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(B) NARRATIVE:

3 March.

- 0426 SJ radar contact bearing 345° T., range 7650 yds. Echo very weak (Ship Contact No. 11). At this time did not believe echo ranging was coming from this target. Resumed closing echo ranging at 4 engine speed. Passed contact at 1500 yds. Not sighted definitely.
- 0450 Slowed to listair. Weak echo ranging now bearing 215° T. on same bearing as ship contact No. 11.
- 0511 Held war pow vow. Decided to eliminate Joe. Manned Battle Stations.
- 0530 Not able to pick up target at 3,000 yards from bridge. SJ having difficulty locating weak pip. Decided to let Joe survive for larger game. This contact was later proven to be a small sail during morning twilight. Secured from Battle Stations.
- 0615 Made quick dive for periscope range 5,000-7,000 yards off Hon Doi. Heavy surface fog. Visibility 2 miles and less. Sea oily flat.
- 0945 Surf noises or possible screws at 285° T. Visibility 3,000 yards. Nothing in sight.
- 1005 Fog lifted. Small Sugar Dog (70-150 tons) bearing 305° T., range 10,000 yards, angle on bow 130 starboard (Ship Contact Nb. 12).
- 1030 Lost contact bearing 342° T.
- 1200 Lat. 12-39 N., Long. 109-29 E.; 95 miles, 630 gals.
- 1945 Surfaced. Patrolling about 6 miles off coast.
- 1958 SD radar contact at 8 miles (Plane Contact No. 33). Had full strength signal on SPA at 155 MC.
- 2001 With range closed to 4 miles made quick dive.
- 2013 Surfaced. All clear except for full saturation signal on SPA at 155 MC which was lost about half hour later.
- 2030 SD radar contact at 9-1/2 miles (Plane Contact No. 34). Contact faded out at 12 miles.

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- 0008 SD radar contact at 6 miles (Plane Contact No. 35). Had full saturation signal on APR at this time on 153 MC.
- 0009 With range closed to 4 miles made quick dive.
- 0030 Surfaced.
- 0042 Sight contact on a properly marked hospital ship bearing 152° T. range about 30,000 yards. (Ship Contact No. 13). This appeared to be a fairly large ship, yet the SJ radar could not pick up a pip until