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INTRODUCTION

This volume (R.I.P. 341) is one of a series of historical studies which will be devoted to an attempt to determine the accuracy and reliability of the operational intelligence, derived from enemy communications, which was furnished to submarine commanders operating under the Commander, Submarine Force, Pacific Fleet. It is hoped that correlation and interpretation of the source material available in the files of the Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Fleet and the United States Naval Communication Intelligence organization will produce valuable lessons for the future.

For the sake of convenience the year 1943 was selected as a beginning point for this series since it was an outstanding period in American submarine warfare in the Pacific. Furthermore, since the records for this period are more complete than those of 1941 and 1942, it was felt that a more accurate appraisal of the worth of communication intelligence could be made.

During this period all American submarines operating below the equator and east of

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longitude 130° were under the command of Commander, Submarine Force, Southwest Pacific Fleet; all submarine operations above the equator and west of longitude 130° E were the direct responsibility of the Commander, Submarine Force, Pacific Fleet. The relationship of communication intelligence to the operations of submarines under the Commander, Submarine Force, Southwest Pacific Fleet, will be discussed in a different series, when research in the operational files of the command can be effected.

There were few activities during World War II which received so little attention as the campaign waged so successfully in the Pacific by the submarines of the United States Navy. Co-ordinated attacks by American submarines and air fleets from 1941 to 1945 resulted in the destruction of most of the Japanese merchant fleet, the crippling of Japanese industry by cutting off its source of supply, the hampering of Japanese Army and Navy movements, and the isolation of many Japanese garrisons. The destruction of over six million tons of merchant shipping meant that Japan could not

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effect its ambition of creating an East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere.

As for the part played by American submarines in the elimination of Japan as a military power, statistics indicate that the greater part of Japanese shipping was already destroyed when Allied amphibious forces seized the bases which made possible daily air strikes at Japanese home ports. Although there is no need to enter the current controversy as to whether or not the B-29's won the Japanese war, it suffices to say that the far reaching effects of United States submarine warfare in the Pacific cannot be overlooked by any objective observer. As of August 30, 1945, 1256 Japanese ships had been sunk by American submarines.

During the war submarine operational authorities were in constant communication by a direct telephone line with the United States Naval Communication Intelligence Organization, and the information made available to them was used to such good advantage that many targets, which otherwise might easily have slipped by the submarine patrols, were sent to the bottom of the sea. This



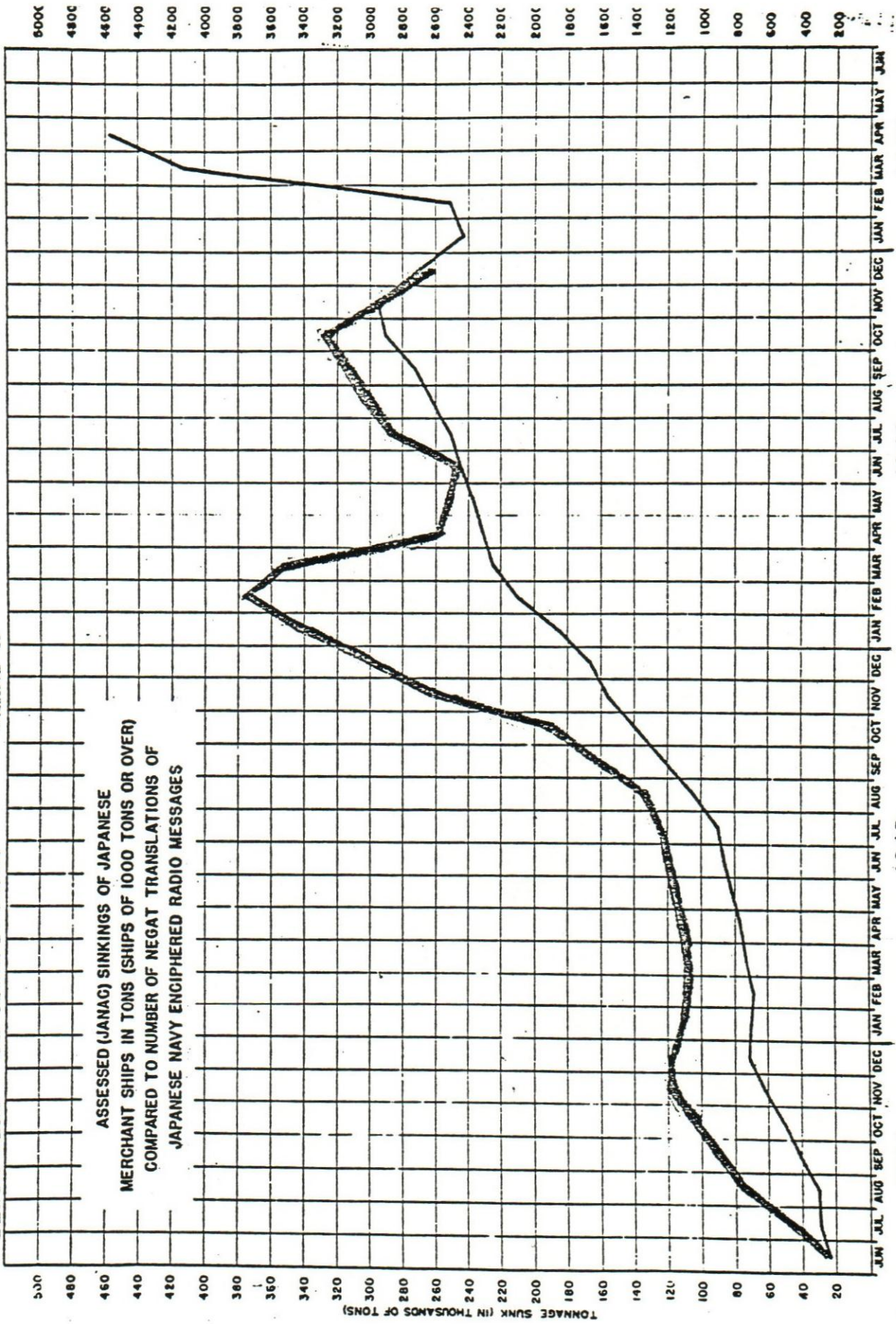
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does not mean that American submarines were not able to operate independently and efficiently on their own account. On some occasions, when the Japanese had changed their cipher systems and for a short period of time no information could be derived from their communications, American submarines sank almost as many, if not just as many, Japanese ships as when the Japanese messages were being read. Submarine operational authorities have pointed out, however, that the information made available when the Japanese cipher messages were being read currently was of great value in the carry over period till American naval cryptanalysts solved the new Japanese cipher systems. Analysis of previously deciphered messages supplied valuable data as to the favorite routes and procedures of Japanese merchant ships, and, thus, even when the flow of intelligence decreased temporarily American submarine commanders could be directed to productive areas.

Chart A shows the relationship between the number of Japanese messages translated by American naval cryptanalysts and the tonnage of sunken Japanese shipping.

Red Line - Tonnage sunk.  
Black Line - GZ Translation.

CHART A



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Though United States submarines were not always able to sight targets reported to them by communication intelligence sources, submarine authorities have attributed much of their success to information derived from enemy communications. On April 14, 1945, the Commander, Submarine Force, Pacific Fleet, informed the Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Fleet, as follows:

...High percentage of submarine sinkings is based on ULTRA information ... (131237 NCR 1231).

On July 3, 1945, the Commander, Submarine Force, Pacific Fleet sent the following to the United States Naval Communication Intelligence Organization:

"Commander Submarine Force desires to express his admiration and appreciation to the officers of ComIntOrg for the splendid support and coverage given by you to the recent submarine operation in the Japan Sea. May the great success of this expedition repay you somewhat for your tireless efforts to strike this blow at the heart of the enemy's empire. It could not have been done without your help."

The use of communication intelligence helped revolutionize submarine strategy in the Pacific,

for operational authorities, because of the continuous flow of communication intelligence which they were receiving, were able to station submarines in certain areas which would not normally be considered productive targets. Though the routes of Japanese convoys were being constantly shifted to avoid reported American submarines, the messages announcing the change of course were deciphered and made available to American submarine commanders. Thus, many otherwise <sup>HN</sup>available targets were provided, torpedoes were expended profitably, long patrols in unproductive areas were avoided, and the morale of officers and men was improved.

This volume (Chapter II - R.I.P. 341) outlines the relationship of Communication Intelligence to American submarines operating in the Pacific during February, 1943. Subsequent volumes will continue the story. Each volume has an appendix which contains the following material source for each case discussed:

A. Source of Intelligence

Japanese messages deciphered and translated by the United States Naval Communication Intelligence Organization.

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B. Operational Dispatch

A message containing the information derived from (A), sent by the Commander, Submarine Force, Pacific Fleet to American submarines.

C. Submarine Action Report

Pertinent data extracted from the action report of the submarine or submarines concerned.

Chart B summarizes the results of action taken by United States Submarines from January through October, 1943, as a result of Communication Intelligence. Another general summary of results will be made in the volumes dealing with November, 1943 to December, 1944.

CHART B

ANALYSIS OF RESULTS DERIVED FROM ULTRA INTELLIGENCE

Grand Total - January-October 1943

Total Number of Potential Targets*.....	<u>810</u>
1. Number of Potential Targets Not Sighted.....	<u>445</u>
1. ComSubPac message not received.....	<u>4</u>
2. Submarine not in area.....	<u>100</u>
3. Submarine pursuing other targets.....	<u>86</u>
4. Submarine in area-no contact.....	<u>223</u>
5. Mechanical difficulties of submarine..	<u>5</u>
6. Rough weather-poor visibility.....	<u>20</u>
7. Information cancelled as incorrect....	<u>7</u>
11. Number of Potential Targets Sighted.....	<u>354</u>
1. Results of the Contact	
A. Targets Sighted and Attacked.....	<u>120</u>
(1) Sunk.....	<u>33</u>
(2) Damaged.....	<u>58</u>
(3) No perceptible damage.....	<u>16</u>
(4) Missed.....	<u>15</u>
B. Targets Sighted but not Attacked...	<u>234</u>
(1) Unfavorable position of submarine.....	<u>65</u>
(2) Rough weather-poor visibility.....	<u>16</u>
(3) Submarine attacked by escorts.....	<u>9</u>
(4) Target showed hospital ship markings.....	<u>3</u>
(5) Engaged with other targets.....	<u>137</u>
(6) Target not worth torpedo expenditure.....	<u>4</u>
2. Quality of the Contact (according to charts-Jan. to Oct.)	
A. Positive.....	<u>112</u>
B. Probable.....	<u>11</u>
C. Possible.....	<u>24</u>
111. Number of Potential Targets for which the Results Are Unknown.....	<u>11</u>

\* The number of potential targets in each Case is

derived from the number in the ComSubPac Ultra dispatch. If, however, ComSubPac did not state the number but merely described the target as a convoy, the target is reckoned as one (an escort is not counted unless specified as a destroyer or a larger ship). But if the target was sighted, then the number named in the submarine patrol report is the number computed in the analysis. If ComSubPac was indefinite, stating the target to be "several" ships, the target, if not sighted, is counted as two. For example, in Case 41 of October (Chap. X, R.I.P. 347) ComSubPac described the target as "2 AUXILIARY CARRIERS SEVERAL DESTROYERS". The target, which was not sighted, was reckoned as four.

Thus the reckoning is often arbitrary and therefore the figures are only approximate. This applies also to the reasons given for the failure of a submarine to sight, or to attack, an Ultra target assigned to it. If none of the reasons listed in the analysis precisely cover a given case, the case is then reckoned under the most nearly equivalent reason. If two submarines are named as addressees, the reason reckoned in the analysis may be that of the first addressee (e.g., Case 23 of July-Chap. VII, R.I.P. 345) or it may be the reason of the majority if three or more submarines are action addressees (Case 47 of July).

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It should be noted that research in this regard was handicapped seriously by the fact that submarine commanders were under orders to omit all references to Communication Intelligence in their reports as will be seen in the following dispatches:

A. FROM: COMINCH 18/1836 May  
TO: CTF 17  
CTF 71  
CTF 72  
INFO: COMSOWESPAC  
CINCPAC  
PREC: DEFERRED

SUPER SECRET X ULTRA X WAR DIARIES OF SUBMARINES  
BASING WEST AUSTRALIA FOR MONTHS NOVEMBER  
DECEMBER JANUARY CONTAIN NUMEROUS REFERENCES  
COMMUNICATION INTELLIGENCE X ALL MENTION THIS  
SOURCE MUST BE ELIMINATED FROM ORIGINAL AND ALL  
COPIES OF PAST AND FUTURE DIARIES

B. FROM: CINCPAC 18/1836 May  
TO: COMSOPAC  
PREC: ROUTINE  
PASS COMINCH 181836 TO COMSOPAC FOR ACTION

C. FROM: COMSUBPAC 13/0935 July  
TO: ALL SUBS COPYING NFM FOX  
INFO: CINCPAC  
PREC: PRIORITY

.....  
..... NEITHER ACTUALLY NOR BY IMPLICATION  
SHOULD REFERENCE BE MADE TO ULTRA MESSAGES SENT  
BY THIS COMMAND X SAME RULE APPLIES FOR WRITING  
UP PATROL REPORTS



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February, 1943

Total Number of Potential Targets\*..... 55

I. Number of Potential Targets Not Sighted..... 46

1. ComSubPac message not received..... 0
2. Submarine not in area..... 8
3. Submarine pursuing other targets..... 4
4. Submarine in area-no contact..... 30
5. Mechanical difficulties of submarine... 0
6. Rough weather-poor visibility..... 4
7. Information cancelled as incorrect..... 0

II. Number of Potential Targets Sighted..... 9

1. Results of the Contact

A. Targets Sighted and Attacked..... 7

- (1) Sunk..... 2
- (2) Damaged..... 4
- (3) No perceptible damage..... 0
- (4) Missed..... 1

B. Targets Sighted but not Attacked.... 2

- (1) Unfavorable position  
of submarine..... 0
- (2) Rough weather-poor  
visibility..... 1
- (3) Submarine attacked by  
escorts..... 0
- (4) Target showed hospital  
ship markings..... 0
- (5) Engaged with other  
targets..... 1
- (6) Target not worth torpedo  
expenditure..... 0

2. Quality of the Contact

(according to chart-February)

- A. Positive..... 6
- B. Probable..... 0
- C. Possible..... 3

III. Number of Potential Targets for which  
the Results Are Unknown..... 0

\* Convoy of unknown number of ships has been  
considered as but one target.

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ComSubPac Operational Dispatcher (Date-Time)	Submarine Address(es)	Type No. of Ships, Positions Given	Contact Made with Target(s)	Results of Contact(s)
1. 02-0712	U.S.S. FLYING Fish	1 unidentified Haru possibly of Eyoze or Tapan Haru class to arrive at Saipan on February 4, 1943 and at Guam on Feb- ruary 8, 1943 via Tontian and Rota.	Positive	ComSubPac dispatch received. Possible sinking of 7,000 ton Haru on February 6, 1943 in Tontian Harbor at 1310 (K time).
2. 02-1717	U.S.S. FLYING Fish	W <sup>h</sup> Convoy to arrive at 16-56N, 143-18E at 0300 (OCT) on February 3, 1943.	None	ComSubPac dispatch received. The Flying Fish was patrolling this area (Saipan-Baipan route but did not sight the convoy.
3. 02-1740	U.S.S. Runner	Shinyo Haru to ar- rive at 11-24N, 139- 44E at 0300 on Feb- ruary 3, 1943; to arrive at 13-36N, 138-42E at 0300 on February 4; at 15- 45N, 137-37E at 0300 February 5.	None	ComSubPac dispatch received. Engaged on February 2 with two Yamabiko class Harus at 20N, 142E - not the ship reported in 02-1740. On Feb- ruary 3, 4, 5, the U.S.S. Runner was patrolling in three separate areas. On February 6 entered area of Palau (7-3C 134-30E). On February 6, two minesweepers or auxiliary vessels as well as enemy planes conducted an attack damaging the Runner.

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No.	ComSubPac Operational Dispatches (Date-Time)	Submarine Address(es)	Type, No. of Ships, Positions Given	Contacts Made with Target(s)	Results of Contact(s)
4.	02-2347	U.S.S. Pompano	1 merchantman (type unknown) to arrive at 10-48H, 145-30E at 0300 on February 3, 1943 and at 8-35H, 148-00E at 0300 on February 4, 1943. At 1/00 on February 4, the ship's position is to be 7-48H, 149-25E. All times GCT.	Possible	ComSubPac dispatch received The Pompano attacked and damaged a San Ramon class tanker at 2247(GCT) on February 3, 1943 at 08-07N, 1434E. The tanker was on course 130° and somewhat ahead of the Ultra's schedule. It is a possible contact

5. 03-1052

U.S.S. Pompano

3 unidentified submarine leaving South Channel (Truk).

None

ComSubPac dispatch received On February 3 the Pompano was engaged with the San Ramon class tanker mentioned in Case 4. Only patrol boats were sighted on February 4, 5 and 6.

First Vessel:

Departed at 0730(GCT)

on February 3 from Truk

to arrive at 016-148-

30E at 1000(GCT) on Feb-

ruary 5.

Second Vessel:

to leave Truk at 0400

(GCT) on February 4, for

position 2 miles east of

destination of first

vessel. To arrive at

0930(GCT) on February 6.

Third Vessel:

Follows the same path

as second vessel but arrives

at 1230(GCT) February 6,

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ComSubPac Operational Dispatches (Date-Time)	Submarine Address(es)	Type, No. of Ships, Positions Given	Contacts Made with Target(s)	Results of Contact(s)
6. 03-1745	<u>U.S.S. Pomarine</u>	Many ships including one carrier to enter North Pass at Truk at 0700 (GCT) on Feb- ruary 9, 1973.	None	ComSubPac dispatch received. The Pomarine set its course for the desired position at 0418 (K time) on February 9 or 1418 (GCT) on February 8 but due to the adverse cur- rent could not make the position in time. No ships were sighted.
7. 09-0341	<u>U.S.S. Stingray</u>	1 tanker, possibly the <u>Empire Meru</u> leaving with small escort to depart from 09-45N, 167-35E at 2100 (GCT) on Feb- ruary 9 - heading northwest.	None	ComSubPac dispatch received. At 0700 (GCT) on February 9 the <u>Stingray</u> departed for Truk via Pohnpei, although the tanker was not due to depart until 2100 (GCT). No search was made, therefore no contact.
8. 10-1011	<u>U.S.S. Flying Fish</u>	Shipping due to leave Sulphur for the <u>Empire</u> , exact route unknown since shipping had been re-routed to the east of the island chain due to the presence of the <u>Flying Fish</u> .	None	ComSubPac dispatch received. From February 10 through 13, the <u>Flying Fish</u> was patrol- ling west of the Marianas. The patrol was not effective and nothing was sighted, due possibly to limited horizon, and high seas which were en- countered.

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8. (Cont.)

	Enemy submarine to be at a position 10 miles east of Miyake Shima at 2100(GCT) on February 11, 1943.	None		ComSubPac dispatch received. The Maddock set its course for Midway at 1730 February 9. No search was made.
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ComSubPac dispatch received. The Tarpon started back at OIC (I time) through Islands to get in position to intercept the enemy submarine. On February 12 the Tarpon submerged 10 miles east of Miyake Shima. No contact was made.

9. 10-1212 U.S.S. Runniger

7 transports and several escort vessels sailed from AS, 152E at 0300 on February 8. The ships are to arrive at 7M, 134E at 2300(GCT) on February 14.	None	ComSubPac dispatch received. The Runniger was patrolling the Palau area (7M, 134E) on February 13 and 14. On February 13 a small patrol vessel was sighted and on February 14 at 7-52N, 134-21E a vessel of the Nagara Maru class which was standing in Toagel Hlungul Passage was attacked at 0441 (GCT) on February 14. The vessel was later identified as the Tokyo Maru (See II, Case 16, A-2). Since the convoy was not due to enter Palau until 2300(GCT) the submarine
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9. (cont.)

action report suggested that this torpedoing convinced the Japanese to reroute shipping through another passage.

10. 12-0253

U.S.S. Sunfish

I warn to arrive at 23-14 or 10N, 141-11E at 0300 (GCT) on February 13 and at 24-50N, 142-40E on February 14. The dates, February 15 at 21-35N, 144-30E and February 16 at 18-30 or 00N and 145-55E were sent for the information of the Flying Fish.

Positive

ComSubPac dispatch received. The Sunfish cleared the Marcus Island area on February 12 and on February 14 conducted a surface patrol near Chichi Jima (28N, 141E). At 1610 (GCT) February 16 the Sunfish radar contact but lost it because of poor visibility and high seas and rain.

U.S.S. Flying Fish

The information that the Shima Maru was to leave Saipan February 15 for Truk, route unknown, was also sent to the Flying Fish.

U.S.S. Tunny

None

ComSubPac dispatch received. The Tunny was out of torpedoed and left the assigned area at 1730 (GCT) on February 11.

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ComSubPac Operational No., (Date-Time)	Submarine Address(es)	Typo, No. of Ships, Positions	Contacts Made with Enemy(?)	Results of Contact(s)
11. 13-0104	<u>U.S.S. Stingray</u>	<u>Escort Horn</u> and one escort vessel to arrive at 6-55N, 150-45E at 0300 (GCT) on February 14 on route to South Pass at Truk	None	ComSubPac dispatch received. On February 14 the <u>Stingray</u> was patrolling south and west of Lossap Island and south on a westerly course from South Island, Truk Atoll. At 2045 (GCT) on February 14 at position 07-02N, 150-45E, a small trawler was sighted. On February 15 through 20 the <u>Stingray</u> conducted a patrol west and southwest of Truk, and northwest of Truk between East Pagan and Ramonito Island. No contact was made. ComSubPac dispatch received. The <u>U.S.S. Tarpon</u> was searching for an enemy submarine on February 10 through 15 in the vicinity of Mikura Shima, Miyaka Shima, Kozu Shima and Manila. No contact was made with the <u>convoy</u> . See above for <u>Stingray</u> activity.
	<u>U.S.S. Tarpon</u>	7th Convoy took refuge from a storm in the toe of Mikura Island (34-22N, 139-16E) no data given.	None	
	<u>U.S.S. Stingray</u>	Submarine 176 to arrive at South Pass (Truk) at 0800 (GCT) on February 17 or 18.	None	

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No.	Operational Dispatch (Date-Time)	ComSubPac Submarine Address (n)	Type, No. of Ships, Position Given	Contact Made with Target (n)	Results of Contact (s)
12.	13-0209	<u>U.S.S. Swordfish</u>	1 destroyer to be at 00-07N, 180E. No date-time given.	None	ComSubPac dispatch received. The <u>Swordfish</u> crossed the 180th Meridian at 2032(GCT) on February 14. Nothing was sighted while the submarine was in this vicinity.
13.	13-2311	<u>U.S.S. Pompano</u> <u>U.S.S. Flying Fish</u>	1 merchantman (type unknown) leaving Kwajalein for Saipan at 0100(GCT) on February 15. Will have one escort as far as 161-30E and air coverage. Enemy submarine at 0300(GCT) will pass through points indicated on the following days: 12 February -- 30N, 146-30E 15 February -- 18-10N, 150-30E 17 February 10-10N, 153E and at 2200(GCT) will arrive at South Pass (Truk). Same as for <u>Flying Fish</u>	Hono	ComSubPac dispatch received. At 1850(GCT) on February 13, the <u>Pompano</u> submerged 70 miles southwest of Kwajalein. On February 15 at 10-14N, 162-34 a ship was sighted but it was not the U.S. target. ComSubPac dispatch received. Although the submarine was reported west of the Bonin Islands, the <u>Flying Fish</u> on February 14 through 16 was patrolling in the Marianas Islands near Pagan Island. The enemy submarine was not sighted.

U.S.S. Abingway

ComSubPac dispatch received. The Abingway was patrolling near Truk on February 14 through 20, not in this area.



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14. 14-2342	U.S.S. <u>Pompano</u>	1 large tanker departed Jalut at 2000(GCT) on February 14 en route to Kwajalein.	None	ComSubPac dispatch received. Only a small vessel under 500 tons was sighted by the <u>Pompano</u> on February 15.
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Information also supplied that the Pompano was sighted on the surface on February 13, probably causing Japanese traffic to be diverted.

15. 16-0430	U.S.S. <u>Pompano</u>	1 medium sized tanker to be at 05H, 166E at 0300(GCT) on February 13. On February 21 the vessel is to pass through 03-20N, 159-05E.	None	ComSubPac dispatch received. The <u>Pompano</u> was engaged with the second Ultra target; see below and see also Case 18.
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One vessel (of the Pompano Mary class) will fuel escort vessel at 08-30N, 163-00E. Exact date and time unknown.

Positive

ComSubPac dispatch received. The Pompano sighted a naval tanker in position 8-30N 162-36E on February 17. The vessel was sighted again the next day at 1348(GCT) at 7-33N; 165-40E. (See Case 18 for further details).

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No.	Operational Dispatches (Date-Time)	ComSubPac	Submarine Address(es)	Type, No. of Ships, Positions Given	Contact Made with Target(s)	Results of Contact(s)
16.	16-0401	U.S.S. Rommel		Tokyo Harry (ASMO ship) as attacked by the Rommel on February 14, see Case 9) to be at main entrance of Palao at 2300(GCT) February 16.	None	ComSubPac dispatch received the Ultra target was not sighted due to rain and low visibility.
17.	16-0905	U.S.S. Pompano		One 6,500 ton Harry (Kangaroo) from according to Japanese Intelligence Dispatch) to depart Tarawa at 0400 (I time) on February 16. At 2100 (I time) on February 17, the Harry would be in position 7N, 167E. At 0120 (I time) on February 19 would be at 8-30N, 161-30E. At 2300 (I time) on February 22 at position 22N, 143E. At 0400 (I time) on February 23 at position 23N, 145E.	None	ComSubPac dispatch received The Pompano was trailing a Japanese naval tanker at 2230(GCT) on February 17 which was traveling from 8-30N, 162-36E to 7-33N, 165-40E. The vessel was traveling in a direction opposite to that reported in the operational dispatch.
		U.S.S. Sawfish		At 2000(GCT) on February 25 the Sawfish set its course for Weneza Shima, an island at 30-30N, 130-30E. Only a patrol vessel was sighted at 0155 (I time) on February 27, and a small fishing vessel on February 28.		

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No.	ComSubPac Operational Dispatches (Date-Time)	Submarine Address(es)	Type, No. of Ships, Positions Given	Contacts Made with Target(s)	Results of Contact(s)
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17.	(cont'd)		At 0830 (I time) on February 24, at position 25-40N, 142- 30E. At 2045 (I time) on February 24 at position 26-40N, 140- 00E. At 1800 (I time) on February 25 at position 30N, 130- 30E.		
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18.	17-0246	U.S.P. BLANKET	Submarine T-6 to be at position 30N, 146-30E at 0300 (GCT) on February 13, at 0300 (GCT) on February 21 at post- tion 13-10N, 150-50E, at 0300 (GCT) on February 23 at post- tion 10-10N, 153E and to enter North Channel at Truk at 2200 (GCT) on February 22.	None	ConsulPac dispatch received position at 2017 (GCT) on February 21, was 6-40-30N, 149-39-00E where a patrol vessel was sighted. The submarine retired to the west, although later left this area and patrolled south of Truk. On February 22, 23, and 24 the <u>BLANKET</u> was patrolling southwest, south and southeast of Truk No contact reported.
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18.	(Cont.)	U.S.B. <u>TRIGGER</u>	To intercept the submarine if in the vicinity anywhere north of 11° N.	None	ComSubPac dispatch received. The <u>TRIGGER</u> contacted an unknown type ship at 15-12N, 156-02E at 0835(GCT) on February 20. The ship was not attacked and no other contacts were made.
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	U.S.S. <u>Hallibut</u>	To intercept the submarine south of 11° N.	None	ComSubPac dispatch received at 0500(GCT) noted signals on SD Radar in position 25C miles from Truk. On February 23 and 24, the submarine was patrolling between 10-0N. Uneventful.
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	17-0246 and 17-1748	U.S.S. <u>Pompano</u>	Naval tanker due at Jaluit the afternoon of February 20. To fuel escort at 8-30N, 163E probably on February 18 or 19. Proceeds on course 108 degrees.	Positive	ComSubPac dispatch received at 2230(GCT) on February 17 at 8-30N, 162-36E, the <u>Pompano</u> sighted and trailed a naval tanker to 7-32N, 1640E where at 1548(GCT) on February 19 the submarine attacked and damaged the tanker with two hits. Contact verified by Japanese Dispatch 19-1149.
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No.	ComSubPac Operational Dispatches (Date-Time)	Submarining Address(es)	Type, No. of Ships, Positions Given	Contacts Made with Target(s)	Results of Contact(s)
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19.	18-0352	<u>U.S.S. Plunger</u>	2 merchantmen coming from due south to arrive at Palau Island at 0100(GCT) on February 18, 1943.	Positive	ComSubPac dispatch received at 0133(GCT) on February 19, the <u>Plunger</u> contacted 2 freighters with 2 destroyer escorts at 17-35N, 134-25E. The freighter, the <u>Atsugi Maru</u> , was damaged.
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20.	18-0412	<u>U.S.S. Halibut</u>	2 ship convoy on course 132 to be at 14N, 161-41E at 0300(GCT) on February 20. To join escort at 2300(GCT) on February 20.	None	ComSubPac dispatch received on February 20 at 1002(GCT) the <u>Halibut</u> sank a freighter similar to the <u>Syona Maru</u> a northwest course at 14-35 161-17E. There was no contact with the Ultra targets
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U.S.S. Plunger The Plunger was to note that one of these ships was to arrive at Tarawa on February 24.

