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(H) ATTACK DATA.

U.S.S. BAYA TORPEDO ATTACK NO. 1 PATROL NO. 3

TIME: 0258H DATE: 4 March 1945 LAT. 12-52N, LONG 109-30E.

TARGET DATA DAMAGE INFLECTED

Description	Convoy consisting of two heavy units and three or possibly four escorts. Coast hugging with the two major targets in line of bearing of about 045°-225° relative, distance 600-1000 yards. All escorts to seaward. Using a modified zig plan to conform with coast. Contacted by radar rounding Hon Doi. Sea flat calm. Bright moonlight. Visibility good with exception of surface fog next to coast. By periscope formula target length was 530 feet.
Ship Sunk	1 Large Sugar Able (AO) 10,000 tons (EC).
Ship Damaged	1 Medium to Large AK (EU).
Damage	

Determined by Ship Sunk: Observed and heard two hits in target. With resultant fire and explosion ship was doomed. Observed to burn for three days after attack. Aviators twice reported this ship burning. Observed and took pictures of fire three days later from 2500 yards. Nothing definitely visible of ship except for smoke and fire. Sunk in 20 fathoms of water 1500 yards off Cape Varella.

Ship Damaged: Heard two properly timed definite torpedo hits. Results could not be observed due to enormous fire of No. 1 target. Aviators reported the following day in same message that AO was reported burning that an AK was down by the stern and apparently beached at 13-28N and 109-13E which is about 32 miles north of the attack. This ship had not previously been reported by our daily reconnaissance flights. See also Enclosure (C).

TARGET DRAFT 25-30 feet

ESTIMATED COURSE 000° T.

SPEED 12 knots.

RANGE 5,900 yards.