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(B) NARRATIVE.

6 March.

- 0710 Passed within 2500-2800 yards of burning tanker of attack of 4 March. Ship was still burning nicely with a fair column of black smoke. Could make out no definite part of the ship due to the smoke and flame. Believe that she is sitting on the bottom in 20 fathoms of water with about 30 feet of the bow just visible, 1500 yards east of Cape Varella Light. Took pictures.
- 1000 Facilitating 5,000-7,000 yards off Hon Doi.
- 1200 Lat. 12-30 N., Long. 109-29 E.; 90 miles, 750 gal.
- 1950 Surfaced. Patrolling coast on southerly courses about 5 miles off the beach at 5 knots.
- 2250 Surfaced. Contact on plane at 4 miles (Plane Contact No. 38).
- 2251 Made quick dive with plane closed to 1 mile.
- 2300 Received orders from new Tack Commander to conduct submerged patrol north of Lat. 11-30 N., during next two days and to work coast as close as practicable at night.

7 March.

- 0050 In near collision with small two man sampan. Who says the Chinese do not get excited? (Near = 10-15 yards).
- 0430 Entered Submarine Patrol Area C-4. Continuous APR-SPA contact at 205 MC and 900 PRF. This radar appears to be rotating, at times manually trained, with signal strength one to full saturation. Placed our faith in the simple assumption that this is a early warning aircraft radar.
- 0540 Made dawn dive for periscope patrol 4,000-5,000 yards off Hon Nai Point and Camranh Point just north of Camranh Bay. Sky overcast. Sea rough with nice occasional chop. Visibility good.
- 0735 Passed timber close aboard marked with slender ward and red flag.
- 1200 Lat. 11-53 N., Long. 109-18 E.; 84 miles, 670 gal.
- 2005 Surfaced. Patrolling coast 5-6 miles off beach.

8 March.

- 0602 Made dawn dive for periscope patrol 4,000-5,000 yards off Hon Nai Point and Camranh Point. Force 4-5 sea. Visibility good.
- 1200 Lat. 11-56 N., Long. 109-19 E.; 75 miles, 660 gal.
- 1955 Surfaced. Patrolling coast 5-6 miles off beach.