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(B) NARRATIVE (Cont'd)

Jan. 1 (H)

0938 ~~SJ~~ contact at 20 miles on aircraft. (L.C. #30) SD
picked up plane at 18 miles.
2301 Received orders changing patrol area to northern half
of area B-4. Set course for new area.

Jan. 2 (H)

Patrolling east and west in center of northern half,
area B-4. SEALLION thirty miles west of this ship.
Sea continuing rough from N.E., heavy overcast and fre-
quent rain squalls.

0636 Dived for trim. While diving, received message from
SEALLION reporting she was diving for aircraft.
0732 Surfaced. Resumed surface patrol.
0745 Received contact report from BLENNY of 1 transport, 2
escorts, headed northwest from 11-31N; 113-17E. Relayed
to ANGLER and SEALLION but received no receipt from
ANGLER, either on area or wolfpack frequency. Estimate
target may change course to the right for Manila after
clearing N. Danger, in which case it will pass through
ANGLER's area, or change course left for Luzon Strait
or Takao.
0900 Set course for estimated dusk position and directed
SEALLION to take position to the northwest.
1232 SD radar contact, 6 miles. (L.C. #31) Dived.
1316 Surfaced.
1335 Sighted SEALLION bearing 275°T, proceeding to assigned
station.
1447 SD radar contact, 6 miles. (L.C. #32) Dived.
1455 Two distant explosions.
1538 ~~Surfaced.~~
1545 Received another contact report from BLENNY giving
position, course and speed that checked with original
report and stating she had fired her last two tor-
pedoes without results. We will make contact between
1930 and 2000.
1937 SJ radar contact 164°T, 18,000 yards. (S.C. #13)
Commenced tracking. This proved to be BLENNY's contact,
one AP and two destroyers. Base course had been
changed from 050°T to 030°T, to pass between Maccles-
field Bank and Scarborough Shoal. Sent contact report
to SEALLION.
2139 Tracking completed, manned battle stations and started
in to attack. Informed SEALLION we were attacking from
port flank. She was now also tracking from this flank,
astern of us. The situation was as follows: target
on base course 030°T, zigzagging between 000°T and

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060⁰T on 8 or 9 minute legs. Escorts about 1,500 yards on bow or beam of target, depending on leg of zig plan. Moon was just rising but there was a heavy overcast and it had rained steadily during entire tracking period. Estimated that under these conditions could make surface attack from the flank, catching target on extreme left leg when escort was well up on the bow, firing across the rather heavy sea at a favorable range and then retiring down sea. This plan failed because (a) the target made a zig to the extreme right leg when he was figured to come left and (b) the heavy overcast and rain which had persisted for three days, at this time suddenly cleared and the nearly full moon made visibility conditions such that there was no possibility of closing undetected at the high surface speed then necessary.

2223 Broke off attack and commenced end around on port flank on four engines. Directed SELLION to attack when in position.

Jan. 3 (H)

Tracked SELLION in as she made surface attack.

0030 - SELLION attacked from the surface and retired. Port es-
-(about) cort followed her out. No hits.

0038 Nine to twelve depth charges heard. SELLION was still retiring on surface, however, as evidenced by interference from her SJ radar.

0137 SELLION reported attack completed and she had lost contact. Directed her to return to assigned area.

0301 Gained position 20,000 yards ahead of target on his track. Slowed to 11 knots on course 030⁰T. to maintain this position.

0400 Increased speed to 14 knots to gain distance so that target could be observed with high periscope for expected change of base course at dawn, prior to daylight attack.

0424 SJ radar contact, 3 small ships, bearing 255⁰T, range 13,000 yards, closing rapidly. (S.C. #14) Apparently reinforcements have arrived but it is difficult to understand where they could have come from on such short notice. Put tail toward them and increased speed to 16 knots but range still closed. Bearing of nearest ship changed slowly to the right and then steadied. Repeated this procedure with same result. Range closed to 10,500 and ships were in sight in bright moonlight. No doubt in my mind we were being chased so went to flank speed on 4 engines and range commenced opening gradually.