Possible ComSubPac dispatch received at 0116(GCT) February 25th, the Plunger was patrolling the entrance to Tarawa and contacted a Hanna Maru class freighter accompanied by a small escort vessel. Two torpedoes were fired but missed the target. The Plunger was forced to abandon attack because of incrossed enemy reinforcement

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ComSubPac Operational No.	Submarine (Date-Time)	Address(es)	Type, No. of Ships, Positions Given	Contacts Made with Target(s)	Results of Contact(s)
21.	U.S.S. Tappan		1 unidentified submarine to depart Tokyo Bay the afternoon of February 18 to enter Kit Channel the morning of February 19.	None	ComSubPac dispatch received rough weather prevented a search for the submarine. On February 18 the Tappan set its course for Midway.
22.	20-0417	U.S.S. Halibut	1 unascertained vessel of the <u>Sinroku</u> Haru class departed Kure-Jalein at 2000 (GMT) on February 17 and will pass through 15N, 141-30E and 15-40W, 150E en route to Salpan.	None	ComSubPac dispatch received On February 18 the Halibut left the Wake area and on February 20 became engaged with a <u>Syogan</u> Haru class freighter at 14-33N, 161-17E. No contact with the <u>Sinroku</u> Haru class vessel is noted.
		U.S.S. Tappan	Three submarines traveling east from 33-25N, 143E. Probably heading for the Aleutians at 0300 on February 18.	None	ComSubPac dispatch received The Tappan was searching in this area but made no contact with the Japanese submarine.

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No.	ComSubPac Operational Dispatches (Date-Time)	Submarine Addressing (S)	Type, No. of Ships, Positions, Glyco	Contacts Made with Target(s)	Results of Contact(s)
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22.	(Cont.) U.S.S. <u>Stinger</u>		One submarine approaching from south to enter Truk South Pass at 2000 (GCT) on February 21. and a merchantmen ( <u>Alta Maru</u> ) to pass 10 miles south of Pulusuk Island (51, 150E) and then through 6-53N, 150-30E. Date unknown.	None	ComSubPac dispatch received On February 21 the <u>Stinger</u> was patrolling the area southwest of Truk at 7-37N, 150-32E. Various patrol boats were encountered but not the submarine or the <u>Alta Maru</u> .
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23.	21-0415 U.S.S. <u>Pompano</u>		One merchantman of the <u>Suva Maru</u> or the <u>Huairi Maru</u> class (tonnage 10,800) departed Ponape on February 19 at 2000(GCT), the following points will be passed en route to Jaluit: 7-10N, 158-40E 7-40N, 163E 6-30N, 164-30E	None	ComSubPac dispatch received The <u>Pompano</u> was patrolling in the vicinity of 8-30N, 162-36E on February 18 when a tanker was sighted and followed on February 18 and 19. No contact was made with the Ultra target.
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24.	U.S.S. <u>Stinger</u>		One merchantman scheduled to pass ten miles south of Pulusuk at 0800(GCT) on February 21.	None	ComSubPac dispatch received At 1920(GCT) on February 20, the <u>Stinger</u> was patrolling to the southeast of Pulusuk Island. Only patrol vessels were sighted.
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CoSubPac Operational Directorates (Para-Offs)	Submarine Addresses (Z)	Type, No. of Miss, Position, Area	Contacts Made with Target(s)	Result of Contact(s)
341 33-0700	U.S.S. <u>Intuit</u>	One submarine, the Y-10 passed through 17-06N, 174-44E at 1000(GCT) on February 22. Course to be followed is 140. At 0700(GCT) on 24 February it will be at 9-29N, 150-24E.	None	CoSubPac dispatch received the <u>Intuit</u> patrolled this area but made no contacts.

The Intuit was also directed to watch out for the submarine if the transport were contacted.

One ship due at Tarawa on February 24 but delayed. At 1100(GCT) the ship will be in position 5-30N, 169-55E and one day later at 2-10N, 172-25E.

CoSubPac dispatch received on February 23 the Plunder conducted a patrol near Makin and on February 24 set course for Tarawa. Be gan close patrol covering entrance to Tarawa, jetties sighted.



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ComSubPac Operational Dispatches (Date-Time)	Submarine Addressed(s)	Type, No. of Ships, Positions Given	Contracts Made with Target(s)	Results of Contact(s)
25. 25-0500 <u>Kindfish</u>	<u>U.S.B. Kindfish</u>	One freighter to depart Wake at 0600 (GCT) February 26. Will pass through 24N, 150E en route to Tokyo.	None	ComSubPac dispatch received. The <u>Kindfish</u> patrolled the specified area but did not sight the freighter.
<u>U.S.B. Plunger</u>	<u>U.S.B. Plunger</u>	One 14,000 ton float tanker plus one small escort to depart Jaluit at 2000 (GCT) on February 26. The escort will be dropped at EN, 160E.	Positive	ComSubPac dispatch received. The <u>Plunger</u> sighted nothing on February 26 but the next day the <u>Shirota Maru</u> was sunk at 6-09N, 168-13E.
<u>U.S.B. Inflight</u>	<u>U.S.B. Inflight</u>	Two unescorted vessels to be at 11-47N, 143-38E. They will proceed to 7-40N, 147-34E where at 0300 (GCT) on February 27 they will meet an escort.	None	ComSubPac dispatch received. The <u>Inflight</u> was patrolling the specified area but sighted nothing. Abandoned search March 1.
26. 26-0932 <u>U.S.B. Trigger</u>	<u>U.S.B. Trigger</u>	One transport and an escort to arrive at Palao at 0730 (GCT) on March 1 via 00-20N, 147-47E. To drop escort at 01-20N, 146-12E.	None	ComSubPac dispatch received. The <u>Trigger</u> sighted and attacked a freighter similar to the <u>Kasli Maru</u> on February 26. No contact was made with the Ultra target.

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26.	(Cont.)	U.S.S. <u>Halibut</u>	Same 2 unidentified-fled vessels as given in 25-0500 to be at position 08-08N, 148-23/26E north of Paluwat Island at 0/00 (GCT) on February 27.	None	ComSubpac dispatch received. The <u>Halibut</u> patrolled the specified area but sighted nothing. Abandoned search March 1.
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27.	27-0355	U.S.S. <u>Plunger</u>	1 freighter coming from the Shortland Islands to pick up escort at 3-55N, 166E at 0500 (GCT) on February 28. The position at 2000 (GCT) February 28 will be 5-50N, 167-15E.	Possible	ComSubpac dispatch received. The <u>Plunger</u> was engaged with the <u>Chiracha Maru</u> . Also an unidentified navy was sighted but no attack was made because of the darkness.
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28.	27-1032	U.S.S. <u>Halibut</u>	1 unidentified ship to be at 8N, 149-30E at 0100 (I time) on March 1 and at 7-40N, 150-53E at 0300 (I time) on March 1. Due to arrive at North Channel (Yruc) at 1430 (I time).	None	ComSubpac dispatch received. No contact was made with the Ultra target. The <u>Halibut</u> possibly sank a passenger freighter ( <u>Hanji Maru</u> ) on March 3 at 10-18-1/2N, 146-42E.
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No.	ComSubPac Operational Dispatches (Date-Time)	Submarine Address(es)	Type, No. of Ships, Positions Given	Contacts Made with Tairat(s)	Results of Contact(s)
29	28-1817	U.S.G. SAWFISH	1 important mru will meet in es- cort at 23-20H, 134-3EE at 0300(GCT) on March 2. Will enter Bungo Suldo at 0100(GCT) March 3.	None	ComSubPac dispatch receive Only small vessels and patrol boats were sighted this area.

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Chapter II

February 2, 1943

Case 1

The information that a man of either the Grey or Tuan class would arrive at Saipan on February 4, 1943, and would then proceed via Tinian and Rota to arrive at Guam on February 8, was sent by ComSubPac to the U.S.S. Flying Fish on February 2 at 0712 (GOT).<sup>1</sup> On February 4, the Flying Fish was patrolling the Saipan-Empire Route, and two days later, while closing Tinian Island, a 7000 ton unidentified freighter was sighted, anchored in Tinian Harbor. At 0440 (GOT), on February 6, after determining the target's position, the U.S.S. Flying Fish fired three torpedoes. Eleven minutes later the freighter was afire and had a bad port list, and it was believed that she sank very soon.<sup>2</sup> The Flying Fish had received ComSubPac's message,<sup>3</sup> and it is probable that the target contacted was that reported in

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- 1 - Appendix II, Case 1, B-1, hereafter referred to as II, Case 1, B-1.  
2 - II, Case 1, C-2.  
3 - II, Case 1, C-1.

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the 020712 Ultra, since the contact was made at the time the Tyoyo or Taian class maru was scheduled to be at Tenian Harbor.<sup>4</sup>

February 2, 1943

Case 2

It was learned from an intercepted Japanese transmission of February 2, 1943, that on the following day the noon position of "I" Convoy would be 16-56 N, 143-18 E.<sup>5</sup> This information was sent by ComSubPac for action to the U.S.S. Flying Fish<sup>6</sup> which was patrolling the Saipan-Empire Route.<sup>7</sup> Although the dispatch was received,<sup>8</sup> the Flying Fish reported no contact with "I" Convoy.<sup>9</sup>

February 2, 1943

Case 3

The Shinyo Maru, departing Fais at 0900 (GCT), February 2, was scheduled to arrive at Hiike on the afternoon of February 13, according

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- 4 - II, Case 1, B-1.
  - 5 - II, Case 2, A-1.
  - 6 - II, Case 2, B-1.
  - 7 - II, Case 2, C-2.
  - 8 - II, Case 2, C-1.
  - 9 - II, Case 2, C-2.

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to a deciphered Japanese dispatch of February 2.  
The speed and noon positions (I time zone) of the  
maru were listed from February 3 through February  
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12. At 1740 (GCT) on February 2, ComSubPac sent  
a dispatch to the U.S.S. Runner giving the positions  
of the Shinvo Maru for the following three days.<sup>11</sup>  
Although the Runner received the information since  
radio reception was satisfactory,<sup>12</sup> it reported no  
contacts with that particular maru. However, on  
February 1 at 2034 (GCT) a convoy of two Yamabiko  
Maru class freighters and three PC escorts was  
sighted at position 20 N, 142 E. One hour and  
fifteen minutes later after firing three torpedoes  
at both the leading ship and the second ship, the  
submarine submerged. There was no question in the  
Commanding Officer's mind that both ships were  
sunk. On February 3, 4, and 5, the Runner was  
patrolling in three separate areas, and on Feb-  
ruary 6, entered the area off Palau at position

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10 - II, Case 3, A-1.  
11 - II, Case 3, B-1.  
12 - II, Case 3, C-1.

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7-30 N, 134-30 E. Later that same day two Japanese minesweepers or auxiliary vessels as well as enemy planes conducted an attack, damaging the Runner.<sup>13</sup> Apparently there was no contact with the Shinyo Maru.

February 2, 1943

Case A

On February 2, 1943, at 2347 (GCT), ComSubPac notified the U.S.S. Pompano of the noon positions (0300 GCT) on February 3 and 4 of an unidentified merchantman. The positions were 10-48 N, 145-30 E and 08-35 N, 148-00 E respectively.<sup>14</sup> The Pompano received the dispatch<sup>15</sup> and on February 3 at 2247 (GCT) in position 08-07 N, 149-34 E, sighted and attacked an escorted tanker of the San Ramon Maru class, damaging the tanker with one hit.<sup>16</sup> This ship was on a southeast course, 130 degrees, which corresponds with the course of the Ultra target. But since the Ultra target was due at 08-35 N, 145 E at 0300 (GCT) February 4, this attack occurred more than a

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- 13 - II, Case 3, C-2.
  - 14 - II, Case 4, B-1, A-1.
  - 15 - II, Case 4, C-1.
  - 16 - II, Case 4, C-2, C-3.

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degree to the southeast of, and about four hours before, the scheduled position of the Ultra. This can therefore be considered only a possible contact with the Ultra target.

February 3, 1943

Case 5

Operational headquarters learned that three Japanese submarines were leaving the South Channel of Truk at 0700 (GCT) on February 3, 0400 (GCT) February 4, and 0700 (GCT) on February 4 respectively. Their positions of destination were listed, and the operational dispatch was sent to the U.S.S. Pombano for action on February 3, 1943.

The ComSubPac message was received and on February 3 at 2247 (GCT) the Pombano attacked and damaged a San Ramon class tanker; see Case 4. Although the Pombano was patrolling in this area, since several

17 - II, Case 5, B-1.  
18 - II, Case 5, C-1.



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patrol boats were reported in the vicinity of 07 to 06 N, 151 E, the submarines reported by operational headquarters to be plying between Truk and the Admiralty Islands, were not contacted.  
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February 8, 1943

Case 6

From an intercepted Japanese message of February 8, 1943, it was learned that an Advance Force would enter the North Channel and arrive at Truk Anchorage at 0730 (GCT) on February 9. At 1745 (GCT) on February 8, the U.S.S. Pompano received the information that this Force would enter the North Pass at Truk at 0700 (GCT) on February 9. At 1818 (GCT) on February 8, the submarine set its course at full speed for the desired position; however, due to adverse current, the Pompano was unable to reach the Pass at the specified time and no ships were sighted.  
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19 - II, Case 5, C-2.  
20 - II, Case 6, A-1.  
21 - II, Case 6, B-1.  
22 - II, Case 6, C-2.

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February 9, 1943

Case 7

The information that a large tanker of the Sinkoku Maru class together with a small escort vessel had departed from position 09-45 N, 167-35 E and was limping toward the Northwest on February 9 was sent by ComSubPac to the U.S.S. Stingray for action. Radio reception was satisfactory and the dispatch was received; however, the Stingray departed for Truk at 0700 (GCT) on February 9, fourteen hours before the tanker was scheduled to sail. Since no search for the vessel was conducted, no contact was reported.

February 10, 1943

Case 8

In an operational dispatch of February 10, 1943, the U.S.S. Flying Fish, patrolling the Saipan-Empire Route, was notified by ComSubPac to search for shipping due to leave Saipan for the

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23 - II, Case 7, B-1.  
24 - II, Case 7, C-1.  
25 - II, Case 7, C-2.

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Empire on February 11, 1943, the exact route of which was unknown. Certain shipping had been routed East of the Island Chain due to the presence of the Flying Fish. The submarine was also warned against a defensive Japanese minefield protecting the entrance to Tokyo Bay. In the same dispatch the U.S.S. Haddock and the U.S.S. Tarron were given the position of an enemy submarine at 0030 (GCT) on February 11. Eighteen hours later, the enemy submarine was to be 10 miles east of Miyake Shima. If in the vicinity, the Haddock was ordered to intercept the vessel, but the Tarron was to handle it if it were in the area. near Yokasuka.

From February 10 through 13, the U.S.S. Flying Fish was in the area east and north of the Mariana Islands. The patrol was not effective, however, and nothing was sighted, possibly to a limited horizon and high seas.

The U.S.S. Haddock had been patrol-

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- 26 - II, Case 8, B-1.  
27 - Ibid.  
28 - II, Case 8, C-2.

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ling the Tokyo route on February 9, 1943, and at 1730 (GCT) on that day set its course for Midway, therefore, no search was made and nothing was sighted.<sup>29</sup>

The U.S.S. Tarpon also received the operational dispatch,<sup>30</sup> and on February 12, submerged 10 miles east of Miyake Shima. A search was conducted, but no contact with the enemy submarine was reported.<sup>31</sup>

February 10, 1943

Case 9

From an intercepted Japanese transmission of February 7 it was learned that seven transport vessels plus several escorts would depart from Rabaul (04 S, 152 E) at 0800 (GCT) February 8 en route to Palau (7 N, 134 E) arriving there at 2300 (GCT) on February 14.<sup>32</sup> This information was sent from ComSubPac on February 10, 1943,<sup>33</sup> to the U.S.S. Runner which was patrolling submerged off Toagel Mlungui Passage, Palau.<sup>34</sup> The message

29 - II, Case 8, C-4.  
30 - II, Case 8, C-5.  
31 - II, Case 8, C-6.  
32 - II, Case 9, A-1.  
33 - II, Case 9, B-1.  
34 - II, Case 9, C-2.

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<sup>35</sup> was received and at 0403 (GCT) on February 14,  
the Runner sighted a steamer standing in the  
Passage. This ship was later identified as be-  
longing to the Tokyo Maru class. <sup>36</sup> Thirty eight  
minutes later the vessel was attacked at position  
7-32 N, 134-21 E and possible sinking was re-  
ported. <sup>37</sup>

Since the convoy reported in Ultra  
was not due to enter Palau until 2300 (GCT) on  
February 14, <sup>38</sup> the submarine action report sug-  
gested that the torpedoing of the freighter had  
convinced the Japanese to re-route the transports  
through another passage. <sup>39</sup>

February 12, 1943

Case 10

A maru, believed to be of the Rikawa  
Maru class, was scheduled to depart from Yokosuka  
at 0400 (GCT) on February 11, 1943. <sup>40</sup> The noon

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35 - II, Case 9, C-1.  
36 - II, Case 16, A-2.  
37 - II, Case 9, C-2.  
38 - II, Case 9, E-1.  
39 - II, Case 9, C-2.  
40 - II, Case 10, A-4.

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positions (GOT) of the vessel were listed from February 13 through 16 and were sent to the U.S.S. Sunfish, U.S.S. Flying Fish, and the U.S.S. Tunny. If in the vicinity, the Sunfish was directed to intercept the maru on February 13 or 14; but to be on the lookout for the Tunny which might be passing through the area without torpedoes. The Flying Fish was to be on the alert for the vessel on February 15 and 16, and at the same time to note the departure of the Suwa Maru from Saipan en route to Truk on February 15 but whose exact schedule was unknown. Since translations of the Japanese dispatches concerning the date of departure of the Suwa Maru seemed to differ, it was possible that the vessel was scheduled to leave Saipan on February 11, rather than on February 15. The ComSubPac message was received and on February 12 the U.S.S. Sunfish was in the Marcus Island area (26 N, 158 E).

- 41 - II, Case 10, B-1.  
42 - II, Case 10, A-1.  
43 - II, Case 10, C-1.

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On February 14, a surface patrol was conducted near Chichi Jima (28 N, 141 E) and at 0341 (GCT) on that same day, the vessel headed for the assigned area. The patrol continued on February 15, and on the following day, at 1610 (GCT) the Sunfish reported a radar contact which was later lost due to poor visibility, high seas and rain. <sup>44</sup>

On February 16, the U.S.S. Flving Fish was patrolling northeast of the Pagan and southeast of the Agrihan Islands in the Marianas, covering the Roke-Nagoya-Truk route. At 0444 (GCT) on that same day, the submarine sighted a 6000-ton freighter with air and surface escorts on course 163 in position 18 N, 145 E. Firing four torpedoes, the Flving Fish sank the target with two hits. <sup>45</sup> This freighter was the Nyuga Maru according to a Japanese message of February 16 which reported the sinking in position 18-35 N, 145-55 E at 0500 (GCT). <sup>46</sup> Since the ship from Yokosuka, originally thought to be a Kikawa Maru class vessel, was scheduled to reach 18 N, 145-55 E at 0300 (GCT) February 16 on a southeast course, this is a positive contact with this Ultra target.

<sup>44</sup> - II, Case 10, C-2.

<sup>45</sup> - II, Case 10, C-4, C-5.

<sup>46</sup> - II, Case 10, D-1, D-2.

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The U.S.S. Furry departed from the assigned area on February 11, at 0830 (GCT).<sup>47</sup>

February 13, 1943

Case 11

Radio Intelligence decoded and translated a Japanese dispatch of February 12, 1943, containing information concerning the Hiyoshi Maru.

With a subchaser as escort, the vessel was scheduled to be in position 6-55 N, 150-45 E at 0300 (GCT) on February 14, en route to South Channel, Truk.<sup>48</sup>

This message together with the information that a Japanese submarine would arrive at Truk at 0800 (GCT) on February 17 or 18, or perhaps at an even later date, was sent to the U.S.S. Stingray for action.<sup>49</sup> In the same operational dispatch, ComSubPac notified the U.S.S. Farcon that the "B" convoy had taken refuge from a storm at the toe of Niishima Island in position 34-22 N, 139-15 E.<sup>50</sup>

Radio reception was satisfactory throughout the Sixth War Patrol of the U.S.S. Stingray; therefore, the ComSubPac dispatch was

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- 47 - II, Case 10, C-7.
  - 48 - II, Case 11, A-2, A-4.
  - 49 - II, Case 11, B-1.
  - 50 - Ibid.



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received. On February 14, the Stingray was patrolling south and west of Losap Island, and south on a westerly course from South Island, Truk Atoll searching for the Ultra target. At 2045 (GCT) on that same day, a small trawler was sighted at position 7-02 N, 150-45 E. From February 16 through 20 a patrol was conducted west, southwest, and northwest of Truk between East Fayu and Namonuito Island. There was no further contact with any enemy vessel. 52

The U.S.S. Tarpon was searching for an enemy submarine from February 10 through 15, in the vicinity of Mikura Shima, Miyaka Shima, Kosu Shima and Manila. No contact with the con- 53  
voy was reported, and on February 18, a Japanese dispatch was intercepted which revealed that the 54  
convoy had resumed its course.

February 13, 1943

Case 12

A report of the possible presence of

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51 - II, Case 11, C-1.  
52 - II, Case 11, C-2.  
53 - II, Case 8, C-6.  
54 - II, Case 11, D-1.

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a Japanese destroyer at position 07 N Longitude  
180 (no date time given) was sent to the U.S.S.  
Swordfish on February 13, 1943. The submarine<sup>55</sup>  
received the dispatch and crossed the 180th<sup>56</sup>  
meridian at 2032 (GCT) on February 14 to search  
for the vessel. Nothing was sighted while the<sup>57</sup>  
Swordfish was in this area.

February 13, 1943

Case 13

From Radio Intelligence, operational  
headquarters received the information that two  
unidentified merchantmen were leaving Kwajalein for  
Saipan at 0100 (GCT) on February 15 and Kusai for  
Eniwetok at 2100 (GCT) on February 13, respectively.  
Another merchantman was en route to Mille from  
Kwajalein on February 13 at the time that this in-  
formation was sent in an operational dispatch from<sup>58</sup>  
ComSubPac to the U.S.S. Pompano. In the same  
dispatch, the U.S.S. Flying Fish and the U.S.S.  
Stingray were ordered to search for an enemy

55 - II, Case 12, B-1.  
56 - II, Case 12, C-1.  
57 - II, Case 12, C-2.  
58 - II, Case 13, B-1.

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submarine en route to Truk from the Empire.  
Its noon positions (I time zone) were listed for  
February 12, 15 and 17 the time of its arrival  
at South Pass, Truk were given. 59

The ComSubPac message was received 60  
and at 0825 (GCT) on February 13, 1943, the U.S.S.  
Pompano entered the Marshall Islands Area. Later,  
on the same day it submerged 70 miles southwest  
of Kwajalein, and on the following day the submarine  
set its course to arrive on the line between Ensal  
and Eniwetok by the night of February 15. On Feb-  
ruary 15 a ship of narrow beam under 500 tons was  
sighted. 61

No entry was made for February 16  
in the War Patrol Report but on February 17, a  
naval tanker was sighted at position 8-30 N,  
162-36 E. The Pompano trailed the vessel until  
it reached position 7-33 N, 165-40 E at 1548 (GCT)  
on the subsequent day. An attack was conducted and  
the maru was damaged with two hits. 62  
However, due

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59 - Ibid.  
60 - II, Case 13, C-1.  
61 - II, Case 13, C-2.  
62 - Ibid.

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to the difference in position it is assumed that this contact was not with one of the vessels reported in Ultra 132311.

Although the enemy submarine had been reported west of the Bonin Islands, <sup>63</sup> the U.S.S. Flying Fish on February 14, 15 and 16 was patrolling in the Marianas near Pagan Island. On February 15 a 6000-ton freighter with air and surface escorts was sighted. Four torpedoes were fired and after two hits, the vessel was <sup>64</sup> sunk. The U.S.S. Stingray entered the assigned area at 1430 (GCT) on February 16 in order to intercept the enemy submarine but there were no <sup>65</sup> contacts and nothing was reported.

February 14, 1945

Case 14

It was learned from an intercepted Japanese dispatch of February 14, 1943, that the Shinkoku Maru would leave Jaluit at 2000 (GCT) on

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- 63 - II, Case 13, B-1.
  - 64 - II, Case 13, C-5.
  - 65 - II, Case 13, C-8.

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that day en route to Kwajalein. The information was also supplied that the Pompano had been sighted by the enemy on the surface on February 13 at position 07-00 S, 154-30 E. This intelligence was sent by ComSubPac to the U.S.S. Pompano at 2342 (GCT) on February 14. Nothing was reported on the following day by the submarine other than a small vessel under 500 tons; however, on February 18, a naval tanker was attacked and damaged by two hits at position 7-33 N, 165-40 E. Due to the length of time between the sailing of the Shinkoku Maru and the sinking of the naval tanker, it is improbable that they were the same vessel. In addition, the vessel attacked was in a position farther to the west than the route of the Ultra target.

February 16, 1943

Case 15

In an operational dispatch of February 16, 1943, ComSubPac notified the U.S.S. Pompano of the noon position for February 18 of one medium-sized tanker. It was scheduled to

66 - II, Case 14, A-1.  
67 - II, Case 14, B-1.  
68 - II, Case 13, C-2.

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be at 05N, 166E at 0300 (GCT) February 18 and at 08-20N, 159-05E sixty hours later. A second target, the Borneo Maru, was scheduled to fuel an escort at 08-30N, 163E, date and time unknown but about February 20. This second target was important; the Pompano pursued and attacked it on February 17 and 18; see II, Case 18. The submarine made no contact with the first target, the medium sized tanker.

February 16, 1943

Case 16

On February 14, the U.S.S. Runner had attacked at Palau a vessel which was later identified as the Tokyo Maru.<sup>71</sup> Two days later ComSubPac sent another dispatch to the Runner with the information that the same maru would be at the main entrance of Palau at 2300 (GCT) on February 16.<sup>72</sup> The U.S.S. Runner was patrolling submerged off Toagel Hlungui Passage, Palau, but

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- 69 - II, Case 15, B-1.
  - 70 - II, Case 15, C-2.
  - 71 - II, Case 9, C-2.
  - 72 - II, Case 16, B-1.

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due to rain and low visibility, nothing was sighted. At 0357 (GCT) at position 7-35 N, 134-25 E on February 19, two destroyers were sighted and when the range closed it was seen that there was a convoy made up of two freighters each flanked by a destroyer. Four charges were fired at the right hand destroyer, but there were no hits. The firing was then shifted to the freighter, similar to the Akagi Maru. At 0556 (GCT) one torpedo was fired at the enemy vessel followed by two more charges; however, there was no report of possible damage or sinking. <sup>73</sup>

February 16, 1943

Case 17

According to an intercepted Japanese Intelligence dispatch the Yamagiri Maru was scheduled to depart from Tarawa at 1900 (GCT) on February 15, 1943, and the positions for February 17, 19, 22 through 24, and 26 were listed for various times. <sup>74</sup> This information was sent to the

73 - II, Case 16, G-2.

74 - II, Case 17, A-4.

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U.S.S. Pompano and the U.S.S. Sawfish on  
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February 16, 1943.

On the subsequent day at 2230 (GCT) the Pompano contacted a Japanese naval tanker at position 8-30 N, 162-36 E and trailed it to position 7-33 N, 165-40 E. This was in a direction opposite to that reported in the operational  
76  
dispatch 160905.

The ComSubPac message was received  
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but the U.S.S. Sawfish was too far north until February 25. At 2000 (GCT) on February 25 it set its course for Tanega Shima, an island at 30-30 N, 130-30 E, the position of the Yanagiri Maru for that day. However, only a patrol vessel was sighted at 1655 (GCT) on the following day and a small fishing vessel on February 27. No  
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further contact was reported.

February 17, 1943

Case 18

On February 17, 1943, ComSubPac sent an operational dispatch to the U.S.S. Stinson concerning the Japanese submarine I-6. The noon

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75 - II, Case 17, E-1.  
76 - II, Case 17, C-2.  
77 - II, Case 17, C-4.  
78 - II, Case 17, C-5.



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positions (0300 (GCT)) for February 18, 21 and 23 and the time of its entry into the North Channel at Truk were given. The U.S.S. Trigger was to intercept the vessel if in the vicinity anywhere north of 11 N, and the U.S.S. Halibut was directed to join in the search in the area south of 11 N. In the same message, and also in ComSubPac dispatch 171748, the U.S.S. Pompano was again warned to be on the lookout for the Borneo Maru class vessel which was due at Jaluit on the afternoon of February 20, and which would be fueling an escort vessel at 8-30 N, 163 E on February 18 or 19.

At 0917 (GCT) on February 21, the U.S.S. Stinson sighted a patrol vessel at position 6-40-30 N, 149-39 E. The submarine retired to the west although later left this area and patrolled south of Truk. On the following three days, it was patrolling southwest, south and southeast of Truk. The ComSubPac message had

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79 - II, Case 18, B-1.  
80 - II, Case 18, B-1, B-2.  
81 - II, Case 18, C-2.

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been received, but no contacts were reported,  
and it was believed that the submarines presence  
was known to the enemy. 83

An unknown type ship was sighted by  
the U.S.S. Trigger at position 15-12 N, 156-02 E  
at 0805 (GCT) on February 20; however, this was  
not the position reported for the enemy submarine.  
There was no attack and on February 22, the Truk-  
Empire route was searched but no contacts were  
reported. 84

On February 19, the U.S.S. Halibut  
changed its course to conduct a surface patrol  
along the Empire-Kwajalein track. At 0500 (GCT)  
on February 22, signals on SD Radar in position  
250 miles from Truk were noted. On the following  
two days, the submarine was patrolling the Empire-  
Truk and Kwajalein-Truk routes. The patrol was  
uneventful and nothing was sighted. 85

Meanwhile, on February 17 at position  
8-30 N, 162-36 E, at 2230 (GCT) a Japanese naval

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82 - II, Case 18, C-1.  
83 - II, Case 18, C-2.  
84 - II, Case 18, C-4.  
85 - II, Case 18, C-7.

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tanker was sighted by the U.S.S. Pompano. On the following day at position 7-33 N, 165-40 E at 2116 (GCT) the tanker was attacked and damaged with two hits. <sup>86</sup> This was a positive contact with ComSubPac Ultra and was verified by the Japanese dispatch <sup>87</sup> 191149.

