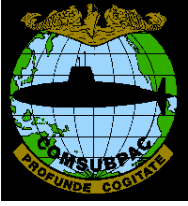


USS Bonefish (SS 223)



Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet

USS BONEFISH (SS 223)

June 18, 1945 - 85 Men Lost

In company with TUNNY and SKATE, BONEFISH (SS 223), commanded by CDR L.L. Edge, departed Guam on May 28, 1945 to conduct her eighth war patrol. This coordinated attack group under Commander G.W. Pierce in TUNNY, which was one of three groups then penetrating the Japan Sea, was ordered to transit Tsushima Strait on June 5, 1945, and to conduct offensive patrol in the Sea of Japan off the west central coast of Honshu. This area was further subdivided, with BONEFISH assigned to patrol the northern portion.

BONEFISH successfully transited Tsushima Strait, and made rendezvous with TUNNY on June 16, 1945. Commander Edge reported he had sunk one large transport and one medium freighter to date. On the morning of June 18, TUNNY and BONEFISH rendezvoused. BONEFISH asked permission to conduct a submerged daylight patrol in Toyama Wan, in the mid part of western Honshu, and having received it, departed for Suzo Misaki. She was never seen or heard from again.



BONEFISH, in accordance with the operation order, was to rendezvous with the other eight submarines of the three groups at sunset on June 23, 1945, in preparation for the transit on June 24 of La Perouse Strait. BONEFISH did not

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make this rendezvous, and after the other eight vessels had successfully transited La Perouse Strait, TUNNY on June 25 and 26 waited off the entrance to the strait and unsuccessfully tried to contact BONEFISH. When all possibilities had been examined, and she had not been seen or heard from by July 30, BONEFISH was reported as presumed lost.

Japanese records of anti-submarine attacks mention an attack made on June 18, 1945 in Toyama Wan. A great many depth charges were dropped, and wood chips and oil were observed. This undoubtedly was the attack which sank BONEFISH. She sank a total of 12 enemy vessels, for a total tonnage of 61,345, and damaged seven, for 42,000 more tons. BONEFISH was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation for the period of her first, third, fourth, fifth and sixth patrols.

Sailors Lost On USS BONEFISH (SS-223) 6-18-1945

Abel, D. A. LTJG
Adams, T. B., Jr. Y3
Adams, W. S. BKR3
Amburgey, L. M. LTJG
Anderson, G. I., Jr. MOMM3
Aureli, S. J. S1
Beck, M. L. GM2
Brown, R. W. F1
Browning, J. A. EM1
Burdick, C. A. MOMM2
Canfield, K. T. MOMMM2
Coleman, J. A. RM3
Cooley, Q. L. STM2
Danielson, O. C. SC2
Dunn, D. H., Jr. LTJG
Edge, L. L. CDR
Enos, E. R. F1
Epps, W. H., Jr. STM2
Feld, P. E. F1
Fox, D. C. RM2
Frank, R. E. CMOMMA
Fugett, M. A. QM2
Fuller, G. M. CMOMMA
Hackstaff, H. J. RM2
Harman, G. P. TM1
Johnson, J. C. RT1
Johnson, S. E., Jr. CQMA
Johnston, R. M. LTJG
Kalinoff, M. W. F1
Karr, W. G. RM2

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Keefer, R. T. S1
Kern, F. B. ENS
King, E. W. EM2
Knight, F. S. LCDR
Kissane, J. E. S2
Lamothe, J. N. COX
Laracy, J. J., Jr. EM3
Hasiak, J. J. TM3
Hess, R. D. S1
Houghton, W. S. TM1
Jenkins, R. W. EM1
Lewis, M. A. CGM
Lockwood, T. G. PHOM3
Lynch, J. F. TM2
Maghan, A. G. F1
McBride, R. J. MOMM2
Markle, J. E. EM2
Miles, H. V., Jr. MOMM1
Nester, S. A. EM3
Newberry, J. R. F1
Olson, D. H. MOMM2
O'Toole, W. P. EM3
Parton, J. F. EM3
Paskin, T. RT2
Pauley, G. W. RM3
Phenicie, J. E. MOMM3
Primavera, L. J. MOMM1
Prunier, G. A. EM3
Quenett, C. F. TM2
Raley, C. H. F1
Ray, R. C., Jr. SM1
Raynes, J. A. EM1
Reid, J. A. F1
Rhanor, C. J. S1
Rice, R. M. S1
Rose, R. A., Jr. LTJG
Schiller, R. G. F1
Schmidling, C. J. FCS1
Schweyer, R. G. RT2
Slater, R. E. LTJG
Smith, L. C., Jr. LTJG
Snodgrass, R. L. Y1
Stamm, R. S. SC1
Surber, R. M. EM2
Tierney, D. R. MOMM1
Velie, R. C. TME2

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Vincent, T. F., Jr. S1
Whitright, W. TM2
Williams, J. J. MOMM2
Williams, J. R., Jr. FC3
Williams, T. F. F1
Wilson, J. R. F1
Winegar, C. D. TM3
Wolfe, L. E. TM3
Wright, G. "W", Jr. PHM1