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0541 Pursuers were lost at 16,000 yards but we were now silhouetted against rapidly brightening eastern sky so submerged. Expected hunter-killer operations did not materialize but we had been driven far off the position on target's track which we had worked most of the night to gain. No further contact.

1630 Surfaced. Set course to return to patrol station.

Jan. 4 (H)

Patrolling on surface in northern half area B-4. Passing through position 13-15N; 114-40E at 0000, 0800 and 1600 on course 135°T and at 0400, 1200 and 2000 on course 315°T. Speed 9 knots. SEALION assigned station at 13-45N; 114-20E, following same procedure.

1331 Sighted aircraft. (A.C. #33) Dived.

1415 While preparing to surface, sighted same or another aircraft headed toward, range 2 miles. Back to 150 ft.

1544 All clear. Surfaced and resumed surface patrol.

1900 Received orders to form patrol line covering Cape St. James and Camranh Bay with ROCK, GURNARD, SEALION, PERCH and GABILAN. Position of CAIMAN 75 miles bearing 155°T from HON LON light. Set course for position.

Jan. 5 (H)

Proceeding to station on patrol line.

0454 Made radar contact on friendly submarine at 10,500 yards.

0513 Passed 5,000 yards abeam of GUITARRO headed for Mindoro with stern planes out of commission.

1548 SD contact at 12 miles. (A.C. #34) Dived.

1652 Surfaced.

2000 OOD heard low flying aircraft. Keyed SD radar and got contacts at 1½ and 2 miles. (A.C. #35) Dived.

2103 Surfaced.

2240 Exchanged recognition signals with GURNARD by SJ radar.

Jan. 6 (H)

0038 Arrived on station. Commenced surface patrol on 315°T-135°T.

0635 Dived on station.

1908 Surfaced.

Jan. 7 (H)

0633 Dived on station.

1848 Sighted two large sampans, apparently patrol boats, bearing 285°T, course about 220°T.

1923 Surfaced.

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Jan. 8 (H)
0622 Dived on station.
1905 Surfaced.

Jan. 9 (H)
0616 Dived on station.
1912 Surfaced.

2115 Received orders to proceed to vicinity 5N; 105E to intercept traffic that might flee from Saigon or Camranh Bay for Singapore because of carrier task force operating in the South China Sea. Set course for new station.

Jan. 10 (H)
2300 Enroute new station at 5N; 105E.
Received orders to guard lifeguard frequency for B-29 strike on Singapore at 1000, 11 Jan.

Jan. 11 (H)
0641 On station. Made trim dive.
0745 Surfaced. Commenced surface patrol. BESUGO, HARDHEAD, COBIA, PERCH, GABILAN, SEALION and GURNARD also operating in this area.

Jan. 12 (H)
0015 Received orders to proceed to Fremantle. Set course for Karimata Strait.
0638 Dived.
1908 Surfaced. SJ radar out of commission.

Jan. 13 (H)
0613 Dived 10 miles west of St. Julian Island.
1939 Surfaced. SJ radar back in commission.
2221 Crossed equator at 107-00E. Put 54 pollywogs on probation until south of the Barrier.

Jan. 14 (H)
0609 Dived in western approach to Karimata Strait.
1944 Surfaced. Commenced transit Karimata Strait.
2349 APR contact, 218 mgs. This radar had same characteristics as radar on British submarine later encountered south of Lombok.

Jan. 15 (H)
0400 Completed transit of Karimata Strait. Proceeding westward through Java Sea on the surface.
1900 Received orders to be on lifeguard station 20 mi. south of Sempu Island (south coast of Java) at 1100 (H), 17th for Liberator strike on Soerabaja. To reach this station we will have to transit Lombok Strait one night

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earlier than anticipated but with luck can make it.
Full speed, four engines.

Jan. 16 (H)
0515 Radar contact on Kangean Island, 40,000 yards. Changed
course to pass between Gcagoa Island and Karang Takat
Reef.
0630 Completed passage through the reefs. Sighted 4 native
praus in the vicinity.
0653 Sighted plane. (A.C. #36)
Dived. Continued on toward Lombok submerged.
1925 Surfaced.
2000 Received message that Soerabaja strike was cancelled.
2215 Commenced transit of Lombok Strait.