February 18, 1943

Case 19

Two merchantmen coming from due south were scheduled to arrive at Palau Island at 0100 (GCT) on February 18, 1943. This operational <sup>88</sup> dispatch was sent to the U.S.S. Runner for action. In the First War Patrol Report of the submarine, no entry had been made for February 18. At 0138 (GCT) on the following day, two freighters with two destroyer escorts were contacted at position 17-35 N, 134-25 E. One of the freighters, similar <sup>89</sup> to the Akagi Maru class was damaged. This was a positive contact in regard to the information of <sup>90</sup> the 180352 Ultra.

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86 - II, Case 18, C-9.  
87 - II, Case 18, D-2.  
88 - II, Case 19, B-1.  
89 - II, Case 19, C-2.  
90 - II, Case 19, B-1.

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February 18, 1943

Case 20

It was learned from an intercepted dispatch of February 17 that a two-ship convoy had left Yokosuka February 11 and that an escort ship from Kwajalein would rendezvous with the convoy at 2300 (GCT) February 20. On the 23rd the convoy would divide, one ship going to Kwajalein and the other to Tarawa.<sup>91</sup> On February 18 ComSubPac notified the U.S.S. Halibut that the convoy would be at 14N, 161-11E at 0300 (GCT) February 20 and would meet an escort at 2300 on that day. The U.S.S. Plunger was informed that one of the ships would reach Tarawa February 24.

On February 19 the Halibut, searching along the Espire-Kwajalein route, sighted at 2220 (GCT) a single freighter on a northwest course, attacked and sank it at 1000 (GCT) February 20. The freighter was sighted in position 14-33 N, 161-17 E. The Ultra targets were due on a southeast course in position 14 N, 161-40E at 0300 (GCT) February 20. The freighter, then, cannot have been either of the ships of the convoy nor the escort assigned to meet it at 2300 (GCT) February 20. It was sighted while the U.S.S. Halibut was searching for the Ultra targets, but the latter were not contacted.

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91 - IF, Case 20, A-1, A-2.  
92 - II, Case 20, B-1.

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The submarine searched for the accompanying vessel but decided that the target had been unaccompanied and abandoning the search, set its course for Truk at 0500 (GCT) on February 21.<sup>93</sup>

On February 24, at 1300 (GCT) the U.S.S. Plunger set its course for the Tarawa entrance, and seven hours later began a close patrol covering the entrance. A freighter of the Nama Maru class accompanied by a small escort vessel was sighted at 0116 (GCT) on February 25. Two torpedoes were fired at the enemy ship but there were no hits, and the target was abandoned because of increased enemy reinforcements.<sup>94</sup> This is a probable contact with the target reported in Ultra.<sup>95</sup>

February 18, 1943

Case 21

One unidentified Japanese submarine was scheduled to depart from Tokyo Bay on the afternoon of February 18, and enter Kii Channel the following morning.<sup>96</sup> This information was sent

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- 93 - II, Case 20, C-2.
  - 94 - II, Case 20, C-5.
  - 95 - II, Case 20, E-1.
  - 96 - II, Case 21, A-1.

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to the U.S.S. Tarpon in ComSubPac dispatch 180930.<sup>97</sup>  
Although ComSubPac's message was received,<sup>98</sup> due to  
rough weather the search for the enemy submarine  
was prevented. There was no contact and on February  
18, the Tarpon set its course for Midway.<sup>99</sup>

February 20, 1943

Case 22

In an operational dispatch of February  
20, the U.S.S. Halibut learned that one unescorted  
vessel of the Sinkoku Maru class had departed from  
Kwajalein 2000 (GCT) February 17 and would pass  
through position 15 N, 161-30 E, and 15-40 N, 150 E  
en route to Saipan. If in position, the submarine  
was ordered to intercept the vessel.<sup>100</sup>

In the same message, the U.S.S. Tarpon,  
having left the Yokosuka area for Midway, February  
18, was ordered to search for three Japanese sub-  
marines reported to be headed east from position  
33-25 N, 148 E at 0300 (GCT) on that same day.

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97 - II, Case 21, B-1.  
98 - II, Case 21, C-1.  
99 - II, Case 21, C-2.  
100 - II, Case 22, B-1.

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Although their destination was indefinite, it was assumed that these ships were en route to  
101  
the Aleutians.

Also included in the ComSubPac Ultra was a message for the U.S.S. Stingray. A submarine was approaching from the south to enter Truk South Pass at 2000 (GCT) on February 21, and a merchantman the Akita Maru would pass ten miles south of Pulusuk Island and then through position 6-53 N, 150-30 E. The exact date of the route of the latter  
102  
vessel was unknown.

Although the U.S.S. Stingray was in the vicinity of the area through which the enemy submarine and the merchantman were to pass, several patrol boats were encountered but neither the sub-  
103  
marine nor the Akita Maru were sighted.

On February 18, 1943, the U.S.S. Halibut departed from the Wake area, and two days later became engaged with the Syoan Maru class freighter at position 14-33 N, 161-17 E. No contact  
104  
with the Sinkoku Maru class vessel was noted.

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- 101 - Ibid.  
102 - Ibid.  
103 - II, Case 22, C-2.  
104 - II, Case 22, C-4.

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Radio reception for the U.S.S. Tarpon  
105  
was complete and though the submarine was in the  
area, there was no mention of sighting subs on or  
106  
around February 18.

February 21, 1943

Case 23

From Radio Intelligence operational  
headquarters received the information that a  
merchantman of either the Susa Maru or Husimi Maru  
class had departed Ponape February 19 en route to  
107  
Jaluit. On February 21, ComSubPac notified the  
U.S.S. Pompano of the route of the ship plus the  
fact that an escort vessel might be accompanying  
108  
or preceding it. The submarine in the area but  
not in the exact position of the enemy vessel, was  
patrolling in the vicinity of position 8-30 N,  
162-36 E on February 18 where it sighted a tanker  
and trailed it through the following day. No con-  
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tact resulted with the Ultra target.

105 - II, Case 22, C-5.  
106 - II, Case 22, C-6.  
107 - II, Case 23, B-1.  
108 - Ibid.  
109 - II, Case 23, C-2.



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In the same Ultra dispatch, the U.S.S. Stingray was given additional information in regard to the merchant ship which had been scheduled to pass ten miles south of Pulusuk Island. The submarine had not been given the date in the previous dispatch, but it was now notified that the vessel would be at the designated position on February 21.

At 1920 (GCT) on February 20, the Stingray was patrolling to the east and southeast of Pulusuk Island. Several patrol vessels were sighted, but no contact was made, and the submarine set its course for Truk.

February 23, 1943

Case 24

In a February translation of a Japanese intelligence report of December 22 it was learned that an enemy submarine, the I-18 would be at position 17-08 N, 144-44 E at 0900 (GCT) on that same day and at position 9-29 N,

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110 - II, Case 23, E-1.  
111 - II, Case 22, E-1.  
112 - II, Case 23, E-1.  
113 - II, Case 23, C-4.

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150-24 B at 0800 (GCT) on December 24. This in-  
formation was sent in a ComSubPac dispatch to the  
U.S.S. Halibut; however, the dates were given for  
February rather than December. 115 It was further  
learned from another Japanese dispatch that a  
transport vessel which was part of a convoy would  
pass through position 9-05 N, 153-30 E at 0300 (GCT)  
on February 24, en route to the North Pass of Truk  
at 0400 (GCT) on the following day. 116 This informa-  
tion was sent to the U.S.S. Halibut for action. 117

On February 18, the U.S.S. Plunger  
had been notified to search for a ship due to ar-  
rive at Tarawa on February 24. 118 In the ComSubPac  
message 230700 the Plunger was further notified  
that the vessel had been delayed and positions  
for February 23 and 24 were listed. 119

The Halibut conducted a submerged  
patrol along the Empire-Truk and Kwajalein-Truk  
routes on February 22 and 23. Though the submarine  
was in the designated area there were no contacts  
and the patrol was uneventful. 120

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114 - II, Case 24, A-1.  
115 - II, Case 24, B-1.  
116 - II, Case 24, A-2.  
117 - II, Case 24, B-1.  
118 - II, Case 20, B-1.  
119 - II, Case 24, B-1.  
120 - II, Case 24, C-2.

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On February 23, the U.S.S. Plunger conducted a patrol near Makin and on the following day, set its course for Tarawa, covering the entrance to the Island. Nothing was sighted. <sup>121</sup>

February 25, 1943

Case 25

The Yamakuni Maru, departing from Wake Island at 0600 (GCT) on February 26 en route to the Empire, was scheduled to pass through position 24 N, 150 E. <sup>122</sup> In a ComSubPac dispatch of February 25, the U.S.S. Kingfish received this information for action. <sup>123</sup> From February 23 to the 28th, the submarine patrolled the area around Midway, but nothing was sighted. It was necessary that the Kingfish slow to one engine speed; therefore, there was a possibility of its being unable to reach the position at the desired time. <sup>124</sup> In the same Ultra dispatch, the U.S.S. Plunger was informed that the course of the vessel which it was to meet at Tarawa, <sup>125</sup> had been altered. <sup>126</sup> Another

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- 121 - II, Case 24, C-4.
  - 122 - II, Case 25, A-1, A-2, A-3.
  - 123 - II, Case 25, B-1.
  - 124 - II, Case 25, C-2.
  - 125 - II, Case 24, B-1.
  - 126 - II, Case 25, B-1.

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target, a 14,000 ton fleet tanker plus one small escort, was departing Jaluit at 2000 (GCT) on February 26. The destination of the enemy ship was indefinite, but it was dropping its escort in position 8 N, 160 E. The Plunger was ordered to intercept this new target if possible. <sup>127</sup>

On February 25, at 1800 (GCT) the Plunger was patrolling the entrances to Jaluit, and two days later, a Shiretoko class Maru was sighted at position 43° and 16 miles off the coast. At 1300 (GCT) on February 27, an attack was conducted with four torpedoes being fired. <sup>128</sup> The tanker was damaged, but not sunk. According to Japanese intelligence reports of February 28, the Iro Maru a tanker of the same class as the Shiretoko Maru was attacked and damaged at 1327 (GCT) on February 27, in position 280 degrees <sup>129</sup> and 135 miles from Jaluit. Although the positions of the two tanker's differ in their positions off Jaluit Island in the report given by the Plunger, <sup>130</sup> and that given by the Japanese Intelligence dispatch

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- 127 - Ibid.  
128 - II, Case 25, C-4.  
129 - II, Case 25, D-2.  
130 - II, Case 25, C-4.

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from Commander of the Jaluit Base Force, it is positive that the vessel attacked by the Plunzer was the Iro tanker since the times of the attacks coincide.

Meanwhile, the U.S.S. Halibut had received information from ComSubPac that two unidentified vessels would pass through position 11-47 N, 143-38 E and proceed to position 7-40 N, 147-34 E where they were scheduled to meet an escort at 0300 (GCT) on February 27. 132

On February 26, 27 and 28, the Halibut patrolled the designated areas. Nothing was sighted and the search was abandoned. 133

February 26, 1943

Case 26

In a dispatch dated February 26, 1943 ComSubPac disclosed to the U.S.S. Trigger that a transport vessel would arrive at Palau at 0730 (GCT) March 1, via position 00-20 N, 147-47 E at 1400 (GCT) on February 26, and 01-20 N, 146-12 E where

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131 - II, Case 25, D-2.  
132 - II, Case 25, B-1.  
133 - II, Case 25, C-7.

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the escort vessel would be dropped seven hours  
134  
later.

The Trigger, en route from Midway,  
was unable to reach Palau for operations and on  
February 26 took its position on the Palau-Wewak  
Course. At 2134 (GCT) on that day, a freighter  
similar to the Kasii Maru was sighted, and 15  
minutes later it was attacked. Four torpedoes  
were fired but the target successfully avoided  
the charges. There were no other contacts, and  
apparently the transport was not sighted. 135

In a previous dispatch the U.S.S.  
Halibut had received information concerning two  
unidentified vessels. 136  
The schedule of the ships  
had been altered, 137  
no contact was later reported  
by the submarine. 138

February 27, 1943

Case 27

A freighter en route from the Short-  
land Islands was scheduled to meet an escort vessel  
at 0500 (GCT) on February 28 in position 3-55 N,

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134 - II, Case 26, B-1.  
135 - II, Case 26, C-2.  
136 - II, Case 25, B-1.  
137 - II, Case 26, B-1.  
138 - II, Case 26, C-7.

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166 E. Fifteen hours later it would pass through  
position 5-50 N, 167-15 E.<sup>139</sup> This information was  
sent to the U.S.S. Plunger for possible action  
in a ComSubPac message of February 27.<sup>140</sup> At this  
time, however, the submarine was engaged with a  
Shiretaka class maru.<sup>141</sup> On March 1 an unidentified  
vessel was sighted, but no contact was made, be-  
cause of darkness.<sup>142</sup>

February 27, 1943

Case 28

From a Japanese Intelligence dispatch  
it was learned that an unidentified ship was  
scheduled to arrive at the North Channel of Truk  
at 0530 (GCT) on March 1. Positions were given  
for February 28 at 1600 and 2300 (GCT).<sup>143</sup> On  
February 27 this information was sent to the U.S.S.  
Halibut,<sup>144</sup> which was conducting an uneventful patrol  
between the Onon and Hall Islands.<sup>145</sup> Four days later  
on March 3 the submarine was patrolling the Saipan-  
Empire track when two freighters were sighted, one

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139 - II, Case 27, A-1.  
140 - II, Case 27, B-1.  
141 - II, Case 25, C-4.  
142 - II, Case 26, C-2.  
143 - II, Case 28, A-1.  
144 - II, Case 28, B-1.  
145 - II, Case 28, C-2.

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of which, was similar to the Manila Maru, a passenger freighter. An attack was made and after two hits it was believed that the passenger vessel was sunk, at position 10-18½ N, 146-42½ E. This contact was not made with the target reported in Ultra.

February 28, 1943

Case 29

The U.S.S. Sawfish learned in an operational dispatch from ComSubPac on February 28 that an important maru would meet an escort vessel at 0300 (GCT) on March 2 at a given position, en route to Bungo Suido, arriving there at 0100 (GCT) on the following day.

A patrol boat was sighted in this area on February 28, and on March 1 the submarine conducted a periscope patrol. A search was made but there was no contact, possibly due to heavy seas.

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- 146 - Ibid.
  - 147 - II, Case 28, B-1.
  - 148 - II, Case 29, B-1.
  - 149 - II, Case 29, A-1.
  - 150 - II, Case 29, C-2.



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APPENDIX II

Intelligence, Operational Dispatches, Submarine  
Action Reports and Verifications - February 1943

Case 1

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM: YAWA 49  
TO: WOKA 2 (Garbled)  
INFO: SAYAKE

31/1751 January  
JN 20 F

#5 Special Base Operation Order #385.

1. One blank ship at Miyajima blank the commander of the 54th Guard District is to have charge of the defense of the ship.

2. The Commander of the 54th Guard District is to protect also the ships anchored at Rota.

(NSS\*-311935-JAN-DI)

No. A-2

FROM: YATA 4 (Unident)  
TO: WOKA 3 (Unident)  
INFO: SAYAKE (Unident)

31/1751 January  
JN 20 F

Special Base Force Opord #blank 8:

1. From now on 1 blank (type manowar) will be dispatched blank. Commander Guard division #54 will be in charge the ship will regard guard duties.

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\* Radio Station, Washington, D.C.

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2. Guard Division #54 will be responsible for guarding ships at anchor ROTA.

(T2W\*-010327-FEB-DI)

No. A-3

FROM: N??  
TO: J MITE

01/1415 February  
JN 20 F

Inform me of such of your schedule of operations that I must have (to provide) anti-submarine screen.

(NPM\*\*-011218-FEB-DI)

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: CTF 7  
TO: FLYING FISH  
INFO: CINCPAC

02/0712 February

PREC: PRIORITY

SUBPAC SERIAL 4 ULTRA FOR FLYING FISH X 132 OR 215 POPCORN ARRIVES SAIPAN FEBRUARY 4TH THEN PROCEEDS VIA TINIAN AND ROTA TO GUAM ARRIVING 8TH X NIPS ARE STARTING NEW ANTI-SUB MEASURES VICINITY SAIPAN AND ROTA X YOU MUST BE GETTING IN THEIR HAIR

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\* Radio Station, Belconnen, Australia  
\*\* Radio Station, Honolulu, T. H.

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C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Flying Fish

Fourth War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: No difficulty copying schedules.

No. C-2

February 4

Patrolled Saipan - Empire Route.

February 5

Closed Tinian Island observed SUNHARON  
Roadstead 3500 yards from coastline.....

February 6

1440 (K) Closed Tinian Island to reconnoiter anchorage. One 7000 ton freighter, unidentified, was anchored in Sunharon Roadstead. Two small trawlers were patrolling to seaward of the harbor. No other ships at anchor, and no additional anti-submarine measures noticeable. After determining the target's position and having taken a position presenting an acceptable track angle, fired three torpedoes, straight stern shots, at an average range of 3500 yards. Eleven minutes after firing her bow was at the waterline, she had a bad port list and was on fire forward. I did not see her sink, I feel confident she did, and very soon.

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Case 1 (Cont.)

No. C-3

Description of Contact

No.	8	9
Date	2-6	2-6
Time	1310K	-
Position	14-57-00N	14-56-30N 145-34-15E
Course		
Anchored	var.	Searching area
Speed	-	-
Type	7000 ton freighter	3 patrol vessels (armed trawler)

Case 2

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM:	YANE 1	02/1152 February
TO:	WINAME	JN 40
INFO:	METI 5	Serial 72
	RAMO 2	

Convoy February 3 noon position 16-56N, 143-18E.

Course 127. Desire rendezvous ? with above  
convoy.

Note: Time group questionable on only copy our  
intercept which was intercepted on the  
Saipan to Truk circuit at 2320 February  
2nd.

(T2W-022150-FEB-DI)

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Case 2 (Cont.)

No. A-2

FROM: YANE 1 02/1753 February  
TO: RAMO 5 JN 40  
Enciphered Chiku Serial 070  
Maru  
INFO: 4 unidents

"An order to attack enemy submarines and strengthen the escort of "X" convoy, destroyer OITE\* left at 1700 and is scheduled to rendezvous early tomorrow morning. We are also dispatching 2 seaplanes."

\* says Oikaze, which are characters for Oite.

COMMENT: Since, originator's serial 072 at 022152 directs unknown unit to rendezvous with convoy (composition not given) at 1200 Feb. 3 at 16-06 or 16-56N, 143-18E.

(NSS-022115-FEB-DI)

No. A-3

FROM: YANE 1 02/2152 February  
TO: WINAME JN 40  
INFO: METI 5 Serial 072  
RAMO 5

At 1200 February 3 convoy will be at position 16-06 (garbled) North, 143-18 East. Course 127 degrees. Desire that you rendezvous with the convoy.

COMMENT: Position 16-06 garbled and may be 16-56 North.

(NSS-021904-FEB-DI)

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Case 2 (Cont.)

No. A-4

FROM: TANEI  
TO: WINAME  
INFO: METI 5  
RAMO 5

02/2152 February  
JN 40  
SMS #0 2

At 1200 3rd Convoy posit 16° 56' North, 143° 18'  
East course 127°. Desire that you join above  
convoy.

(02 FEB-DI)

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: RDO LUALUALEI  
TO: ALL SUBMARINES  
COPYING NPM FOX  
INFO: ---  
PREC: OP OP

02/1717 February

MORE DOPE FOR FLYING FISH X ULTRA X CONVOY 1221  
(COURSE 126) X BLANK (SPEED UNKNOWN) X MINUS 900  
(TIME 0300) X MINUS 12 (DATE 3RD) X FOX NAN YOKE  
DOG 5618 (16-56 NORTH 143-18 EAST) X SUBPAC  
SERIAL 5 X

C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Flying Fish

Fourth War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: No difficulty copying schedules.

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Case 2 (Cont.)

No. C-2

February 3-4

Patrolled SAIPAN-EMPIRE route.

(Report does not mention convoy during the first week February. Ed. Note.)

Case 3

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM:	YANE 1	02/0230 February
TO:	MOYOKU	JN 40
	WAWIE	SMS #071
INFO:	TAWIKU (Guard Division	Part 1 of 2
	#43)	
	WE (Shinyo Maru)	
	NTI 6	

Shinyo Maru departs Fais 1800 2nd for Mike. Scheduled to arrive afternoon of 13th. Speed 6 knots.

Noon positions:

3rd Feb.	11-24 North,	139-44 East.
4th Feb.	13-36 North,	138-42 East.
5th Feb.	15-45 North,	137-37 East.
6th Feb.	17-55 North,	136-35 East.
7th Feb.	20-07 North,	135-28 East.
8th Feb.	22-18 North,	134-23 East.
9th Feb.	24-28 North,	134-23 East.
10th Feb.	26-37 North,	132-09 East.
11th Feb.	28-48 North,	130-58 East.
12th Feb.	31-00 North,	129-51 East.

At 1000 the 12th 4 miles West of Kuroshima.

(NPM-022244-022248-FEB-DI)

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Case 3 (Cont.)

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: COMSUBPAC 02/1740 February  
TO: ALL SUBMARINES COPYING FOX  
INFO: CINCPAC  
  
PREC: OP OP

M FENNO MAY BE CAN USE X ULTRA X POPLAR X BLANK X  
BLANK X MINUS 900 X MINUS 12 X BQNG 2444 (11-24  
NORTH 139-44 EAST) ALGAROBA X KXAL 3642 (13-36  
NORTH 138-42 EAST) X GHHV 4537 (15-45 NORTH 137-37  
EAST) SUBPAC 6A X

C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Runner

First War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Radio reception was satisfactory  
as no submarine messages were  
missed. This was due, however,  
mainly to the fact that messages  
were repeated.

No. C-2

February 2

0634 (K) Patrolling on surface across track of  
shipping in Area \_\_\_\_\_.



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Case 3, No. C-2 (Cont.)

0934 (Z) Sighted ship. Contact #2. Dove and commenced submerged attack. When range closed sufficiently a second ship was sighted astern of the first. Both ships were single stack freighters with king-posts forward and aft, of Izabiko Maru class. They were making frequent radical zigzags. Three P.C. escorts were sighted in position along the near side of the convoy. Made ready the bow tubes and at 1045 (Z) fired three torpedoes at the leading ship, on an 80° divergent spread. Attack #1. After twenty and twenty-five seconds two torpedo hits were heard. Immediately after firing the first three torpedoes, shifted to the second ship and fired three torpedoes at her at 1200 yards range and a sharper track, using a similar spread. Attack #2. Forty seconds after firing four and five respectively, two more torpedo explosions were heard. After the fourth explosion neither freighter's screw could be heard. Two minutes and two minutes and five seconds after firing at second ship two dull explosions were heard. These may have been internal explosions in target. Sound reported crackling or rumbling noises which were targets breaking up. We were inside the screen but about 500 yards in front of the second escort at the time of firing. Altered course to evade and went to deep submergence after a quick look at the leading ship showed her settling and much brown smoke in evidence. There is no question in the Commanding Officer's mind but that both ships sank practically at once.

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Case 3, No. C-2 (Cont.)

February 3

0405 (K) Having cleared Area \_\_\_\_\_, set course for Area \_\_\_\_\_.

February 4

0820 (I) Patrolling on surface.  
1815 (I) Headed for better area. Set course for Area \_\_\_\_\_.

February 5

2020 (I) Entered Area \_\_\_\_\_.

February 6

0955 (I) Patrolling submerged five miles off Toogel Mangal Passage, Palau.  
1052 (I) Sighted two minesweepers or auxiliary vessels of about six hundred tons, standing out of entrance and apparently listening for submarines (contact #3). We believed larger ships might be following them out so commenced approach. Both vessels were making about five knots, stopping occasionally and steering various courses within 90 degrees of 270. No echo ranging was heard. Leading vessel was flying signal flags. Both vessels smoked continuously. After about an hour leading vessel appeared to hear us because the angle on the bow stayed around zero and she closed slowly. Later events indicate she may have tipped off the planes.  
1241 (I) The first of 6 depth charges or aerial bombs were heard fairly close astern. Sound could hear no screws, and periscope observations revealed nothing. The water here is ideal for planes to spot submarines.

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Case 3, No. C-2 (Cont.)

Being in the lee of the island, the water is calm, light blue and glassy smooth. Each time a depth charge or bomb was heard no screws could be picked up. One bomb was dropped fairly close while the Commanding Officer had the periscope up trying to find out who the bombs or depth charges were meant for.

1300 (I) A small sampan was sighted astern at about 1000 yards and heading to sea. On surfacing a serious oil leak was discovered in the stern plane tilting hydraulic pump. It appeared that to make repairs it would be necessary to put the stern planes out of commission, so it was decided to retire to northwest corner of area to accomplish the work. The leak was in the gasket between the pump body and valve plate of the Waterbury A end, and threatened to drain all our hydraulic oil out of the system.

No. C-3

Description of Contact

No.	2
Date	2-2
Time	0943K
Position	20N 142E
Type	2 freighters and 3 PC escorts.
Course	150
Speed	9
Remarks	Yanabiko Maru class. Attacks 1 and 2.

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Case 4A - Source of IntelligenceNo. A-1

FROM: TUMASE 5  
TO: #2 Surface Escort  
Force (encyphered)  
4th Fleet (?)  
(encyphered)  
INFO: WAMISO

02/0630 February  
JN 40  
SMS #071

Noon posits this ship as follows:

Feb. 2 at 13-22N., 142-40E.  
Feb. 3 at 10-48N., 145-30 (or 145-36) E.  
Feb. 4 at 08-35N., 148-00E.

At 2300 Feb. 4 pass 10 miles to North of Pourapu  
(Pulap) Island and point "R".

At 1500 Feb. 5 arrive at point "N".

(NPM-020716-FEB-DI)

B - Operational DispatchesNo. B-1

FROM: CTF 7  
TO: POMPANO  
INFO: CINCPAC

02/2347 February

PREC: OP OP

SUBPAC SERIAL 7 X 1 POPLAR PROBABLY NO LEMON  
X BLANK X BLANK X MINUS 900 X MINUS 12 X XLBZ  
4830 (10 48 NORTH 145 30 EAST) X ALGAROA X  
SMCC 3500 (8 35 NORTH 148 00 EAST) X ULTRA FOR  
POMPANO X 11 HOURS LATER DCKY 4825 (7 48 NORTH  
149 25 EAST)

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Case 4 (Cont.)

C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Pompano

Fourth War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Reception of NPM on the surface was good throughout the patrol. Underwater reception was possible at a 45 foot depth only and at a distance not exceeding 2400 miles from Pearl.

No. C-2

February 3

1628 (K) Lat. 06-59N Long. 151-46E sighted patrol vessel.  
1852 (K) Again saw possible blinker signals on OLLAN IS.

February 4

0847 (K) Enroute to a desired position N.W. of TRUK. Lat 08-07N Long. 149-34E conducting a surface periscope search sighted tops of a ship. Submerged and conducted attack on Tanker with escort and damaged Tanker with one hit.

February 7

1604 (K) Patrolled same line as yesterday. Will patrol to E of OTTA PASS tomorrow to cover S lanes from N.E. pass.

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Case 4 (Cont.)

No. C-3

Description of Contact

No.	12
Date	Feb. 4
Time	0847 (K)
Position	08-07 N 149-34 E
Type	Tank & Patrol
Course	130
Speed	8
Remarks	Attack #2. Tanker like pg 272 ONI 208-J, loaded. Escort small gun or torpedo boat, no gun forward.

Case 5

A - Source of Intelligence

(This intercepted Japanese dispatch is not available. Ed. Note.)

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: COMSUBPAC  
TO: POMPANO  
INFO: CINCPAC

03/1052 February

PREC: PRIORITY

THOMAS WATCH OUT X 3 LITTLE NEW PIGS LEAVING  
SOUTH DOOR X 1ST DEPARTED 7 GCT 3RD FOR POSIT  
01 SOUTH 148 30 EAST ARRIVING 10 GCT 5TH X  
2ND GOES THROUGH GATE ON 4TH AT 4 GCT FOR  
POSIT ABOUT 2 MILES EAST OF ABOVE ARRIVING  
930 GCT 6TH X LAST ONE FOLLOWS SAME PATH BUT  
3 HOURS LATER X POMPANO GETS THIS ULTRA X  
SUBPAC SERIAL 9 X

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Case 5 (Cont.)

C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Pompano

Fourth War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Reception of NPM on the surface  
was good throughout the patrol.

No. C-2

February 4

0847 (K) Enroute to a desired position N.W. of TRUK.  
Lat. 08-07 N Long. 149-34 E conducting a  
surface periscope search sighted tops of a  
ship. Submerged and conducted attack on  
Tanker with escort and damaged Tanker with  
one hit.

February 6

1030 (K) Lat. 6-58 N Long. 151-59 E sighted a patrol  
vessel on a S course.  
1142 (K) Lat. 07-3 N Long. 151-49 E made our third  
approach on a heavily smoking "catcher"  
type patrol vessel not worth a torpedo.  
Course S. He passed again on a N course  
one hour later.  
1352 (K) Lat. 07-02 N Long. 151-42 E sighted twin  
tail, 4 motor patrol plane.  
1432 (K) Same position sighted a two motor torpedo  
plane. Patrolled a N.W. S.E. line 4 to 5  
miles off KUOP ATOLL to cover S and some  
W approached to OTTA PASS.

February 7

0719 (K) Lat 6-50 N. Long. 151-43 E sighted "Catcher"  
patrol vessel.

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Case 5, No. C-2 (Cont.)

1040 (K) Lat. 7-02 N Long. 152-45 E sighted biplane.  
In sight about an hour.  
1232 (K) Lat 7-01 N Long. 151-47 E two small patrol  
vessels passed close aboard.  
1315 (K) Went to 100 feet and ran silent as they  
passed over.  
1602 (K) Lat. 7-05 N Long. 151-49 E sighted patrol  
vessel. Patrolled same line as yesterday.  
Will patrol to E of OTTA PASS tomorrow to  
cover S lane from N.E. pass.

No. C-3

Description of Contact

See II, Case IV, C-3.

Case 6

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM: Blank Originator  
TO: HIKA 7  
KONO 0  
INFO: MEME 3  
MEYO 2  
WARI 5  
NENO 8

08/1712 February  
JN 25-D  
06786

From Comdr. Advance Force.

