

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

(A) PROLOGUE

Arrived Pearl Harbor on 29 April, 1945 after 66 day patrol in Southwest Pacific. Commenced refit under Sub Base, Pearl Harbor. Assigned to Submarine division 46 for administrative purposes.

The following major items were accomplished during refit:

- (1) Installation of TDM
- (2) Installation of APR-5
- (3) Installation of additional radio receiver.
- (4) Installation of additional 5 inch 25 cal. Gun and additional pressure proof topside ammunition stowages.

The refit required 19 days incident to heavy work load on the sub base.

Underwent 6 day training period with Comdr. Leughlin as training officer.

(B) NARRATIVE

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

| <u>Name (Officers)</u> | <u>No. of Patrols</u> |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Commander P.C. STIMSON, USN | 10 |
| Lt. Comdr. P. F ECKERT, USN | 10 |
| Lieut. V. C. PAGE, (DE), USNR | 3 |
| Lieut. B. P. PERCY, USN | 3 |
| Lieut. R. W. Greene, (D), USNR | 2 |
| Lieut. R. G. SHAVER, (E)L(T), USNR | 3 |
| Lt. (jg) J. H. BRUNS, (E)L, USNR | 3 |
| Lt.(jg). J.A. UNUMB, (D)L, USNR | 2 |
| Ensign R.E. BELLEW, (DE)L. USNR | 2 |
| Ensign W.E. IBELE, (DE)L, USNR | 2 |
| Ensign H. P. Ziegler, Jr., (D)L, USNR | 1 |

| <u>Name (CPO's)</u> | <u>No. of Patrols</u> |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| HUNTER, W.D., 234 16 75, CTM, USN | 9 |
| EVANS, T.C., 291 56 67, CGM, USN | 9 |
| HAGOPAN, J. (n), 212 41 23 CMoMM, USN | 11 |
| KRIEG, K.H., 238 58 86 CMoMM, USN | 4 |
| LIDMAN, A.A., 371 95 15, CMoMM, USN | 5 |
| SHORT, J.A., 201 64 36, CRM, USN | 8 |
| McMURTREY, E.A., 368 44 83, CPhM, USN | 9 |

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(B) NARRATIVE (cont'd)

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

Lieut. F. P. MELZAR, (DEM), USNR

The following named officers reported on aboard for duty:

Lieut. R.M. Greene, (D) USNR

Ensign H.F. Ziegler, Jr. (D), USNR.

1 June

1330 Underway from PEARL enroute GUAM in company with THREADFIN in accordance with COMSUBSPACADCCMD Opord 107-A-45. Escort is PC 1078.

1800 Made trim dive.

1830 Surfaced.

1930 THREADFIN dismissed escort. Many friendly planes were sighted and contacted on SD radar during afternoon and night.

2000 Set clocks back to plus ten time zone.

2 June

0442 Sight and SJ radar contact on ship dead ahead at 7000 yds. Cannot be TREADFIN because we also have her on radar. Swung away at four engine speed. Target tracks on course 095° at 13 knots.

0500 Exchanged calls with YMS 432.

Made training dives every three hours during the day.

3 June - 13 June

Underway for GUAM conducting general training for all hands. Conducting specialized training as follows.:

- (1) TDC training for every officer.
- (2) Intensified diving instructions for every section.
- (3) Navigation training for all junior officers.
- (4) Tracking drills for C.O., first and second tracking parties.
- (5) Highly intensified training of radar operators. Trained all J.O.'s to handle SJ and ST radars.
- (6) TDM training. (See "Remarks").
- (7) Submerged approaches.

Items 1, 4, 5, 6, & 7 were possible because we were in company with THREADFIN to GUAM. The importance (as far as underway training is concerned) of 2 or more boats traveling from base to base in company cannot be over emphasized.

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3 June - 11 June (cont'd)

| 1200 POSITS | Lat. | Long. |
|-------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| 2 June | 21-04 N. | 162.46 W. |
| 3 June | 21-02 N. | 168-30 W. |
| 4 June | 20-55 N. | 173-53 W. |
| 5 June | 21-06 N. | 179-41 W. |
| 6 June | Crossed Int. date Line. | |
| 7 June | 21-01 N. | 174-57 E. |
| 8 June | 21-03 N. | 169-40 E. |
| 9 June | 20-51 N. | 162-57 E. |
| 10 June | 19-16 N. | 157-36 E. |
| 11 June | 18-03 N. | 151-53 E. |
| 12 June | 16-46 N. | 146-57 E. |
| 13 June | 14-00 N. | 144-15 E. |

11 June

1705K Sighted BLACKFIN on opposite and parallel course. Exchanged recognition signals. Numerous SD & IFF contacts throughout the day.

12 June

2320K Exchanged recognition signals with CABRILLA. Numerous SD & IFF contacts throughout the day.

13 June

1115K Sighted escort. THREADIN, SEA ROBIN, AND SPIKEFISH proceeded to GUAM under escort.

1507K Moored in nest alongside HOLLAND. Commenced voyage repairs.

13-16 June

Given a three day voyage repair period incident to replacement of leaky water jacket on # 4 M.E. and repair of leaky stills. Sent crew by section to Camp Dealey. Accomplished many small repair items and fumigated ship.

16 June

1500K Underway, under escort with THREADFIN.

17 June

0524K Trim dive.

0603K Surfaced.

1100K Sighted JACK on opposite course.

1200K POSIT: Lat. 17-16 N. Long. 114-01 E.
Numerous SD & IFF contacts.

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18 June

0528K Trim dive.
0552K Surfaced.
1220K POSIT: Lat. 20-30N Long. 140-16E.
1300K Held tracking drills.
1528K Trim dive.
1556K Surfaced.
1940K THREADFIN sank floating mine.
APR Contacts throughout the night on 210 m.c., and 205 m.c

19 June

0548K Trim dive
0559K Surfaced.
1220K POSIT: Lat. 25-16 N. Long. 139-36 E.
1300K Changed time zone descriptions to minus 9, ITEM time. All times ITEM unless otherwise stated.
1300 Held tracking drill and submerged practice approach.
2001 Sighted green rocket astern. Estimated POSIT : Lat. 26-50 N. Long. 139-36 E.
2015 Informed BIRD DOG 5 and IWO JIMA we sighted flare.
2120 Reversed course to investigate green flare sighted at 2001; at request of IWO JIMA. No definite info on anyone down. Left THREADFIN. Sent serial one to COMSUBPAC informing him of search and that we would be running 75 miles behind.
2330 Search results negative. Reversed course for area.

