(B) NARRATIVE.

Monday, 22 November 1943 through Saturday 27, November 1943. Enroute Patrol Area by way of Exmouth Gulf, conducting daily training dives and drills.

Sunday, November 28, 1943.

1200 (H) Position - Latitude 9-21.5 S., Longitude 115-54 E.
1250 (H) Submerged to await darkness in order to transit Lombok Strait.
1915 (H) Surfaced.
2051 (H) Entered Lombok Strait.
2216 (H) Sighted a small patrol boat bearing 266° T, radar range 2900 yards. Not detected.
2242 (H) Entered Flores Sea.

Monday, November 29, 1943.

0525 (H) Sighted smoke on horizon bearing 068° T, about 25000 yards. Position - Latitude 06-34 S., Longitude 116-47.7 E.
0526 (H) Battle Stations for Tracking. Target identified as large AK similar to NOZIMA (Janes - page 326, 1941). She was accompanied by one escort similar to SC 53 type.. Both ships were making heavy black smoke.
0656 (H) Submerged for the attack with the target bearing 090° T, range about 25,000 yards. Went to Battle Stations Submerged, and commenced approach.
0716 (H) Sound picked up echo ranging at a range of about 16,000 yards.
0757 (H) Obtained a screw count of 132 RPM by JP Sound and a speed of 8 knots by Plot and TDC.
0817 (H) In position Latitude 06-22 S., Longitude 116-35 E. With the target on course 267° T, range 2,600 yards, speed 8 knots, own ship on 030° T, torpedo track 60 port, 3° right gyro for the bow tubes at
08-17-55 Fired #1 tube.
08-18-05 Fired #2 tube.
08-18-13 Fired #3 tube.
08-18-23 Fired #4 tube.
08-19-25 One torpedo hit heard and seen amidships.
08-19-32 One torpedo hit heard and seen under mainmast. The targets screws stopped as she took a list and settled immediately by the stern.
One aircraft - appeared to be a type MARY was seen stowed on the forward well deck.
0822 (H) The targets stern was seen to be under with the bow rising at about a 30° angle. The escort put on speed and headed towards so at
0823 (H) Went to deep submergence. Received one depth charge - distant. Sound could hear typical ship breaking up noises in direction of target.
0823-45 Two depth charges. Negative temperature gradient found beginning at 250 feet. Went to 350 and

commenced steering evasive courses.
0826 to 0827 (H) Five depth charges - very close.
0829 (H) Two depth charges - close.
0837 (H) From this time on continued to hear escorts screws and echo ranging.
0845 (H) Explosion or depth charge heard by sound.
0853 (H) Explosion or depth charge heard by sound.
0917 (H) Noise of sinking ship faded out, nothing heard but echo ranging.
1004 (H) Came to periscope depth. Escort seen bearing 300° T, (direction last saw target) range about 4,000 yards. He is echo ranging with long scale all around with occasional hand keying.
1126 (H) Can still see escorts smoke over the hill.
1200 (H) Position - Latitude 06-28.4 S., Longitude 116-36.5 E.
1451 (H) By periscope sighted a type PETE airplane bearing 279° T, course about 050° T, range about five miles. Went to 125 feet.
1545 (H) Escorts echo ranging faded out.
1746 (H) Surfaced and proceeded northward toward Makassar Straits. Escorts smoke could still be seen over the horizon astern.

Tuesday, November 30, 1943.

0030 (H) Sighted what appeared to be patrol craft bearing 300° T, range about 6,000 yards. Radar could not pick up target. Not detected.
0523 (H) Submerged off Cape William to avoid detection during day. Several sailboats seen in the distance.
1200 (H) Position - Latitude 03-42 S., Longitude 118-14 E.
1204 and 1620 (H) Sighted two more sailboats. They were wandering back and forth near Cape William.
1847 (H) Surfaced and proceeded towards area.
2010 (H) Radar contact dead ahead range 5,000 yards. Maneuvered to avoid, and increased speed to pass well clear. When range closed to 3,000 yards could make out a long low craft similar to a PC boat. During the time we were in Radar contact we noticed interference as from another Radar. Do not believe we were detected. TDC solution showed patrol boat headed on about course 290° T, speed 3 knots.

Wednesday, December 1, 1943.

0155 (H) Radar contact on what appeared to be two patrol boats, range 4,700 yards bearing 287° T. Not detected.
0830 (H) Crossed equator at Longitude 119-13 E.
0940 (H) At position - Latitude 00-22 N., Longitude 119-24 E. sighted a Convoy consisting of three ships with two escorts. The ships were subsequently identified as