Advance Force Feb. 9, 0500 position, grid  
WO\_HI 21, course 350.

At 1400, in grid position WOKUNU 32\_.

At \_\_\_\_\_ hours, enter North Channel and arrive  
Truk Anchorage at 1630. Prior to anchoring will  
send 21 shipboard fighters and 14 shipboard attack  
planes to \_\_\_\_\_ Island.



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Case 6, No. A-1 (Cont.)

NSS COMMENT: Course is approximate, grids unrecovered. Can probably fill in blank later, which may change details a little, but clear that Advance Force returning Truk, apparently with at least one carrier in company.

(NSS-081433-FEB-DI)

Code group for island to which the planes are being sent is garbled, but apparently is Bamboo (Take) Island in the Truk group.

(NSS-081540-FEB-DI)

Look at Negats 081433.

How gets 0500 posit as WOSOHI 21 (06-38N., 154-32E). Picking off course from here to 1400 posit gives approximately 296°.

(NPM 082306)

GI COMMENT: Refers to Advance Force returning to Truk.

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: CTF 7 08/1745 February  
TO: POMPANO  
ALL SUBMARINE COPYING  
NPM FOX  
INFO: CINCPAC  
PORPOISE  
PREC: OP OP OP

ULTRA FOR ACTION POMPANO X SUBPAC SERIAL 19 X

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Case 6, No. B-1 (Cont.)

MANY PEANUTS INCLUDING 1 ASH ENTERING NORTH  
PASS 0700 GCT 9TH X AREA 15 NORTH NOW VACANT  
YOU MAY USE IT IN ADDITION YOUR OWN AREA  
UNTIL NOT LATTER THAN SUNSET 10 FEBRUARY

C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Pompano

Fourth War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Reception of NPM on the surface  
was good throughout the patrol.

No. C-2

February 9

0418 (K) Set course for NORTH PASS at full speed  
on 4 engines. Submerged 5 miles W or  
PIANNU PASS with a clear light horizon  
less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before sunrise and went  
to 12 hour rate on the battery. Could  
not make desired position in time, due  
adverse current, no ships sighted.

Case 7

A - Source of Intelligence

(This intercepted Japanese dispatch is not  
available. Ed. Note.)

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Case 7 (Cont.)

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: CTF 7  
TO: STINGRAY  
INFO: CINCPAC  
PREC: OP OP

09/0841 February

THIS IS ULTRA FOR ACTICH STINGRAY OUR SERIAL  
21 X LARGE BIRCH (MARKER) 265 POPCORN MAY BE  
LIPPING WITH SMALL LEMON (ESCORT) BLANK (COURSE)  
BLANK (SPEED) PLUS 930 (2100 GCT) MINUS 6 (9  
FEBRUARY). DEPARTS CTR 4535 (09-45 N 167-35 E)  
HEADED NORTHWEST X BEWARE OF PLANES

C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Stingray

Sixth War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Reception was satisfactory. All  
messages addressed to the Stingray  
and a complete series of ComSubPac  
messages, with the exception of  
ComSubPac serial 22 were received.

No. C-2

February 9

1900 (M) Loft area \_\_\_\_\_ and proceeded towards  
Truk via Ponape Island.

February 10

0640 (M) Submerged all day. Routed all torpedoes.

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Case 7, No. C-2 (Cont.)

February 11

Changed course and sent to ComTaskFor 7,  
Stingray serial 101230.

Case 8

A - Source of Intelligence

(This intercepted Japanese dispatch is not  
available. Ed. Note.)

B - Operational Dispatches

No. 2-1

FROM: COMSOPAC  
TO: ALL SUBS COPYING  
RPM FOX  
CINCPAC

10/1011 February

PREC: PRIORITY

SUBPAC SERIAL 24 X ULTRA X SHIPPING DUE LEAVE  
SALPAT FOR EMPIRE 11 FEBRUARY X ROUTING UNKNOWN  
X THIS FOR FLYING FISH X CERTAIN SHIPPING HAS  
BEEN ROUTED TO EAST OF ISLAND CHAIN DUE YOUR  
PRESENCE X LINES DRAWN BETWEEN FOLLOWING POINTS  
DESCRIBE DEFENSIVE JAP WILDFIELD PROTECTING  
NEARANCE TO TOKYO BAY X NUMERALS ARE MINUTES OF  
LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE X DEGREES ARE ALWAYS 35  
HOURS 139 EAST X A 15 48.5 X B 13 44.5 X C 10  
44.5 X D 10 47 X E 12 48 REP SUB AT 5 HOURS GMT  
FEB 11 WILL BE AT GKOT 0030 AND 18 HOURS LATER  
WILL BE 10 MILES EAST OF MIYAKE SUMA X HADDOCK  
INTERCEPT IF IN VICINITY BUT STAY CLEAR OF AREA  
& BEBE TARTON WILL HANDLE HIM

ULTRA

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Case 8 (Cont.)

C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Flying Fish

Fourth War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: No difficulty copying schedules.

No. C-2

February 10-13

Patrolling east of the Islands and to the northward. Crew received little rest at night due to high seas encountered; periscope depth maintained with difficulty; braced frequently; and patrol not very effective due to limited horizon, even with 8 to 10 feet of periscope exposed. Unable to make more than 5 knots into seas at night. Observed Farallon de Medinilla during the afternoon of 12 February, and Island appeared absolutely bare and deserted.

U.S.S. Haddock

Third War Patrol

No. C-3

Radio Reception: Radio reception was good on 26.1 kcs. and on all of the 4115 kc series except just prior to and during sunrise or sunset. No ComSubPac serial 22 was received.

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Case 8 (Cont.)

No. C-4

February 9

Patrolling Tokyo route.

February 10

0230 (I) Cleared area -- enroute Midway.

U.S.S. TARWON

Sixth War Patrol

No. C-5

Radio Reception: Reception was good on 26.1 kcs. and on all of the 4115 kc series except just prior to and during sunrise or sunset....no ComSub-Pac serial 22 was received.

No. C-6

February 10

Conducted periscope patrol in northwestern part of area along Manila and Fili Suido routes. During night patrolled same routes until 0100 (I) then started back through Islands to get in position to intercept enemy submarine.

February 11

Submerged in southern part of area. Rough seas and gale winds. Impossible maintain periscope depth.  
1913 (I) Sighted small patrol vessel. Avoided.

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Case 8, No. C-6 (Cont.)

February 12

Submerged 10 miles east of Miyake Shima, good periscope weather. No luck, no contact.

February 13

Submerged 12 miles east of Miyake Shima. Periscope patrol all day. 2308 (I) Uneventful. Sighted patrol boat. Lost him when moon went behind cloud. Never did see him again. Radar could not get him.

February 14-15

Conducted periscope patrol proceeding up through the islands passing to southwestward of Mikura Shima, Miyake Shima, and Kozu Shima. During night of February 15, 1943, covered Manila and Kii Suido routes.

Case 9

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM:	TUNI 2	07/2121 February
TO:	WARUNU $\emptyset$	JN 25
	UHAMU	D-34667
	NOARA	
	SUMARU (Rabaul Seaplane Base)	
	NAUWI	
INFO:	KAMA 4	
	SOYO 5	
	METO $\emptyset$	
	MUHA 7	
	TAWIKU 1 (Guard Division #43, Palao)	
	MISEWI (Maru)	

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Case 9, No. A-1 (Cont.)

R Area Defense Force Despatch Opord # \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Total of about 7 marus here of which one is  
Tsukigawa Maru) depart Rabaul 1700 the 8th arrive  
Palao 0800 the 15th \_\_\_\_\_ 2000 the  
8th 04-04 South 152-12 East. 1900, 9th 02-44  
South 149-02 East. 1200, 11th, 02-00 North  
145-46 E. 1800, 12th 05-00 North 143-00 East.  
1700 13th, 06-0 North 140-00 East.

(NSS-082320-FEB-DI)

No. A-2

FROM: TUNI 2 07/2122 February  
TO: UHAMU JN 25  
NOARA D-34667  
SUMARU  
NAUWI  
INFO: KAMA 4 (11th Air Fleet)  
SOYO 5 (Combined Fleet)  
TAWIKU (43rd Guard Division)  
METO Ø  
MUHA 7

Bismark Area Defense Force Information Operation  
Order #84.

1. Army convoy, \_\_\_\_\_ Maru, \_\_\_\_\_ Maru (X43338),  
GESSEN Maru, and \_\_\_\_\_ depart Rabaul at 1700,  
8th and arrive Palao \_\_\_\_\_ 15th. Rest un-  
readable position.

(T2W-080607-FEB-DI)

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: CTF 7 10/1212 February  
TO: ALL SUBS COPYING NPM FOX  
INFO: CINCPAC

MIKE FENNO GETS THIS X ULTRA X BASKET OF FRUIT



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Case 9, No. B-1 (Cont.)

CONTAINING 7 PRARS (TRANSPORTS) AND SEVERAL  
LEMONS (ESCORT VESSELS) X 1218 X (COURSE 106  
DEGREES) X MINUS 1 (SPEED 9 KNOTS) X PLUS 11  
(TIME 2300 GCT) X MINUS 1 (DATE 14 FEB) X  
DCHH 3424 (7-34 HCHHH 134-24 EAST) X BASKET  
SHIPPED FROM GFTQ (4 SCOUR 152 EAST) X BLANK  
(UNKNOWN COURSE) X MINUS (SPEED 9 KNOTS) MINUS  
400 (TIME 0800 GCT) X MINUS 7 (DATE 8 FEB) X  
SUBPAC 25 G X RED TAMPON X FINE X

C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Runner

First War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Radio reception was satisfactory  
as no submarine messages were  
missed.

No. C-2

February 10

Reloaded and at 0119 (I) surfaced and  
ran along most probable track of ship-  
ping but no contact developed. Today  
we ran submerged patrol resting up after  
yesterday's all day attack.

1640 (I) Surfaced.

February 11-12

Patrolling surfaced and submerged in  
area.

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Case 9. No. C-2 (Cont.)

February 13

Patrolling submerged off Toegel Klungui Passage, Palau. Sound could hear the surf beating on the reef.

0829 (I) Sighted auxiliary patrol vessel, (Same as sighted on 6 Feb.), and commenced approach. (Contact #5). Vessel was going very slow, about five knots, and apparently listening. Although we picked up his screws he evidently did not hear us. When range closed to 1200 yards decided he was too small a target to be worth stirring up the place, in view of hoped for bigger game, so we altered our course. Do not believe he knew we were there. During the afternoon this and a similar patrol vessel were sighted intermittently patrolling off the channel entrance. Occasional distant echo ranging was heard during the afternoon. At one time the engine room reported a distant explosion. Sound did not hear this but immediately afterward picked up echo ranging. Probably a false contact.

February 14

1303 (I) Patrolling submerged off Toegel Klungui Passage, Palau. Sighted steamer standing into the passage. (Contact #6). No escort in sight. This ship was later identified as a HAGARU MARU class freighter of 7150 tons. Commenced submerged approach.

1341 (I) Fired 3 bow tubes and 22 seconds after firing the first a sharp torpedo explosion was heard. Eight seconds later the second torpedo hit. Sound reported that targets screws had stopped but picked up the fast screws of an escort on another bearing. Two observations after about 30 seconds revealed the target to be sinking with main deck awash.

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February 15

Patrolling submerged off Toagel Mlungui Passage. No signs of the usual sound patrol leads us to believe that yesterday's torpedoing convinced the Japs to reroute the shipping through another passage. Rain all day; visibility very low.

No. C-3

Description of Contact

No.	6
Date	2-14
Time	13041
Lat-Long	7-32N - 134-21E
Type	1 Freighter
Course	156
Speed	13.5
Remarks	Nagara Maru Class. Attack 5.

D - Verification

No. D-1

FROM:	AHORI 5	(Unident)	15/1000 February
TO:	KAMONE 5	(Unident)	JN 40
INFO:	SAYAMI	(Chief of Staff Ominato Guard List)	Serial 004
	NORUMA	(Officer on duty Moji Special District)	
	MOTIKA	(Chief of Staff Yokosuka Naval District)	
	IMAMI	(Unident)	
	IEYO	(Unident)	
	MAI 0	(Unident)	

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1. We are sweeping the area but have not yet found any traces.
2. The Tateyama Maru sank. 41 men and 4 non-commissioned officers (total 45 men) of her crew have been rescued aboard this ship. 2 men missing.
3. The convoy was sent to Ominato to take refuge.

(NSS-150543-FEB-DI)

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Case 10

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM: YANOTI (#4 Naval Civ. Eng. Section) 10/0950 February  
TO: NSENI (Chief of Transportation Section) JN 40 Serial #108  
INFO: NIYOME (Vessel)  
WITITU (#4 Naval Construction Section Tokyo Branch)  
NUYASU (4th Fleet)  
KOMOTO (Unident)

In view of the need to have 10 laborers transferred here from Saipan for urgent construction jobs, request you make special arrangements to have these men board the Suwa Maru, leaving Saipan the 15th (garbled maybe 11th) and have this ship proceed to Truk. Request immediate reply.

(NSS-100644-FEB-DI)

No. A-2

FROM: YANOTI 10/0950 February  
TO: NSENI (Navy Transportation Sec.) JN 40 Serial #108  
INFO: NUYASU (4th Fleet)  
NIYOME (Unident)  
WITITU (Unident)  
KOMOTO (Unident)

Since it is necessary to move about 530 laborers from Saipan to Truk for urgent work, request especially that you consider having them take passage in the Suwa Maru, which departs Saipan on the 15th as well as having that vessel call at Truk.

(T2W-101510-FEB-DI)

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Case 10, No. A-2 (Cont.)

GI COMMENT: Other translations show Suwa Maru is departing 11th instead of 15th. The "urgent work" mentioned, is construction work.

No. A-3

FROM: MUNOTI 1 11/1300 February  
TO: SAWIMI (Suruga Maru) JN 40  
WIKUYA 5 (Assoc. Saipan, SMS #057  
Feb. 9)  
NOSITE 8 (#4 Base Force)  
WAMISO 6 (#5 Base Force-Saipan)  
INFO: KONOKU 9 (So. Eastern Fleet)  
NUWANE 7 (Combined Fleet)

This ship departs Yokosuka 1300 February 11th. Schedule as follows: (noon posits): Arrive Truk 1500 Feb. 20. 12 Feb. at 31-55 North, 139-50 East. 13 Feb. at 28-10 (or 28-14) North, 141-11 East. 14 Feb. at 24-50 North, 142-40 East. 15 Feb. at 21-35 North, 144-20 East. 16 Feb. at 18-30 (or 18-00) North, 145-55 East. 17 Feb. at 15-40 (or 15-20) North, 148-00 East. 18 Feb. at 12-00 North, 148-15 East.

(FEB-11-DI)

GI COMMENT: This believed to be Kikawa Maru.

No. A-4

FROM: MUNOTI 1 (Unident) 11/1300 February  
TO: NOSITE 8 (Comdr Base Force JN 40  
#4)(Truk) Serial 057  
SAWIMI (Suruga Maru)  
WIKUYA 5 (Unident)  
WAMISO 6 (Base Force #5, Saipan)  
INFO: NUWANE 7 (Combined Fleet)  
KINOKU 9 (Southeastern Area Fleet)

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This ship will leave Yokosuka at 1300 the 11th.  
Noon positions as follows: (All February)

12th	31-55	North	139-50	East.
13th	28-10	North	141-10	East.
14th	24-50	North	142-40	East.
15th	21-35	North	144-21	East.
16th	18-00	North	145-55	East.
17th	15-40	North	148-00	East.
18th	12-00	North	148-10	East.
19th	8-25	North	148-15	East.
20th	Scheduled to arrive Truk 1500.			

(NSS-111844-FEB-DI)

GI COMMENT: This is believed to be Kikawa Maru.

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: CTF 7  
TO: ALL SUBS GUARDING NPM FOX  
INFO: CINCPAC

12/0253 February

PREC: PRIORITY

TODAYS NEWS IS ALL ULTRA FOR SUNFISH FLYING FISH  
AND TUNNY X SERIAL 27 X ONE MARU 0300 GCT POSITS  
13 TO 16 FEBRUARY INCLUSIVE X RMCT 1011 (28-10 N  
141-11 E) OR 1411 (28-14 N 141-11 E) X PXQR 5040  
(24-50 N 142-40 E) X WSNK 3520 (21-35 N 144-20 E)  
NPBZ 3055 (18-30 N 145-55 E) OR 0055 (18-00 N 145-  
55 E) X IF IN VICINITY SUNFISH HANDLE BETWEEN POSITS  
FOR 13TH AND 14TH BUT WATCH FOR TUNNY WHO MAY BE  
PASSING THROUGH WITHOUT TORPEDOES X FLYING FISH  
HANDLE BETWEEN 15th AND 16TH POSITS X FLYING FISH  
NOTE 083 POPCORN LEAVES SAIPAN 15 FEBRUARY FOR TRUK  
X ROUTE UNKNOWN

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C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Sunfish

Second War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Radio Reception was complete.

No. C-2

February 12

0800 (K) Cleared Marcus 300 mile circle.  
1246 Sighted Japanese type 97 flying boat bearing 160° Rel. distance 7 miles on parallel course (Wake to Tokyo?) Dived. Serviced torpedoes, watered batteries and surfaced at 1510 (K). (Plane contact #1). Apparently SUNFISH not sighted. Not seen on radar.

February 14

0930 (I) Conducted surface patrol, both periscopes continuously manned. Seas picking up from northward. 60 miles from CHICHI JHIMA air base dived to avoid possible detection by aircraft.  
1241  
1354 Sighted HAHA SHIMA group. Surfaced and  
1824 headed for assigned area. No shipping sighted. Within 50 mile circle of CHICHI JHIMA.

February 15

0535 (I) Dived and conducted high periscope patrol  
1826 during day. Surfaced in heavy seas accompanied by high winds from northward. Patrolled westward toward area at one engine speed.



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February 16

0110 (I) SJ radar contact at 11,500 yards. Headed for contact. Radar indicated more than one ship. Visibility poor; rain; no horizon; seas force 6 from North. Determined contact was on northerly courses, zig-zagging, at 14 knots and we were abaft beam, so headed north at full power on 4 main engines to gain favorable firing position. Heavy seas pounded superstructure, came over bridge and down conning tower hatch. Pit log jumping from 10 to 14 knots. Average 12 knots. Range opening impossible to get into firing position due to heavy seas. Radar lost contact at 15,000 yards.

0958 Surfaced and commenced surface patrol toward  
1305 area; both periscopes manned. #1 periscope observer reported a faint wisp of smoke on the horizon which disappeared almost immediately, bearing 230 T. Ran 10 miles in direction of reported smoke and when nothing more was seen decided it must have been a cloud on the horizon, of which there were many which could have been mistaken for smoke. Continued to westward toward assigned area at one engine speed. Sighted mast and stack of ship through #1 periscope, bearing 250 T, estimated distance 15 miles. Changed course to get contact astern for surface tracking but range seemed to be closing rapidly, as it was soon picked up from bridge level.

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U.S.S. Flying Fish

Fourth War Patrol

No. C-3

Radio Reception: No difficulty copying schedules.

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No. C-4

February 15

(No comments on this day. - Ed. Note)

February 16

Patrolled northeast of Pagan and southeast of Agrihan Islands, covering KOBE-MAGUYA-TRUK route.

1444 (K) Bearing 021°, 24 miles from Pagan Is. Sighted 6000 ton freighter with air and surface escorts. Made approach and fired 4 torpedoes - 2 hits, and freighter's masts went under in 28 minutes. I saw the bombs fall close aboard, and watched the escort (500 ton armed trawler) maneuver radically and drop depth charges at random. He picked up survivors and headed for Pagan after the target sank.

February 17-25

Surface cruising except for daily predawn dive. Passed within 100 miles of WAKE, and no plane contacts.

No. C-5

Description of Contact

No. 11  
Date 2-16  
Time —  
Lat-Long 18-30-00N  
145-57-30E  
Type 6000 Ton Freighter with 500 Ton Trawler as escort. Unable to identify former  
Course 163  
Speed 16

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U.S.S. Tunny

First War Patrol

No. C-6

Radio Reception: Radio Reception was good except the first hour that NPM shifted to high frequency. ComSubPac serial number five and twenty-two were missed.

No. C-7

February 11

1730 Departed area.

D - Verifications

No. D-1

FROM: YURAKA (#2 Tenyoo Maru) 16/1700 February  
TO: WAMISO (#5th Base Force) JN 40  
TUIMU (Comm. 8th Fleet) Serial #010  
INFO: MOSITE (Palao Transportation Section)  
ANRE (Commander 4th Fleet)  
NUWANE (Commander Combined Fleet)  
MASUHO (Unident)

Hyuga Maru (attacked by torpedo and sunk at 1400, 16th in position 145-55 East, 18-35 North. All survivors among crew rescued. This vessel on course 107. Scheduled call at Saipan at 0500 on the 18th. #2 Tenyoo Maru.

(T2W-161214-FEB-DI)

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No. D-2

FROM: YURAKA	(Maru)	16/1700 February
TO: TUIMU	(6th Fleet)	JN 40
WAMISO	(#5 Base Force- Saipan)	SMS #010
INFO: NOSITE	(21st Base Force)	
ANRE	(Combined Fleet)	
NURONE		
MASUTTO		

At 1400 February 16th at 145-55 East, 18-35 North, Hyuga Maru received torpedo attack and sank. (Garbled something about survivors.) This ship on course 109 or 107 degrees. Will arrive at Saipan at 0500 February 18th. Blank Blank.

(NPM-161546-FEB-DI)

No. D-3

FROM: MOTIKA	(? CofS Yokosuka)	26/2045 February
TO: NEFU 1		JN 40
INFO: YANWI		Serial 390
NOHIHI	(Chichijima)	
FUMESA		

We have a message stating that the Hosen Maru (motor fishing boat of 40 tons) left Chichijima for Bikini on 13 February. Since then there has been no trace of her. Please arrange for search and rescue.

(NSS-261643-FEB-DI)

(NOTE: Sunk by gunfire U.S.S. TUNNY 15 Feb. 25 N, 147 E.)

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Case 11

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM: HIKIKI 4	(Hiyosi Maru)	06/0720 February
TO: NSENI	(Naval Trans. Section)	JN 40 Serial 323
INFO: NOSITE 31	(CofS Base Force 4)	
MOTIKA	(CofS Yokosuka Naval District)	

1 garbled.

Departed Yokohama for Truk 0700/6th. Scheduled to arrive 1500 February 14.

(NSS-060311-FEB-DI)

No. A-2

FROM: YUN 7	12/1025 February
TO: KITAWA	JN 40
INFO: UTAHA	SMS 199
HIKIKE (Hiyoshi Maru)	

Caroline Area Defense Force Despatch Operation Order #50.

Hiyoshi Maru pass through following points.

- At 1200, Feb. 12 - 11-30 North, 147-40 East.
- At 1200, Feb. 13 - Sasaon Island.
- At 1200, Feb. 14 - 06-55 North, 150-45 East.
- At 1700, Feb. 14 - Arrive at South Channel.

SubChaser #11 at 0700, Feb. 14th, at 05-43 North, 150-00 East will rendezvous with Hiyoshi Maru and escort her to her harbor.

(NPM-FEB 11-DI)

GI COMMENT: This msg. same as NAN's 121304, but different longitude recovered for 14th.

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1. Daily positions at \_\_\_\_\_ hours.

14th at grid KERA \_\_\_\_\_

15th at grid \_\_\_\_\_

16th at grid WO \_\_\_\_\_

17th at grid WO \_\_\_\_\_

2. At 1500 on Feb. 17th (or 18th) will pass through the South Channel, entering port at 1600.

3. From the 15th, operating on the surface.

(NPM-122016-FEB-DI)

GI COMMENT: South Channel is at Truk. Present orders are to use South Channel on even days and North Channel on odd days.

No. A-4

FROM: SIN 7

TO: KITAWA

INFO: UTA 6

HIKIKE (Hiyoshi Maru)

12/1025 February

JN 40

SMS 189

Caroline Area Defense Force Despatch Operation Order #50. The Hiyoshi Maru will pass the following points (all February).

12th, 1200 - 07-30 North, 147-40 East.

13th, 1200 - Sasaon (Satawal) Island.

14th, 1200 - 06-55 North, 150-45 East.

and is scheduled to arrive South Channel, 1600, the 14th. SubChaser #11 is to rendezvous with

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the Hiyoshi Maru about 0700, Feb. 14th, at position 05-43 North, 150-00 East, and return escorting the above ship.

(NSS-121304-FEB-DI)

GI COMMENT: There are four Hiyoshi Marus, ranging from 328 to 4046 tons. Since this one warrants an escort, assumed to be one of larger ones.

No. A-5

FROM: ROKU 2  
TO: MOTIKA (CofS Yokosuka Naval District) 12/1400 February JN 40 Serial 730  
TATANI  
INFO: AMATA  
AN Ø  
KIKU

Because of high winds the 30211 "B" convoy is taking refuge at Niishima (34-20 North, 139-20 East.)

(NSS-121834-FEB-DI)

No. A-6

FROM: HIKIKE 4 (Hiyoshi Maru) 14/1610 February  
TO: NSENI (Navy Trans. Section) JN 40 Serial 327  
INFO: KEMIHA (Commandant Sasebo)  
SAWIMI (Suruga Maru)

Arrived Truk 1540. Coal remaining 480 tons.

(T2W-141419-FEB-DI)

GI COMMENT: Hiyoshi Maru is 4,046 tonner.

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B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: CTF 7  
TO: ALL SUBS PAC COPYING  
NPM FOX SKED  
INFO: CINCPAC  
PREC: OP OP

13/0105 February

HOT DOPE X 122 POPCORN 1 LEMON AT 6-55 NORTH  
150-45 EAST AT 3 HOURS GCT 14TH SPEED ABOUT  
12 ENROUTE SOUTH PASS X THIS FOR STINGRAY X  
ULTRA SERIAL 30 X SUBMARINE ITEM 176 ARRIVES  
SOUTH PASS TRUK AT 8 HOURS GCT 17TH OR 18TH  
PROBABLY LATTER DATE X FOLLOWING FOR TARPON  
X CONVOY TOOK REFUGE FROM STORM IN TOE OF  
NIISHIMA ISLAND 34-22 NORTH 139-16 EAST.

C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Stingray

Sixth War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Reception was satisfactory. All  
messages addressed to the Stingray  
and a complete series of ComSubPac  
messages, with the exception of  
ComSubPac serial 22 were received.

No. C-2

February 13

Entered Area \_\_\_\_\_.



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February 14

Conducted submerged patrol seven miles South and West of Losap Island. Surfaced and patrolled on a westerly course approximately nineteen miles south of South Island, Truk Atoll.

February 15

0745 (L) Sighted diesel patrol vessel, trawler-type; distance about seven miles, bearing 045<sup>OT</sup>, on a southwesterly heading.  
Position: Lat. 07-02N  
Long. 150-45E.

February 16

Conducted submerged patrol covering approaches West and Southwest of Truk. Have been unable to fix position for three days, as skies heavily overcast with practically continuous rain. Sea glassy smooth.

February 17

0130 (L) Entered area \_\_\_\_\_ North. Patrolled routes N.W. of Truk.

February 18-19-20

Conducted submerged and surface patrol N.W. of Truk and between East Fayu and Namonuito Island. Sea was glassy smooth, full moon, exception visibility day and night.

U.S.S. Tarpon

Sixth War Patrol

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D - Verification

No. D-1

FROM: JCS  
TO: CofS Yokosuka

18/1505 February  
JN 40  
SMS #272

Convoy #2217 continue course as scheduled. Have completed arrangements for mopping up enemy subs in vicinity of Shioya Saki.

(NPM-181030-FEB-DI)

GI COMMENT: Shioya Saki is 37 N, 140-59 E.

Case 12

A - Source of Intelligence

(This intercepted Japanese dispatch is not available. Ed. Note)

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: CTF 7  
TO: CTF 42  
INFO: CINCPAC

13/0209 February

PREC: ROUTINE

HAVE REPORTS OF POSSIBLE PRESENCE ENEMY DD AT 0 DEGREES 7 MINUTES NORTH LONGITUDE 180 X ULTRA X REQUEST SWORDFISH BE INFORMED

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C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Swordfish

Seventh War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Radio reception on BELCONNEN was excellent and no serials were missed up to the time operational control passed to Comtaskfor 7 on February 17th.

No. C-2

0832 (M) Crossed equator at 180th meridan. Changed zone time and date to plus twelve (Y), February 15th.

(Nothing sighted while proceeding this location. Ed. Note.)

Case 13

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM:	NOKO 9	(Unident)	10/2100 February.
TO:	HONUSU	(Kwajalein Transport)	JN 40 Ser. 681
INFO:	KEE/KIE	7	
	ROTI 1	(Unident)	
	YUMO 2	(Unident)	
	HASAKA/HASOKA	(Unident)	

1. Reference Mille Detachment Guard Division 62 serial 090945, with Hide Maru cargo handling expedited.
2. Advise date Yamakuni Maru scheduled depart Mille.

(T2W-102356-FEB-DI)

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GI COMMENT: In NPM's (110346) version of this one Hide was found to be wrong reading of the character. It should be Hinode Maru. She has been in the Marshalls and is indicated to be returning to Yokosuka soon.

No. A-2

FROM: NOKO 9  
TO: HONUSU (Kwajalein Area  
Trans. Section) --/2100 February  
JN 40  
Serial 681  
INFO: KIE 7  
ROTI 1  
YUMO 2  
HASOKA

Reference #62 Guard Force Mille Detachment SMS  
090945.

Expedite loading and unloading of (Hide Maru?)\*  
Reply as to when Yamakuni Maru is scheduled to  
leave Mille.

\*garbled.

(NSS-102355-FEB-DI)

GI COMMENT: NPM and T2W identify Hide as being  
Hinode Maru. She is in Marshalls  
with prospect of returning to  
Yokosuka soon.

No. A-3

FROM: NOKO 9  
TO: HONUSU (Kwajalein Area) 10/2100 February  
JN 40  
INFO: HASOKA SMS #681  
YUMO 2  
ROTI 1  
KIE 7

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Case 13, No. A-3 (Cont.)