20 June

1200 POSIT: Lat. 29-10 N. Long. 139-47 E.
2120 Radar fix on TORI SHIMA. It bears 095 T at 25 miles. Numerous SD & IFF contacts.

21 June

0431 Trim dive.
0838 Surfaced.
1005 Trim dive.
1200 POSIT: Lat. 30-36 N. Long. 138-44 E.
1235 Surfaced.
1527 Trim dive.
1854 Surfaced.
2000 Received definite orders for life guarding tomorrow.
2230 Radar fix in TORI SHIMA, 102 T at 25 miles. Set course for L.G. station. Numerous SD & IFF contacts.

22 June

0700 At L.G. station. Several SD & IFF contacts. Had CAP during the day. No business for us.
1200 POSIT: Lat. 30-01 N. Long. 138-02 E.
1830 Sank floating mine by 30 cal. Fire. Did not explode. M/C #1

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23 June

- 0700 At L.G. station. Had CAP during strike, but no business
- 1200 POSIT: Lat. 30-01 N. Long. 140-25 E.
- 1300 Changed time zone description from -9 to -10. All times are KING unless otherwise stated.
- 1305 # 1 M.E. out of commission for remainder of patrol incident to blower impeller failure - the same casualty as last patrol. This now makes 2 patrols for the SEA ROBIN on 3 engines.

24 June

- 0700 At L.G. station.
- 0900 Fighter strike cancelled. Exchanged calls with THREADFIN. Decided to look over TORI SHIMA - SEA ROBIN on the north, THREADFIN on the south.
- 0931 Sighted a BETTY at six miles. She flew on not bothering us.
- 1018 Dived. Close TORI SHIMA to 1000 yds, and made excellent reconnaissance. Took several pictures.
- 1200 POSIT: Lat. 30-28 N. Long. 140-17 E.
- 1615 THREADFIN surfaced to east of TORI SHIMA.
- 1632 Surfaced and proceeded back to general vicinity of L.G. station
- 1920 Sighted belly tank. Sank it by gunfire.
- 2104 Dived on a SD contact that closed to four miles, showing no IFF. Unable to raise on VHF.
- 2140 Surfaced.
- 2206 Dived as under same circumstances as at 2104.
- 2233 Surfaced.

25 June

- 0700 At L.G. station.
- 1200 POSIT: Lat. 31-00 N. Long. 140-30E.
- 1300 Fighter strike cancelled.
- 1300 Exchanged info with TIGRONE over 4475 Kc. Informed that plane sighted anchored DD off HACHIJO. Sent our POSIT to TIGRONE and then informed by her that she would investigate DD.
- 1702 TDM contact. Definite trace. Dived but we could hear no screws.
- 1914 Surfaced and moved to westward for tomorrow's strike.
- 1948 APR contact 75 m.c., 100 PRF. Probably SMITH ISLAND.

26 June

- 0700 On life guard station. 31-30 N. 138-35 E.
- 1000 CAP informed us he was returning to base with engine trouble. Heavy overcast, but we has several SD & IFF contacts.
- 1130 With several IFF contacts from 3 to 12 miles, received full load of bombs thru heavy overcast. Missed by 1000 yds. Either it was poor bombing or careless jettisoning. Could not raise B-29's, now or earlier in the morning.
- 1135 Finally raised PLUTO 29. Informed him we weren't particularly happy about having eight bombs dropped through the overcast missing us by 1000 yards. Also told him to tell all his friends to take it easy on the art of jettisoning. He said he'd inform IWO JIMA.

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26 June cont'd

- 1200 POSIT: Lat. 31-30 N. Long. 138-37 E.
No business for us this afternoon but that TIGRONE, PINTADO, TREPANG, and SPRINGER appear to have been plenty busy. Several APR contacts throughout the afternoon at 52 m.c, 500 PRF, and 152 m.c, 500 PRF. Either Jap subs or SMITH ISLAND, BAYONNAISE ROCKS, or AOGA ISLAND.
- 1955 Definite TPM contact bearing 136 relative. Changed course to left and dived. Could see how trace fell astern.
- 2200 Sent serial # 2 to CSP info L.G. league about TPM contacts and bombing.
- 2053 Surfaced.

27 June

- as our L.G. station is at 32-30 N., 140-20 E., decided to look over AOGA ISLAND.
- 0255 Dived 12 miles off AOGA ISLAND, Bearing 103 T. Closed the Island submerged.
- 0600 Worked our way around island from northwest corner to south to northeast corner. Sighted a few huts, several cows, and a couple of row boats. The Japs can have the place.
- 0849 In a moderate fog and heavy overcast surfaced 8000 yds. from Island, bearing 060 T.
- 0850 Sighted DD or PF bearing 019 T, distant about 18000 yds, angle on the bow 90 port. Went to tracking stations and came to course 320 T. at 17 knots. S/C # 1.
- 0900 Angle on bow 0 or 180.
- 0901 Momentary SJ range at 21000 yds.
- 0915 DD or PF ran away at about 21 knots.
- 0925 Got off contact report to IWO JIMA. We believe this fellow operates out of HACHIJO JIMA. We intend to go up there soon to investigate.
- 1800 Broke off chase and proceeded to L. G. station.
- 1040 Established VFF communications with 23V391. Told him about our contact. He said he would investigate.
- 1200 POSIT: Lat. 32-20 N Long. 140-25 E.
- 1300 Exchanged calls and info with PINTADO.
- 1408 Sank floating mine by 30 b caliber fire. Mine blew up on seventh hit with a tremendous explosion. M/C # 3.
- 1500 Fighter strike cancelled. Headed to HACHIJO JIMA to make reconnaissance.
- 1900 When 20 miles to N.E. of HACHIJO received orders for L.G. station. Headed for new station, Lat. 30-00 N. Long. 138-55 E.

28 June

- 0115 Dived for SD contact 3 miles. No IFF or VHF communications.
- 0125 Surfaced.
- 1200 POSIT: Lat. 30-18N Long. 139-00 E.
- 1300 Fighter strike cancelled.
- 2130 Sighted f green flare bearing 115 T. at Lat. 30-05 N. Long. 137-10 E. Reversed course to investigate. Search negative.
- 2300 Made rendezvous with PILOTFISH. Exchanged info, secret mail and movies.

