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(B) NARRATIVE.

23 February.

- 0940 Liberator circled at about two miles and sent us a contact report on four AOs and three escorts hugging Cape Padaran. Commander F. G. SELBY exchanged greetings and requested that we send this contact to all concerned. Put this contact report on WOPACO frequency immediately, and again at 1200 and 1400 addressed to all possibly concerned. No receipts. B-24 departed for base due to low gas.
- 1040 SD radar contact at 18 miles (Plane Contact No. 12). Not sighted. Contact lost at 18 miles.
- 1200 Lat. 12-54 N., Long. 110-15 E.; 162 miles, 990 gals.
- 1940 Sighted two white lights on horizon bearing 312° T. (Ship Contact No. 7). Closed to investigate.
- 2025 Closed to about 9 miles and identified target as properly lighted hospital ship. Possibly AWA MARU. Reversed course.
- 2045 Received message from search plane giving position of a contact in very southern corner of our area. Set course at four engine speed to close.
- 2110 GUAVINA insisted that plane contact was GUAVINA. Requested number of ships in plane's contact but could not get a reply.
- 2120 Plane departed due to low fuel.
- 2123 Slowed to 5 knots on Auxiliary engine having decided in favor of GUAVINA.
- 2131 SD radar contact at 7 miles. (Plane Contact No. 13). Full saturation signal on SPA at 75 and 88 MC. Range closed to 6 miles.
- 2133 Made quick dive. Range as SD mast went under was 4 miles.
- 2201 Surfaced.
- 2202 SJ radar contact bearing 088° T., range 7600 yards (Ship Contact No. 8). Exchanged calls with HAMMER-HEAD.

24 February.

- 0125 SJ radar contact on plane at 7 miles (Plane Contact No. 14). Range closed to 5-1/2 miles.
- 0127 Made quick dive.
- 0200 Planed up to 45 feet. Plane on SD at 14 miles.
- 0202 Planed down to 60 feet.
- 0218 Surfaced. All clear.