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(B) NARRATIVE

U.S.S. CAIMAN

WAR PATROL NO. FOUR

0030 Received message from CTF 71 to avoid detection in vicinity of ANAMBAS ISLANDS and to rendezvous with HAWKBILL at 3° N, 109-30 E at 2300 on 16 August. Decided to patrol West coast of BORNEO until rendezvous time.

1015 Received message from CTF 71 cancelling arrangements with HAWKBILL and further instructed us to join CARBONERO off PULO TENGGOL.

1200 Posit: Lat. 1-19 S
 Long. 108-20 E

1430 Received message from CTF 71 ordering cessation of offensive action against JAPANESE.

1800 Received message from CTF 71 to proceed to SUBIC immediately. Headed for SUBIC.

2124 Sent message to CTF 71 acknowledging receipt of messages and giving time of arrival at SUBIC.

16 August

0000 Enroute SUBIC.
1200 Posit: Lat. 6-25 N
 Long. 108-15 E

17 August

0000 Enroute SUBIC.
1200 Posit: Lat. 11-40 N
 Long. 112-40 E

18 August

0000 Enroute SUBIC BAY.
0930 Arrive POINT ANDY.
1200 Posit: Lat. 13-25 N
 Long. 114-49.5 E

19 August

0000 Enroute SUBIC BAY.
0922 Moored in nest of submarines alongside U.S.S. ANTHEDON (AS-24) in Subic Bay, P.I.

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(C) WEATHER

No remarks.

(D) TIDAL INFORMATION

No remarks.

(E) NAVIGATION AIDS

No remarks.

(F) SHIP CONTACTS

None.

(G) AIRCRAFT CONTACTS

None.

(H) ATTACK DATA

Time: 1330 Date: 10 August 1945 GUN ATTACK NO. 1 Lat.: 5-58 S Long: 114-10 E

Sunk: One Schooner rigged PRAU
Capacity Tons 18
Registered Tons 13
Name: SARI BERKAT
Identity ascertained from craft's book and papers.
Cargo consisted of 12 tons of salt and 1½ tons
of miscellaneous items from SURABAYA consigned to
JAPS at BANDJERMASIN.
Damage determined by: PRAU seen to sink.

Details of Action:

The PRAU was sunk by 40MM at point blank range
after removing crew. 36 rounds were expended.
About 8 would have sufficed, the extra rounds
being used to work out gun crews.

(I) MINES

None sighted.

(J) ANTI-SUBMARINE MEASURES AND EVASION TACTICS

No remarks.

(K) MAJOR DEFECTS AND DAMAGE

None.

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(L) RADIO

None

(M) RADAR

(a) SJ - Operated very well except for two days when the sensitivity dropped off intermittently to about 25% of normal value. The trouble was found to be a loose and dirty connection in the magnetron filament voltage circuit.

(b) ST - Operated satisfactorily except that the beat oscillator required frequent tuning and the crystal life was too short.

(c) SD - Operated satisfactorily except for a period of two days when the mast became grounded. The base of the mast was cleared and the ground gradually disappeared.

(N) SOUND GEAR AND SOUND CONDITIONS

None

(O) DENSITY

No remarks.

(P) HEALTH, FOOD AND HABITABILITY

(a) Health was excellent with no sick days.

(b) Food was above average particularly considering that the boat was loaded in AUSTRALIA.

(c) Habitability was fair. This boat could be improved by the addition of a booster blower in the hull supply system and an extra air conditioning unit. Similar improvement has been accomplished on other boats of this class.

(Q) PERSONNEL

The performance of duty of all personnel was highly satisfactory.

(a) Number of men on board during patrol	76
(b) Number of men qualified at start of patrol	58
(c) Number of men qualified at end of patrol	61
(d) Number of unqualified men making their first patrol	11
(e) Number of men advanced in rating during patrol	0

(R) MILES SWIMMED - FUEL USED

Fremantle to Area	1720 miles	- 18557 gallons
In Area	5395	56569
Area to Subic	378	9174

(S) DURATION

Days enroute Area	6
Days in Area	21
Days enroute Subic	2
Days submerged	7

(T) FACTORS OF ENDURANCE REMAINING

Torpedoes No.	Fuel Gals.	Provisions Days	Personnel Factor Days
19	35,366	50	Indefinite

Limiting factor for this patrol: Orders of C.T.F. 71.