1. Ref. Mill detachment of 62nd Defense Force  
SMS #090945.

Expedite loading and unloading of Hide Maru.

2. When is the Yamakuni Maru scheduled to leave  
Miri?

(NPM-110346-FEB-DI)

GI COMMENT: Hide is in error, should be Hinode  
Maru. Wrong reading of character by  
originator. Yamakuni arrived Miri  
Jan 24th. Has been traveling around  
in Marshalls area and indications are  
she will return to Yokosuka soon.

No. A-4

FROM: MOEYU (6th Base Force) 11/0837 February  
TO: KIUTU JN 40  
INFO: NSENI (Tokyo Trans) SMS #543  
SETEU  
HONUSU (Kwajalein Trans)

From Staff of 6th Base Force. Reference your  
SMS #090945 and Trans. Sect. #681.

1. Desire that the cargo of the Hinode Maru be  
handled at Moji (?) with expedition and working  
throughout the night. If the bay is rough  
rendering this impossible, inform me by despatch.

2. Inform me as to what day the Yamakuni Maru  
expects depart.

(FEB. 11-DI)

GI COMMENT: This confirms Hinode Maru in NOKO 9,  
102100 Feb. handled by NPM, NSS, and  
T2W. Must be a retransmission. Moji  
should thus read Mille.

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No. A-5

FROM: MEOYU 77 (Comdr. Jaluit 12/0610 February  
Base Force #6) JN 40  
TO: Chief of Transportation Serial 549  
Section and 7 info addressees.

Guard Division #62, Mille Detachment, serial  
111302. Reference serial 111835.

Yamakuni Maru and Hinode Maru are at present unloading cargo at Mille. Since cargo working facilities are limited there, and because of bad weather in vicinity, the Yamakuni Maru's unloading of cement is behind schedule. Today, the 12th, by which date unloading was scheduled to be finished, the amount still to be unloaded is 1200 tons. Therefore, desire to advance the unloading of the Hinode Maru and have the Yamakuni Maru proceed immediately from Mille to Kwajalein where, after completion of unloading of the 1200 tons scheduled to have been left at Mille, change its scheduled movements so that it may proceed to Wake Island. We will ship these 1200 tons to Mille in one of our boats as opportunity offers.

(NSS-120435-FEB-DI)

No. A-6

FROM: MEO 12/0610 February  
TO: NSENI (Transportation JN 40  
Section Chief) SMS #549  
INFO: KIU  
RITAHO  
HORASU  
RUNSA  
HASOKA  
YARI Ø  
WAMARU

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(Message in poor shape but following believed to be substantially correct)

Ref: Mille detachment of 62 KG (Guard Force)  
SMS #111002 and SMS #111935.

Yamakuni Maru and Hinode Maru are at present engaged in cargo handling at Mille. Some blanks. Yamakuni Maru is making no progress with the cement. Many blanks. Yamakuni Maru proceed from Mille to Kwajalein (?) immediately and unload the 1200 tons of cement scheduled for Mille. Some more blanks. Request a change in the scheduled trip to Otorishima (Wake).

(12 FEB-DI)

GI COMMENT: See NSS 120435 for better version of this.

No. A-7

FROM: NANIMA		12/1030 February
TO: UNIFU	(Maru arrive	JN 40
	Ponape at	SMS #002
	Jan 27th)	
MUSUMA		
YANOTI	(CE Section #4)	
MEOYU	(Base Force #6)	
KETAMU		
MENUSU	(At Tarawa Feb. 6th)	
WE	(Eniwetok)	
INFO: NUYASU	(4th Fleet)	
NOSITE	(Base Force #21)	
NEIHI	(#4th Harbor Affairs	
	Section - Truk)	

Arrived Kusai 1000, 12th. Will depart 0600, 14th. Scheduled to arrive Eniwetok. Brown 16th at 1000.

(NPM-131034-FEB-DI)

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No. A-8

FROM: ME0YU 2 (6th Base Force, 13/1712 February  
Jaluit) JN 40  
TO: YOTAMU SMS 555  
NAMU  
INFO: UO 1  
TOO 9  
KEU 9  
HIRERE  
SUTEKE  
KISATI (Kensho Maru)

1. Ansiyoo Maru will depart Kwajalein for Saipan about 1000, 15th. Will inform you schedule movements that vessel later.

2. Officer-in-Charge Kwajalein Sea Defense Force will escort that vessel with one minesweeper up to East 161-30, and will inform \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Officer-in-Charge Air Unit, will as Officer-in-Charge prescribes, provide anti-submarine patrol for that vessel during 15th.

(T2W-131600-FEB-DI)

GI COMMENT: Ansiyoo possibly garbled, can't find any Maru by that name.

No. A-9

FROM: No Originator  
TO: 10 Action  
INFO: 6 Info's

From Captain of the I-6. Blanks. Depart Yokosuka for Truk. Positions (all North and East). 10th 1700 5 miles blank degrees from blank. Noon 12th



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30-00 North 146-30 East. Noon 15th, 18-20 and  
150-30 East. 1200 17th 10-10 North and 153-00  
East. Enter North Channel at 0700 18th.

(T2W-130315-FEB-DI)

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: CTF 7  
TO: POMPANO  
FLYING FISH  
STINGRAY  
INFO: CINCPAC  
PREC: PRIORITY

13/2311 February

SERIAL NUMBER 32 IS ULTRA X 1 POPLAR LEAVING  
KWAJALEIN FOR SAIPAN 0100 GCT FEBRUARY 15TH X  
WILL HAVE 1 LEMON AS FAR AS 161 30 EAST AND  
SOME AIR COVERAGE X ANOTHER POPLAR LEFT KUSAI  
2100 GCT 13TH ARRIVES ENIWETOK 1 HOUR GCT 16TH X  
ANOTHER POPLAR NOW ENROUTE KWAJALEIN FOR MILLI X  
POMPANO TAKE YOUR CHOICE FROM ABOVE X FOLLOWING  
FOR FLYING FISH IN AREA 14 AND STINGRAY IN 15  
SOUTH X ENEMY SUB 1 6 ENROUTE TRUK FROM EMPIRE  
WILL PASS THROUGH FOLLOWING POINTS AT 3 HOURS  
GCT ON DATES INDICATED X

12 FEBRUARY	30 NORTH 146 30 EAST X
15 FEB	18 10 NORTH 150 30 EAST
17 FEB	10 10 NORTH 153 EAST

AND 19 HOURS LATER WILL ARRIVE AT TRUK NORTH  
PASS X AREA 15 NORTH IS NOW VACANT STINGRAY MAY  
USE IT IN ADDITION TO HER OWN AREA UNTIL SUNSET  
ON 20 FEBRUARY X

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C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Pompano

Fourth War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Reception on NPM on the surface was good throughout the patrol.

No. C-2

February 13

1925 (L) Entered Marshall Areas. Head Winds force 4 to 8 and seas condition 5 to 8 have delayed our passage between areas.

February 14

0550 (L) Submerged 70 miles S.W. of Kwajalein.  
1430 (L) Position doubtful, no sights for 48 hours. Blew up with decks awash for a sun line 55 miles W. of KWAJALEIN. Don't believe we were sighted by a plane since none was detected by the SD Radar, 2 O.O.D. or 4 lookouts. We could have been sighted by a submerged submarine. Plan to patrol off GEA PASS next 2 days, then 2 days off MELIA IS. PASS, then make the circuit off WOTJE, MALOELAP, JALUIT to KWAJALEIN. Set course on 3 engines to arrive on the line between KUSAIE and ENIWETOK by tomorrow night.

February 15

(L) Lat. 10-14 N. Long. 162-34 E sighted ship. Closed, tracked and identified as of a narrow beam under 500 ton. Believe larger ship may be following so set a S course the reverse of his.

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Case 13, No. C-2 (Cont.)

February 18

0930 (L) Lat. 8-30 N. Long. 162-36 E sighted Naval Tanker. Unable to close less than 10,000 yards. Trailed submerged until  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before sunset, in view of very probably air coverage, then surfaced and trailed at full power during night. Gambling the last of our fuel on station on overtaking him.

February 19

0248 (L) Lat. 7-33 N, Long. 165-40 E sighted same tanker. Circled at 15,000 yards (moon 1 day before full) until twilight then 30,000 yards. Submerged 15 miles ahead  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hour after sunrise.

0816 (L) Commenced approach and conducted attack on Tanker with escort. Damaged Tanker with 2 hits. Received 2 depth charges, suffered no damage. Set course for KWAJALEIN. Received dispatch from CTF 7 directing reconnoitering of RONGERIK, RONGELAP and BIKINI without undue interference with patrol operations. Have about enough fuel for this and return on one engine. Otherwise could maintain a three day patrol off NORTH PASS, KWAJALEIN. Set course for BIKINI.

No. C-3

Description of Contact

No.	18	Type	--
Date	2-15	Course	N
Time	1850 (L)	Speed	7
Position	10-14N 162-34E	Remarks	Narrow beam under 500 T

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No.	19	No.	20
Date	2-18	Date	2-19
Time	0930 (L)	Time	0248 (L)
Position	08-30N 162-36E	Position	07-35N 165-40E
Type	Naval Tanker	Type	Naval Tanker
Course	E	Course	110
Speed	8	Speed	8.8
Remarks	Like bottom picture pg 180 ONI 14, loaded.	Remarks	Attack #3 Same as 19.

U.S.S. Flying Fish

Fourth War Patrol

No. C-4

Radio Reception: Radio Reception was satisfactory.

No. C-5

February 14

Observed PAGAN Island from eastern and western sides.....

February 16

Patrolled northeast of Pagan Is. Sighted 6000 ton freighter with air and surface escorts. Made approach and fired 4 torpedoes - 2 hits, and freighter's masts went under in 28 minutes. I saw the bombs fall close aboard, and watched the escort (500 ton armed trawler) maneuver radically and drop depth charges at random. He picked up survivors and headed for Pagan after the target sank.

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February 17-25

Surface cruising except for daily predawn  
dive. Passed within 100 miles of WAKE,  
and no plane contacts.

No. C-6

Description of Contact

No. 11  
Date 2-16  
Time  
Lat-Long. 12-30-00N  
115-57-30E  
Type 6000 ton freighter with 500 ton Trawler  
as escort. Unable to identify former.  
Course 163  
Speed 16  
Remarks --

U.S.S. Stingray

Sixth War Patrol

No. C-7

Radio Reception: Reception was satisfactory, all  
messages addressed to the Stingray  
and a complete series of ComSubPac  
messages were received with the  
exception of ComSubPac serial 22  
were received.

No. C-8

February 11

Conducted submerged patrol seven miles  
South and West of Losap Island.

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1943 Surfaced and patrolled on a westerly course approximately nineteen miles south of South Island, Truk Atoll.

February 15

0745 (L) Sighted diesel patrol vessel, trawler-type; distance about seven miles, bearing 045<sup>0</sup>T. on a southwesterly heading.  
Position: Lat. 07-02N.  
Long. 150-45E.

February 16

Conducted submerged patrol covering approaches West and Southwest of Truk. Have been unable to fix position for three days, as skies heavily overcast with practically continuous rain. Sea glassy smooth.

February 17

0130 (L) Entered area \_\_\_\_\_ North. Patrolled routes N.W. of Truk.

February 18, 19, 20

Conducted submerged and surface patrol N.W. of Truk and between East Fayu and Namonuita Island. Sea was glassy smooth, full moon, exceptional visibility day and night.

February 20

1935 (L) Surfaced and started to proceed to a point twelve miles west of Piaanu Pass.

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Case 14

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM: MAM

02/0830 February  
JN 40  
SMS 429

At 1200 Feb. 13 periscope at 06035 North, 171-02E  
Reliability very good. (Pompano)

At 1900 Feb. 13 enemy sub on surface at 07-00S,  
154-30E. Reliability excellent.

(FEB. 14-DI)

No. A-2

FROM: MEYUFU (Garbled)

14/1620 February  
JN 40  
Serial 558

TO: YOTAMU  
TUNIMA

INFO: TUMU  
NAMU

MUNIRO/MUNIEO (Shinkoku Maru-  
attached Airflot 22 -)

AREI

TUKUNA (Air Flot 22)

1. The Shinkoku Maru will leave PYI (Imieji) at 0500, the 15th and will proceed to PQ (Kwajalein) along route according to the same ships serial 185.

2. The Commander Jaluit Sea Frontier Defense Force will have the #7 Kyo Maru escort this ship to Kwajalein (if direct escorting is difficult because of differences in speeds, carry out indirect escorting proceeding along this ship's course).

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3. The air force will carry out anti-submarine patrol as ordered by the commander.

(NSS-141256-FEB-DI)

GI COMMENT: Shinkoku Maru is 10,020 ton AO.

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: RDO HONO  
TO: SUBS COPYING NPM FOX  
INFO: CINCPAC

14/2342 February

PREC: OP

FOR POMPANO X LARGE BIRCH DEPARTED JALUIT 20 HOURS  
GCT 14TH ENROUTE KWAJALEIN ROUTE UNKNOWN X ULTRA X  
YOU WERE SIGHTED ON SURFACE YESTERDAY PROBABLY  
CAUSING TRAFFIC TO BE DIVERTED X SERIAL 33

C - Submarine Action Report

See II, Case 13, C-1, C-2, C-3.

Case 15

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM: YUKEU (Tarawa Communica- 15/1800 February  
tion Base) JN 40  
TO: NOSITE (Major Command at SMS #048  
Truk)  
INFO: RUHIRO (Air Marshalls-  
Gilberts Call)  
NUWANE (Combined Fleet)



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Case 15, No. A-1 (Cont.)

From Captain Kitakami Maru

Depart Tarawa (?) 16th of February at 0500 for Truk via following points. Expect arrive 0800 23rd of February.

1200	18th	February	East 166-00, North 5-00.
0000	21st	"	East 159-05, North 8-20.
1200	22nd	"	East 154-15, North 8-20.

(15 FEB-DI)

GI COMMENT: Kitakami same as Kitagami and is an AO.

No. A-2

FROM: YAI 0 (6th Base Force) 15/1645 February  
 TO: NII 7 JN 40  
 YANI 5 SMS #607  
 INFO: NEMU 4 (952nd Air Group)  
 NII 2  
 FUHA 2  
 RUMU 5  
 TEHA 6  
 FURE 0 (Air Flot 22)  
 TOUO 8

1. The Iro (Naval Tanker) arrived Truk 0600 15 February. Her subsequent schedule as in Iro's SMS #140630.

2. Comdr. Kwajalein Sea Defense Force will have the #5 Tama Maru upon completion of escorting, and after separating from the Kensho Maru, fuel from the Iro in posit 08-30N, 163-00E, and return to Kwajalein.

3. Air units furnish anti-sub air coverage on 20 Feb. as directed.

(NPM-160606-FEB-DI)

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Case 15 (Cont.)

No. A-3

FROM: YAI Ø (Base Force #6) 15/1645 February  
(Jaluit) JN 40  
TO: YASA/MAWA 5 Serial 607  
NII 7  
INFO: TOSO 8  
RUMU 5  
TEHA 6  
NII 3  
NII 2  
FUHA 2  
NEMU 4  
FURE Ø (Air Flot 22)

1. Iro (Tanker) will arrive Truk at 0600/15. Operation schedule is in accordance with that ship's serial 140630.
2. OinC Kwajalein Sea Defense Force will have #5 Tama Maru leave the Kensho Maru after completion escorting her, thence refuel from Iro (tanker) at 163 East 8-30 N. and return to Kwajalein.
3. The air force will, in accordance with its commanders orders, carry out anti-submarine escort for the above ship on the 20th.

(T2W-160150-FEB-DI)

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: CTF 7 16/0430 February  
TO: ALL SUBS COPYING NPM FOX  
INFO: CINCPAC  
PREC: PRIORITY

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Case 15, No. B-1 (Cont.)

MEDIUM SIZE TANKER WILL BE AT PGPV. (05 NORTH 166 EAST) AT 3 HOURS GCT FEBRUARY 18TH X 60 HOURS LATER WILL PASS THROUGH SMRL 2005 (08-20 NORTH 159-05 EAST) X ABOUT 20 FEBRUARY EXACT TIME AND DATE UNKNOWN 180 PEANUT WILL FUEL LEMON AT SMSW 3000 (08-30 NORTH 163-00 EAST) X THIS IMPORTANT TARGET WORTH WAITING FOR X WATCH OUT FOR PROBABLE AIR COVERAGE X ULTRA FOR POMPANO X SERIAL 36

LEMON (ESCORT VESSEL)

C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Pompano

Fourth War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Reception on NPM on the surface was good throughout the patrol.

No. C-2

February 18

0930(L) Lat. 8-30 N. Long. 162-36 E. sighted Naval Tanker. Unable to close less than 10,000 yards. Trailed submerged until  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before sunset, in view of very probably air coverage, then surfaced and trailed at full power during night. Gambling the last of our fuel on station on overtaking him.

February 19

0248(L) Lat. 7-33 N. Long. 165-40 E. sighted same tanker. Circled at 15,000 yards (moon 1 day before full) until twilight then

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. 30,000 yards. Submerged 15 miles ahead  
1½ hour after sunrise.

No. C-3

Description of Contact

See II, Case 13, C-3.

Case 16

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM: NAHOYA 2 14/1800 February  
TO: MONAKA JN 40  
INFO: KUHATU (Yokosuka Trans- Serial 014  
portation Section)

The Tokyo Maru arrived at Palao 1645 the 14th and  
expects to leave for Truk at 0800 the 17th.

(NSS-141514-FEB-DI)

No. A-2

FROM: TAWIKU 14/1850 February  
TO: KIKUMI 3 JN 40  
SUYUYU 1 SMS #282

The Tokyo Maru which arrived today was attacked  
with torpedoes in position 332 degrees, 10 miles  
from West Channel at 1346. Conduct strict anti-  
sub lookout.

(NPM-142234-FEB-DI)

GI COMMENT: The Tokyo Maru is a 6486 tonner which  
arrived at Palao at 1645/14 Feb.

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No. A-3

FROM: NAHOYA (Unident) 15/2100 February  
TO: TIHOKI (Truk) JN 40  
KUEYO (Tokyo) Serial #015  
MAHIU (Yokosuka)  
KUROKA (Palao)

This vessel will leave 3rd Communication Zone (Palau at 0600 19th and enter 4th Communication Zone (Truk) (blank-NA 18th).

(T2W-151202-FEB-DI)

GI: This is probably Tokyo Maru (See NSS 141514).

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: COM 14 16/0401 February  
TO: CINCPAC

THIS ULTRA FOR RUNNER X 051 POPCORN X 1248  
(COURSE 288) X BLANK (SPEED) PLUS 11 (TIME 2300)  
PLUS 1 (DATE 16) at MAIN ENTRANCE YOU SCARED HIM  
ON 14TH X SERIAL 35 H X REAR ADMIRAL LOCKWOOD  
ASSUMED COMMAND SUBPAC TODAY

C-Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Runner

First War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Radio reception was satisfactory as no submarine messages were missed.

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No. C-2

February 16

Patrolling submerged off Toagel Mlungui Passage, Palau. Rain and low visibility today. No night fix.

February 17

Patrolling submerged off Toagel Mlungui Passage, Palau. Today the weather is poor with much rain and a good swell running. Visibility is so poor that bearings or sights are impossible to obtain.

1420(I)

Sighted destroyer apparently proceeding to southwest at 22 knots. (Contact #7). No echo ranging was heard. Could not be seen through rain squall until after sound contact. Range at sighting was 5500 yards and increasing. We believed she might be preceding a larger ship and closed her track but nothing further developed.

February 18

No entry made.

February 19

One destroyer was sighted but the other escort which had been picked up on sound was not seen. When the convoy was about five miles from the pass, the destroyer reversed course to the southwest, leaving the freighters to head around to the east and enter the pass alone. This change of course made the distance to the freighter's track so great that there was no possibility of making an attack.

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1255(I)  
1257(I)

Picked up echo ranging from two ships. Sighted two destroyers and after some tracking discovered that they were sweeping back and forth along a line running southwest from the entrance. (Contact #9) When the range closed it was seen that this was a convoy made up of two freighters together, more or less abreast of each other with one destroyer on each flank. A zig put us dead ahead of the convoy at about 2000 yards range. The right hand destroyer was then heard to speed up to 200 turns.

1455(I)

Fired the four stern tubes at the destroyer at a range of 1400 yards, using a two degree divergent spread. (Attack #6). No hits were heard and it is believed the destroyer saw the torpedo wakes in the smooth water and had time enough to avoid. Shortly after firing sound reported this destroyer had stopped. He was later observed to parallel the torpedoes and head down the tracks. We then shifted to the left hand freighter and lined her up for the bow tubes. This freighter was seen to be a single stacker with kingposts and similar to AKAGI MARU of 7390 tons.

1456(I)

Fired one torpedo at her, at 600 yards range and a sharp track. (Attack #7). Immediately afterwards an aerial bomb exploded very close along the port side shaking ship severely and giving her a quick snap roll, first to starboard and then to port, which threw most people off their feet. Fired #2 and #3 tubes using at 8 second firing interval and a 2 degree divergent spread. After about thirty seconds a torpedo hit was definitely heard on the freighter. Some people claim to have heard two. Sound gear, bow plane power and both periscope hoist motors were

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reported out. Went to 200 feet and began evasive tactics. Later six depth charges were heard, all well astern. Both destroyers had been observed to turn away from the convoy when the first torpedoes were fired.

No. C-3

Description of Contact

No.	6	No.	8
Date	2-14	Date	2-19
Time	1304 (I)	Time	1308 (I)
Lat-Long.	7-32N	Lat-Long.	7-35N
	134-21E		134-25E
Type	1 Freighter	Type	2 Freighters
Course	156		2 DD
Speed	13.5	Course	055
Remarks	Nagara Maru	Speed	10
	Class. Attack 5		

Case 17

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM:	MEOYU 1 (6th Base Force)	14/2045 February
TO:	SHANGHAI BASE FORCE	JN 40
	KIYORA	SMS #601
INFO:	ROWA 3	
	HEE 9	
	NEFU 1	
	NORA 5	
	TASA 4	
	SOKO	
	TUKUNA (Air Flot 22)	
	AMIU (Yokosuka Special Landing Base)	
	YOTAMU (Air Group #952 Makin)	
	RINAHO	



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The Yamagiri Maru is routed as follows:

167-00 E, 07-00 N.

161-30 E, 08-30 N.

148-00 E, 23-00 N?

148-00 E, 23-00 N.

Thence proceed direct to (Shanghai?).

(NPM-142242-FEB-DI)

GI COMMENT: Yamagiri Maru - 6,438 tons.

No. A-2

FROM: MEOYU 1 (Base Force 14/2045 February  
#6-Jaluit) JN 40  
TO: KIYORA (Yamagiri Maru) Serial 001  
INFO: NEHO 1  
NORA 5  
ROWA 3 (4th Fleet)  
HEE 9  
TASA 4  
SOKO 0  
TUKUNA (Air Flot 22)  
AMIU (Yokosuka Special  
Landing Force #6)  
SONAHO (Kaium Maru)

The Yamagiri Maru is to proceed to Sasebo by passing through following points:

07 degrees (garbled, may be equator)  
North, 167 East.

08-30 North, 161-30 East.

22-00 North, 148-00 East.

23-00 North, 148-00 East.

(NSS-142204-FEB-DI)

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Case 17

No. A-3

FROM: YAI Ø (Base Force #6) 15/1655 February  
(Jaluit) JN 40  
TO: HEYA 9 Serial 605  
INFO: RUMU 5 (4th Fleet)  
AMIU (Yokosuka 6th Special  
Landing Force?)  
MITONU  
TAI 2 (Nauru?)  
KII Ø

Reply to your serial 150750. Asanagi, after escorting Yamagiri Maru which departs Tarawa Island for Sasebo four hours 16th, will arrive Jaluit 18th and refuel. Therefore, with regard solely to Fujikawa Marus movements, it will not be possible to carry out patrol with Asanagi. It is therefore desired that every effort be made to patrol with the small craft at anchor in port.

(T2W-160431-FEB-DI)

No. A-4

FROM: Garbled originator. 16/0632 February  
TO: NUYASU (4th Fleet) JN 40  
TINOYA SMS 050  
NEKANE  
INFO: SOHIYA 5  
MEOYU 2 (6th Base Force, Jaluit)  
ROUMA (2nd Sea Escort Force)

From: Yamagiri Maru.  
Leave Tarawa Island at 0400, 16th. Average speed 12 knots. Estimated positions as follows:

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17th, 2100 - 07-00N - 167-00 E.  
19th, 0120 - 08-30N - 161-30 E.  
22nd, 2300 - 22-00N - 148-00 E.  
23rd, 0400 - 23-00N - 148-00 E.  
24th, 0825 - 25-40N - 142-30 E.  
24th, 2045 - 26-40N - 140-00 E.  
26th, 1800 - 30-00N - 130-30 E.

Subsequent positions as convenient to arrive Sasebo morning 27th.

(T2W-160415-FEB-DI)

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: CTF 7 16/0905 February  
TO: ALL SUBS UNDER MY COMMAND  
PREC: PRIORITY

DEPARTING TARAWA AT 4 HOURS 16TH POMPAÑO TIME  
SINGLE 6500 WEIGHT MAPLE X 17TH AT 21 HOURS  
DCHR (7 NORTH 167 EAST) X CONTINUES AT 12 KNOTS X  
19TH AT 1 HOUR 20 MINUTES SMTS 3030 (8-30 NORTH  
161-30 EAST) X WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY AT 23 HOURS  
MDCC (22 NORTH 148 EAST) SERIAL 37 X 5 HOURS  
LATER JRCC (23 NORTH 148 EAST) X ON 24TH AT  
8.5 HOURS AND 20.75 RESPECTIVELY IN KNQR 4030  
(25-40 NORTH 142-30 EAST) AND ZVZY 4000 (26-40  
NORTH 140-00 EAST) ONE 26TH AT 18 HOURS AT  
VFUX 0030 (30-00 NORTH 130-30 EAST) X SAWFISH  
TERRITORY X

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No. C-1

Radio Reception: Reception on NPM on the surface was good throughout the patrol. Under-water reception was possible at a 45 foot depth only at a distance not exceeding 2400 miles from Pearl.

No. C-2

February 18

0930(L) Lat. 8-30 N. Long. 162-36 E. sighted Naval Tanker. Unable to close less than 10,000 yards. Trailed submerged until  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before sunset, in view of very probable air coverage, then surfaced and trailed at full power during night. Gambling the last of our fuel on station on overtaking him.

February 19

0248(L) Lat. 7-33 N. Long. 165-40 E. sighted same tanker. Circled at 15,000 yards (moon 1 day before full) until twilight then 30,000 yards. Submerged 15 miles ahead  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours after sunrise.

0816(L) Commenced approach and conducted attack on Tanker with Escort. Damaged Tanker with 2 hits. Received 2 depth charges, suffered no damage. Set course for KWAJALEIN.

2200(L) Received dispatch from CTF 7 directing reconnoitering of RONGERIK, RONGELAP and BIKINI without undue interference with patrol operations. Have about enough fuel for this and return on one engine. Otherwise could maintain a three day patrol off NORTH PASS, KWAJALEIN. Set course for BIKINI. Regret not having fuel for KWAJALEIN patrol since believe that best in MARSHALL area.

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No. C-3

Description of Contact

See II, Case 13, C-3.

U.S.S. Sawfish

First War Patrol

No. C-4

Radio Reception: 1. Reception of NPM Fox Schedule was good on all allotted frequencies except the low freq. 26.1 kcs.

No. C-5

February 17

0320(I)

Lat. 30-45 N. 135-30 E.  
Sighted light bearing 270<sup>0</sup>T. Closed to 8000 yards when radar indicated two ships. Believed this to be a trap so decided to run ahead until daylight as moon was very bright and I did not feel I could close without being seen. Opened range to 15,000 yards and dove at 0537. Had checked target course 083<sup>0</sup>F, speed 8. Rapid increase in bearing rate near point of firing showed increase in speed. Consequently, upped speed to 10 kts. and target drew across bow. At 0639 fired three torpedoes (Attack #1) with mean gyro angle 035<sup>0</sup>F, range 1180 yards, depth setting 6 feet. One hit. One torpedo porpoised before reaching track and target was believed swinging away when hit. Ship sank in 3 minutes. Mean track angle for spread 125S. Believed target was a "Q" ship of about 4000 tons, similar to

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- one encountered by Trigger, but without kingposts. There was no evidence of second ship at point of firing so believe radar had separate bearings on the two masts when he reported the ships. Target similar to Page 134, OMI 208J. Remained submerged due to possible air search after sinking.
- 1907(I) Lat. 30-45N, Long. 135-33E. Sighted steady white light bearing 180<sup>o</sup>T. Turned to close, Target on easterly course. Radar contacted target at 15,000 yards. Did not feel that we could close on surface due to brilliant moon, so paralleled and drew ahead on four engines.
- 2200(I) Drove 15,000 yards ahead of target. Ran at 40 feet and conducted radar approach until range decreased to 5,000 yards, after which time approach was made with periscopes.
- 2229(I) Fired three torpedoes from bow tubes (Attack #2). Mean gyro angle 03, mean track angle 87 port, depth setting 10 feet, range 2100 yards. Divergent spread 0<sup>o</sup>, 2<sup>o</sup>R, 2<sup>o</sup>L. Two hits, one at foremast, one at after end of after well.
- 2235(I) Heard depth-charge explosion estimated range 500 yards. Searched by periscope, could see nothing.
- 2238(I) Target sank.
- 2250(I) Heard propellers (light) bearing 190<sup>o</sup> relative, which increased in intensity and which changed to 250<sup>o</sup> relative. This was followed by eighteen explosions which may have been depth charges, but if so were at a range of at least 2000 yards. Went to 200 feet when explosions commenced and ran silent.
- 2357(I) Came to periscope depth. Nothing in sight.