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28 June cont'd

2315 Headed for tomorrow's L.G. station

29 June

0200 First of hundreds of SD & IFF contacts on B-29's heading for EMPIRE.

1133 TDM contact 300 relative. Headed toward bearing and dived.

1200 POSIT: Lat. 29-58N. Lat.139-02 E.

1252 Surfaced.

Fighter strike apparently cancelled.

30 June

0504 Trim dive.

0748 Sighted large surface ship type balsa life raft - empty.

0751 Surfaced to investigate raft. No visible markings. Netting of raft in exceptionally frayed condition.

1040 Verified that fighter strike is cancelled.

1042 Dived to save fuel.

1200 POSIT: Lat. 31-00N Long. 138-27 E.

1914 Surfaced.

1 July

On lifeguard station patrolling at 170 rpm.

1200 POSIT: Lat. 30-53 N. Long. 138-27 E.

1330 Air cover arrived. Informed him to cover us closely as we were sending men topside to repair loose deck plating around starboard muffler. See Major defects concerning plating.

1600 Repairs completed.

1720 DUMBO 40 (our CAP) informed us that he believed that DOCTOR 6 was attempting to call us on 4475 Kc. After several attempts, raised DOCTOR 6, who stated he had a yellow jacket in the water. (A Mustang pilot). We requested ???ckled position.

1725 Received POSIT: Lat. 32-30 N. Long. 138-00 E. Set course for scene, 93 miles away, at 3 engine flank speed.

1730 Relayed thru BIRD DOG 5 to IWO JIMA urgent request for relief of DOCTOR 6. DOCTOR 6 would be unable to remain on station later than 2000. Our ETA was 2250. DOCTOR 6 stated that he had dropped life raft. Ordered DOCTOR 6 to drop all flashlights and flares he had available and a note of our ETA to pilot. Received message from IWO JIMA that relief plane would arrive at scene at 2205. DOCTOR 6 stated that DUMBO 42 was at scene and that he (42) would be able to stay for 30 minutes. Ordered DUMBO 42 drop all his flares and flashlights and a Gibson Girl to pilot. DOCTOR 6 stated that this was being done and that a boat had been dropped but boat parachute had failed to open.

2015 Relief plane DUMBO 2, relieved DUMBO 6. DUMBO 2 dropped lifeboat to pilot.

2100 Picked up emergency IFF from DUMBO 2. As we approached the scene DUMBO 2 dropped numerous flares to coach us to pilot.

2230 Rescued Second Lieutenant William Edward King, USAAF of IWO JIMA FIGHTER GROUP. Set course for tomorrow's L.G. station.

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2 July

- 0000 Enroute new L.G. station.
- 0130 Notified COMSUBPAC of rescue, fuel and fish.
- 0500 Exchanged recognition signals with DEVILFISH. She was headed for GUAM so decided to send our pilot with her.
- 0620 Transferred pilot to DEVILFISH by the heaving line, life jacket method. Also swapped three movies.
- 0815 Sighted floating mine. Did not sink it as were late proceeding to our L.G. station. M/C # 5.
- 0939 Obtained fix from BAYONNAISE ROCKS, and SMITH ISLAND.
- 1111 SD contact 4 miles, no IFF, not sighted, dived.
- 1135 Surfaced.
- 1200 POSIT: Lat. 30-30 N. Long. 140-12 E.
- 1300 On L.G. station.
- 1500 Fighter strike cancelled. Closed SMITH ISLAND to 20,000 yards and dived to make submerged reconnaissance.
- 1830 Reconnaissance completed. Could not locate radar stations. The Japs can also have this island forever.
- 2012 Surfaced. Set course to northwest to make radar sweep between BAYONNAISE ROCKS and AOGA ISLAND and then back to L.G. station.
- 2320 APR contact 150 m.c., SD contact 4 miles. Dived.

3 July

- 0003 Surfaced
- 0134 APR contact 150 m.c., SD contact 4 miles, closing. Dived.
- 0203 Surfaced
- 100 On L. G. station.
- 1200 POSIT: Lat. 31-28 N. Long. 140-27 E.
- 1500 We are missing some notice "A-16".
- 1600 Fighter strike cancelled. Decided to head up to HACHIJO JIMA to make radar sweep and perhaps contact SEA POACHER. She may have "A-16", but so far we have missed no serialized messages.

4 July

- 00045 Informed by COMSUBPAC "A-16" was of no immediate concern to subs in area and to draw upon return to port.
- 0100 Set course for L. G. station.
- 0925 Sank floating mine by .50 cal. Fire. M/C # 6.
- 1125 CAP arrived. Maneuvering on L.G. station.
- 1200 POSIT: Lat. 31-30 N. Long. 140-21 E.
- 1206 Stopped to convert # 5 FBT to MBT and to grease the topside.
- 1258 Completed topside work. Sighted floating mine. M/C # 7. Test fired both five inch guns with one shell each. Missed mine. Fired one belt of .50 cal. At it but could not sink it. Did not consider using and more ammunition advisable.
- 1600 CAP departed. No planes known to be down in vicinity. Set course for area 12 in accordance with orders from COMSUBPAC.
- 1652 Mine. M/C # 8.
- 1842 Mine M/C # 9.

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5 July

0000 Enroute area 12 to join STREET'S SWEEPERS.
0706 Sighter PILOTFISH. Closed her to exchange info.
0730 Left PILOTFISH.
1044 Trim dive.
1113 Surfaced.
1200 POSIT: Lat. 30-44 N. Long. 135-52 E.
1625 M/C # 10.
1806 M/C # 11.

6 July

0900 Sighted YAKU SMIMA, bearing 280 T, 60 miles. APR contacts at 155, 78, 98, 138, and 165 m.c., for remainder of day.
1000 Changed zone description to minus 9. All times hereafter are ITEM time unless otherwise stated.
1200 POSIT: Lat. 30-06 N. Long. 130-53 N.
1307 Sighted two CORONADOS. They closed us to exchange info. Informed them that this area is very negative.
1725 dived to look over KUCHINOERABU ISLAND.
1900 Closed KUCHINOERABU WAN to 3800 yards. Sighted two small craft at head of bay. One had a port list indicating she may have been beached. Both were two small for torpedoes.
1912 Sighted small fishing craft next to beach.
2035 Surfaced. APR contacts at 105, 158, and 164 m.c.
2100 Set northerly course to make radar sweep to east of KURO SHIMA and thence to BONO MISAKI.

