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- about 15 minutes later at 19,000 yards even while being coached on by bridge bearings. The pip at this time was mushy and indistinct.
- 0045 SD radar contact at 8-1/2 miles (Plane Contact No. 36). Lost contact at 12 miles.
- 0120 SJ radar contact at 16,000 yards bearing 255° T. (Ship Contact No. 14). Two sets of echo ranging on same bearing.
- Put 4 Main Engines on propulsion and called away the Battle Stations Tracking Party.
- 0145 Convoy appeared to consist of two heavy units with the smaller on the larger's port quarter at about 600-1000 yards with two to four escorts. Main target tracked on northerly courses, coast hugging at 10 knots. Two large targets were tracked out to 17,000 yards giving good returns.
- 0155 Picked up radar interference from target group on SJ. This appeared to be 10 GM radar on a rotating antenna. During the entire approach, had continuous APR contact from moderate to full saturation on 153-155 MC. This was believed to be from Jap search, radar equipped planes. Up until this time, we had avoided four sailboats on the surface with ranges from 3,000 to 1,500 yards. Night was bright moonlight with a light surface fog next to the beach. Sea flat calm.
- 0220 Manned Battle Stations.
- 0230 With APR contact at full saturation, heavy radar interference on SJ steady on us, three sailboats within 1,500 - 3,500 yards, three escorts signaling furiously by yardarm blinker, and three ships in the target group visible from the bridge with visibility conditions against us; made quick dive to radar depth.
- 0250 Came right to 110° starboard track. Two sailboats within 1000 yards and visible through periscope. Two escorts continued to signal by yardarm blinker but were still indistinct through the periscope. The main target could not be picked up through the periscope. SJ radar was having a hard time keeping on the correct target as all ships were closely grouped and the land background added to the muddle on the scope.
- 0255 With TDC checking perfectly with Radar and Plot, decided it was now or never. Shifted for low power shot.