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(B) NARRATIVE.

26 February.

- 1130 Sighted Liberator on southerly course at about 10 miles scouting coast line (Plane Contact No. 17).
- 1200 Lat. 12-37 N., Long. 109-31 E., 94 miles, 615 gal.
- 1937 Surfaced. Patrolling coast to prevent anything from passing between us and the beach.
- 0403 SJ radar contact bearing 291° T., range 14,800 yds. (Ship Contact No. 9).
- 0409 Three targets tracked at 12 knots on northerly courses hugging coast at about 1,500 yards. Commenced end around at 4 engine speed. This turned out to be a mad race to get to Cape Varella before our targets. With full moon, dawn breaking in the east, and what appeared to be an escort vessel ahead at estimated range of three miles, at
- 0550 Made quick dive to radar depth. Manned Battle Stations. As dawn came the escort dead ahead turned out to be Perforated Rock. Navigator had checked this before diving but due to land side lobes could not give a definite answer. Three ships in sight close to beach with dark background.
- 0613 Periscope depth. Due to predawn visibility could not make out ships distinctly. Closest one went by at about 2000-2500 yards resembling a flush deck PC boat with single gun mount forward. Held fire due to size of target.
- 0654 Secured from Battle Stations. As visibility increased, at least one target was identified as a possible PF of the DE UN-2 class. At no time were there any indications of heavy screws or a large ship. At this time the range to Cape Varella Light was about 5000 yards with all features plainly visible and every indication that it was inhabited.
- 0730 Sighted two Pete type planes at 8 miles (Plane Contact No. 18).
- 0930 Conducting submerged patrol 5,000 to 7,000 yards off Hon Doi.
- 0825 Sighted Betty type plane at 10 miles (Plane Contact No. 19).
- 1100 Sighted Betty type plane at 6 miles (Plane Contact No. 20).
- 1200 Lat. 12-41 N., Long. 109-32 E.; 103 miles, 1235 gal.
- 1432 Sighted smoke on the horizon bearing 014° T. (Ship Contact No. 10).
- 1433 Sighted two Betty type planes at 3 miles (Plane Contact No. 21).