7 July

0110 We are 10 miles west of BONO MISAKI. No contacts. 158 m.c. radar on BONO MISAKI
Set course to pass between TAKA SHIMA and TSURIKAKE LIGHT.
0130 Strong 78 m.c. radar on SHIMO KOSKIKI.
0244 Dived for SD contact, 4 miles. While diving realized that this contact was from TAKA SHIMA which was 8400 yards.
0259 Surfaced.
0400 Set course to pass northeast of DANJO GUNTO. Received message to patrol with THREADFIN and RONQUIL south of 35 N. in area 12 with Comdr. FOOTE as group commander.
0830 Strong APR contact at 77 and 98 m.c. from DANJO GUNTO.
0900 Sent THREADFIN our ETA for S.W. of SAISHU TO.
1030 Intercepted message from plane about downed pilots at 33-15 N. 129-00 E. Set course for that position at three engine flank speed. ETA 1530. Sent message to FAIRWING ONE requesting CAP. Had tremendous flair over authentication of message. OKINAWA would not authenticate but kept telling us that our authenticator would not check. Finally received message stating that PLAYMATE 4 and 8 and FIGHTERS TROPICAL and BISHOP were proceeding to area.
1100 APR contacts at 77.5, 95, 97, 98, and 193 m.c.
1110 Mine. M/C # 12.
1200 POSIT: Lat. 33-33 N. Long. 128-18 E.

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- 1500 Made contact with rescue planes, PLAYMATE 4 and *, 81 VICTOR, 181 VICTOR, 187 VICTOR, TROPICAL 101, TROPICAL 106, plus several fighters.
- 1600 We re about 15 miles from initial position of downed aviators. One of the planes informed us that YELLOW JACKET was now 10 miles further east. However, resultant search by all planes proved negative.
- 1611 Planes informed us of unsuccessful search. Downed pilots are probably prisoners. Their plane was shot down within three miles off the beach. Rescue planes strafed and bombed vicinity including KOSHIKI LIGHT HOUSE.
- 1616 Set course for SAISHU KAIKYO. Received permission from group commander to patrol that area.
- 1716 Sighted a TOKAI type anti-sub plane at seven miles. SD made contact at five miles.
- 1717 Dived as he headed toward us.
- 1907 Surfaced.
- 2200 Informed COMSUBPAC about negative search for pilot.

8 July

- 0000 Entering SAISHU KAIYKO.
- 0450 Sighted small sailboat. Avoided.
- 0453 Dived for submerged patrol near REIZU TO.
- 1200 POSIT: Lat. 33-58 N. Long. 126-41 E.
- 1450 Sighted small three masted junk. Tracked him at 6 knots, course 205 T.
- 1641 decided to surface to look him over. He was small - had no weather deck. Could see at least 3 people in it. At.
- 1651 when just about to surface, sighted a TOKAI plane at about 8 miles, in direction of junk. Plane turned toward for zero AOB. Went to 80 feet and decided not to surface as we did not care to alert the area yet.

FIRST ATTACK
SUNK: ONE 500 TON PC OR MINIG CRAFT.
ONE PRISONER
LAT. 33-50 N LONG. 126-42 E.

- 1958 Sighted large PC type ship, AOB 4 stbd, range 5000 yards. Tracking him at 9 knots, course 030 T. S/C # 2.
- 2029 Fired # 9 tube. (This attack is the subject of a special report. See enclosure C, for COMSUBPAC only).
- 2034 Torpedo hit, followed closely by a second explosion, probably one of his depth charg4es. Surfaced.
- 2037 Target still afloat at a range of 4000 yards. Tracked at zero speed.
- 2040 Target sank. Reversed course to recover prisoners.
- 2140 Sighted much debris. Used searchlight and spotted several Japs in water. After repeated efforts to coax them to come aboard, sent two men over the side and hauled on naked JAP aboard. Three others refused to come aboard. Set course to continue patrol

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- 0451 Dived 7 miles southwest of CHACHI TO to eastern entrance to pass.
0805 Sighted large DE bearing 250 T range 6000 yards, AOB 90 stbd. Commenced closing at full speed. DE tracks at 9 knots on northerly course to go thru the pass. S/C # 3.
0845 Abandoned chase with range of 6500 yards AOB 140 stbd. This really was a heart breaker as we had great plans for this DE. He tracked at 9 knots, steering various courses thru pass. JP could not pick him up at 5500 yards. Weak echo ranging was heard. Narrow pass prevented an end-around. Low visibility and bad sound conditions account for the low initial range.
1200 POSIT: Lat. 33-59 N. Long. 126-30 E.
2034 Surfaced.

10 July

SECOND ATTACK
SUNK: ONE UNIDENT AK
THREE PRISONERS
LAT. 33-40 N. LONG. 126-39 E.

- 0255 SJ radar contact bearing 120 T range 8700 yards. Called away G.Q. tracking party and clocked an unseen target at 9 knots, course 207 T, not zigging. Made standard end-around. S/C # 4.
0355 Started in for surface attack stbd. Track. Picked up escort on radar on target's stbd. Bow. Crossed ahead of target for port attack.
0405 At a range of 5000 yards headed in on a zero bearing.
0410 Range 2000 yards, AOB 50 port. Still cannot see him because of poor visibility incident to darkness and partial fog. Set torpedoes on zero depth fro flat sea.
0413 Target loomed up thru the fog. Initially it appeared to be a small CV. Later determined it to be a loaded AK. With this visibility we can dump our load of coal right into his cellar. At
0415 with torpedo run of 875 yards, 80 port track, fired first of four bow tubes using Mk 18's. Watched all torpedoes make beautiful surface t runs. Swung hard right to bring stern tubes to bear.
0416:30 First of four beautifully spaced hits, followed by tremendous gasoline explosion, which lighted up the area for miles around. Target disintegrated and sank, leaving a large pool pf flames on the water.
0420 Departed scene to northwestward.
0500 Sighted junk two miles west of SHOSUI TO. Closed him to work j him over with 40 mm's and bridge 50's.
0525 While still closing sighted TOKAI plane close aboard diving right at us out of low visibility. Passed overhead as C.O. was leaving bridge.
0626 Dived.
0528 Received bomb---not too lose.
0529 Received bomb---not too far.
1200 POSIT: Lat. 33-26-N. Long. 126-40 E.

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1337 Sighted several men in the water, clinging to debris.....survivors of our morning fracas...
.how did they ever live thru those explosions?

