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21 March. —

- 0140 Received orders from ROCK to conduct submerged patrol north of 11-30 N.
- 0153 APR contact on 156 MC strength 3-5. Commenced keying SD. Had had numerous APR contacts of less strength during entire night.
- 0154 SD radar contact at 11 miles (Plane Contact No. 58).
- 0156 Lost contact at 11-miles.
- 0250 APR contact strength 3-5 on 156 MC. Commenced keying SD. Had almost continuous APR contact with this plane since the last SD contact.
- 0255 SD radar contact at 9 miles coming in (Plane Contact No. 59).
- 0259 With range closed to 4 miles, made quick dive.
- 0316 Surfaced. All clear, except APR with signal strength 2.
- 0405 SJ radar contact on BLENMY bearing 297° T. range 8000 yards.
- 0450 SJ radar contact bearing 275° T., range 16,500 yards, and at the same instant sound reported echo ranging bearing 280° T. (Ship Contact No. 18). Contacts had just rounded Hon Do leaving Phang-rang Bay.
- 0455 Now have one large and two small targets by SJ and two sets of echo ranging. Called away Battle Station Tracking Party and commenced tracking at 4 engine speed.
- 0500 Decided we had just enough darkness to get in a surface attack before dawn. Sent contact report by COPACO.
- 0506 APR contact up to strength 3. Commenced keying SD. SD radar contact at 5 miles (Plane Contact No. 60).
- 0507 APR contact strength 5. SD range 4 miles.
- 0510 APR contact blocking out entire SPA scope. SD range 1 mile. Made quick dive to 120 feet.
- 0512 No bombs. Commenced planing up to 60 feet.
- 0520 Surfaced. Resumed tracking at 4 engine speed. APR contact strength 1-2.
- 0525 With BLENMY between us and the convoy had to give up the plan of a surface attack. Do not believe that she has contact yet due to side lobes of land.
- 0535 APR contact at 152 MC (aircraft) and 156 MC (land-based) both with full strength of 5 and blocking out entire SPA scope and continued so until diving. We are so close to the beach that the land echos block out the entire SD screen.