

ful. The **Baya** submerged and fired a salvo from the bow tubes for two hits. The **Hawkbill** then fired three torpedoes at close range for two more. Within seconds the Kinu-Gasa Maru exploded and sank to the bottom.

Ordered to Fremantle, Australia, the **Baya** arrived on October 22 for outfitting. She returned to the South China Sea, teaming with the **Cavalla** (SS 244) and **Hoe** (SS 258) for her second War Patrol. On the December 8, the **Baya** closed on two targets, but the range could not be closed to attack. On the 10th she let a hospital ship proceed on its way. Later contact was made with a Cruiser, but no damage was inflicted. The unsuccessful patrol was terminated and the **Baya** ordered back to Fremantle, arriving 12 January, 1945.

While at Fremantle, Commander Holtz was relieved by Lieutenant Commander Ben C. Jarvis. On 19 February, she sailed on her third War Patrol with the **Hammerhead** (SS 364) and proceeded to her area off Cape Verella, French Indochina. Four contacts were made on the 26th of February... found to be patrol craft no action was taken.

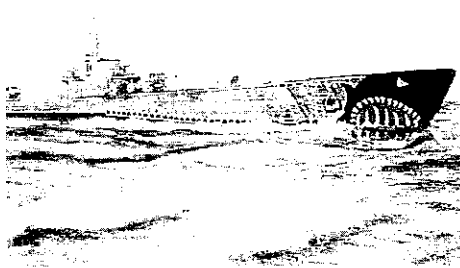
Then a five-ship convoy with one tanker and one large freighter was sighted on the fourth of March. Two hits were scored on the 5,236 ton tanker Palembang Maru, which quickly sank. Two more hits damaged the freighter but the extent was obscured by the smoke of the sinking tanker. The **Baya** submerged and survived 42 escort depth charge attacks.

Rejoining her "wolf pack" the **Baya** fired a stern-tube salvo and sunk a 524 ton sub-chaser, the Kainan Maru, as it was leaving Phang Rang Bay. Another convoy was sighted leaving the bay, accompanied by two destroyer escorts. Three torpedoes were fired at periscope depth, with no hits. Having been detected the **Baya** survived six depth charge attacks. The patrol ended with the **Baya's** arrival at Subic Bay, on the 27th of March.

The **Baya** and **Cavalla** departed Subic Bay to return to the Camranh Bay area. On May 2, she joined the **Legarto** (SS 371) on station in the Gulf of Siam. The next night the **Baya** contacted a four-ship convoy with two gasoline laden tankers accompanied by two escorts. After a nonproductive encounter, the **Baya** linked with her **Legarto** partner to discuss attack plans for the convoy. Both left to carry out their plans for a night attack. Early the next morning the **Baya** tried to make contact with the **Legarto** but could not. Post-war Japanese records reported an attack on a submarine by the same minelayer with which the **Baya** had prior contact, at the time the two were carrying out their attack plans on the convoy.

On the morning of the 13th of May, 1945, off Rembang Roads, the **Baya** fired six tor-

## The Story of Baya's Colorful Shark Nose Bow



**"I was away from the boat for the day and the crew gave a guy a bottle of 3 Feathers rotgut to paint the shark on the front of the Baya. They guy got so drunk he ended up falling off the staging three times. I came back, liked what they had done and said, 'let's go!' "**

**Commander Ben Davis**

pedoes for three hits on a tanker which was a part of a convoy including a freighter and a minelayer escort. Then two were fired at the freighter. The 2,500 ton tanker Yosei Maru sank as the two other ships were severely damaged.

The **Baya** departed Fremantle on the 20th of June, 1945 for her fifth War Patrol, the first part of which was devoted to support the landings at Balikpapan, Borneo. On the morning of the 27th of June, six torpedoes were fired at a minelayer, with no hits scored. On the 29th of June, teaming with the Capitaine (SS 366), a subchaser was sunk.

On the morning of 16 July a 595 ton torpedo boat was attacked from a range of 1100 yards. One hit in the stern set the ship ablaze and stopped it dead in the water. An hour later another hit demolished the KARI. On the 20th a PC-4 patrol craft was encountered off Seorabaya. It was too small for torpedo fire, and at dawn the **Baya** merged her efforts with the **Blenny** (SS 324) in a gun attack. The enemy was chased back to port, but no damage was inflicted. Five days later the **Baya** was ordered to Subic Bay, ending her last patrol.

The Second World War ended on 2 September 1945; the nightmare of December 7th had been avenged... the Pacific war was over!

During 235 days at sea she had cruised 50,722 miles in the Pacific and Indiana Oceans and in the Philippine, South China and Java Seas. She has participated in the following campaigns: Palau Landings; Philippine Liberation; Balikpapan, Borneo Landings and the total blockade of the Indo-China Coast.

The **Baya** rendered life guard services to our Air Forces for strikes on French Indo China, Saigon and Borneo. She avoided and was attacked by 36 enemy antisubmarine vessels. She evaded one hundred and forty-two enemy plane contacts. She made 684 dives During antisubmarine attacks and she received more than 160 depth charges. She destroyed six floating mines by gunfire. She fought it out on the surface on three occasions with antisubmarine vessels. She was credited with sinking the following enemy ships:

Transport	KINU GASA MARU - 8,407 Tons
Tanker	PALEMBANG MARU - 5,236 Tons
Subchaser	KAINAN MARU - 524 Tons
Minelayer	Unknown Name - 1500 Tons
Cargo Ship	Unknown Name - 7,500 Tons
Tanker	YOSEI MARU - 4,000 Tons
Two Subchasers	Unknown Names
Torpedo Boat	Kari - 595 Tons
Four Destroyers	Unknown Names
Four Destroyer Esc	Unknown Names
SeaplaneTender	Unknown Name

## THE BAYA'S BATTLE FLAG The Insignia of the Baya of 1945

### HOW COME A BEAR INSIGNIA FOR A FISH?

Someone from the Baya contacted Walt Disney Studios to draw a Baya insignia as it had done for many ships. The sailor who contacted them had a thick Boston accent and when he said the Baya's name, it came out as "Bear." When the flag arrived on the Baya it held a picture of a bear wearing boxing gloves.

The rendering above recently came from the archives of the Disney Studios, supporting the original story.