Will return at dusk to capture one for intelligence. Unable to understand how the Japanese fail to make any attempt to rescue these survivors of our attack which occurred only 7 miles off SAISHU., especially with an escort and several junks present. It seems that the appearance of an American submarine put the fear of God into all Jap craft and is sufficient excuse for all hands to clear the area.

1500 Changed zone descriptions to minus 8. All times hereafter will be HOW time unless otherwise stated.

1915 Surfaced.

1917 SD contact 2/12/ miles. Dived.

2010 Surfaced.

2012 Heard survivors shout at us in the darkness. Sighted debris with three men. Maneuvered and recovered three prisoners. One had a head wound. (half scalped). They were Army privates. Prisoner's state target was an Ak based in SAISHU TO loaded with over 500 Army troops and gasoline. A d good day's haul!. There were five or six more survivors in the water but do not believe they will last thru the night.

2030 Spoke with HADDO by SJ. When asked, informed her we did not fire a torpedo at her. Tried to establish communications with her by SCR 619 (walkie-talkie). She could hear us but her transmitter would not put out. Informed her that the local area is slightly hot.

2115 Set course for patrol south of SAISHU TO.

2300 Sent COMSUBPAC our sixth giving results of our attack and that we were joining THREADFIN in northern YELLOW SEA.

11 July

0411 Dived 10 miles south of SAISHU TO.

1200 POSIT: Lat. 33-08 N. Long. 126-32 E.

1919 Surfaced. Decided to go north via the KOREAN ARCIPELAGO in moderate fog. 1920 Set course to round SAISHU TO to eastward.

12 July

0406 Dived 10 miles S.W. of CHACHI TO.

0800 Making no headway submerged. Visibility about 1500 yards. At

0810 Surfaced and commenced surface passage of KOREAN ARCHEPELAGO in moderate fog. Navigated by PMI.

1011 Dived 5 miles S.E. of PYOK/??? TO.

1200 POSIT: Lat. 34-07 N. Long. 125-58 E.

1330 Sighted radio station and probably radar station at MAKUTSO GUNTO.

1645 Entered MAIKOTSU SUIDO.

1958 Surfaced.

2030 Tracked several junks in MAILOTSU SUIDO while proceeding north. Most of them were burning lights.

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13 July

- 0015 Departed MAIKOTSU SUIDO. Headed west to make surface patrol along 124 E.
0718 LOOKOUT, OOK, and QM sighted periscope dead ahead. S/C # 5.
0718:04 Dived. Could not develop contact.
0800 Noticed air bubbles from MBT's. Ground in 600 # group blow valves. Also ground in leaky valves on trim manifold, and repacked a noisy hydraulic accumulator.
1200 POSIT: Lat. 35-23 N. Long. 124-21 E.
1448 Surfaced.
1500 Mine. M/C # 13.
1530 Received contact reports of 4 DD's and 2 DE's, 90 miles to the south of us. Their course 130 T speed 20.
1915 Mine. M/C # 14.

14 July

- 0830 Exchanged calls with OKINAWQA search plane 163V221. Plane would not authenticate and asked for several repeats.
1120 Sighted wrecked junk. Probably TRUTTA's victim.
1140 Dived 5 miles west of CHOSEN KAN.
1200 POSIT: Lat.38-07 N. Long. 13?-?? E.
1410 Sighted motor driven sampan in??? re of us.
1501 Sighted 3 masted sailing junk.
1906 Surfaced.

15 July

- 1008 SD radar reported strange outgoing pulse. Looked overhead and sighted a plane banking in toward us at about 500 feet altitude. Dived.
1009 No bombs.
1012 No bombs.
1015 Perhaps the plane was on our team. We did not identify him as we dived. Closed CHOSEN KAN for submerged patrolling.
1200 POSIT: Lat. 38-15 N. Long. 124-24 E.
1300 Sighted several fishing boats.
1700 Sighted BETTY at 4 miles.
1926 Surfaced. Picked up SJ interference to the north of us.
2130 Rendezvoused with THREADFIN.
2200 Set course 190 T. to make surface patrol to south.

16 July

- Making surface patrol in moderate to heavy fog.
1200 POSIT: Lat. 35-50 N Long. 123-34 E.
1333 Sighted mine. M/C # 15.
1336 Sighted mine. M/C # 16.
1426 Sighted mine. M/C # 17.
1453 Sighted mine. M/C # 18.
1830 Converted # 3 FBT to MBT.
2038 Trim dive.
2058 Surfaced.

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17 July

- 0200 Obtained radar fix from DAIKOKUZAN GUNTO. Throughout the day sighted 31 floating mines. (M/C # 19 - 49 inclusive), in area bounded by Lat. 34-20 and 34-30, 123-10 and 124-50.
- 1200 POSIT: Lat. 34-20 N. Long. 123-40 E.
- 1230 Sighted two junks bearing 270 T. Decided to investigate them.
- 1253 Sighted two CORONADOS at 15 miles. Tried to raise them by VHF, but were unsuccessful.
- 1330 Closed junk. Ordered them to send small boat over.
- 1345 3 men in boat alongside. Took one aboard as hostage and sent boarding party of First Lieut. And 2 gunner's mates over to junk.
- 1400 Boarding party reported that all hands were Chinese. Their cargo consisted of a bit of rice, 35 gallons of fish oil, salt, and fish.
- 1405 Did not consider junk a legitimate target, Boarding party returned with some dried shrimp, some firecrackers, rotten eggs, and a copy of the Chinese Reader's Digest. Sent hostage back to junk. In addition we sent over a few cans of food.
- 1420 Closed second junk. Ordered then to hoist flag. After much flair aboard junk, they hoisted a large rectangular red flag - probably a Chinese Communist flag.
- 1430 Continued surface patrol to the eastward.

18 July

- 0830 Plane reported survivors in sight at 31-17 N. 124-00 E.
That POSIT is 220 miles from us, but we are the nearest boat. Set course for scene at full power.
- 0930 Plane reported that she had landed and picked up survivors.
- 1100 Sighted two PBM's. They said they had no business for us and that this area has been negative for some time. Planes warned us to be careful of floating mines (we had just sighted # 83). Throughout the day, sighted 34 mines. (M/C # 50 - 83).
- 1200 POSIT: Lat. 34-30 N. Long. 123-11 E.
- 1600 Sighted mine. M/M # 84.
- 2100 Informed THREADFIN that area was negative and that we desired to patrol SAISHU KAIKYO.