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February 22

- 0130(I) Abandoned chase and headed north for area.  
0502(I) Submerged just south of southern boundary of area.  
0745(I) Lat. 30-15, Long. 132-30.  
Sighted ship bearing 082°T, distance 8,000 yards. Conducted periscope approach. On second observation, sighted two land-based patrol planes circling in vicinity of target. Thought I had something of importance. Ran at 80 feet between periscope observations. Turned out for stern shot, 700 yard run. As I looked for final check discovered target was a Russian freighter of about 3,000 tons. No lookouts in evidence. Did not fire. Planes were evidently searching vicinity for me after last night.  
1531(I) Lat. 30-31, Long. 132-35  
Sighted sampon of about 100 tons. Jap ensign painted on bow. Scrutinized him from 500 yards.  
1850(I) Surfaced, commenced patrolling, 5 kts.  
1930(I) Radar made contact at 3500 yards. When picked up by sight it was found to be what appeared to be a patrol boat closing at high speed. Went ahead flank speed. Range closed to 2,000 yards but by that time we have speed on and opened range quickly to the south. Lost contact at 8,000 yards.

February 24

Periscope patrol during day, nothing sighted.

February 26

- 0500(I) Submerged and commenced patrol to westward toward Tanega Shima. No contact during day.  
1903(I) Surfaced and set course for point south of Tanega Shima for special mission.

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February 27

0155(I) Sighted patrol vessel at range 6,000 yards. He did not sight us. Vessel turned on searchlight in our direction. Thought he might be here to meet a Maru.  
0230(I) Arrive in position. Nothing sighted.  
0530(I) Submerged.  
0635(I) Sighted sampon in Lat. 29-40, Long. 131-52. During day worked to northward.

February 28

0040(I) Sighted light bearing 000°T in Lat. 30-09 Long. 132-01. Closed to 2000 yards and identified as small fishing vessel. Seas too rough for gunfire  
0500(I) Submerged and set course 300°T. Decided to patrol Buno Suido, 160° line until new moon, then head into coast.

No. C-6

Description of Contact

Attack	No. 1	No. 2
Date	2-16	2-17
Location	Lat. 30-50N Long. 135-42E	Lat. 30-50N Long.. 135-35E
Torpedoes Fired on Each Attack	3	3
Hits	1	2
No. Sunk (Tonnage)	3824*	4200**
No. Damaged or probably sunk	--	--
Type of Target	Frght. (Q-Ship)	Frght.

\* Similar to Nagano Maru - Photo 134 - ONI 208J  
\*\* Target similar to photo 197 in ONI 208J



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Case 18

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM:	Unknown originator	15/1007 February
TO:	WAI 7 (Unident)	JN 25
	RIYA 6 ( " )	D/-22434
	KINI 6 ( " )	
	KII 9 ( " )	
	EHA 2 ( " )	
	NITO 4 ( " )	
	TOI 0 ( " )	
	SUMU 3 ( " )	
	MOTIKA (Chief of Staff Yokosuka Naval District)	
INFO:	OSO 9 (Unident)	
	HAHA 3 ( " )	
	TITO 0 ( " )	
	TENI 5 ( " )	
	TORE/SORE 7 (Unident)	
	WASO 3 (Unident)	
	TINI 3 (Truk Communication Unit)	
	MOTO 6 (Unident)	

From: Captain of I-6:  
Will depart Yokosuka at 1000 on the 16th of February and proceed to Truk.  
1) Will pass through following points: All posits North & East:  
At blank hours on 16th 240° blank miles from blank.  
At 1200 on the 18th, 30 North, 146-30 East.  
At 1200 on the 21st, 18-10 North, 150-50 East.  
At 1200 on the 23rd, 10-10 North, 153 East.  
At 0700 on the 24th, Transit 40 Channel.  
2) On surface throughout.  
3) At 1200 on blank while remaining in Yokosuka Communication Zone will enter #6 Communication Zone (Jaluit) and at 1200 on the 21st, will leave Yokosuka Communication Zone.

(NSS-151054-FEB-DI)

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Case 18 (Cont.)

No. A-2

FROM: YAI Ø (6th Base Force) 15/1645 February  
TO: NII 7 JN 40  
YANI 5 SMS #607  
INFO: NEMU 4 (952nd Air Group)  
NII 2  
FUHA 2  
RUMU 5  
TEHA 6  
FURE Ø (Air Flot 22)  
TOUO 8

1. The Iro (Naval Tanker) arrived Truk 0600 15 February. Her subsequent schedule as in Iro's SMS #140630.
2. Comdr. Kwajalein Sea Defense Force will have the #5 Tama Maru upon completion of escorting, and after separating from the Kenaho Maru, fuel from the Iro in posit 08-30N, 163-00E and return to Kwajalein.
3. Air units furnish anti-sub air coverage on 20 Feb. as directed.

(NPM-160606-FEB-DI)

No. A-3

FROM: YAI Ø (Base Force #6) 15/1645 February  
(Jaluit) JN 40  
TO: YASA/MAWA 5 Serial 607  
NII 7  
INFO: TOSO 8  
RUMU 5  
TEHA 6  
NII 3  
NII 2  
FUHA 2  
MEMU 4  
FURE Ø (Air Flot 22)

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Case 18, No. A-3 (Cont.)

- (1) Ito (Tanker) will arrive Truk at 0600/15. Operation schedule is in accordance with that ships serial 140630.
- (2) OinC Kwajalein Sea Defense Force will have #5 Tama Maru leave the Kensho Maru after completion escorting her, thence refuel from Iro (Tanker) at 163 East 8-30 N. and return to Kwajalein.
- (3) The air force will, in accordance with its commanders orders, carry out anti-submarine escort for the above ship on the 20th.

(T2W-160150-FEB-DI)

No. A-4

FROM: WARUNI 17/1500 February  
TO: RAMIYU/FUMIYU JN 40  
INFO: RAMU/NAMU Ser 301  
SUTEKE (Minesweeper Div. #16)  
MEOYU 39 (#6 Base Force-Jaluit)

Position scheduled for this ship on 18th at 0000 is 08-30 N., 161-30 E. After arriving at posit 08-30 N., 163-00 East on the 18th at 1000, course will be 108 degs. speed 9 knots.

(NSS-171034-FEB-DI)

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: CTF 7 17/0246 February  
TO: ALL SUBS COPYING NPM FOX  
INFO: CINCPAC  
PREC: PRIORITY

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Case 18, No. B-1 (Cont.)

NUMBER 39 IS ULTRA X STINGRAY CANCEL BY SERIAL  
32 X HEP SUB 1 6 DELAYED 6 DAYS X FOLLOWING  
ARE POSITIONS AT 3 HOURS GCT ON DATES INDICATED  
FOR THAT SUB CRUISING ON SURFACE X 18TH X 30  
NORTH 116-30 EAST X 21ST X 18-10 NORTH 150-50  
EAST X 23RD X 10-10 NORTH 153 EAST ENTERS NORTH  
CHANNEL TRUK 22 HOURS GCT 23RD X TRIGGER INTER-  
CEPT IF IN VICINITY ANYWHERE NORTH OF 11 DEGREES  
NORTH X HALIBUT ATTEMPT INTERCEPT SOUTH OF 11  
NORTH X POMPAHO NOTE 180 PEANUT DUE JALUIT  
AFTERNOON OF 20TH FUELING OF ESCORT AT 8-30  
NORTH 163 EAST PROBABLY WILL BE ON 18TZ OR 19TH

No. B-2

FROM: CTF 7 17/1748 February  
TO: POMPAHO  
ALL SUBS COPYING NPM FOX  
INFO: CINCPAC  
PREC: OP

DOPE FOR POMPAHO ULTRA X 180 PEANUT AT 15 HOURS  
GCT 17TH AT 8-30 NORTH 161-30 EAST X 9 HOURS  
LATER WILL BE 90 MILES DUE EAST THIS POSIT WHERE  
SHE FUELS ESCORT AND THEN PROCEEDS ON COURSE  
108 DEGREES SPEED 9 X SERIAL 41

C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Stingray

Sixth War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Reception was satisfactory. All  
messages addressed to the Stingray  
and a complete series of ComSubPac  
messages, with the exception of  
ComSubPac serial 22 were received.

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Case 13 (Cont.)

No. C-2

February 21

1945

Surfaced.

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Sighted patrol vessel, diesel, trawler type, bearing 180°T., distance approximately 4000 yds. Position Lat. 6-40-30N, 149-39-00E. Retired to the west and decided to leave area West of Truk and patrol South of Truk. Evidently my presence was known.

February 22, 23, 24

Patrolled routes southwest, south and southeast of Truk.

U.S.S. Trigger

Fourth War Patrol

No. C-3

Radio Reception: Reception in general was excellent.

No. C-4

February 19

Slowed to one engine speed to arrive on station for special assignment.

February 20

1805(E)

(1st contact (no attack) Lat. 15-12 N. Long. 156-02 E. Unknown type ship. Sighted masts of a ship dead ahead. Submerged. Masts not in sight. Made observations with increasing length of periscope out. Nothing in sight.

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Case 16, No. C-4 (Cont.)

1821(K) Surfaced. Target not in sight. In spite of all of our efforts for the next twenty hours the target was not again seen. Undoubtedly the Officer of the Deck dived too soon but the target came into view rapidly and he exercised his judgment. No fault can be found with that.

February 22

Station patrol, submerged during daylight, on the Truk to Empire Track. Proceeding to alternate area authorized for use by this vessel for about one week.

February 23

2045(K) Sighted a flare and one lookout reported an object on the horizon bearing 150. Investigation revealed nothing there.

No. C-5

Description of Contact

No.	1
Date	2-20
Time	1805(K)
Lat.-Long.	15-12N 150-02E
Type	Unknown
Course	Unknown
Speed	Unknown
Remarks	--

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U.S.S. Halibut

Fourth War Patrol

No. C-6

Radio Reception: Radio reception was excellent throughout the patrol.

No. C-7

February 16

1241(M) Sighted periscope (Contact #1) 1500 yards abeam to starboard. Turned to bring stern tubes to bear and submerged. Sound could not pick up the target. Sound conditions poor.

1426(M) Surfaced and continued enroute to WAKE ISLAND.

February 19

0200(L) Changed course to conduct surface patrol along the estimated Empire-Kwajalein track.

February 22

1500-1600(Z) Noted signals on SD radar indicative of another radar making sweeps at intervals of seven minutes. At one time signals remained constant for a period of five minutes. The distance to TRUK was 250 miles.

1600(Z) Number three main engine out of commission due to failure of locking plate in vertical drive gear.

February 23

0500(Z) Commenced submerged patrol along the Empire-Truk lane between latitudes 10° and 11° north. Uneventful

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Case 18, No. C-7 (Cont.)

1845(Z) Surfaced patrolling south toward TRUK.  
1930(X) Entered area.

February 24

0513(X) Commenced submerged patrol across the  
Kwajalein-Truk track at latitude 9° north.  
1850(X) Surfaced patrolling eastern end of area.  
Uneventful.  
1900(X) #3 main engine back in commission running  
satisfactorily on parts filed out of a  
wrench handle.

U.S.S. Pontano

Fourth War Patrol

No. C-8

Radio Reception: Reception of NFM on the surface was  
good throughout the patrol.

No. C-9

February 18

0930(L) Lat. 8-30N Long. 162-36E sighted Naval  
Tanker. Unable to close less than 10,000  
yards. Trailed submerged until ½ hour  
before sunset, in view of very probable air  
coverage, then surfaced and trailed at  
full power during night. Gambling the last  
of our fuel on station on overtaking him.

February 19

0246(L) Lat. 7-33N Long. 165-40E sighted same tanker.  
Circled at 15,000 yards (moon 1 day before  
full) until twilight then 30,000 yards.  
Submerged 15 miles ahead ½ hour after  
sunrise.



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Case 12, No. C-9 (Cont.)

0815(L) Commenced approach and conducted attack on Tanker with escort. - Damaged Tanker with 2 hits. Received 2 depth charges, suffered no damage. Set course for KWAJALEIN.

2200(L) Received dispatch from CTF 7 directing reconnoitering of RONGERIK, RONGELAP and BIKINI without undue interference with patrol operations. Have about enough fuel for this and return on one engine. Otherwise could maintain a three day patrol off NORTH PASS, KWAJALEIN. Set course for BIKINI. Regret not having fuel for KWAJALEIN patrol since believe that best in MARSHALL area.

February 23

1100(L) Lat. 11-22-42 N Long. 167-40-30 E set course for MIDWAY speed 8 due low fuel. Reconnoitered BIKINI, RONGELAP and RONGERIK ATOLLS past three days. No landing field construction, shipping or other activity noted. Sighted various friendly planes last two days out of MIDWAY.

No. C-10

Description of Contact

No.	19	No.	20
Date	2-18	Date	2-19
Time	0930(L)	Time	0248(L)
Lat.-Long.	03-30N 162-36E	Lat.-Long.	07-35N 165-40E
Type	Naval Tanker	Type	Naval Tanker
Course	E	Course	110
Speed	2	Speed	8.8
Remarks	Like bottom picture P3 180 CMI 14 loaded.	Remarks	Attack #3. Same as 19.

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Case 18, No. C-10 (Cont.)

No. 21  
Date 2-19  
Time 0851(L)  
Lat.-Long. 07-27N  
165-52E  
Type Patrol  
Course 110  
Speed 8.8  
Remarks Small Patrol Yacht with Tanker above.

D - Verification

No. D-1

FROM: MEOYU 9 (Base Force 19/1145 February  
#6) JN 40  
TO: YOTAMU (Unit in SMS #630  
Kwajalein)  
INFO: TUNIMA 2 (Jaluit Sea Defense  
Force Comdr)  
SONAHO (Maru-Kaiun)  
NUYASU (4th Fleet)  
ROUMA (Escort Force #2)  
WARUNI (Iro - tanker)  
UNIFU (Maru-arrive Ponape 2/7)  
NEKETA (Maru Kyo #6)  
OMETO (Suwa Maru)  
USEWI (Air Group 21)  
WE WE (Ponape Hakentai)  
SUKASU (Maru in Yokosuka Zone)  
TUKUNA (Air Flot 22)  
HITOU  
NAUM (Kwajalein Sea Defense Force)  
FUMIYU (Tama Maru #5)  
MAYATA (Assoc. 952nd Air Group)  
HIREREI (Subchaser #63).

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Iroo, escorted by #5 Tama Maru, received enemy submarine torpedo attack (2 torpedoes) at 0721, 19th, in posit 07-29N, 165-55E. No damage. Air group attack it at once.

(NPM-190854-FEB-DI)

No. D-2

FROM: Garbled Originator 19/1149 February  
TO: Garbled Addressee JN 40  
INFO: NUYASU (4th Fleet)  
WARUNI (Fleet Tanker Iroo)  
UNIFU (42nd Guard Division, Ponape)  
TUKUNA (Air Flotilla 22)  
NAMU (Kwajalein Sea Defense Force)  
NEKETA  
OMETO  
USEWI  
HITOU  
FUMIYU  
HIRERE 1  
TUNIMA 2  
SONAHO Plus 4 garbled addressees and  
1 garbled WEWE

At 0721 the 19th, while under escort of the #5 Tama Maru, the "Iroo" was attacked by an enemy submarine (2 torpedoes) in posit 7-29 North, 165-55 East, but suffered no damage. The air-force will attack this submarine at once.

(T2W-191109-FEB-DI)

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Case 18 (Cont.)

No. D-3

FROM: MEOYU (Base Force #6, 28/0340 February  
Jaluit) (B) JN 40  
TO: ARONE (At Rabaul) (-) Serial 692  
ROWISU (Vessel) (B)  
KIREHO (Vessel at Kwajalein) (B)  
NEKETA (#5 Tama Maru) (C)  
HAKOSO (Taiyo Maru) (A)  
SETEU (Hinode Maru) (C)  
SESIHI SESIHI  
NANIMA (Maru enroute Kusai Eniwetok) (B)  
INFO: RATONE 2 (Associated Guard Force 6?  
and Nauru) (B)  
ROUMA 3 (Escort Force #2) (C)  
NOROE (DD--Asanagi) (C)  
NUYASU (4th Fleet) (B)

At 2227, 27th, the Iroo received an enemy torpedo attack (2 times) 280° 135 miles from Jaluit.

(FEB 27-DI)

No. D-4

FROM: MEOYU 1 (Base Force #6, 28/0852 February  
Jaluit) JN 40  
TO: TUWANA Serial 696  
INFO: KOSUO (11th Air Fleet)  
EMUHA (Shonan Maru)  
YAHOME (Taroa)  
MIKERI (Air Group 802)  
FUAYA (Nauru Air and 4 unidents)

Hoorou received 3rd torpedo attack (4 torpedoes) at 0705 but torpedoes failed to explode. Request co-operation on anti-submarine patrol for Hoorou.

T2W COMMENT: Hoorou not identified here.

(T2W-281151-FEB-DI)

GI COMMENT: This is the Iroo, Fleet tanker.

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Case 19

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM: WARUNI 17/1500 February  
TO: RUMIYU/FUMIYU JN 40  
INFO: RAMU/NAMU Ser 301  
SUTEKE (Minesweeper Div. #16)  
MEOYU 39 (#6 Base Force - Jaluit)

Position scheduled for this ship on 18th at 0000  
is 08-30N., 161-30E. After arriving at posit  
08-30N., 163-00 East on the 18th at 1000, course  
will be 108 degs, speed 9 knots.

(NSS-171034-FEB-DI)

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: CTF 7 18/0352 February  
TO: RUNNER  
INFO: CINCPAC  
PREC: PRIORITY

2 POPLARS COMING FROM DUE SOUTH EXPECTED ARRIVE  
AT USUAL ENTRANCE MAIN PORT AREA 10 X 1218 (COURSE  
108) X BLANK (SPEED) X MINUS 1100 (TIME 0100) X  
PLUS 3 (DATE 18TH) X ULTRA FOR RUNNER X ABOUT 23  
FEBRUARY TRIGGER WILL ENTER AREA DESIGNATED AT 10  
A WHICH IS BETWEEN EQUATOR AND 6 NORTH AND FROM  
137 TO 142 EAST X SERIAL 441

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C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Runner

First War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Reception was satisfactory as no submarine messages were missed.

No. C-2

February 19

1038(I)

1045(I)

1107(I)

Patrolling submerged off Toagol Klungui Passage, Palau.

Heard echo ranging and headed for it.

Echo ranging could be heard from two different ships on the same general bearing.

Sighted masts on same general bearing as echo ranging and commenced approach.

(Contact #3) When range closed sufficiently

two freighters were seen heading up to the pass from the south on about 050 true.

One destroyer was sighted but the other

escort which had been picked up on the sound was not seen. When the convoy was

about five miles from the pass the

destroyer reversed course to the south-

west, leaving the freighters to head

around to the east and enter the pass

alone. This change of course made the

distance to the freighter's track so great

that there was no possibility of making an

attack. We shifted to the destroyer

and tried to close her track but her course

took her well clear of us. Distant echo

ranging could still be heard until 1145(I).

We then headed back toward the entrance in

the hope that another convoy would come

along.

1255(I)

Picked up echo ranging from two ships.

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first to starboard then to port, which threw most people off their feet. Fired #2 and #3 tubes using an 8 second firing interval and a 2 degree divergent spread. After about thirty seconds a torpedo hit was definitely heard on the freighter. Some people claim to have heard two. Sound gear, bow plane power and both periscope hoist motors were reported out. West to 200 feet and began evasive tactics. Later six depth charges were heard, all well astern. Both destroyers had been observed to turn away from the convoy when the first torpedoes were fired.

No. C-3

Description of Contact

No.	8	No.	9
Date	2-19	Date	2-19
Time	1038(I)	Time	1257(I)
Lat.-Long.	7-35N 134-25E	Lat.-Long.	7-35N 134-25E
Type	2 freighters 2 DD	Type	2 freighters 2 DD
Course	055	Course	240
Speed	10	Speed	10
Remarks	--	Remarks	Freighter, Akagi Maru class. DD's similar to Fubuki class. Two stack. Attack 6 & 7.

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26 November 1945Case 20A - Source of IntelligenceNo. A-1

FROM: KEMI 2 (6th Base Force, 17/1117 February  
Jaluit) JN 40

TO: RIU 2 SMS 624  
MOHO 2  
FUU Ø

INFO: SUKASU (Maru)  
EHO 2  
KOA 4  
SUNA 5  
EMUHA  
RERO Ø  
RIA 7  
AKI 6  
TIRO 3  
SASEA (952nd Air Base, Brown)  
HASOKA (Yamakuni Maru)  
HIRERE 1  
SUTEKE 8  
HITE 9

1. The Yamakuni Maru (6900 tons) departs Kwajalein 1200, 18 February passing through posit 11-20N., 168-00E. arriving Wake 0400, 21 February. Speed 10 knots.

2. The Shinyuubari Maru (7800 tons) and Kinezaki in convoy departed Yokosuka 11 February. Speed 10 knots. Noon posits follow:

20 February 14-00N., 161-40E.  
21 February 12-05N., 164-30E.  
22 February 08-30N., 167-30E.  
23 February 05-30N., 169-55E.  
24 February 02-10N., 172-25E.

The Kinezaki will leave the formation 22 February and enter port at Kwajalein. The Shinyuubari Maru will arrive FYB (Tarawa Air Base) 24 February.



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3. The Commander of the Kwajalein Area Defense Force will have the #11 Shoonan Maru depart Kwajalein 18 February to act as an escort for the Yamakuni Maru until 1700, 19th. Thereupon, being released she is to rendezvous with the Shinyubari Maru and the Kinesaki at 0800, 21 February and act as escort until 0800, 23 February when the Asanagi will take over the escort duties. The #11 Shoonan will then enter port at Jaluit and upon completion fueling depart at will and return to Kwajalein.

4. The Asanagi will upon arrival at Kwajalein 20 February take on fuel oil from the Irou and carry out routine upkeep until the 23rd, when she will depart at her convenience to take over escort of the Shinyubari Maru from the #11 Shoonan Maru at 0800 escorting the former as far as Tarawa.

5. The Air Force will, as directed by its commander, carry out anti-submarine patrol for the Yamakuni Maru on the 18th as well as for the Kinesaki and Shinyubari Maru from the 21st until entering port.

(NPM-171322-FEB-DI)

(NPM-171324-FEB-DI)

No. A-2

FROM: KEMI 2 (6th Base Force) 17/1117 February  
TO: RUI 1 JN 40  
MUHO 3 Serial 624  
FUU 0  
INFO: HASOKA (Yamakuni Maru)  
SUTEKE 8 (Minesweeper Division 16)  
Twelve Unidents

1. The Yamakuni Maru (6900 tons) left PQ (Kwajalein) at 1200 the 18th and passing

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position 11-20N, 168-00E, is scheduled to arrive at AA (Wake) 0400 the 21st. Its speed 10 knots.

2. The Shinyubari Maru (7800 tons) in the Kinezaki convoy left Yokosuka the 11th. Speed 10 knots. Noon positions (all North and East).

20th - 14-00 and 161-40

21st - 12-05 and 164-30

22nd - 08-30 and 167-30

23rd - 05-30 and 169-55

24th - 02-10 and 172-25

(garbled here). Shinyubari Maru enters RYE(?) (Tarawa) on the 24th.

(NSS-171647-FEB-DI)

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: CTF 7 18/0412 February  
TO: ALL SUBS COPYING NPM FOX  
INFO: CINCPAC

PREC: PRIORITY

MORE FOR HALIBUT X SERIAL 34 X ULTRA X 2 SHIP  
CONVOY WITHOUT ESCORT AT 3 HOURS GCT 20 FEBRUARY  
AT 14 NORTH 161-41 EAST COURSE ABOUT 132 SPEED  
10 X ESCORT OF SHIP MENTIONED MY SERIAL 43 WILL  
JOIN THIS CONVOY AT 23 HOURS GCT SAME DATE X  
PLUNGER NOTE ONE OF THESE SHIPS EXPECTS ARRIVE  
TARAWA 24 FEBRUARY X WE HOPE NOT

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U.S.S. Halibut

Fourth War Patrol

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Case 20 (Cont.)

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Radio reception was excellent throughout the patrol.

No. C-2

February 15

1203 (L) Departed WAKE for TRUK.

February 19

0800 (L) Changed course to conduct surface patrol along the estimated Empire-Kwajalein track.

February 20

0615 (L) Commenced search along Empire-Kwajalein track.  
0920 (L) Sighted ship (contact #3) through high periscope, 15 miles abeam to starboard. Commenced tracking.  
0929 (L) Increased speed and changed course to attain attack position ahead. Identified ship as unescorted freighter.  
1000 (L) Target appeared to be zigzagging using large changes in course. Visibility was excellent making it necessary for us to keep at long range to avoid being sighted. Decided to continue tracking during day and close to attack after dark.  
1400 (L) Track shows vessel apparently en route from Kwajalein to Saipan or Guam.  
1935 (L) Closed to continue tracking with radar. Visibility excellent in full moonlight.  
2024 (L) Estimated target base course to be 273°T, at 11 knots. Target still zigzagging in moonlight. Submerged to 40 feet in position 11,000 yards ahead of him and com-

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Case 20 (Cont.)

U.S.S. Plunger

Fifth War Patrol

No. C-4

Radio Reception: The 4115 Kcs. series was received strength 5 almost every night. 26.1 Kcs. was our best frequency in GILBERTS, MARSHALLS, and near PONAPE. Interference on 8230 Kcs. by an unknown commercial station was experienced several times on the 1100 schedules.

No. C-5

February 25

0000 (L) Set course for TARAWA entrance.  
 0513 (L) Dived 11½ miles off entrance to avoid radar detection.  
 0700 (L) Commenced close patrol covering entrance to TARAWA.  
 1216 (L) Sighted masts bearing 236 T, distance 16,000 yards, large port angle on the box. Commenced approach. He had a small escort vessel on the starboard beam. He was a fine MKFKM freighter similar to Nana Maru, 6750 tons, with a new paint job. A MTB stood out of TARAWA at high speed, perhaps with the pilot.....When the range was 3100 yards, target zigged toward us giving an angle on the bow of 10 S. We c/c left to 165 for a 90 S stern tube shot. Target speed 9 knots. Torpedoes set on 8 feet.....the second torpedo went out on 192. 195 was needed to hit the point of aim. No hits. We went deep

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immediately after firing and took one depth charge astern where we would have been on a bow attack. In the next half hour there were eight more depth charges, one at a time, not too close. The JAP sent AR on his supersonic and shoved off, presumably for more depth charges. More help arrived and they held on much too well. We finally threw them off the track by turning south about 1600.

No. C-6

Description of Contact

No.	1
Date	2-25
Time	1215 (M)
Lat-Long.	1-25N 178-53E
Type	AK
Course	085
Speed	9 kts
Remarks	Approaching TARAWA ISL. Two escorts - zigging 1st attack. Missed.

Case 21

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM:	JCS	18/1505 February
TO:	Yokosuka Naval District	JN 40
		SMS #273

This afternoon a friendly submarine departed Tokyo Bay and proceeded via Enshu Nada and

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Kumano Nada and tomorrow morning enter KII Channel.

GI COMMENT: Enshu Nada is 34-27N, 137-38E.  
Kumano Nada is 33-47N, 136-20E.

(NPM-181030-FEB-DI)

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: CTF 7  
TO: TARPON  
INFO: ---

18/0930 February

PREC: OP

1 SPRUCE FOR TARPON X ULTRA X SERIAL 46 X OUT  
OF TOKYO BAY AFTERNOON EIGHTEENTH INTO KII  
CHANNEL NEXT MORNING (SPRUCE IS SUB)

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U.S.S. Tarpon

Sixth War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Radio reception was complete.  
Last serial sent 'NORWAY'.

No. C-2

February 18

Submerged in eastern part of area. Too rough for periscope patrol. Surfaced just east of eastern edge of area. Set course for Midway at 2 engine speed.

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February 19-24

Return trip uneventful. Weather is moderate and wind and seas are astern. Made daily dives and held drills.

Case 22

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM: AMI 9  
TO: RIKI 1  
YOA 7  
NAU 1  
ETE 6  
YUHO 9

13/1700 February  
JN 25  
D-92978

Questionable SubDiv 12 (61995 X) less I-168 arrived Kiska about 14 February -- many blanks -- relative to change of communication zones.

(NPM-180746-FEB-DI)

GI COMMENT: A JN 40 sent in NPM 131032 and received in T2W 130517 says that SubDiv 12 less I-168 is scheduled to pass 148 East 33-25 North at 1200 18th. Therefore recovery of 14 February in JN 25D msg. may be poor. In any event destination is evidently Kiska.

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Case 22 (Cont.)

No. A-2

FROM:	SISA 3	18/0656 February
TO:	WANE 5	JN 40
INFO:	MOE 9	#626
	ITETI 9	
	SASEA (Air Base #952 Brown)	
	HOWA 1	
	MUNIRO (Shinkoku Maru)	
	TERA 8	

Shinkoku Maru (5400 (garble may be 5100) tons), depart PQ (Kwajalein) 0500, 18th and headed for PS (Saipan) via posits 15-00 North, 161-50 East, and 15-40 North, 150-00 East, speed 10 knots. Air Group carry out anti-submarine patrol for this ship on the 19th.

(NPM-180532-FEB-DI)

No. A-3

FROM:	---	18/1135 February
TO:	RETI 3	JN 25 D 13 - 18405
	NINE 3	
	RAWA 4	
	TUSA 4	
	OSA 3	
	NEIHI (Harbor Affairs Section 4 - Truk)	
INFO:	TISA 0	
	TEMO 6	
	KIFU 2	
	HIMO 5	
	TESA 5	
	FUKO 7	
FROM:	ComSubDiv 7	

The I-2 (22356X) departing Shortlands for Truk at 1600 18th February. Noon posit 19 February Kenosu \_\_\_\_\_ at 0500 22nd February arrives South Channel. Entire trip on surface.

GI COMMENT: Kenosu is near 03-508, 157-30E.

(NPM-181120-FEB-DI)



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Case 22 (Cont.)

No. A-4

FROM: NITO 8  
TO: SOHOKA  
INFO: SAYA 2  
MUNI 9  
TIHA 5

19/1715 February  
JN 40  
SMS 528

To 4th Shipping Comdr.  
#2 Sea Escort Force Order 18.

1. Akitu Maru's course indicated herewith.
  - (a) 16 (or 10) miles south at Pulusuk Island (06-42 North, 149-00 East).
  - (b) Point "F", 06-53 North, 150-30 East.
  - (c) North Channel (Odd Days), South Channel (Even Days).

