

U.S.S. RINGNESS (APD-100)  
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Narrative of attack by U.S.S. RINGNESS (APD-100) on Japanese Submarine in Latitude  $24^{\circ} 03'N$ , Longitude  $132^{\circ} 39'E$ , on 27 April 1945. Time Zone Minus Nine (-9).

1. The U.S.S. RINGNESS was patrolling Station 3 (3.5060 from guide, lead LST in Column 3 of 5 column convoy) at speed of 11 knots, while convoy, SON-2, was making 9 knots on base course  $297^{\circ}T$ , not zig-zagging. RINGNESS on course  $270^{\circ}T$  at time of sighting. Courses varied from  $270^{\circ}T$  to  $335^{\circ}T$  on patrol. Sonar search was 90 degrees relative on either side of base course, 3000 yards keying interval.

About 0823 - Either a submarine, or a torpedo breaching, was sighted by CBM W. C. Upham, on the bridge, talking to the OOD, Lt. R. C. Wells, Jr., and by Conway, A. J., Slc on No. 43 gun bearing about  $050^{\circ}T$ , distance estimated between 800 and 1500 yards. At first it was thought to be a whale, then a definite torpedo wake was seen which passed astern of RINGNESS 15 - 75 yards, seen by officers and men on bridge and after ready guns between 0824 and 0825.

0825 - Battle stations manned.

Convoy notified of submarine presence and torpedoes.

Submarine periscope sighted bearing  $110^{\circ}T$ , distance approximately 300 yards.

Periscope and fin broke water, making large feather.

Estimate unusual high speed of 10 - 12 knots.

Submarine's course approximately  $250^{\circ}T$ .

Length 75 - 100 feet. This was seen by all topside personnel at battle stations.

Commanding Officer on bridge, took ~~com~~.

About 0826 - Commenced firing No. 41, No. 22 and bridge .50 caliber guns.

"Hard left rudder, course  $180^{\circ}T$ ."

.50 Caliber and 20MM shells hitting around periscope.

Set pattern ABLE (50', 75', 50', 75').

Torpedo approached from  $150^{\circ}T$  towards ship. Missed ahead 25 yards or less.

Submarine dived, with 20MM and .50 caliber hitting all around the periscope and tail fin.

Course of  $180^{\circ}T$  appeared to be an approximate collision course.

Continued sonar search negative.

About 0828 - Just before firing, "Hard right rudder, course  $200^{\circ}T$ ." Original course appeared to be going astern of estimated submarine position.