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(B) NARRATIVE.

17 February

0548 Proceeding through Java Sea on three engines.
SJ radar contact bearing 225° T., range 7500 yards.
(Ship Contact No. 6). At this time had strong APR contact on 213 MC. Concluded this was H.M.S. SIRDAN.
Tracked out to 15,000 yards.
1200 Lat. 04-18 S., Long. 111-08 E.; 385 miles, 5250 gals.
1830 Commenced transit of Karimata Strait at 4 engine speed.
2334 Interference on SJ radar. Unsuccessfully tried to exchange recognition signals with southbound U.S.S. TUNA.

18 February.

0400 Completed transit of Karimata Strait and slowed to 1 engine speed. Steering by course clock.
1200 Lat. 00-52 S., Long. 107-26 E.; 366 miles, 5250 gals.

19 February.

0655 Made trim dive.
0705 Surfaced.
0800 Changed course to pass between Great Natona and Soebi Besar as this would give us a whole day on traffic routes between Miri-Brunei Bay and Singapore.
1200 Lat. 02-19 N., Long. 107-35 E.; 248 miles, 1500 gals.

20 February.

1200 Lat. 05-45 N., Long. 108-53 E.; 256 miles, 1570 gals.
1500 SD radar contact at 27 miles (Plane Contact No. 4).
1502 Sighted large flying boat on northerly course, range 25 miles.
1521 Lost sight contact on plane at about 30-35 miles.
2035 Converted No. 4 F.B.T. to a M.B.T. Made trim dive to flush out No. 4 M.B.T.
2053 Surfaced.

21 February.

1200 Lat. 09-00 N., Long. 109-28 E.; 244 miles, 1610 gals.
1916 Interference on SJ radar to the westward. Exchanged calls with HAMMERHEAD and commenced closing.
2015 Made rendezvous with HAMMERHEAD and received written Coordinated Attack Instructions by line throwing gun. Instructed to patrol east of 110° E. in Charlie Three South from 21 to 23 February and then work area west of 110° E. for next three days.