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21 March.

- 0600 With radio reporting that if either signal strength gets any stronger they would blow out the SPA scope, with targets tracking nicely on northerly courses at 8-10 knots using a modified zig plan coast, hugging, with dawn breaking fast in the east with a cherry red, with OOD dancing from one foot to the other claiming he was getting sun burned and with Hon Chut light plainly visible; made quick dive 3,000 yards off Mui Davich at the entrance to Camranh Bay.
- 0605 1 DE-UN-1 class and 1 SC-S-1 class Special Duty SC visible through periscope with another possible small target close inshore.
- 0625 No other targets in sight or on sound.
- 0630 The DE kept giving us small port and starboard angles on the bow as he came around Mui Davich. It began to look like a down the throat shot so made ready all tubes. Decided to give the DE the stern tubes as he was by far the best looking target of the three and save the bow tubes for anything else coming up astern.
- 0638 The DE changed course to the left to go around Mui Davich giving us a nice shot. Commenced swinging for a starboard track.
- 0645-52 With target definitely identified as a DE-UN-1, with a camouflage job in black and green exactly similar to that of the U.S.S. AMBLEDON, TDC checking beautifully, 90 starboard track, gyros rolling up to 180, all torpedoes set on 5 feet, range 2200 yards; commenced shooting a full three torpedo salvo "dream shot" aft, using a 2 knot speed spread. SC about 3000 to 4000 yards astern of the DE giving us a small angle on the bow.
- 0646-18 Completed firing. Lowered the scope to wait for the hits.
- 0647 Sound reported all torpedoes running. Two running erratic and one tracking 30-40 degrees astern of the target. Checked target through periscope during the normal run of the torpedoes and he continued on the same course.
- 0648 Sound reported one torpedo coming in.
- 0650 Maneuvering reported one torpedo going over. Torpedo reported going up port side. Torpedo reported going up starboard side. JP reports torpedo screws all over dial.
- 0708 Trying to get set up on a target. At this time we were 3500 yards from the beach. Only ship in sight was one Sugar Dog very similar to SHINKYO MARU (ONI 208-J Miscellaneous Coastal Freighters and Tankers),