a smoke trail. One broached all the way down the range and one ran erratic off to the right. In looking back on the submerged attack it is realized that our mistake was in firing too late after the target had steadied on her zig and she zigged again before the torpedoes reached her. At
- 0635 Sighted submarine on the horizon. Closed and exchanged information with Chub. Chub stated that they had been driven off by gun fire, Received wolf pack message that Flounder had not made an attack. Sent dispatch to Perth giving latest dope on task force. At
- 0734 Sighted mine. Fired one bolt of .50 cal MG ammunition at it. Did not sink mine. Set course to chase convoy reported by planes.
- 1032 SD contact 13 miles.
- 1038 Sighted two planes.
- 1145 Sighted five B-25's.

NOON POSIT Lat. 17-35 N. Long. 108-41 E.

- 1220 SD contact 16 miles.
- 1226 Sighted one Tojo at four miles.
- 1229 Dived.
- 1245 Surfaced.
- 1357 Sighted four junks.
- 1513 SD contact 30 miles.
- 1527 SD contact 40 miles.
- 1548 SD contact 35 miles.
- 1830 SD contact 8 miles. Sighted B-24 flying toward Yulikan Bay.
- 1930 Received message from Tigrone that she was forming scouting line with Lamprey, Bugara, Bullhead across route of convoy. Set wolfpack message to Tigrone giving our position. Proceeded to the northeastward at 17 knots following up the track of the convoy.
- 2330 Received orders from The Tigrone to take position on scouting line. Sent message to Tigrone requesting permission to make sweep down coast of Hainan and to return to our area. We are now 115 miles northeast of our area.

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- 0030 Received permission to return to area. Set course for coast Hainan. Exchanged recognition signals with Lamprey.
- 0035 Sighted Lamprey.
- 0223 Picked up Hainan on radar at 3 50,000 yards. Received information of B-25 down south in Yulikan. Chub proceeding to scene. Set course to aid Chub. Received information that B-24's would make strike on Yulikan at noon.
- 0830 Sighted PBM. Heard planes talking to Chub over VHF.
- 0850 Plane directed Chub to survivors. Chub rescued three aviators.
- 1005 Sighted 4 B-25's.
- 1200 B-24's are over target.

NOON POSIT: Lat. 18-06 N. Long. 109-52- E.

- 1230 B-24's stated that they were headed for home and had no business for us. Continued surface patrol south of Yulikan.
- 1458 Sighted Chub - closed to talk over the situation.
- 1458 While talking to Chub on VHF had SD contact. Sighted Tojo. Dived. # 4 outboard exhaust valve would not close. The valve gate must be loose from operating gear again.
- 1553 Surfaced. Proceeded to seaward to repair # 4 exhaust valve after dark.
- 1838 Stopped. Sent men on deck to repair exhaust valve and to rig # 5 FBT to MBT. Greased ship topside and electric welded loose deck plating.
- 2037 All topside work completed.
- 2300 SJ contact on Flounder. Exchanged information with Flounder. APR contacts on 150 Mc and 190 Mc were encountered almost every night while in area.

1 April Easter Sunday

- 0100 Changed time to ITEM time (-9). All times from now on are (I) time.
- 0222 APR contact 179 Mc.
- 0719 Dived.
- 0911 Surfaced. Decided to patrol on surface, and at same time, search for PBM crew which was downed on the night of 29-30 March.
- 1135 Sighted PBM. Established communications with him. He asked us about downed aviators. Replied we had no info, but that we were searching for them.

NOON POSIT: lat. 17-30 N. Long. 110-11 E.

- 1431 Arrived position where aviators were reported down. Commenced a systematic search by DRT, 10 miles to south, 2 miles to west, 10 miles to north, etc.
- 1515 Sighted object in water.
- 1530 Recovered object. It was a USN belt type life jacket. It had been in the water long enough to have barnacles encrusted on it. Resumed search.
- 1730 Sighted life raft.

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- 1740 Went alongside life raft. It was a Jap ship raft and too heavy to bring aboard. It was cork, oblong shaped, about 7 X 5 feet, with no netting in the center. It had a boat hook lashed to it which we recovered. It had numbers 5 and 349 stenciled on it. Resumed search. Throughout the night we were bothered by false SJ contacts - ranges 1500 to 4000 yards. Big pips. See section on radar.
- 2224 Dived for SJ contact close aboard which later proved to be false.
- 2330 Surfaced.