19 July

- 0100 Entered MAIKOTSU SUIDO.
- 0426 Dived for submerged patrol.
- 1200 POSIT: Lat. 34-08 N. Long. 126-05 E..
- 1847 Sighted small inter island steamer bearing 060 T, at 9000 yds. AOB 70 port. Came to NAC at full speed. S/C # 6.
- 1855 Target tracks at 6.5 knots on course 300 T. Impossible to close submerged. Will wait until dark and make end-around and surface approach.
- 1930 Surfaced, Commenced end-around on clear moonlight night. We are at a disadvantage as we are between moon and target. Average depth of water is 15 fathoms and we must pass an island at 3000 yards to get ahead.
- 2000 With island as background, came in for zero bearing, port track. Moon is bright.

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19 July cont'd

- 2012 With torpedo run of 2500 yards, 20 left gyro, 100 port track fired four torpedoes. Swung hard right fro stern shot. No hits. Torpedoes were set on 3 ft. Plot and TDC both checked 6.5 knots on 305 T. Fired # 9 tube. This attack is subject of a secret report for COMSUBPAC only. Could not make another end-around incident to shallow and mined water. This was very disappointing as the only question was whether he was making 6.4 or 6.5 knots. Torpedoes must have run under him.
- 2030 Set course for SAISHU KAIKYO.
- 2134 Dived to avoid 3 junks in center of pass.
- 2233 Surfaced.
- 2250 Entered SAISHU KAIKYO.
- 2256 Radar contact 9000 yds, bearing 180 T. Tracked at 6.6 knots on 000 T. Too light for a surface approach. Target is an unescorted Sugar Charlie. S/C # 7.
- 2319 When range was 6000 yards, dived to commence submerged approach.
- 2326 Zig toward. AOB 0, range 2800 yards.
- 2328 Will wait for zig.
- 2335 At 1200 yards, no zig. Pulled off track for 120 stbd track.
- 2340 With range of 1800 yds, 110 stbd. Track, fired three stern tubes.
- 2341 Target zigged 40° to the right. Missed. Came hard left to fire bow tubes.
- 2350 Torpedo run over 3000 yards. Will surface and make another end-around.

20 July

- 0005 Surfaced. Picked up a convoy of 5 small luggers bearing 225 T. at 4000 yards. S/C # 8. Radar could barely pick these vessels up at 4000 yards, but we got a good pip on the Sugar Charlie.
- 0020 Sugar Charlie center mined pass to the north of CHAOHI TO.
- 0030 Broke off chase.
- 0145 Sighted and tracked small motored sampan at 5 knots, 000 T. S/C # 9.
- 0406 Dived 6 miles north of SHOSUI TO.
- 1200 POSIT: Lat. 33-57 N. Long. 126-34 E.
- 1455 Sighted DE bearing 252 T range 6000 yds. AOB 80 stbd S/C # 10. Closed target at full speed.
- 1510 Tracks at 15 knt, course 010 T.
- 1523 ST range 3900 yards. Target must have heard us running at full speed. Target slowed and started echo ranging.
- 1529 Target stopped and is alternately pinging and listening. Depth of water is 120 feet.
- 1530 Sound reported target underway. Raised scope and say 5° starboard AOB. I guess this is it.
- 1531 Raised scope, 20° port AOB. He hasn't located us yet. I don't know who is stalking who.
- 1538 AOB 80 port, lying to listening. Range 2900 yds. We are closing range at highest speed we dare use which is 4 kts.
- 1548 Target is now lying to with 90 port AOB. Will fire as soon as we close the range a little more. Could fire now but as

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- soon as the first fish leaves the tube he is going to hear it. Running time for our Mk 18's is 2 min, and 15 sec. And the Mk 18's are not enjoying our fullest confidence right now after last night's experience.
- 1549 Decided to fire six bow tubes set at four feet depth. Up periscope for firing bearing. Sound reports target speeding up. In the period of less than a minute that our scope was down target has swung 95° giving us a 175 starboard AOB.
- 1551 AOB 100 starboard. Speed about 12 knots. Torpedo run 3500 yds.
- 1606 AOB 170 stbd. Target is heading for passage north of CHAOCHI TO. Broke off chase. Perhaps we should have fired when range was 2200 yards. However, I am quite certain he could have avoided because his listening conditions were at an optimum and he was definitely suspicious. This was really heart breaking. Perhaps the DE was on a special A/C sweep, meaning there be some traffic thru here tonight. We now call the passage between SHOISUI TO AND SKUSHI GUNTO "THE SLOT". Will suggest to the THREADFIN tonight that she come down here.
- 2004 Surfaced.
- 2010 Sent message to THREADFIN.
- 2047 Picked up two sea trucks by radar. Tracked on a course of 190 T at 6 kts. Will make a submerged attack on them as soon as the battery is charged a bit. (S/C # 11).
- 2202 Dived ahead on the track, heading up the true bearing.
- 2214 Fired # 7 tube.
During the next hour and a quarter the SEA ROBIN underwent the most harassing experience that could ever happen to a submarine. This embranglement is the subject of a special secret report to COMSUBPAC only.
- 2325 Surfaced. Picked up a small spit kit on starboard quarter at 1200 yards. (S/C # 12).
- 2345 Set southerly course at full speed to overtake the two small enemy ships that just recently eluded us.

21 July

- 0040 Made contact on ships. Resumed tracking.
- 0048 Enemy ships now 5000 yards off SAISHU TO. It is too late to dive ahead. Decide they were not worth our remaining Mk 18's so broke off chase.
- 0050 Missed a floating mine by 3 feet. M/C # 85. Mine was barely pushed clear by the bow wave and was spotted alongside to starboard by the JP sound gear.
- 0400 Sighted mine. M/C # 86.
- 0405 Dived for submerged patrol.
- 1113 Sighted a TOKAI plane 500 yards away with a 10 port angle on the bow as the periscope was going up.
- 1113:10 Went deep to 130 feet.
- 1115 No bombs.
- 1200 POSIT: Lat. 33059 N. Long. 126-28 E.
- 1208 Back to periscope depth. All clear.

