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- 19 March.

1200 Lat. 11-17 N., Long. 109-28 E.; 91 miles, 680 gals.  
1430 SD radar contact at 11 miles (Plane Contact No. 54).  
Sighted a B-24 patrolling coast to north. Could  
not raise him by radio or light.  
2000 Patrolling coast at 6-8 miles.

20 March.

0700 Patrolling 25-30 miles east of Cape Padaran.  
0919 SD radar contact at 25 miles (Plane Contact No. 55).  
Not sighted, but believed to be a B-24.  
1003 Sighted four B-25's bearing 010° T., range 8 miles  
(Plane Contact No. 56), headed to southwest.  
1056 SD radar contact at 31 miles (Plane Contact No. 57).  
Not sighted, but believed to be a B-24.  
During the morning there was a great volume of traf-  
fic from the planes on VHF, WOPACO, and Lifeguard  
frequencies. Received two reports of northbound  
nine ship convoy 60 miles southwest of Cape Padaran.  
1200 Lat. 11-19 N., Long. 109-30 E.; 119 miles, 600 gal.  
1846 Made trim dive.  
1912 Surfaced. Closing False Varella at 4 engine speed.  
2022 Received message from BLENNY stating that she had  
sunk 2 or 3 SB out of Empire bound 9 ship convoy.  
This report put this convoy 2 to 3 hours ahead of  
schedule and plane estimates, and still 1 to 2 hours  
south of us.  
2100 Patrolling coast to south of Camranh Bay at 2 engine  
speed at about 5 to 6 miles.  
2215 SD radar contact bearing 303° T., range 10,200 yards  
just rounding Hon Do apparently coming out of Phang-  
rang Bay. (Ship Contact No. 17).  
2220 Put 4 engines on the line and commenced tracking.  
2245 Ship tracked on northerly courses, coast hugging,  
using modified zig plan at 12 to 13 knots. Con-  
cluded this was not a submarine. Had BLENNY's SJ  
interference to the south and BERGALL's to the north.  
Sent contact report by WOPACO.  
2335 Passed floating mine at about 400 yards to port.  
(Lat. 11-51 N., Long. 109-19 E).  
2355 Target plainly visible clear of left tangent of land  
at about 11,000 yards. Identified as warship.

21 March.

0000 Made quick dive to radar depth on target's esti-  
mated base course 1600 yards off beach in Badai Bay  
5 miles north of Camranh Bay. Sea flat calm. Visi-  
bility excellent. Bright moonlight with moonset at  
0107.