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(H) ATTACK DATA (Cont)

U.S.S. BAYA Torpedo Attack No. 2 PATROL No. 3

TIME 0035H DATE 21 Mar 1945 LAT. 11-55N., LONG 109-18E.

TARGET DATA - DAMAGE INFLICTED

Description

This contact was a single ship picked up by radar rounding Hon Do leaving Phangrang Bay using a modified zig plan coast hugging, speed 12-13 knots. Target identified as a man of war of the MATSU Class DD. Long and slender. Had a thin stack well aft under mainmast, large open space between it and bridge and a single gun house forward with an AA platform between it and the bridge. By periscope formula the length was 290-295 feet. Could not make out a definite stack abaft foremast but there was a structure there, either a stack or a tall searchlight platform. Sea force 0-1. Bright moonlight with land background.

Ship Sunk
Damage

1 MATSU CLASS DD, 1,000 Tons (EC).

Determined by

Observed and heard one properly timed torpedo hit amidships. Sound reported screws stopped. In surfacing two minutes later at 40 feet SJ had a weak echo at 3,700 yards but by the time the watch got to the bridge the pip had disappeared and nothing was in sight but a heavy black cloud of smoke.

TARGET DRAFT 6 feet (est.) COURSE 010° T.

SPEED 12 knots. RANGE 3100 yards.

OWN SHIP DATA.

SPEED 2.7 kts. COURSE 110° T. DEPTH 45 ft. ANGLE 0°

FIRE CONTROL AND TORPEDO DATA.

Type Attack

This attack followed a deliberate 2 hours and 15 minutes of tracking in which the target's course and speed was accurately determined. The Attack was carried out at Radar Depth with continuous radar ranges and periscope bearings. All torpedoes were set on 4 feet using a 1-1/2 knot speed spread.