(U) RADIO AND RADAR COUNTERMEASURES

No remarks.

SUBMARINE SQUADRON TWENTY-SIX

~~From~~ 26/116-3

Serial: 0344

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Care of Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California
26 August 1945.

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FIRST ENDORSEMENT to
U.S.S. CAIMAN (SS323)
Report of 4th War Patrol.

From: Commander Submarine Squadron TWENTY-SIX.
To : Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Fleet.
Via : (1) Commander Submarines, SOUTHWEST PACIFIC.
(2) Commander SEVENTH Fleet.
Subject: U.S.S. CAIMAN (SS323) - Report of Fourth War Patrol.

1. The fourth war patrol of the CAIMAN, under the command of Lieutenant Commander W.L. Fey, Jr., was conducted in the Java, Flores, and South China Seas. The patrol was of twenty-nine (29) days duration, of which twenty-one (21) days were spent in the area.

2. No enemy ships or aircraft contacts were made. Numerous native boats were stopped, interrogated, and cargo examined. One gun attack was made. Two special missions were carried out. The patrol was terminated by the cessation of hostilities.

GUN ATTACK NO. 1.

This was an attack on a two masted schooner rigged prau of 18 tons displacement. Thirty-six (36) rounds of 40mm ammunition were expended, sinking the prau.

3. The CAIMAN arrived in a good materiel condition and will be given a short refit by the USS ANTHELON and Submarine Division 262 relief crew.

4. The Squadron Commander welcomes the officers and men of the CAIMAN, and regrets their lack of opportunity to inflict damage upon the enemy.

B. E. Bacon, Jr.
B. E. BACON, Jr.

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Serial 0470-A

29 August 1945.

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SECOND ENDORSEMENT to:
 USS CAIMAN Conf. Ltr.
 Alo-3 Serial 025, dated
 19 Aug st 1945. Report
 of Fourth War Patrol.

From: The Commander Submarines SOUTHWEST PACIFIC.
 To: The Commander in Chief, UNITED STATES FLEET.
 Via: The Commander SEVENTH FLEET.
 Subject: U.S.S. CAIMAN (SS323) - Report of Fourth War Patrol -
 Comment on.

1. The Fourth War Patrol of the CAIMAN under the command of Lieutenant Commander W. L. FEY, Jr., U.S.N., was conducted in the FLORES, JAVA and SOUTH CHINA SEAS.

2. Three Special Missions were conducted. A separate report covering these has been forwarded to the Commander SEVENTH FLEET. One cargo carrying schooner was sunk by gunfire.

3. The award of the Submarine Combat Insignia is authorized for this patrol.

4. The Force Commander congratulates the Commanding Officer, Officers and Crew of the CAIMAN upon the successful completion of this patrol and upon their contribution towards the defeat of the enemy.

SUNK

1 - Schooner

18 Tons.

B. E. Bacon Jr.
 W. L. WRIGHT,
 A. Chief of Staff.
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J. B. Miller
 J. B. MILLER,
 Flag Secretary.

UNITED STATES FLEET
COMMANDER SEVENTH FLEET

NO. NO
R. S. NO
REG. SHEET NO 20
F489
11 0100

A16-3(F-3/gtc)

Serial: 0298

8 OCT 1945

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THIRD ENDORSEMENT to:
CO USS CAIMAN conf ltr
SS323/A16-3, serial
025, dated 19 August
1945.

9-01723

From: Commander Seventh Fleet.
To : Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet.

Subject: U.S.S. CAIMAN (SS323) - Report of
Fourth War Patrol.

1. Forwarded.

J. H. Long
J. H. LONG
By direction
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