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21 July

- 2002 Surfaced.
- 2006 SJ interference to the east.
- 2040 sighted small ship to north of us. Tracked at 5 knots, course 185 T. (S/C # 31).
- 2050 Exchanged recognition with THREADFIN.
- 2100 Established communications with THREADFIN by walkie-talkie. Exchanged POSITS - are 22 miles apart.
- 2103 Sighted 4 small ships (sea trucks or luggers) between us and the THREADFIN. She said she would take care of them, and for us to go after our single contact. (S/C # 14).
- 2135 Dived ahead of our contact, at 4000 yards.
- 2205 Fired # 7 tube. This attack is the subject of a special secret report to COMSUBPAC only.
- 2230 Heard gunfire on J.P.
- 2321 Sighted burning lugger on horizon - THREADFIN victims.
- 2320 Sighted two sea trucks heading south, speed 5 knots. Closed them and maneuvered to get them in the moon slick.
- 2330 Battle Stations Surface. Opened fire at a range of 5000 yds.

22 July

- 0020 First sea truck sinking, shifted targets.
- 0025 Second sea truck on fire. Ranges were between 5000 yds and 2900 yds. Total ammunition expenditure, 44 five inch shells, 22 per target.
- 0030 Sighted a third sea truck racing for SAISHU TO. Pursued at flank speed..
- 0115 Sea truck practically on the beach. Set course to scene of sinking to recover prisoners.
- 0120 At scene of sinking.
- 0124 Captured one prisoner. A few bursts from Tommy gun aided him to make up his mind to come aboard.
- 0126 Sighted a PIG adrift on a bit of wreckage. Although the PIG was only 3 feet from our port bow planes, he would pay no attention to us whatsoever., but was very placidly chewing on an apple or something similar.
- 0200 Closed sea truck that was still burning. Could hear ammunition explode at irregular intervals. Pulled clear of wreckage to continue patrol.
- 0350 Sighted mine. M/C # 87.
- 0450 Dived.
- 1200 POSIT: Lat. 34-00 N. Long. 126-29 E.
- 1910 Surfaced.
- 2250 Sighted small lugger heading south at 4 knots. (S/C # 15).
- 2251 Battle Surface.
- 2320 Sighted mine. M/C # 88.
- 2338 Target sinking. Ceased fire. Expended 14 rounds of 5 inch.
- 2359 Recovered 6 POW from life boat.

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23 July

- 0120 Sighted lugger. Battle Surface. (S/C # 16).
0155 Opened fire.
0212 Ceased fire. Expended 1500 rounds of 50 cal. And 6 rounds of 5 inch.
0230 Recovered 7 POW. One was badly wounded and two others had minor wounds.
0414 Dived.
1200 POSIT: Lat. 33-56 N. Long. 126-43 E.
1929 Surfaced. Sighted two sea trucks bearing 270 T, 5 miles, heading south. (S/C # 17). More gun fodder - maneuvering them into slick.
1943 SD contact 5 miles. Dived.
2017 POW died.
2103 Surfaced. Committed body of POW to the deep. Set out at 15 knots to overtake sea trucks.
2230 5 miles from SAISHU TO. Sea trucks get away. Made radar sweep back to the north east.

24 July

- 0416 Lookout sighted plane. Dived.
0533 Sighted PF, a 1000 ton AO and two sea trucks bearing 018 T. Commenced approach on AO. Sound reports two sets of pinging, but only can see on PF. (S/C # 18). Sea state # 4. 20° gradient from 60 to 90 ft. That will help us as we are in 150 feet of water, with the nearest deep water (240 feet) 10 mi. away.
0540 PF is patrolling ahead at about 9 knots.
0606 AO tracks at 7.5 knots on course 172 T. Am only 400 yards off track so will have to accept large gyro angles.
9611 With a range of 980 yards, 110 port track, 40 left gyro, fired four bow torpedoes set on 4 feet at 10 seconds firing interval.
0618 All torpedoes missed, believed incident to torpedo depth control since torpedoes were spread 30 feet between fish. With such a setup and range 980 yds it was impossible to miss otherwise. (state of sea # 4). Sound man reported two thuds which may have been duds. Believe this is third consecutive target that torpedoes have run under. It is very discouraging.
0620 Oiler has 170 starboard AOB and PF has 0° AOB. Fired NAC and started pulling clear at periscope depth. Depth of water 150 feet.
0625 PF is completely baffled by NAC which is raising quite a commotion. Maybe we can get a setup on him for our last two fish.
0635 PF has decided he wants no part of it and has headed for SAISHU TO with AO.
0831 Sighted plane search area one mile away. He is flying low over the water and probably using magnetic detector. Went to 120 feet on westerly heading.
0915 At periscope depth, all clear.
1200 POSIT: Lat. 33052 N. Long. 126-24 E.
1922 Surfaced.
2120 SD contact, 4 miles; dived.
2215 Surfaced. Send dispatch to COMSUBPAC concerning the landing of some of our POW's.

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25 July

- 0046 Dived for SD contact; 4 miles.
- 0130 Surfaced.
- 0446 Dived 4 miles north of SAISHU CITY.
- 1820 Sighted 4 planes, A/S (YOKAI) type about 4-6 miles away, apparently searching for SEA ROBIN.
- 1935 Surfaced.

26 July

- 0000 Put 6 POW (KOREANS) in rubber boat equipped with food, water, blankets, flares and flashlights 5 miles north of SAISHU V CITY in accordance with orders from COMSUBPAC.
- 0002 Set course for GUAM at 3 engine speed.
- 0651 Sighted low flying unidentified plane, no IFF. Dived. In retrospect, believe they were OKINAWA search planes.
- 0729 Surfaced.
- 0817 SD contact 6 miles, dived.
- 0910 Surfaced.
- 1142 Sighted mine. M/C # 89.
- 1200 POSIT: Lat. 32-01 N. Long. 128-44 E.
- 1204 Sighted BATFISH bearing 240 T, 6 miles. Closed her to exchange info.
- 1422 SD contact 6 miles; dived.
- 1446 Surfaced.
- 1646 Sighted unidentified plane, 6 miles: dived.
- 1720 Surfaced.
- 2200 Entered COLNETT STRAIT.

27 July

- 0000 Entered joint zone "CORRIDOR". Had several SD and IFF contacts. Planes are headed for the EMPIRE.
- 1200 POSIT: Lat. 29-49 N. Long. 134-01 E.
- 1900 Picked up SG interference to the eastward - probably HALSEY'S FLEET. Had several SD & IFF contacts throughout the night.

28 July

- 0035 Exchanged recognition signals with BILLFISH and TENCH.
- 0830 Entered "MECK".
- 1200 POSIT: Lat. 28-28 N. Long. 139-12 E. Sighted several planes throughout the day.
- 1300 Trim dive.
- 1337 Surfaced.