2. Inform me anew of operating schedule.  
#4 Shipping Command.

(T2W-190655-FEB-DI)

GI COMMENT: This ship en route Truk. She came from Aru Banks and was originally to have gone to Palao.

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: COMSUBPAC  
TO: ALL SUBS COPYING  
NPM FOX  
INFO: ---  
PREC: PRIORITY

20/0417 February

COMSUBPAC SENDS DAILY NEWS LETTER SERIAL 49 X  
BLUE POMPANO STINGRAY X ULTRA X 265 POPCORN  
PROBABLY NO ESCORT DEPARTED KWAJALEIN 20 HOURS  
GCT 17 FEBRUARY MAKING 10 KNOTS WILL PASS

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THROUGH 15 NORTH 161-30 EAST AND 15-40 NORTH  
150 EAST EN ROUTE SAIPAN X HIGH TARGET FOR  
HALLIBUT IS IN POSITION TO INTERCEPT X SWORD-  
FISH NOW INSIDE THE CIRCLE HEADING FOR PEARL  
FROM SOUTHWEST X TARPON WHO LEFT AREA 4 FOR  
MIDWAY 18 FEBRUARY REPEAT YOUR MESSAGE WHEN  
CONVENIENT X ONLY 1ST FEW GROUPS RECEIVED X  
ALSO WATCH OUT FOR 3 NIP SUBMARINES REPORTED  
TO BE HEADED EAST FROM POSITION. 33-25 NORTH  
148 EAST AT 3 HOURS OCT 18 FEBRUARY X  
DESTINATION INDEFINITE BUT PROBABLY ALEUTIANS  
X STINGRAY NOTE THAT ONE NIP SUB APPROACHING  
FROM SOUTH IS SCHEDULED ENTER TRUK SOUTH  
PASS AT 20 OCT 21 FEB X ALSO NOTE 1 POPLAR  
(MERCHANTMAN TYPE UNKNOWN) POSSIBLE OF SOME  
IMPORTANCE WILL PASS 10 MILES SOUTH OF PULUSUK  
ISLAND AND THEN THROUGH 6-35 NORTH 150-30 EAST  
IN NEAR FUTURE X EXACT DATE UNKNOWN X

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U.S.S. Stingray

Sixth War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Reception was satisfactory.  
All messages addressed to the  
Stingray and a complete series  
of ComSubPac messages, with  
the exception of ComSubPac  
serial 22 were received.

No. C-2

February 20

1935 (L) Surfaced and started to proceed to a  
point twelve miles west of Piana Pass.

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Case 22 (Cont.)

No. C-4

February 18

1203 (L) Departed WAKE for TRUK.  
2015 (L) Continued en route TRUK.

February 20

0615 (L) Commenced search along Empire-Kwajalein track.  
0920 (L) Sighted ship (contact #3) through high periscope, 15 miles abeam to starboard. Commenced tracking.  
0929 (L) Increased speed and changed course to attain attack position ahead. Identified ship as unescorted freighter.  
1000 (L) Target appeared to be zigzagging using large changes in course. Visibility was excellent making it necessary for us to keep at long range to avoid being sighted. Decided to continue tracking during day and close to attack after dark.  
1400 (L) Track shows vessel apparently en route from Kwajalein to Saipan or Guam.  
1935 (L) Closed to continue tracking with radar. Visibility excellent in full moonlight.  
2024 (L) Estimated target base course to be  $273^{\circ}T$ , at 11 knots. Target still zigzagging in moonlight. Submerged to 40 feet in position 11,000 yards ahead of him and commenced approach using radar range and periscope bearings. Target plainly visible through both periscopes appeared to be a 5600 ton freighter similar to the Syoan Maru (ONI 208J page 195), light draft.  
2028 (L) Came to attack course using bow tubes.  
2043 (L) Target zigged. Came to course for  $90^{\circ}$  track using stern tubes. Went to 52 feet and secured radar.  
2059 (L) Fired a  $2^{\circ}$  divergent spread from tubes 7, 8 and 9, set at 10 feet. Range 1600 yards.

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- 2100 (L) Heard three explosions and observed all three torpedoes hit. These were "Torpedex" heads; explosions were not very loud and no flashes were seen.
- 2101 (L) Target listed about 70° to port and sinking fast.
- 2102 (L) Target sank, no survivors
- 2103 (L) Surfaced and set course for TRUK.

U.S.S. Tarpon

Sixth War Patrol

No. C-5

Radio Reception: Radio reception was complete.

No. C-6

February 18

Submerged in eastern part of area. Too rough for periscope patrol. Surfaced just east of eastern edge of area. Set course for Midway at 2 engine speed.

February 19-24

Return trip uneventful. Weather is moderate and wind and seas are astern. Made daily dives and held drills.

Case 23

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM:	MORIWI	20/1300 February
TO:	WE) #2 Escort Force (WE	JN 40
INFO:	WE) Headquarters #4	SMS 108
	Convoy (WE	
From:	Akitsu Maru	

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Case 23, No. A-1 (Cont.)

This vessels estimated positions at 15 knots as follows:

1. 21st 1200 - 06-32 North, 148-09 East.
2. 21st 1700 - Pass 10 miles south of Shukku Island (Pulusuk I.).
3. 22nd 0400 - Arrive entrance to South Channel.

(NPM-202152-FEB-DI)

No. A-2

FROM: MORIWI (#3 SubChaser) 20/1300 February  
TO: WARU (Southeast Area JN 40  
Fleet) Serial #108  
NEHAKU (6th Fleet)  
YUREMA (Enciphered 2nd  
Seas Escort Force)  
INFO: Enciphered Commander 4th Shipping.  
From: Akitsu Maru:

This vessel is proceeding at 15 knots, scheduled positions as follows:

- (1) 1200, 21st - 06-32 North, 148-09 East.
- (2) 1700, 21st - pass 10 miles south of Pulusuk Island.
- (3) 0400, 22nd - arrive entrance South Channel.

(T2W-201300-FEB-DI)

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: RDO HONO 21/0415 February  
TO: ALL SUBS COPYING NPM FOX  
INFO: CINCPAC  
  
PREC: OP OP

POMPANO WILL BE PLEASED TO KNOW THAT 083 POPCORN  
MAKING 10 KNOTS DEPARTED PONAPE 20 HOURS GCT 19  
FEBRUARY X WILL PASS THROUGH FOLLOWING POINTS

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Case 23, No. B-1 (Cont.)

ENROUTE JALUIT X 7-10 NORTH 158-40 EAST, 7-40  
NORTH 163 EAST AND 6-30 NORTH 169-30 EAST X  
THIS POPCORN NEEDS POPPING X HE MAY HAVE ESCORT  
WITH HIM OR MAY HAVE ESCORT PRECEDE HIM ALONG  
TRACK TO SEARCH FOR AND WARN HIM OF SUBMARINES  
X ULTRA SUBPAC SERIAL 50 X STINGRAY NOTE POPLAR  
MENTIONED MY SERIAL 49 WAS SCHEDULED PASS TEN  
MILES SOUTH OF PULUSUK AT 8 HOURS GCT 21  
FEBRUARY X HE IS MAKING 15 KNOTS

C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Pompano

Fourth War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Reception of NPM on the surface was good throughout the patrol. Underwater reception was possible at a 45 foot depth only and at a distance not exceeding 2400 miles from Pearl.

No. C-2

February 18

See II, Case 13, C-2.

February 19

0248 (L) Lat. 7-33N. Long. 165-40E. sighted same tanker. Circled at 15,000 yards (moon 1 day before full) until twilight then 30,000 yards. Submerged 15 miles ahead 1½ hours after sunrise.

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Case 23 (Cont.)

U.S.S. Stingray

Fourth War Patrol

No. C-3

Radio Reception: RECEPTION was satisfactory. All messages addressed to the STINGRAY and a complete series of ComSubPac messages with the exception of ComSubPac, serial 22 were received.

No. C-4

See II, Case 22, C-2.

Case 24

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM: No originator  
TO: EI 6  
INFO: KORA 4  
WAA 6  
NOME 5  
RUSO 3  
HOWA 10  
From: C.O. I-18.

22/2036 December  
JN 25 D 13-74551

22nd December 1900 posit 17-08N, 144-44E, course 140. 24th December 1800 posit 09-29N, 150-24E, course 150. Speed 13 knots.

25 December 0500 arrive South Channel.

(21 FEB-DI-NPM-220342)

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Case 24 (Cont.)

No. A-2

FROM: RUKUO (#2 Eiko Maru) 23/0810 February  
TO: ANRE (4th Fleet) JN 40  
NOSITE 3 (Base Force #4- Ser. 037  
Truk)  
NEIHI 2 (4th Harbor Affairs)  
AMARA (Truk Transport)  
INFO: NSENI (Navy Transport)  
MOTIKA (CofS Yokosuka)  
KUHATU (Yokosuka Transport)

Convoy 321 scheduled arrive Truk North Channel  
at 1300, 25th. Scheduled be in 09-05N, 153-30E  
at noon 24th.

(T2W-230155-FEB-DI)

No. A-3

FROM: ROKUSO 8 (#2 Eiko Maru) 23/0810 February  
TO: ANRE 31 (4th Fleet) JN 40  
NOSITE 31 (Major Command SMS 037  
Truk)  
NEIHI 2 (Truk Harbor Affairs)  
AMARA (Truk Transportation Section)  
INFO: NSENI (Transportation Section Chief)  
MOTIKA (Yokosuka Chief of Staff)  
KUHATU (Yokosuka Transportation Section)

Convoy #3211 expects arrive North entrance 1300  
(or 1330) 25 February. (Gives garbled position  
for 1200 24 February as 09-05 North, 153-00 East)?

(FEB 22-DI-NPM-230622)

No. A-4

FROM: SUI 9 23/1100 February  
TO: HOKENA JN 40  
WAYOMA #186  
INFO: ROKUSO (#2 Eiko Maru)  
NYA 3 (Combined Fleet)  
TANOMA 3

Caroline Area Defense Force Operation order #62.  
Transportation exercise #3211 B convoy (#2 Eiko,



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Ebon Maru, Heiwa Maru) will pass through point A 06-30 N, 153-25 E at 0800 the 24th; course 2.7 degrees and will arrive at the North Channel at dawn 25th. Subchaser #10 and the Kinjoo Maru will rendezvous with the convoy at 0800, 24th and escort it.

(FEB-23-DI)

GI: This operation order was cancelled by opord #63 giving a new rendezvous position and time; 1200 the 24th, 09-05 N, 153-30 E.

No. A-5

FROM: NOSITE 7 (Base Force #4) 23/1600 February  
TO: HOKEWA JN 40  
WAYOMA Serial 209  
INFO: NUWANE (Combined)  
ROKUSO (#2 Eiko Maru)  
NUYASU (CinC 4th)  
TANOMA

Carolina Area Defense Force Operation order #63. Reference #2 Eiko Maru secret despatch #37. The rendezvous time and place given in Caroline Area Defense Force Operations Order #62 have been changed to about noon 24th at 09-05 N, 153-30 E.

(T2W-231124-FEB-DI)

GI: The rendezvous is with convoy #3211, E.T.A. Truk North Channel at Feb. 25, 1300.

No. A-6

FROM: NOROE (Ship in Marshalls 22/1200 February  
Gilberts) JN 40  
TO: TOFU 5 (Base Force #6) SMS #192  
INFO: SUKASU (In Jaluit Comm Zone)

The schedule of the Shinyuubari Maru is unexpectedly changed. Request new orders with

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respect to escort of above vessel.

(NPM-230042-230044-FEB-DI)

GI COMMENT: Shinyuubari Maru posits were to be:  
22nd, 08-30 N, 167-30 E.  
23rd, 05-30 N, 169-55 E.  
24th, 02-10 N, 172-25 E.  
To arrive Tarawa Air Base Feb. 24th.  
NOROE is probably Asanagi who was  
to rendezvous at 0800, 23. Later  
info changes rendezvous to 1600,  
23 Feb.

No. A-7

FROM: NOSITE 7 (Base Force 23/1600 February  
4 at Truk) JN 40  
TO: HOKEWA #209  
WAYOMA  
INFO: ROKUSO (#2 Eiko Maru)  
NUWAHE  
TANOMA  
NUYASU (4th Fleet)

Caroline Area Defense Force Opord #63.

In reference to #2 Eiko Maru's SMS #37 correct  
Caroline Area Defense Force Opord #62 as follows:

Change rendezvous time and place to about 1200  
the 24th, position 09-05N, 153-30E.

(FEB-23-DI)

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: CTF 7 23/0700 February  
TO: ALL SUBS UNDER MY COMMAND  
INFO: CINCPAC  
PREC: PRIORITY

SUBPAC SERIAL 54 X ULTRA NIP SUB 1 - 18 PASSED

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THROUGH 17-08 NORTH 144-44 EAST 10 HOURS GCT 22  
FEBRUARY X COURSE 140 X AT 9 HOURS GCT 24  
FEBRUARY HE WILL BE AT 9-29 NORTH 150-24 EAST  
COURSE 150 SPEED 13 X ALSO FIVE PEAR PROBABLY  
PART OF CONVOY GOES THROUGH 9-05 NORTH 153-30  
EAST AT 3 HOURS GCT 24 FEBRUARY TO ENTER NORTH  
PASS AT 4 HOURS GCT 25 FEBRUARY X HALIBUT WATCH  
OUT FOR PIC IF YOU PICK PEAR X PLUNGER NOTE  
SHIP DUE TARAWA 24 FEBRUARY HAS BEEN SLIGHTLY  
DELAYED X MAKING ABOUT 10 KNOTS AT 11 HOURS  
GCT 23 FEBRUARY SEE WILL BE AT 5-30 NORTH  
169-55 EAST AND 24 HOURS LATER AT 2-10 NORTH  
172-25 EAST X PROBABLY 1 DD ESCORT

C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Halibut

Fourth War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Radio reception was excellent  
throughout the patrol.

No. C-2

February 23

- 0500 (K) Commenced submerged patrol along the Empire-  
Truk land between latitudes 10° and 11°  
north. Uneventful.  
1845 (K) Surfaced patrolling south toward TRUK.  
1930 (K) Entered area.

February 24

- 0513 (K) Commenced submerged patrol across the  
Kwajalein-Truk track at latitude 9°  
north.

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February 25

0000 (L) Set course for TARAHA entrance.  
 0513 (L) Dived 11½ miles off entrance to  
 avoid radar detection.  
 0700 (L) Commenced close patrol covering  
 entrance to TARAHA.  
 1216 (L) Sighted masts bearing 236 T, distance  
 16,000 yards, large port angle on the  
 box. Commenced approach. He had a  
 small escort vessel on the starboard  
 beam. He was a fine MKFKM freighter  
 similar to Nana Maru, 6750 tons, with  
 a new paint job. A MTB stood out of  
 TARAHA at high speed, perhaps with  
 the pilot.....When the range was 3100  
 yards, target zigged toward us giving  
 an angle on the bow of 10 S. We c/o  
 let to 165 for a 90 S stern tube shot.  
 Target speed 9 knots. Torpedoes set  
 on 8 feet..... The second torpedo went  
 out on 192. 195 was needed to hit the  
 point of aim. No hits. We went deep  
 immediately after firing and took one  
 depth charge astern where we would  
 have been on a bow attack. In the next  
 half hour there were eight more depth  
 charges, one at a time, not too close.  
 The JAP sent AR on his supersonic and  
 shoved off, presumably for more depth  
 charges. More help arrived and they  
 held on much too well. We finally  
 threw them off the track by turning  
 south about 1600.

No. C-5.

Description of Contact

No.	1
Time-Date	1215 (M) - Feb. 25
Lat-Long	1-25N - 178-53E
Type	AK
Est. Course-Speed	085 - 9 kts.
How Contacted	P
Remarks	Approaching TARAHA ISL. Two escorts - zigging 1st attack. Missed.

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Case 25

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM: ROHI 7  
TO: RANO ø  
INFO: HERI ø  
HASOKA (Yamakuni Maru)  
KOME 6

24/1013 February  
JN 40  
SMS 662

From the Staff.

Desire the Yamakuni Maru proceed as follows:  
Pass through posit 24 North, 150 East and  
then follow the direct route.

(FEB-24-DI)\*

GI COMMENT: (to Empire)

No. A-2

FROM: SOHI/ROHI 7  
TO: RAYO/RANO ø  
INFO: HERI 9  
KOME 6  
HASOKA

24/1018 February  
JN 40  
Serial 662

From Staff.

Yamakuni Maru's route is designated as follows:

Pass through 24-00N, 150-00E. Direct route.

(NSS-240405-FEB-DI)

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Case 25

No. A-3

FROM: ROHI 7  
TO: RANO Ø  
INFO: HERI Ø  
NENO 9  
RIN 1  
MIKA Ø  
HASOKA (Yamakuni Maru)  
NKEE  
Enciphered Wake Detached Unit-7

24/1102 February  
JN 40  
Ser. 665

"Yamakuni Maru will leave Wake Island for Yokosuka at 1500, 26. Course will be in accordance with this forces SMS 162. Officer in Charge Wake Island Defense Force will have number #3 Shoonan Maru escort above vessel until 1700, 27th and return Wake."

(T2W-240552-FEB-DI)

GI COMMENT: Yamakuni Maru directed to pass through posit 24-00N, 150-00E. in message from ROHI 7 serial 662 sent at 241140 Feb.

No. A-4

FROM: ROHI 7  
TO: RANO 1  
INFO: HERI Ø  
KOME 6  
HASOKA (Yamakuni Maru)

24/1140 February  
JN 40  
Serial 662

From: Staff.

Route of Yamakuni Maru indicated as follows:

Pass through 24N, 150E and proceed directly.

(T2W-240420-FEB-DI)

GI COMMENT: Yamakuni Maru was scheduled to arrive Wake 0400, 21st. Probably now en route back to Empire.

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Case 25No. A-5

FROM: NOROE (Ship in Marshalls-Gilberts) 22/1200 February  
JN 40  
SMS #192  
TO: TOFU 5 (Base Force #6)  
INFO: SUKASU (In Jaluit Comm Zone)

The schedule of the Shinyuubari Maru is unexpectedly changed. Request new orders with respect to escort of above vessel.

(NPM-230042-230044-FEB-DI)\*

GI COMMENT: Shinyuubari Maru posits were to be: 22nd, 08-30N, 167-30E. 23rd, 05-30N, 169-55E. 24th, 02-10N, 172-25E. To arrive Tarawa Air Base Feb. 24. NOROE is probably Asanagi who was to rendezvous at 0800, 23. Later info changes rendezvous to 1600, 23 Feb. Almost no operational traffic on 24th. Only 5 aircraft reconnaissance flights noted. More or less routine reports from Sea-plotdiv 11 (NOTA 7) only activity in Solomons.

(T2W-250827-FEB-DI)

No. A-6

FROM: ROHI 7 24/1105 February  
TO: Blank JN 40  
INFO: EMUHA (Shonan Maru #11) Serial 666  
USEWI (Air Group #21)  
UNIFU (Guard Division 42, Ponape)  
9 unidents and garbled enciphered.

1. The Iro will depart PY (Jaluit) 0500 Feb. 27 for PJ (unknown) (Probably gargled), speed 9 knots, course as stated in her serial 231500.

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2. Commander Kwajalein Sea Frontier Defense Force will have the #11 Shonan Maru escort the Iro to 08-00 North, 160-00 East, where they will part company, the #11 Shonan Maru proceeding to PO (Ponape) to provision and then escorting to PQ (Kwajalein) the Taihozan Maru, departing PO (Ponape) on the 3rd March.

3. The Air Force will carry out anti-submarine guard of the Iro, as directed by its commander.

(NSS-240757-FEB-DI)\*

GI COMMENT: U.S. Submarine missed Iro (8000 ton AO) with two torpedoes on 19th, in posit 7-29 North, 165-55 East.

No. A-7

FROM: ROUMA (#2 Escort Force) 24/2200 February  
TO: (#1 Nanyoo Maru) JN 40  
NANONA (Maru) SMS #390  
INFO: WAMISO  
MERI 4  
HOTEWA (#5 Base Force - Saipan)  
RUMIHI (4th Fleet)

I. Sea Escort Operation Order #20: The Kitikawa Maru and the #1 Nanyoo Maru, will pass through the following points:

- A) 10-47 North 143-38 East.
- B) 07-04 North 147-34 East.
- C) "F" point South Channel.

II. At about 1200 the 27th of February at point "B" SubChaser #10 will rendezvous and escort in accordance the above schedule.

(NPM-250304-24-FEB-DI)



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B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: CTF 7  
TO: ALL SUBMARINES  
INFO: COPYING NPM FOX  
CINCPAC  
PREC: PRIORITY  
25/0500 February

NUMBER 56 IS SUBPAC ULTRA X 1 FREIGHTER DEPARTS WAKE 6 HOURS GCT 26 FEB X SPEED 10 KNOTS X WILL PASS THROUGH 24 NORTH 150 EAST EN ROUTE TOKYO X NO ESCORT AFTER 8 HOURS GCT 27th X KINGFISH INTERCEPT IF POSSIBLE TO DO SO WITHOUT UNDUE DELAY X PLUNGER BELIEVE SHIP YOU WERE TO MEET NEAR TARAWA HAD HER SCHEDULE ALTERED X HERE IS BETTER ONE X 14000 TON FLEET TANKER WITH 1 SMALL ESCORT BUT POSSIBLY AIR COVERAGE DEPARTS JALUIT 20 HOURS GCT 26 FEB SPEED 9 KNOTS X DESTINATION INDEFINITE BUT SHE IS SCHEDULED TO DROP HER ESCORT AT 8 N 160 E X POMPANO HAS LEFT FOR MIDWAY SO MARSHALL AREA NOW VACANT X HALIBUT NOTE 2 NICE TARGETS WILL PASS THROUGH 11-47 NORTH 143-38 EAST AND PROCEED TO 7-40 NORTH 147-34 EAST WHERE THEY ARE SCHEDULED MEET ESCORT AT 3 HOURS GCT 27 FEB X SUNFISH MAY EXPECT STRONG NORTHEAST STORM ALONG ISLAND CHAIN IN NEAR FUTURE

C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Kingfish

Third War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Radio reception was complete except for about one hour at 2000 GCT in the area when fading was experienced.

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Case 25 (Cont.)

No. C-2

February 23-28

Moderate to heavy seas from S.W. and W necessitated slowing to one engine speed about 30% of this period. Training dives and drills en route.

U. S. S. Plunger

Fifth War Patrol

No. C-3

Radio Reception: The 4115 Kcs series was received strength 5 almost every night. 26.1 kcs. was our best frequency in GILBERTS, MARSHALLS and near PIONAPE. Interference on 8230 kcs. by an unknown commercial station was experienced several times on the 1100 schedules.

No. C-4

February 26

- 0600 (M) Day broke and clear with a smooth sea. A periscope attack on a properly protected valuable unit off the entrance buoys would be difficult on a day like this. Subsequent attacks would be impossible. Close coverage of the three entrances to JALUIT did not look promising.
- 1216 (L) Having attained position from which we can remain submerged by daylight, dived.

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- 1551 (L) With 10 feet of periscope out, sighted the white tips of the 140 foot masts

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0000 (L) Pulled out on target's starboard bow, 3000 yards off the track just as the moon came up bearing about 090. Target now in sight. 0018 dived to 35 feet and continued radar ranges and periscope bearings. When range was 6000 yards and angle on bow 30 S went to 55 feet. Used generated ranges and periscope bearings, and came to a 90 S track for bow tubes. Set torpedoes on 10 feet. Sound picked up the escort on 285 relative. 0050 target almost filled field of periscope. Felt we were getting in a little too close, came left 10° to an 80 S track to speed up shooting. At 0052, with generated range of 1500 yards, fired the bow tubes, all gyros on zero, all to hit between the foremast and stack. First torpedo was fired at foremast with periscope angle of 347 and succeeding torpedoes at 7 S firing intervals.....All these torpedoes should have hit, but the last explosion was heard only by sound and the forward room. Three explosions were heard throughout the ship. The screen was close on our port beam; took the ship to 250 feet after the last shot. No depth charges were dropped at this time. Sound reported the tanker's screws could not be heard. In about 15 minutes sound reported motor boats screws. The escort was close. We put him astern and when we thought we were clear made a reload on No. 1 and 2 tubes, circled around, gradually coming up. At 0145 reached periscope depth. Saw tanker dead in water, having turned completely around, headed about 030. He was down by the stern with considerable more overall draft..

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of a SHIRETOKO class fleet tanker bearing 043, distance about 16 miles..... He was protected by an air screen and a surface escort. He was zigging radically with an average course near 283. The escort vessel was about 2000 yards on his starboard quarter, not patrolling, just keeping station. The air screen was at about 4000 feet patrolling well up ahead within 50° on either bow. After 1700 the cruiser observation type plane could not be seen in the air. When the range was 6200 yards the C.O. saw what he thought was the plane on board forward. However, no recovery was observed..... We lost him just before we thought it was time to surface. By this time we knew a lot about him, and felt sure his number was up.

1845 (L)

Surfaced. With the aid of radar and Fairbanks-Morse regained contact at 2030, range 14,300 yards, 5° on our port bow. The night was black with low dark clouds in several directions. A big moon will rise at 2400. Commenced gaining position ahead, passing up tanker's port side, keeping range open to 10,000 yards. When we were broad on target's port quarter a brilliant blue white streak appeared just above the horizon on his exact bearing. We thought we had been detected by escort listening and cleared the bridge, except for O.C.D. and C.O., to await developments. No developments came and the "rocket" is now thought to have been a shooting star. By 2310 battery was fairly well charged and went to full power on four engines. 2344 we were dead ahead of target, range 10,000 yards. Paced target. Target on course 265, not zigging, speed between 9.8 and 10 knots. Waited to get target in moonlight for periscope attack.

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- The escort was milling around between us and target. The tanker was signalling to the escort with a large green signal light. The C.O. and the Executive Officer looked him over and decided he needed only one more torpedo. Maneuvered into a position about 1150 yards on port beam of target (filled field in high power).
- 0225 (L) Reached periscope depth 15° on tanker's starboard bow about 2000 yards away. Maneuvered for position on tanker's beam at close range. Escort off tanker's port side was patrolling, stopping, and then going ahead.
- 0235 (L) Sound reported DD propellers and echo ranging. Searched for DD but could not see him. Clouds made visibility spotty. Sound reported DD propellers closing fast. Sound had been too good to doubt them now. Went to deep submergence, expecting barrage from DD. High speed propellers went overhead, but no charges were dropped.....
- 0344 (L) Range 4200; made ready all bow tubes. Set torpedoes on 4, 6, 8 and 10 feet. Thought this would be our last chance at this big fellow, and to make sure he was deleted from H.I.J.M. Navy List we would fire four torpedoes. Kept target bearing exactly 000 relative from here in and stood by to shoot at any time the screen should detect us. We had a quick look at the screen and the tanker about every 6 minutes.
- 0345 (L) Screen ahead again. He turned around and commenced moving out on port bow.
- 0350 (L) Screen bearing 335, still moving to port. As long as he kept going away we kept closing. When the tanker's range was 2800 yards, and the escort bore 315 relative, he started back toward us. Decided now as the time to shoot. Why he made this sashay to port, we will never know, but it was very helpful.

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0904 (L) With all torpedo gyros on zero and the periscope dead on zero, and ship swinging slowly; 0904-00 fired #1 at foremast 0904-10 fired #2 just forward of the mainmast, 0904-20 fired #3 just abaft the mainmast, 0904-30 fired #4 at the bridge. Started deep immediately. 0904-40 a very loud premature torpedo explosion.....Two torpedoes unaccounted for. c/c to the right to 050 to parallel tanker. Having heard only one hit, hoped to evade escort by crossing under target's bow to other side, the same as last night. At 0910 a sharp depth charge over the periscope shears caused us to abandon this idea, and c/c to 160 to open target. Ran silent under slow constant helm, keeping escort astern, making good about 180. Two depth charges at 0935 fairly close, one at 0937 and 0938. Eased around to west to drop escort but he let go another charge at 1011 and one at 1012. Gradually eased around to east turning through south and by 1100 he was left astern.

1545 (L) Sighted masts bearing 135T. Took up approach course for possible attack but recognized him as the escort who had been working us over. Reversed course with full rudder. 1615 escort was clear and we came back to north looking for tanker. Hoped escort's presence here meant he no longer had a tanker to escort.

No. C-5

Description of Contact

No.	2
Time-Date	1551 (L) - Feb. 27
Lat-Long	6-09N - 165-13E
Type	AO
Est. Course-Speed	283 - 10 kts
How Contacted	P & R
Remarks	Initially by periscope. Surfaced at sunset. Radar contact at 2030 Air screen & escort vessel. 2nd, 3rd, 4th. attacks. 4 or 5 hits. Damaged.

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No.	3
Time-Date	1643 (L) - Feb. 28
Lat-Long	6-05N - 167-20E
Type	Escort
Est. Course-Speed	320 - 8 kts.
How Contacted	P
Remarks	Avoided

U.S.S. Halibut

Fourth War Patrol

No. C-6

Radio Reception: Radio reception was excellent throughout the patrol.

No. C-7

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0500 (K) Commenced submerged patrol eastward of the Hall Islands.  
1919 (K) Surfaced patrolling northward. Uneventful.

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1500 (K) Commenced submerged patrol north of MURILLO ISLANDS. Uneventful.  
1919 (K) Surfaced. Decided to try passage between ONON and HALL ISLANDS, across the SAIPAN-TRUK track.

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Uneventful. Patrolling between ONON and HALL ISLANDS.

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March 1

0200 (K) Commenced night search along the track toward TRUK.  
0500 (K) Abandoned search. Commenced submerged patrol closing TRUK along the estimated traffic lane.

D - Verification

No. D-1

FROM: MEOYU (Comdr. Jaluit Base Force #6) 28/0340 February  
TO: KIREHO JN 40  
ROWI 0 Serial 692  
NAKEMA (garbled)  
SETEU (Hinode Maru)  
NEKETA (#6 Kyo Maru)  
ARONE (#5 Hino Maru)  
INFO: (2 incomplete class)  
(Comdr. Escort Force #2)  
(4th Fleet)  
NOROE (Asanagi)  
FUTONE 2

The blank (garbled) received 2 torpedo attacks by enemy submarine at 2227 the 27th in position bearing 280 degrees, distance 135 miles from Jaluit.