2 April

- 1034 sighted discarded P-38 belly tank. Fired 40MM guns at it for practice.
- 1047 Sighted Chub.
- 1139 Closed Chub to exchange info. She is headed home.
- 1147 Sighted PBM. Established communications with him. Told him we were still searching for downed aviators.

NOON POSIT: Lat.17-14 Long. 109-30 E.

- 1231 Returned to position of belly tank and force 5 inch and MG's at it for practice.
- 1608 Sighted friendly plane.
- 2220 Exchange info with Flounder. Asked him to turn on his SD in order to try out our new home-made directional APR.
- 2250 Secured test and proceeded westward to close coast and patrol off, Hue, Indo-China tomorrow.

3 April

- 0600 Changed course to 220° T to close coast. Sighted and dodged several junks while closing coast.
- 0725 Dived 11 miles off the coast in 13 fathoms of water and ran down coast towards Tourane.
- 1045 Sighted brand new floating mine. Passed it close aboard on port side. Posit: Lat. 16-39 N. Long, 107-51 E. Sighted several junks during the day.

NOON POSIT: Lat. 16-38 N. Long. 107-53 E.

- 1818 Surfaced. Decided to investigate a junk. Closed junk on surface. Junk sent over boat with 5 men and we had conflag on our forecastle. Junk was manned by Indo-Chinese. Language barrier prevented us from getting much information, but we cemented good will by giving them cigarettes, some food and clothes.
- 1940 Sighted Val. Dived.
- 1949 Surfaced

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4 April

0330 Picked up Flounder on SJ. Exchanged info.

0852 Dived.

0910 Surfaced. Will make surface patrol today.

NOON POSIT: Lat. 17-07 N. Long. 109-43 E.

2335 Exchanged info with Flounder by SJ.

5 April

0730 Dived.

0904 Surfaced.

1115 Sighted PBM. Talked to him on VHF.

NOON POSIT: Lat. 17-11 N. Long. 110-15 E.

1235 Sighted PBM.

2230 Exchanged info with Flounder by SJ.

6 April

0727 Exchanged info with Flounder by SJ. She assigned us to a plane guard station for air strike on Yulikan.

0802 Dived.

1100 Sighted PBY.

NOON POSIT: Lat. 17-49 N. Long. 109-56 E.

1201 Surfaced for strike.

1230 Strike completed. All planes headed home safely.

1307 Sighted Flounder.

2038 Stopped to rig vents on # 3 MBT.

2310 Exchanged info with Flounder.

7 April

0732 Dived.

1052 Surfaced.

1130 Sighted mine.

NOON POSIT: Lat. 17-27 N. Long. 108-53 E.

2000 Sent message to Perth requesting bombardment target before we leave area.

8 April

0230 Exchanged info with Flounder by SJ.

0620 SJ contact 6800 yds. It is a junk.

0703 Dived to look over junk. Nothing suspicious about junk.

0756 Sighted sailing craft with triangular sails. This is not a junk.

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- 0909 JP contact on screws of strange looking sailing vessel. Broke out silhouette of sea truck. It is definitely a sea truck. It is an answer to a maiden's prayer. We finally have a gun target and boy, how my boys can shoot! Looked him over. He has several MG's. We will keep out of MG range until we have knocked out his guns with our 5 inch gun. I realize that expenditure of 5 inch ammunition will be greater this way but it should save our gun crews.
- 1037 Battle surfaced with a range of 5200 yards. Started slow deliberate fire with 5 inch gun. Target is replying with MG's and 20MM but they are falling short. Keeping range at 4500-5500 yards. Out 40MM's are firing spotting shots so they will be on the target when we close in.
- 1150 Target sank just 13 minutes after our surfacing alarm. We have expended 42 rounds of 5 inch and did not get a chance to use our smaller guns, but he didn't get any hits on us. Closing scene of sinking. The ocean is covered with 50 gallon oil drums. During gun action sighted upper works of another ship on the horizon. Believe it to be a DD or a DE. By using the high periscope cagily, decided he was running away from us. Pursued at full power. Replenished ammunition and cleared gun action.

NOON POSIT: Lat. 17-30 N. Long. 109-08 E.

