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4 March.

0308 With two escorts pinging steady in our direction and fast screws coming in, went to 250 feet and Rigged for Depth Charge.

0310 First of 42 depth charges dropped rapidly but were too close.

0312 With depth charges coming fast and not on the target yet, eased on down to 300 feet.

0318 Last of 42 close depth charges.

0543 One escort made a false contact, went to 200 feet pinging, and dropped five charges about 1000 yards. During this time had three escorts alternating pinging and listening with intermittent screws.

0552 Lost screws and echo ranging.

0652 At 60 feet for a look. All clear except for low red flames and billowing black smoke rising at least 2000 feet on the bearing of our attack. Sea flat with surface fog next to coast.

0700 Went to 150 feet for a few hours of undisturbed rest.

1200 Lat. 12-40 N., Long. 109-46 E.; 87 miles, 735 gals.

1905 Surfaced.

2018 Sighted bright loom of fire on horizon bearing 310° T.

2130 Patrolling along coast at about 6 miles.

2225 Radar interference on SJ bearing 000° T.

2300 Received ComSubs 7th Flt dispatch directing BAYA to join BECUNA and BLENNY in area Charlie Four to form Pack Number 2 on the night of 6-7 March.

5 March.

0600 Sighted glow on horizon bearing 345° T.

0618 Made quick dive for periscope patrol 5,000-7,000 yards off Hon Doi. Sea flat with low heavy surface fog.

0930 Visibility opened out to 20,000 yards.

1200 Lat. 12-36 N., Long. 109-31 E.; 101 miles, 720 gals.

1515 Sighted enormous black smoke cloud rising from the bearing of the attack of 4 March bearing 345° T.

1945 Surfaced. Patrolling coast at 6 miles.

1956 Bright glow of fire on horizon bearing 330° T.

2355 Plane heard from bridge. Manned SD and had contact at about 1 mile or less (Plane Contact No. 37). Lost contact at about 6 miles.

6 March.

0545 Made dawn dive for periscope patrol.