Jan. 17 (H)
0015 Completed uneventful transit of Lombok Strait. Set
course for Fremantle.

Jan. 18 - 21 (H)
Enroute Fremantle.

Jan. 22
Arrived Fremantle.

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(C) WEATHER

The weather in the area was generally excellent except for a few days when the northeast monsoon increased to force 6 to 7 and general squalliness prevailed.

(D) TIDAL INFORMATION

Currents encountered conformed closely to those predicted in available Hydrographic information.

(E) NAVIGATIONAL AIDS

No information.

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(F) SHIP CONTACTS

No.	Time Date	Lat. Long.	Type(s)	Initial Range	Est. Course Speed	How Contacted	Remarks
1.	1149H 12-14-44	14-30N 119-51E	1 PC or PF 1 DD	6,000 yd.	Various Base C. 270	F	
2.	0118 12-15-44	14-34N 119-30E	2 Unidentified Escort type	17,000 yd.	Speed 12 Base C. 300	R	
3.	0316 12-15-44	14-32N 119-00E	2 Unidentified Escort type	16,000 yd.	Speed 15	R	
4.	0316 12-15-44	14-32N 119-00E	2 Unidentified Escort type	14,000 yd.	- 3400T	R	
5.	0905 12-15-44	14-47N 119-35E	AH (CONTE VERDE?)	14,000 yd.		P	
6.	0137 12-16-44	14-46N 119-36E	2 Unidentified Escort type	18,000 yd.	3200T	P	
7.	0947 12-16-44	14-46N 119-50E	AH	10,000 yd.	1200T	P	Photographed
8.	0738 12-24-44	17-49N 120-16E	2 Sea Trucks Coastal	10,000 yd.		P	
9.	1430 12-25-44	17-46N 120-18E	Freighter	14,000 yd.	Lagos Bay 1950T	P	
10.	1500 12-26-44	17-35N 120-20E	1 AP, 3 AK, 4 DD, 3 FC or PF	10,000 yd.	Speed 12 3500T	P	
11.	2250 12-26-44	16-45N 119-38E	AH	20,600 yd.		SN	Unsuccessfully
12.	1118 12-27-44	15-55N 119-41E	PF or DE	12,000 yd.	Speed 12 0300T	Sound	Attacked
13.	1937 1-2-45	13-02N 115-03E	1 AF, 2 DD	18,000 yd.	Speed 11 0700T	R	
14.	0424 1-2-45	14-17N 115-55E	3 FC or DE 2 Sampans	13,000 yd.	Speed 15 2200T	P	Nearly dark when sighted.
15.	1843 1-7-45	11-04N 109-52E	(Patrol Boats?)	4,000 yd.	Speed 10	P	

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AIRCRAFT CONTACTS (REVISED)

CONTACT NUMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6	
S U B M A R I N E	Date (1944)	12-13	12-14	12-14	12-14	12-14	12-15
	Time (Zone -8)	1247	0700	1135	1149	1308	0913
	Position: Lat.	15°26N	14°43'	14°43'	14°43'	14°43I	14°40'
	Long.	119°39E	119°50	119°50	119°50	119°50	119°30
	Speed	2 kts	2 kts	2 kts	2 kts	2 kts	2 kts
	Course	170°T	200°T	340°T	340°T	180°T	090°T
	Trim	Per.	Per.	Per.	Per.	Per.	Per.
	Minutes since last SD Radar search	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Number	1	1	1	1	4	1
	Type	Unid.	Unid.	Nell	Nell	Hell cat	Nell
A I R C R A F T	Probable Mission	Unk.	Unk.	Unk.	Pa-trol	Fitr Covr	Pa-trol
	How contacted	Sight	Sight	Sight	Sight	Sight	Sight
	Initial Range	15 mi	15 mi	14 mi	15 mi	7 mi	300 yds
	Elevation angle	3°	3°	3°	3°	15°	10°
	Range & Rel. Bearing of Plane When it Detected S/M	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	Unk.
C O N D I T I O N S	(State (Beaufort))	1	1	1	1	1	1
	(Direct. (Rel))	N	N	N	N	N	N
	Visibility (Miles)	Unl.	Unl.	Unl.	Unl.	Unl.	Unl.
	Clouds: (Ht. in Ft, (Percent Overcast	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000
	(Bearing (Rel))	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Moon: (angle (Percent Illum.						