- 1200 Target appears to be a small steamer.
- 1218 With a range of 4500 yards opened fire with 5 inch gun. Target replying with 20MM and MG fire which is churning the water 50-100 feet short of us. Our hits are really raising hell with him and he still can't reach us.
- 1223 Ship's whole bridge superstructure is on fire. All return fire has ceased. Ammunition officer reports only six rounds are left. Checked fire to close range. Closed to 3500 yards and opened fire again with 5 inch and n both 40MM.
- 1237 I have expended all 5 inch ammunition (50 rounds) and 300 rounds of 40MM. Target is in shambles. He is afire amidships with flames shooting 50 feet into the air. It looks like his Diesel fuel is burning. He is loaded with oil drums. We later counted over 300 of them floating in the water. Target was a large trawler type craft. He had a 20MM mounted amidships which was torn loose and lying on its side. She had at least 3 MG's and had two 200 lb. Depth charges on her stern. A shell had knocked one end off the depth charges, exposing explosive which looked like TNT. The wreckage was full of dead and dying Japs. After the fire got through she was awash her whole length except for the raised bow. It was the oil drums inside or her keeping her afloat and every minute one would pop to the surface. The trawler had a large gasoline

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- engine on her forecastle for raising the anchor. Both the sea truck and trawler were heavily camouflaged with palm fronds. They even had them on their masts.
- 1335 Proceeded to the scene of the first sinking to look over the debris.
- 1355 SD contact. Sighted plane coming in and dived. Looked like a Betty.
- 1355 Small bomb exploded. Not too close.
- 1430 Surfaced.
- 1509 Arrived at wreckage of sea truck. The only thing left was the wreckage of the pilot house which had broken loose from the hull and was still floating, and hundred of oil drums. The pilot house had a gun platform built out of new lumber on top of it. When we left her before in pursuit of the trawler there had been a MG mounted on it. It was gone now. Also a searchlight frame had been jettisoned. We found three Japs hiding in the wreckage. As soon as they saw we were willing to take them aboard, they came with no urging. They were wearing army uniforms. One was a boy about fifteen years old. They stated that the two ships were headed from Yulikan to Saigon and were loaded with army troops and oil drums. The sea truck had 45 troops aboard and the trawler 150. Counting the crews we must have accounted for about 225 Slant-Eyes. Shot up the oil drums with .50 cal MG and carbine fire.
- 1550 Decided to look over the wreckage of the trawler.
- 1744 SD contact, 5 miles showing IFF.
- 1800 Began shooting up the oil drums using carbine fire. Our recovered aviator is a good shot.
- 1832 Arrived at wreckage. Fire was still smoldering at base of mast. Decided to set raised forecastle on fire with fuel oil. Went alongside bow and threw several buckets of fuel oil and balls of burning oil soaks rags. There is no sign of life on the wreck. As fire got to burning well, two Japs came crawling out from underneath some old canvas and palm branches - we must have warmed up the seat of their pants. One was badly wounded in his right arm. Tried to get them to come aboard but they refused. One of them indicated he wanted a knife to commit hari-kari. Sent down to the galley for a sharp knife and tossed it over to him. It hit on the deck and bounced into the water. The Jap showed no inclination to try to recover it. Japs disappeared into wreckage of the forecastle. Backed off and put 25 rounds of 40MM into the bow. The fire was really blazing now. Do not believe there are any survivors now.
- 1910 Started clearing the area shooting up oil drums as we departed.
- 2055 Can still see the flames from the wreckage. Hulk will sink when the seas roll some of those oil drums out her hull. Sea is smooth now,
- 2115 Exchanged information with Flounder. Sent dispatch to Perth giving info on gun battle and anceling request for bombardment target.

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- 0443 Receive dispatch of air strike on Yulikan by B-24's. Proceeded to area.
- 0637 Assigned plane guard station by Flounder on SJ.
- 0950 Dived on station.

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- 1245 Surfaced for air strike. Did not hear anything on plane guard frequency. Can hear planes talking to subs off north end of Hainan.
- 1550 Flounder surfaced. Exchanged info.
- 1754 Sighted two Privateers flying low.
- 1809 Sighted heavy column of smoke on horizon. Looks like a ship on fire. Privateers must have gotten in their licks. Can see explosions shooting flames hundreds of feet into air. losed at full power. Must be a tanker.
- 1838 Ship is sea truck loaded with gasoline. The planes must have done a good job. She is aging furnace from bow to stern.
- 1842 SD contact - closed to 5 miles and then opened - no IFF. Did not sight him.
- 1850 Sighted survivors clinging to small life boat. Closed.
- 1900 Captured ten survivors one of which was burned about the arms and legs. Started clearing the area. Found out 3 of our prisoners were Korean and 7 were Indo-Chinese. Sent dope to Pert requesting permission to unload Indo-Chinese on to a Chinese junk. Started clearing area to eastward to head for home.
- 1946 Sighted periscope. Cleared area on surface.
- 2132 Exchanged info with Flounder by VHF.

