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10 February 1945.

(B) NARRATIVE.

ALL TIMES NOW

- 1250 Underway from alongside U.S.S. ANTHEDON, Fremantle, Western Australia, for Third War Patrol in accordance with Commander Task Force 71.1 Secret Operation Order 20-45, U.S.S. HAMMERHEAD and U.S.S. BAYA forming a coordinated Attack Group with Commander G. H. LAIRD, USN, in HAMMERHEAD, as Senior Wolf.
- 1420 Entered Joint Zone. Proceeding in company with U.S.S. HAMMERHEAD at two engine speed, zig-zagging.
- 1813 Made trim dive.
- 1823 Surfaced.
- 2038 Exercised at Battle Stations Night Torpedo Attack with HAMMERHEAD as target.

11-15 February.

Underway in Joint Zone enroute LOMBOK STRAIT conducting the following training exercises daily: four to nine section dives, submerged approach, night radar tracking, surface or submerged radar approaches and Emergency Drills.

11 February

- 1200 Lat. 28-07 S., Long. 112-50 E.; 309 miles, 3240 gals.

12 February

- 1200 Lat. 23-38 S., Long. 112-41 E.; 304 miles, 5275 gals.
- 1412 Exercised at Battle Stations Surface. Fired all automatic weapons at hydrogen filled balloons.
- 1530 Sighted U.S. Submarine bearing 050° T., range 6 mi. (Ship Contact No. 1). Possibly U.S.S. MINGO.
- 2230 Two sets of SJ radar interference to the west. Exchanged calls with U.S.S. BEXIGO by SJ radar (Ship Contact No. 2).

13 February

- 0130 SJ radar interference to the west. Challenged unsuccessfully.
- 1200 Lat. 19-34 S., Long. 113-03 E.; 307 miles, 1885 gals.
- 1343 Exercised at Battle Surface. Fired all automatic weapons and 10 rounds of 5"-25 Cal. at "home-made" target.

14 February

- 1200 Lat. 15-41 S., Long. 114-29 E.; 300 miles, 2760 gals.