29 July

- 0000 Changed zone description to -10, (KING).
- 0030K Exchanged recognition with SEAHORSE.
- 0849K Trim dive.
- 0928K Surfaced.
- 1103K Sighted south bound convoy 15 miles, bearing 250 T. Lat. 22-57N, Long. 139-47 E. Changed course to avoid.
- 1200K POSIT: Lat. 22-45 N. Long. 139-47 E.

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30 July

- 1200 POSIT: Lat. 18-36 N. Long. 142-19 E.
2142 Exchanged recognition signals with U.S.S. PLAICE of SJ radar.

31 July

- 0049 SJ radar contact at 19,000 yards.
0052 Identified as large friendly carrier and escorts.
0105 Fired two recognition flares when range closed to 10,000 yds. and avoided.
0555 Rendezvoused with U.S.S. PLAICE.
0645 Escort LCI 1098 arrived.
0826 Avoided carrier task force.
0910 Sighted SAIPAN Island.
1217 Moored to U.S.S. PLAICE alongside U.S.S. ORION in Tanapag Harbor, SAIPAN.
1400 Commenced refueling.

1 August

- 1345 Executive Officer LtComdr. P. F. ECKERT, received orders to proceed to U.S.S. GAR to take command.
1415 Lt.Comdr. ECKERT detached.
1420 Underway for MIDWAY in company with U.S.S. TIGRONE and under escort of LCI 1098.
1923 Transferred mail to escort and dismissed her. Parted company with U.S. S. TIGRONE.

2 August

- 0700 Emergency IFF at 10 miles. Shifted to 4475 and tried to raise AGATE BASE. Unable to raise AGATE BASE, but a PBM called us and said he was in trouble. His call was 99V240. His DF gear, loran, and radar were out of commission. He stated he had one hour of gas left which later lasted three hours. His hull was holed and he had no rubber rafts. In addition to the above, he was lost. It soon became apparent he was not the emergency IFF we had had on our SD. We raised BLACK BALL 1, LOW DOWN, and SAMMY KAYE and gave them the dope. BLACK BALL 1 alerted DF net but they were experiencing a great deal of difficulty DFing plane. Plane was unable to get on the proper frequency because of radio equipment casualties. Plane finally DF'ed by having her call continuously on 4475 kcs. A course of 234° T was relayed through SEA ROBIN to 99V240. Plane was about 240 miles northeast of SAIPAN and about 100 miles southeast of us. SAIPAN sent planes out to meet her and when we signed off, 99V240 was under escort of two navy planes, was on SAIPAN radar screen, and had SAIPAN in sight. Sent message to SAIPAN giving information on emergency IFF we had seen earlier in the morning.
1125 Exchanged call with U.S.S. HOLLANDIA and her escorts.
1101 Exchanged calls with U.S.S. SHAD.
1200 POSIT: Lat. 18-01N. Long 147-27 E.
1348 Made trim dive.

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3 August

- 0450 Master gyro out.
- 1200 POSIT: Lat. 18-48 N. Long. 153-00 E.
- 1400 Received orders to proceed to WAKE for carrier life guard duty on August 6.
- 2100 Exchanged recognition signals with WAKE by SJ radar.

4 AUGUST

- 0735 Master gyro back in commission.
- 1004 High periscope sighted submarine on horizon. Dived.
- 1042 Surfaced and exchanged recognition signals with U.S.S. BLACKFIN.
- 1200 POSIT: Lat. 18-55 N. Long. 156-24 E.

5 August

- 0858 Trim dive.
- 11200 POSIT: Lat. 19-16 N. Long. 163-35 E.

6 August

- 0053 SJ contact on WAKE Island.
- 0400 On life guard station.
- 0520 Sighted DUMBO. Had two DUMDOS for air cover throughout the day.
- 0548 Sighted 19 carrier planes going in for first attack. This was a rocket attack.
- 0530 99 LAWLESS called us and said he was glad to see us. Planes continued strikes throughout the day. WAKE put up very weak and half hearted AA fire.
- 1600 Strike over. Dived and closed south side of island to 2000 yds. The ship the TUNNY and FINBACK put out of commission two years ago as well as two wrecks from the Jap invasion fleet of 1941 are still on the reef south of the island. Most of the installations seen by the C.O. two years ago are no longer standing. Took pictures and saw many gun installations and pill boxes lining the shore line. The beaches are well covered with barb wire and other obstructions.
- 1800 Began opening the beach.
- 1915 Battle surfaced. Began shelling eastern end of the island with bot 5 inch guns at 9-10,000 yards range. Beautiful shooting by both crews.
- 1956 Ceased firing having expended 135 rounds of 5 inch ammunition. All shots were hits and gave nice explosion. No return fir was received and there were no APR contact.
- 2000 Set course for MIDWAY.

7 August

The U.S.S. SEA ROBIN (SS047) is one year old today. Here are some of the facts about her:

Miles steamed.66,000 miles.
1st Patrol. 64 days.
2nd Patrol.66 days.
3rd Patrol.70 days.

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7 August cont'd

13 Jap vessels of various types sunk.
2 P-51 Army pilots rescued.
34 POW taken of which one died and six were set free.
97 floating mines sighted 7 sunk.
Bombarded Wake Island on two different occasions.
Following bases have been visited. PANAMA, PEARL, SAIPAN, GUAM,
SUBIC, FREMANTLE, EXMOUTH GULF, and MIDWAY.

0200 Received information on fox schedule that merchant ship was abandoning ship 300 miles to southeast of us because of fire. She is in Air Surface Zone. Sent message to ComSubPac asking if he desired us to go to her aid.
0230 Intercepted message that a ship would arrive at the scene in an hour. Sent message to NTN canceling our message to ComSubPac.
1200 POSIT: Lat. 20-55 N. Long. 169-30 E.
1650 Made trim dive.

8 August

1200 POSIT: Lat. 23-42 N. Long. 174-34 E.
1800 Set clocks ahead one hour to minus 12 time zone.

9 August

1130 Received dispatch that "State of War Exists between Russia and Japan"
1200 POSIT: Lat. 26-17 N. Long. 178-56 E.
1244 Made trim dive.
2400 Set clocks back 24 hours incident crossing 180° meridian.

10 August

0700 Made rendezvous with air escort and proceeded to Midway.