10 April

- 0400 Instructed by CTF 71 to bring Indo-Chinese to Guam for intelligence purposes.
- 0740 Dived.
- 0919 Surfaced.
- 1120 Sighted PBM.

NOON POSIT: Lat. 18-17 N. Long. 111-27 E.

- 1752 Dived.
- 1853 Surfaced.
- 2100 Passed to OpControl of Comsubpac. Sent dispatch reporting for duty and requesting Guam for refit.

11 April

- 0940 Blew up floating mine with 50 cal. Gunfire.

NOON POSIT: Lat. 20-15 N. Long. 115-21 E.

- 1849 SJ contact on Pratas Reef. Approached island close enough to see radio towers were still standing. Darkness was getting in so did not loiter.



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12 April

- 0950 Sighted plane momentarily in clouds astern and had SD contact at 14 miles.
- 1110 SD contact on four planes at 20 miles. Planes are going north for a raid on Formosa or China.
- 1135 More planes on SD.
- 1141 SD contact on planes. Talked to planes on VHF.

NOON POSIT: Lat. 20-34 N. Long. 119-38 E.

- 1220 SD plane contact.
- 1240 SD plane contact.
- 1340 SD plane contact on planes which passed overhead. Planes are headed south again. Talked to planes on VHF. No planes down.
- 1400 SD contact.
- 2030 Radar contact on Itbayat Island. Passed through Batan Strait.

13 April

- 0710 Sighted two pontoon barges in water of the type carried by LST's. Worked out 40MM and .50 cal. MG crews on one of them.
- 0800 Received over RBO radio of the death of President Roosevelt. Everyone is stunned and saddened by the news.

NOON POSIT: Lat. 20-39 N. Long. 125-08 E.

- 1254 SD contact at 21 miles.
- 2030 Sent rendezvous message to Saipan.

14 April

- 0000 10 cm radar interference, believed to be coming from SG sets. Was persistent throughout hours of darkness.
- 0330 Received rendezvous message from Saipan.
- 1041 Dived.
- 1058 Surfaced.

NOON POSIT: Lat. 20-40 N. Long. 131-06 E.

15 April

- 0100 APR contact, 200 mc. Throughout the night we had APR contacts at 193, 197, 200, 210, & 215 mc. Also picked up 10 cm radar interference believed originally from SG sets. There must be a large friendly task force to the north of us.
- 0707 SD contact, 10 miles.
- 0710 B-29 flew overhead. He was showing IFF. Had several SD and IFF contact during the next hour and a half. Had friendly planes on SD throughout the day.

NOON POSIT: Lat. 18-37 N. Long. 136-47 E

16 April

- 0700 Many friendly plane contacts. This continues throughout the day.
- NOON POSIT: Lat. 15-46 N. Long. 141-24 E

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17 April

- 0700 Rendezvoused with LCI 371 and proceeded to Saipan.  
1053 Moored alongside Fulton at Saipan. Fulton took four electric torpedoes from us. Fueled ship.  
1100 Lt. (jg) Robert Wylie Greene USNR, reported aboard for duty.

18 April

- 0900 Lt. B. P. Percy, USN was detached to SubRon 3 for temporary duty. Lt. Percy to resume duties on board upon completion of temporary duty.  
1000 Underway for Pearl with LCI 1062 as escort.  
1455 Released escort.

19 April - 22 April

Daily ship fire control drill. Concentrated on training of junior officers and unqualified men.

22 April

- 2248 SJ radar contact on Wake Island at 32,000 yards.

23 April

Have three of round of 5 inch ammunition aboard drawn at Saipan fro training. Maneuvering into position to hold reveille on Wake Island.  
0045 With heavy concentration on pips on Peule Island, Wake, at 11,000 yards, began bombardment using radar ranges and bearings. Our tribute to the boys of December 7, 1941. Hope we got a few Nips. Fuses were set to super-quick and we obtained two beautiful shell explosions out of the three fired. We hope the third round penetrated a barracks and exploded inside. Maybe the Nips will have to stay on battle stations the rest of the night. There were no APR contacts or other indications of radar. Their gear is probably out of commission from lack of spare parts. No return fire was encountered. It is too bad we didn't have more ammunition.

23 April - 29 April

Enroute Pearl conduction daily training.

29 April

Rendezvoused with Silversides and PC 603. Proceeded to Pearl under escort.