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° 03'N, Longitude 132° 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°T, not zig-zagging. RINGNESS on course 270°T at time of sight- 
ing. Courses varied from 270°T to 335°T on patrol. Sonar search  
was 90 degrees relative on either side of base course, 3000 yards  
keying interval.

About 0623 - Either a submarine, or a torpedo broaching, 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°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°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°T.  
Length 75 - 100 feet. This was seen by all topside personnel at  
battle stations.  
Commanding Officer on bridge, took case.

About 0826 - Commenced firing No. 41, No. 22 and bridge .50 caliber  
guns.  
"Hard left rudder, course 180°T."  
.50 Caliber and 20MM shells hitting around periscope.  
Set pattern ABLE (50', 75', 50', 75').  
Torpedo approached from 150°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°T appeared to be an approximate collision course.  
Continued sonar search negative.

About 0828 - Just before firing, "Hard right rudder, course 200°T."  
Original course appeared to be going astern of estimated submarine  
position.