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(B) NARRATIVE.

21 February.

2020 Set course at two engine speed for area.

22 February.

0642 Made trial dive.  
0659 Surfaced. Proceeding to area on one engine.  
0725 Received full saturation signal on SPA at 175 MC.  
0735 SD radar contact at 17 miles (Plane Contact No. 5).  
0738 Turned on ABK and received proper IFF identification. Tried to establish VHF communication with negative results.  
Convinced this was a Jap and not one of our own PB4Ys. Closest range 10 miles. No sight contact.  
0745 SD radar lost contact at 15 miles.  
1000 Entered southwest corner of Area C-3 South. Patrolling on one engine at two thirds speed north and south on meridian 110° E.  
1200 Lat. 12-09 N., Long. 110-16 E.; 240 miles, 2725 gals.  
SD contact at 22 miles. (Plane Contact No. 6).  
1210 Sighted B-24 Liberator at 7 miles skirting through low clouds. Established VHF communication with plane after working him about 10 minutes. Plane had no dope.  
1217 SD lost contact at 12 miles.  
1540 SD radar contact at 38 miles. (Plane Contact No. 7).  
Lost contact at 22 miles.  
1600 Relayed plane contact report of an unident south of Cape Varella in 10 fathoms to HATTERHEAD. No receipt.

23 February.

0655 SD radar contact at 27 miles (Plane Contact No. 9).  
Strong APR contact at 175 MC. Believed to be Jap plane.  
0712 SD radar contact at 26 miles (Plane Contact No. 10). Medium strength APR contact. Believed to be same search plane as No. 9.  
0911 SD radar contact at 19 miles (Plane Contact No. 11).  
0935 VHF and sight contact with B-24 Liberator at 11 mi. through clouds. During early part of this contact had moderate strength keying contact on APR at 175 MC and 182 MC.