(NSS-272351-FEB-DI)

No. D-2

FROM: MEOYU (6th Base Force) 28/0340 February  
TO: KIREHO JN 40  
ROWISU Serial 692  
SESIHI  
NANIMA  
ARONE (#5 Hino Maru)



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Case 25, No. D-2 (Cont.)

INFO: NI KI TA/NEKETA (#6 Akho Maru)  
HAKOSO (Azuchi Maru)  
SETEU (Hinode Maru)  
(2nd Escort)  
(4th Fleet)  
two unidents

The Iro was twice attacked by an enemy submarine at 2227, 27th Feb. in position 280 degrees 135 miles from Jaluit.

(T2W-272330-FEB-DI)

No. D-3

FROM: MEKA 28/0850 February  
TO: TUWANA JN 40  
also unident Serial 696  
INFO: NUYASU (4th Fleet)  
KOSUO (11th Air Fleet)  
WARUNI (Iro -- tanker)  
ROWNAE (Katori Maru)  
EMUHA (Shonan Maru #11)  
YOTAMU (952nd Air Group)  
FUAYA (755 Air Group)

At 0705 Iro received 3rd torpedo attack. 4 torpedoes, NOE exploded. We wish reinforcements for the anti-submarine escort of the Iro.

(NSS-281214-FEB-DI)

GI COMMENT: Iro (fleet tanker) received first two attacks 280 degrees 135 miles from Jaluit at 2227, 27 Feb.

No. D-4

FROM: NEOYU 5 (Comdr. Base 28/1637 February  
Force 6, JN 40  
Jaluit) Serial 703  
TO: ROWANE (Katori Maru)  
ARUME (vessel)

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INFO: SONAHO (Guard Division #62)  
AREI (#7 Kyo Maru)  
EMUHA (#11 Shonan Maru)  
NUYASU (4th Fleet)

Caroline Maru will receive instruction from the Captain of the Katori Maru and go to the rescue of the Iro.

(NSS-281103-FEB-DI)

GI COMMENT: Iro (fleet tanker) received two attacks 280 degrees 135 miles from Jaluit at 2227, 27 Feb. Received third attack at 0705, 28th Feb. Probably damaged. Caroline Maru is 320 tons.

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A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM: TAHO 1  
TO: NAUWI (Rabaul Sea Defense Force) 25/2140 February  
RUTEMA (Hiyodori or on JN 25 D-54676  
escort duty in  
Rabaul area)  
INFO: SIMI 8  
MUNA 2  
SURO 7  
TIMI 5  
TAWI 4  
RIMIRE (-B- Area Air Force)

R Area Defense Force Opord #134.  
(San)

Army transport --- Yama Maru (3000 troops) speed 16.5 leaving Rabaul 25 February at 1900 in 4-00 S, 152-00E. 0900 26th 2-41S, 148-37E. 2300 0-20N,

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147-47E. Course ----. 1 March at 1640 arrive Palao.

2. Hiyodori on 27 February at 0600 in posit 1-20N,? 146-12E, turn over escort duty and return Rabaul.

3. Comdr. Kavieng Air provide air coverage.

(NPM-252018-FEB-DI)

No. A-2

FROM: TA?YO 9 25/1510 February  
TO: NANONA (Kitikawa Maru) JN 40  
WEWE (Daitinanyou - Ser. 473  
#1 Nanyoo Maru)  
INFO: RIA 7  
HOKEWA (In Truk area)

#2 Escort Force Rdo order #21 -

- 1) Correct points to be passed by Kitikawa Maru and #1 Nanyoo Maru as follows:
  - I. 80-08 N, 148-22 (or 26) E.
  - RO. 7 miles north of Enderbury light house.
- 2) At about 1300, 27 February, in the vicinity of Point I. #10 Subchaser take over escort.

(NPM-251230-FEB-DI)

No. A-3

FROM: TATE 9 25/1510 February  
TO: NANONA (Kikukawa Maru) JN 40  
Enciphered #1 Nanyoo Serial 473  
Maru.  
INFO: SOA 7  
HOKEWA

2nd Sea Escort Force order #21.-



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No. A-5

FROM: NWA0 1 (Northern Patrol Force) 25/2330 February  
TO: NWA0 (Northern Patrol Force) JN 40  
SMS 599  
INFO: MUSIWA  
SIWITE 31 (5th Fleet)  
TINOYA 31 (4th Fleet)  
KAMONE 1 (Escort Unit in Yokosuka)

Patrol Force secret opord #3.

1. At 1910, 25th February a surfaced enemy submarine was discovered by #1 Patrol auxiliary 210 degrees, 4 miles from Nojima Zaki, and subsequently a search initiated.

2. #10 Patrol Auxiliary, the #3 Myojin will proceed in haste to the scene to search out and destroy this enemy sub.

3. Both the "Akagi" and "Awata" planes will depart early tomorrow A.M. 26 February and conduct anti-submarine patrol.

(NPM-252142-FEB-DI)

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: SUBPAC 26/0932 February  
TO: ALL SUBS COPYING  
NPM FOX  
INFO: CINCPAC  
PREC: PRIORITY

SUBPAC NUMBER 58 X ULTRA X TRIGGER WILL NOTE WITH PLEASURE THAT 1 TRANSPORT LOADED WITH SLANT EYES MAKING 16 AND ONE HALF KNOTS WILL

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ARRIVE PALAU AT 0730 GCT MARCH 1ST X AT 1400  
GCT 26 FEBRUARY SHE WILL PASS THROUGH CO DE-  
GREES 20 MINUTES NORTH 147-47 EAST AND THEN  
PROCEED THROUGH 01-20 NORTH 146-12 EAST WHERE  
SHE DROPS ESCORT AT 2100 GCT 26TH PROBABLY  
PICKING UP LOCAL ESCORT IN VICINITY PALAU X  
TARGETS ARRANGED FOR HALIBUT IN MY SERIAL 56  
HAVE ALTERED SCHEDULE X THEY JOIN ESCORT AT 4  
HOURS GCT 27 FEBRUARY IN POSITION 08-08 NORTH  
148 DEGREES 22 OR 26 MINUTES EAST AND THEN  
PROCEED THROUGH POINT 7 MILES NORTH OF PULUWAT  
ISLAND LIGHT X MOON CHAPPIE YOU MADE NIPPERS  
MAD YESTERDAY X THEY ARE SENDING 4 OR 5 DD'S  
AND POSSIBLY 2 LARGE PLANES AFTER YOU X  
DELETE QUOTE ULTRA UNQUOTE FROM MY SERIAL 57

C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Trigger

Fourth War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Reception in general was  
excellent.....

No. C-2

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0430 (X) Entered Area \_\_\_\_\_. As were were unable  
to reach PALU for today's operations  
took position on the PALAU - WEWAK course  
line, 140. From Midway: 11 days; 21½  
hours - 3460 miles.

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0634 (X) (2nd contact) (1st attack). Lat. 7-10 N,  
Long. 134-32 E. 8500 ton freighter -

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Missed. Just after submerging off the MALAKAL entrance to PALAU, sighted a dark object. Commenced approach. As it became lighter made the target out to be a freighter similar to KASII MARU (Page 47) without surface escort. The problem was working out fine with 14 knots speed when at a range of 4000 yards she made a large zig away.

0652 (K) Fired 4 bow torpedoes on 110 starboard track, 3000 yard range, using speed spread of one knot, one torpedo to go ahead, one at the N and two aft. Apparently the wakes were seen for, when the torpedoes were about one-third of the way to the target, she turned away and successfully avoided being hit.

0702 (K) Two terrific explosions. Took a look around. Nothing in sight. The target must have had air coverage. The depth charges or bombs dropped on us were by far the most violent we had heretofore heard except that of a ship exploding. It is regretted that these four torpedoes were wasted. Probably they should not have been fired but the commanding officer could not resist firing when the chances of success were reasonable, as he considered that they were.

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1349 (K) Off Malakal Entrance. Sighted small vessel. Started approach. Finally made out to be a large fishing vessel not large enough, however, to torpedo. Secure the approach.

1710 (K) Another fishing vessel sighted

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March 1

- 0502 (K) (3rd contact) (no attack) Lat. 6-54 N. Long. 134-12E. Anti-submarine vessel with the lines of a small destroyer; possibly a TIDORI class torpedo boat or submarine chaser. Depth charge attack. Sighted ship believed to be a freighter. Started approach. (one hour before usual time for diving). SJ radar picked it up at 4000 yards, range closing rapidly. It was much smaller than at first thought and coming in fast.
- 0507 (K) Submerged under gunfire of machine guns and one about of 3" calibre. SJ range now 2500 yards. Attempted to see through the periscope in order to deliver torpedo attack. Unsuccessful. Went to deep submergence, rigged for depth charge attack and silent running. Commenced evasive tactics. The depth charge attacks were by no means the worst this vessel has sustained.
- 0648 (K) Evasive tactics had been successful or the enemy vessel had expended her cargo of depth charges. She had not been seen very clearly due to bad visibility and the rapidity with which the action developed but she had the general lines of a small destroyer.

No. C-3

Description of Contact

Date	2-27-43
Time	0634 (K)
Type	8500 ton freighter like Kasii Maru
Position	7-10N, 134-32E
Course	Entering Malakal entrance, Palau
Speed	14 knots
Remarks	---



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Date 3-1-43  
Time 0502 (K)  
Type A/S vessel  
Position 6-54N, 134-12E  
Course -----  
Speed -----  
Remarks We were sighted by this vessel at dawn, driven down, depth charged.

U.S.S. Halibut

Fourth War Patrol

No. C-4

Radio Reception: Radio reception was excellent.

No. C-5

See II, Case 25, C-7.

Case 27

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM: KEE 5 (Base Force #6 26/0859 February  
Jaluit) JN 40  
TO: NAS 6 Serial 676  
RUNE 5  
INFO: ARONE (Hino Maru #5)  
YUTI/RUTI 6? (Air Flot 22)  
NEKETA (Kyoo Maru #6)  
MOFU 4  
NATI 0  
AFU 7  
MIMO 8  
KITI 5

Part 1. The #5 Hino Maru (4300 tons) left Ballale the 24th, course 32. After passing

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posit 166 East 08-55 North, at 24 hours 28th and posit 167-11 East, 05-50 North, at 0500 on March 1st, course will be 50. It is scheduled to arrive RMB (Hermit Island) on afternoon of 2nd, speed 9.5 knots.

Part 2. The Commander of PY (Jaluit) Sea Frontier Defense Force will have the #6 Kyoo Maru leave PY (Jaluit) at discretion and after meeting this same ship at latter's 1400, 28th position, escort it into PMB (Taroa).

Part 3. The Air Force will carry out anti-submarine patrol for this ship in accordance with commanders instructions.

NSS COMMENT: RMB is as received, but looks like a mistake for PMB (Taroa). For correction of the 28 February position of #5 Hino Maru see NSS 261258. Correct position is 3-55 North, 166 East.

(NSS-270146-FEB-DI)

No. A-2

FROM: KEE 5 (6th Base Force 26/0859 February  
(C)) JN 40

TO: NSA 6 Serial 676  
RUNE 5

INFO: MOFU 4 (1st Combined Comm Unit (C))  
ARONE (At Rabaul (?))  
NATI 0  
AFU 7  
YUPI 6  
MIMO 8  
KITI 5  
KEKETA (In Truk Area or Tama Maru #5)

1. The #5 Hine Maru (4300 tons) departed Ballale

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24 February, course 32° on 28 February at 1400 at posit 166-00 E, 8-55N. One 1 March at 0500 at posit 167-15 E, 5-50 N. Thereafter course 50°. Expect arrive RMB (Hermit I.) afternoon 2 March. Speed 9.5 knots.

2. Comdr. Kwajalein Sea Defense Force will have the #6 Kyoo Maru depart Kwajalein as convenient and after rendezvousing with above ship at 1400 posit on 28 February, escort her to PMB (Taroa).

3. Air units carry out anti-sub patrol for this vessel as directed by respective commander.

(FEB 26-DI)

GI COMMENT: RMB is this message should evidently be PMB. 8-55 N, corrected to 3-55N by 6th Base Force Serial 681.

No. A-3

FROM: KEE 5  
TO: NSA 6  
RUNE 5  
INFO: ARONE (#5 Hino Maru)  
MOFU 4  
NAKE 0  
AFU 7  
YUKE 6  
MIMO 8  
KITI/MITI 5  
NEKATA

26/0859 February  
JN 40  
Serial 676

#5 Hino Maru (4300 tons) left Ballale 24th and on course 32 degrees at 1400, 28th passes through position 166 E, 03-55 N, and at 0500, March 1 through 167-15 E, 05-50 N, Subsequently her course will be 50 degrees and she is scheduled to

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arrive RMB (Hermit Island) (PMB--Tarawa ?) the afternoon of the 2nd. Speed 9.5.

Jaluit Sea Defense Force Commander will have #6 Kyo Maru leave Jaluit to rendezvous with #5 Hino Maru at her position for 1400, 28th and escort her as far as Maloelap. Air Force is to carry out anti-submarine patrol as ordered by CO of that force.

(T2W-261314-FEB-DI)

GI COMMENT: KEE 5 SMS #681 changed posit 08-55N to 03-55 N. This correction made along.

No. A-4

FROM: KEE 5 (6th Base Force) 26/1410 February  
TO: TUNIMA 4 (Jaluit Sea JN 40  
Frontier Serial 681  
Defense Force)  
INFO: YOTAMU (Air Unit in Kwajalein Area)  
NEYASO (4th Fleet)  
TUKUNA (Airflot 22)  
NEKETE/NEKETA (#6 Kyo Maru)  
MAYATA (Associated Air Group 952)  
KAUMA  
ARONE  
TEHON

In the first paragraph of our serial 676, change 08-55N, to 03-55N.

(NSS-261258-FEB-DI)

GI COMMENT: This refers to #5 Hino Maru.

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No. A-5

FROM: KEE 5 (6th Base Force) 26/1410 February  
TO: TUNIMA (Jaluit Sea JN 40  
Defense Force SMS #681  
Comdr)  
INFO: YOTAMU (Air Group 952)  
RAYASU  
KOSUO (11th Air Fleet)  
ROUMA (2nd Escort Forst)  
ARONE (Rabaul)  
TUKUNA (22nd Air Flot)  
TEHON (Jaluit)  
NEKETA (Kyo Maru)  
MAYATA (952 Air Group)

In this unit SMS #676 request you correct 08-55N,  
in part 1 to read 03-55N.

(FEB 26-DI)

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: SUBPAC 27/0355 February  
TO: ALL SUBMARINES  
COPYING NPM FOX  
PREC: PRIORITY

PLUNGER MAYBE CAN USE FOLLOWING ULTRA SUBPAC  
SERIAL 60 X BEECH MAKING NINE AND ONE HALF  
KNOTS COMING FROM SHORTLAND ISLANDS WILL MEET  
ESCORT AT 5 HOURS GCT 28 FEBRUARY IN POSITION  
3-55 NORTH 166 EAST AND 15 HOURS LATER WILL  
PASS THROUGH 5-50 NORTH 167-15 EAST

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C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Plunger

Fifth War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: The 4115 kcs series was received strength 5 almost every night. 26.1 kcs was our best frequency in GILBERTS, MARSHALS and near PONAPE. Interference on 8230 kcs by an unknown commercial station was experienced several times on the 1100 schedules.

No. C-2

February 27, 28

Plunger engaged with Shiretoka Maru,  
(See II, Case 25, C-4)

March 1

1457 (L) Smoke sighted 15 to 20 miles away bearing 169. Commenced approach. This smoke was closed and tracked at 5-3/4 knots until 1818. We never saw his masts but he was just over the horizon. Considered surfacing but we were close to sea plane base and did not want to prejudice our chances that night by getting detected from the air.

1840 (L) Surfaced in pursuit of target. 2125 sighted smoke ahead. We lost it from time to time and regained it. Lost smoke for last time at 2225. He was making about as much speed as we were.

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March 2

0200 (L) Abandoned search. This left us in pass to northward of JALUIT. Decided to patrol north of JALUIT today.

No. C-3

Description of Contact

No.	3
Date	2/28
Time	1643 (L)
Position	6-05N, 167-20E.
Type	Escort
Range	5000
Est. Course	320
Speed	8
Contacted	P
Remarks	Avoided

No.	4
Date	3/1
Time	1520 (L)
Position	6-00N, 168E.
Type	Smoke
Range	15 mi.
Est. Course	050
Speed	14
Contacted	P
Remarks	Could not contact after dark.

No.	5
Date	3/2
Time	1455 (L)
Position	6-45N, 169-10E.
Type	AK
Range	15,000
Est. Course	310
Speed	9.5
Contacted	P
Remarks	Two escort closest range 10,000 yards.

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Case 28

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM: RISO 5 27/1130 February  
TO: SIRE 0 JN 40  
INFO: TINI 2 SMS #004

At 0100 March 1st, position 08-00 North, 149-30 East.  
At 0800 March 1st, position 07-40 North, 150-53 East.  
Arrive at entrance to North Channel at 1430. Speed  
14 knots.

(NPM-271058-FEB-DI)

GI COMMENT: Note 2 Kana call originator, only used  
by fleet or flagship auxiliaries.

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: CTF 7 27/1022 February  
TO: ALL SUBS COPYING NPM FOX  
INFO: CINCPAC  
PREC: PRIORITY

A NICE TARGET FOR HALIBUT IS MY ULTRA SERIAL 61  
ALL TIMES -9 MARCH 1ST 0100 POSIT 8 NORTH 149-30  
EAST 0800 POSIT 7-40 NORTH 150-53 EAST DUE ARRIVE  
NORTH CHANNEL 1430 SPEED 14 KNOTS X

C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Halibut

Fourth War Patrol



Case 28 (Cont.)

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Reception was excellent throughout the patrol.

No. C-2

February 28

Uneventful. Patrolling between ONON and HALL ISLANDS.

March 1

0200 (K) Commenced night search along the track toward TRUK.  
0500 (K) Abandoned search. Commenced submerged patrol, closing TRUK along the estimated traffic lane.  
1900 (K) Surfaced patrolling north between ONON and HALL ISLAND group.  
1942 (K) Sighted glow of powerful searchlight sweeping the seas beyond the horizon. It is believed that this light is located atop one of the islands in Truk atoll.

March 3

1442 (K) Commenced surface patrol to northwestward along estimated track to Saipan and the Empire.  
1955 (K) Sighted two vessels distant 14,000 yards, abeam to port.  
2000 (K) Reversed course and commenced tracking.  
2046 (K) Identified ships as one 9500 ton passenger-freighter similar to Manila Maru (ONI 208J, page 98) and one flush deck diesel freighter of about 7500 T. Both ships appeared to be zigzagging to eastward.

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- 2055 (K) Radar was unable to obtain contact. Continued tracking using TBT and estimated range and angle on the bow. Decided to attack larger of the two ships first.
- 2300 (K) Radar obtained intermittent ranges at about 5000 yards. Estimated course 085° T, speed 10 knots.
- 2325 (K) Came to course for a 90 starboard track using bow tubes.
- 2333 (K) Checked range with radar.
- 2337 (K) Using TBT bearings fired a 2° divergent spread of four torpedoes at the larger target. Torpedoes set for a depth of 20 feet. The first set to run ahead, the center two to hit, and the fourth to run astern. Range 2000 yards.
- 2339 (K) Observed two torpedoes hit the larger freighter one beneath the bridge and one aft. The second vessel swung away and disappeared behind the target. Closed to attack second freighter.
- 2343 (K) Second vessel reappeared abeam to starboard, closing us rapidly, angle on the bow 10° starboard. He sent a rapid signal similar to "Zero Negat Queen" in the direction of the torpedoed ship and opened fire on us with two guns of about 5" calibre and several machine guns similar to 20 mm using tracer. Swung away to dodge shots dropping two hundred yards on starboard quarter and astern. His ranging was good but he apparently underestimated our speed. Decided this vessel might have been an auxiliary cruiser in view of volume and accuracy of his gunfire and his smart tactics. While retiring observed first vessel burning amidships. Visibility decreasing due to rain squalls. Decided to circle to northward and eastward and close to attack from the north northeast.

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2349 (K) Heard very loud explosion believed to be target's boilers.

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Description of Contact

No.	5
Time	1955 (K)
Date	3/3
Position	10-18 $\frac{1}{2}$ N. 146-42 $\frac{1}{2}$ E.
Type	Passenger freighter (Manila Maru type 9500 T) unidentified freighter (7500 tons)
Course	085
Speed	10
Remarks	Passenger freighter 2 hits - sunk. Unidentified - believed an auxiliary. Cruiser escort.

Case 29

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM:	YUNO 3	28/0050 February
TO:	MORIWI (Akitsu Maru)	JN 40
INFO:	MAWARE (Saeki Defense Force)	Serial 747
	HONSA	
	FUKA 8	

Am sending one escort vessel, scheduled to rendezvous with you about noon March 2nd in posit 28-20 North, 134-38 E.

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GI COMMENT: Akitsu Maru arriving Bungo Channel at 1000 March 3rd.

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B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: CTF 7 28/1817 February  
TO: ALL SUBS COPYING NPM FOX  
INFO: CINCPAC  
  
PREC: OP OP

FOR SAWFISH X 1 IMPORTANT MARU WILL MEET ESCORT AT  
3 HOURS GCT 2 MARCH AT 28-20 NORTH 134-38 EAST AND .  
WILL ENTER BUNGO SUIDO AT 1 HOUR GCT 3 MARCH X SUBPAC  
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C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Sawfish

First War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Reception of NPM Fox Schedule was  
good on all allotted frequencies ex-  
cept the low frequency 26.1 kcs.  
The only exception was the 12,000  
and 16,000 kcs. band at about 1900  
and 2000 GCT. At this particular  
time considerable fading out was  
encountered.

No. C-2

March 1

0300 (I) Sighted patrol boat similar to our 110 ft.  
PC boats at range 4000 yards in Lat. 30-45  
Long. 132-15. Kept astern to boat and he  
did not detect us. Sound made first contact.

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Case 29, No. C-2 (Cont.)

1852 (I) Surfaced and headed southward on special mission.

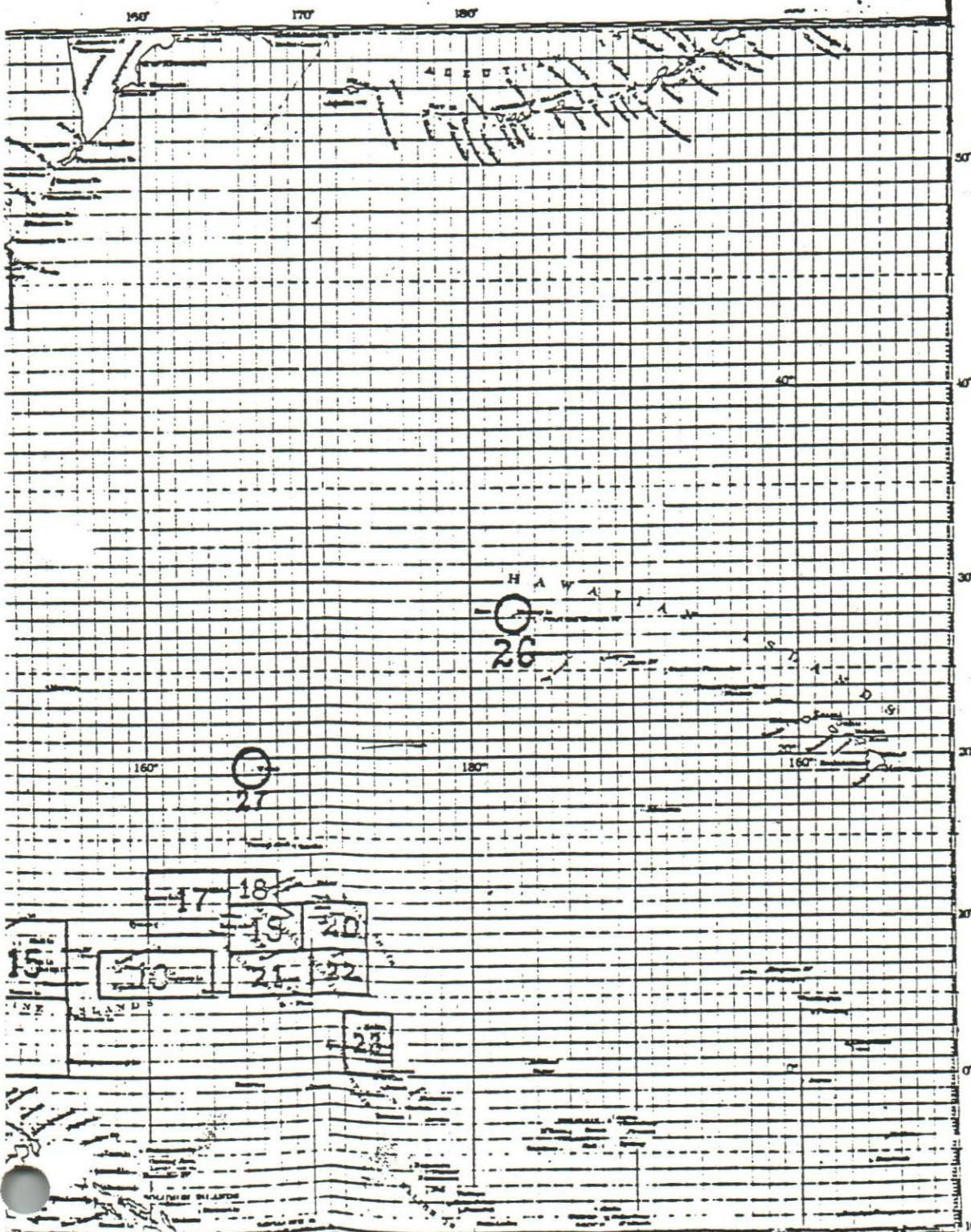
March 2

0400 (I) Obtained good star fix by moonlight.

0500 (I) Submerged and conducted periscope patrol. Seas heavy and had difficulty at periscope depth in controlling depth. No contact.

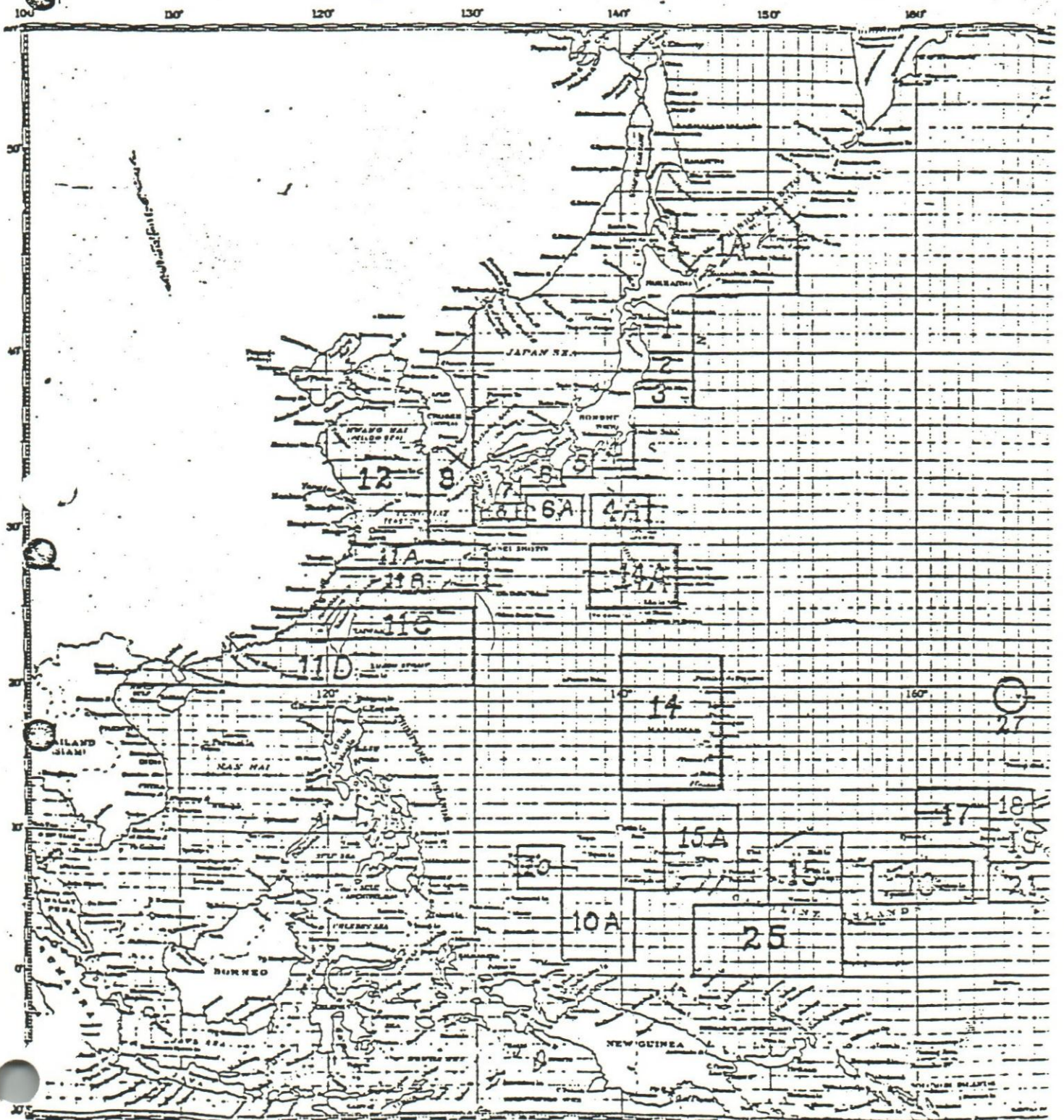
1854 (I) Surfaced and set course 335<sup>0</sup>T, unable to make more than 10 kts into sea.

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-10 | 160° (L) -11 | 170° (M) -12 | 180° (Y) +12 | 160° (X) +11 | 160°

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(G) - 7 | (H) - 8 | (I) - 9 | (K) - 10 | (L) - 11

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