Type of S/M Camouflage on this patrol GREY.

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CONTACT NUMBER	7	8	9	10	11	12
Date (1944)	12-16	12-16	12-18	12-18	12-18	12-18
SUBMARINE Time Zone - 8	0005	0915	0921	0950	1548	2110
Position: Lat.	14°45	14°47	15°18	15°20	15°20	15°23
Long.	119°34	119°50	119°53	119°54	119°55	119°07
Speed	10 kts	2 kts	2 kts	2 kts	2 kts	11 kts
Course	000°T	270°	000°	000°	270°	090°
Trim	Surf.	Per.	Per.	Per.	Per.	Surf.
Minutes Since Last SD Radar Search	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number	1	1	2	1	1	2
AIRCRAFT Type	Unid.	Nell	Unk.	Unk.	Unk.	Unk.
Probable Mission	Pa- trol	H	H	H	H	Pat.
How contacted	Radar	Sight	Sight	Sight	Sight	Radar
Initial Range	6½ mi.	7 mi.	10 mi.	8 mi.	9 mi.	12- 16 mi.
Elevation Angle		1½°	3°	2°	3°	-
Range & Rel. Bear- ing of Plane When It Detected S/M	Unk.	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
(State (Beaufort)	1	1	1	1	1	1
Sea: (Direct. (REL))	N	N	N	N	N	N
Visibility (Miles)	Dark	Unl.	Unl.	Unl.	Unl.	Dark
(Ht. in Ft.)	-	5000	4000	4000	4000	-
Clouds: (Percent Overcast)	0	5	5	5	5	-
(Bearing (Rel))	No					
Moon: (Angle (Percent Illum.))	Moon					

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AIRCRAFT CONTACTS (REVISED)

CONTACT NUMBER	13	14	15	16	17	18
Date (1944)	12-19	12-25	12-25	12-26	12-26	12-28
S U B M A R I N E Time (Zone - 8)	1304	2150	2150	1502	2319	0800
Position: Lat. (N)	14°40	17°42	17°40	18°00	15°55	15°18
Long.	119°25	120°14	119°50	120°14	119°41	117°27
Speed	2 kts	2 kts	10 kts	2 kts	18 kts	13 kts
Course	220°T	180°	190°	095°	220°	235°
Trim	Per.	Per.	Surf.	Per.	Surf.	Surf.
Minutes Since Last SD Radar Search	0	0	180	0	190	0
Number	1	1	1	1	1	1
I R C R A F T Type	Unk.	Unk.	Unk.	Unk.	Unk.	Unk.
Probable Mission	Pat.	Pat.	H	Es- cort	Pat.	Pat.
How Contacted	Sight	Sight	SJ	Sight	Sight	SD
Initial Range	15 mi.	10 mi.	7 mi.	5 mi.	6 mi.	30 mi.
Elevation Angle	40	30	-	10	-	-
Range & Rel. Bearing of Plane When It Detected S/M	ND	ND	-	-	-	-
C O N D I T I O N S (State (Beaufort)	1	3	1	1	1	2
Sea: (Direct. (Rel))	N	N	180°	270°	180°	180°
Visibility (Miles)	8 mi.	Unl.	Dark	Unl.	8 mi.	Unl.
(Ht. in Ft.)	5000	5000	Clear	5000	Clear	Clear
Clouds: (Percent Overcast)	30	50	0	20	0	0
(Bearing (Rel))			010°		090°	
Moon: (Angle)			75°		85°	
(Percent Illum.)			70		85	

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