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(B) NARRATIVE.

21 March.

- 0730 As the ship rolled and worked on the bottom there were loud creaks and groans heard throughout the boat. Port sound head was evidently ruptured as it gradually became so noisy that it was of no further use. Forward Room reported shaft sprung but managed to get it rigged in.
- 0732 JP reports loud air leak aft. Secured all air.
- 0735 Still taking it. C.O. wishing that he had gone to church the last Sunday in port.
- 0740 Last of 21 depth charges. Two sets of pingers working all around us and over us. Pinging right on most of the time on short scale. JP estimated ranges 1500 to 800 yards.
- 0800 Decided to try a Mark 27 as range was well under 1000 yards. Trouble getting outer door open.
- 0815 Target going away.
- 0829 Lost screws and pinging. Possible screws still at 280° relative.
- 0849 Commenced pumping from Auxiliary to sea.
- 0855 Having shifted 4000 lbs., broke loose from bottom. Commenced coming up to 60 feet.
- 0911 Periscope depth and all clear except to the astonishment of the C.O. we were headed directly into Camranh Bay and only 3500 yards from the entrance leaving Mui Davich abeam to port. This was our possible screws at 280 degrees relative. Steering 141° T. by gyro. Gyro checks showed master and repeaters checking. While on the bottom the head shifted about 40 degrees to north and south of east. Quick check showed master was not settled on the meridian and the follow up system out. Actually steering course 320° T. Changed course to east and commenced opening the coast.
- 0924 Secured from Battle Stations, Depth Charge and Silent Running.
- 1015 Heard 6 explosions to the north.
- 1016 Heard 4 explosions to the north.
- 1200 Lat. 11-34 N., Long. 109-22 E.; 257 miles, 1930 gals.
- 1900 Surfaced.
- 2130 Patrolling coast at 5-6 miles.

-22 March.

Unable to copy VIXO. Signal strength 1 to 2. Having received no instructions from Pack Commander decided to work the beach again today.