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(B) NARRATIVE.

24 February.

- 0440 SJ radar contact at 33,000 yards, bearing 340° T. (Plane Contact No. 15). This was a plane because of the large change of true bearing. Closest range 16 miles.
- 0900 Received contact from search plane of 1 Sugar Able, 1 DD, and 1 DE, 100 miles north of BAYA. Could not reach this target. Relayed message to FLOUNDER and HOE and received receipt. Plotting this contact showed him to be the same contact by the search plane of 2045 last night. This valuable target passed 30 miles to the east of BAYA during the night and accounts for our Jap night planes. This has been a very bitter pill to swallow; to realize that a fine fat target slid by because we did not put our faith in our aviators.
- 1200 Lat. 12-24 N., Long. 110-10 E.; 139 miles, 725 gals.  
2140 Made rendezvous with HAMMERHEAD and exchanged information by megaphone.

25 February.

- 0307 Sighted first two of five sails.  
0610 Made quick dive for periscope patrol. At this time we had three sails in sight, one deal ahead at 2-1/2 miles.
- ~~0655~~ Conducting periscope patrol 5,000-7,000 yards off Hon Doi, about 14 miles south of Cape Varella. Sea oily flat. Slight surface haze. Numerous sails in sight and close aboard, at times as many as 12-15 in sight at one look.
- 1013 Exchanged greetings with two Chinamen at about 40 feet in low power. Don't know which of the three of us was the most surprised.
- 1200 Lat. 12-39 N., Long. 109-31 E.; 123 miles, 600 gal.  
1332 Sighted Liberator on southwesterly course at 18 mi. scouting coast line around Cape Varella. (Plane Contact No. 16).
- 1929 Surfaced. Patrolling into moonstreak at 5 knots.

26 February.

- 0620 Made quick dive for submerged patrol.  
0635 Conducting submerged patrol 5,000-6,000 yards off Hon Doi. Nice chop with weather clear. Due to a 2.5 knot southerly set did not vary position over 1/2 mile during entire day.