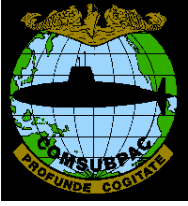


## USS Barbel (SS 316)



*Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet*

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## *February 4, 1945 - 81 Men Lost*

BARBEL, commanded by Lt. Cmdr. C.L. Raguet, departed Fremantle for her fourth war patrol on January 5, 1945. She proceeded to Exmouth Gulf, conducting training exercises en route. Having topped off with fuel, she left Exmouth Gulf on January 8th, and proceeded via Lombok Strait, Java Sea, and Karimata Strait to patrol an area in the South China Sea. At dark on February 16th she was to leave her area and commence her return to Fremantle.

On January 13th, BARBEL was directed to join BLUEGILL and BREAM in covering the western approaches to Balabac Strait. On 27 January she was ordered to form a wolf pack with PERCH and GABILAN and cover the western approaches to Balabac and southern entrance to Palawan Passage.



On February 3, 1945, BARBEL sent a message to TUNA, BLACKFIN and GABILAN reporting numerous aircraft contacts daily. BARBEL had been attacked by aircraft three times with depth charges, and would transmit a message "tomorrow night" giving information. This was the last contact with BARBEL. TUNA reported on February 6, 1945, that she had been unable to contact BARBEL for 48 hours, and that she had ordered her to rendezvous on February 7th. The rendezvous was not accomplished and TUNA reported her search

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unsuccessful on February 7th, 1945.

Japanese records indicate that on February 4th, 1945 a plane attacked a submarine scoring on hit near the bridge with one of two bombs dropped. It appears almost certain that this attack sank BARBEL.

BARBEL sank 10 ships for 55,200 tons and damaged two ships for 14,000 tons during her three completed patrols. Her first was made in the Nansei Shoto chain. She sank three medium freighters, a large freighter of 19,600 tons, and a large tanker. In the same area on her second patrol, BARBEL sank a freighter and two escort vessels. She also damaged another freighter and a tanker. During her third patrol, conducted in the South China Sea, BARBEL sank two medium freighters.

### *Sailors Lost On USS BARBEL (SS-316) 2-4-1945*

Adams, W. H. S1  
Anderson, O. W. EM1  
Averill, F. C., Jr. RM3  
Bailey, A. F. EM2  
Becker, W. F. MOMM2  
Bodenrader, J. E. S1  
Bogert, J. W. S1  
Boucher, R. I. SC1  
Boyd, T. R. TM1  
Brewer, W. B., Jr. MOMM1  
Brown, F. V. MOMM1  
Brown, K. D. RM1  
Burruss, M. T. CEM  
Burton, D. W. LTJG  
Butler, W. M. LCDR  
Carnahan, D. K. MOMM3  
Christian, D. V. TM3  
Cook, N. C. MOMM2  
Creasy, W. L. MOMM2  
Currier, K. A. MOMM3  
Duesler, B. E. RM3  
Dunn, M. P. S1  
Dytche, J. R. CPHM  
Eaton, A. W., Jr. QM2  
Eck, T. J. S1  
Fielding, C. R. EM3  
Garner, J. E. CRM  
Gauthier, W. R. SC3  
Glotzbach, C. G. LTJG  
Goforth, L. H. CY

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Goodman, C. L., Jr. LCDR  
Griffin, J. J. SC2  
Harris, D. S. LT  
Kaiser, R. O. EM3  
Kelley, J. F. EM1  
Kneisel, E. B. LT  
Kohrs, F. B., Jr. CMOMMA  
Krouse, W. W. F1  
Lange, S. J. TM3  
Lingel, T. W., Jr. QM1  
Mallan, J. F. S1  
McKean, R. O. EM2  
McKennon, M. RM2  
McKenzie, J. M. CMOMMA  
Meadows, F. N. GM3  
Medeiros, J. D., Jr. MOMM1  
Meldezis, R. C. SM1  
Miller, C. R. CEM  
Mintken, W. H. MOMM2  
Mitchell, C. A. BM2  
Nasser, N. M. TM3  
Oddo, P. M. EM3  
Okerblum, S. MOMM3  
Olsen, J. P. L. RT1  
Patterson, D. J. TM3  
Peckins, O. M. MOMM2  
Pinson, G. A. TM2  
Porach, R. J. EM2  
Porter, M., Jr. S1  
Pull, J. P. ENS  
Raguet, C. L. LCDR  
Reynolds, F. TM3  
Ricketts, G. A. TM2  
Ross, E. L. S1  
Rudek, J. FC2  
Sarkady, L. R. F1  
Schroeder, H. L. S1  
Smith, C. R. F1  
Stevens, E. H. MOMM2  
Stewart, W. G. GM3  
Swank, R. L. S1  
Thompson, L. E., Jr. MOMM1  
Thornton, N. STM1  
Tiffany, W. M. LTJG  
Toth, J. TM3  
Ulrich, W. N. S1

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VanRigelesteyn, N. J. QM3

Wallis, F. "A", Jr. EM3

Wharton, A. J. STM1

Wheat, J. G. F1

Wilks, F. W. TM1