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To: Submarine Squadron Commanders
From: ComSubPac
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Subject: Mission Orders Cycle 1 (Jun 07)

RMKS/1 The Japanese Military forces have attacked the United States Naval base at Pearl Harbor. The U.S. Fleet has been severely damaged by this sneak attack. All Commanders are ordered to commence unrestricted submarine warfare against all Japanese Merchant and Military units.

RMKS/2 As directed by the CNO, the 'London Treaty Agreement' on submarine warfare restrictions has been renounced by the United States Government. You shall interpret this order to mean that when attacking Japanese vessels you are NOT required to surface, obtain the vessels surrender, and put the crew and passengers in lifeboats before sinking the vessel. Instead, upon ascertaining that it is Japanese - Flag or Japanese controlled vessel, you may shoot on sight.

RMKS/3 There are no USN or allied vessels other than yourselves currently, or soon to be, operating North of Manila in the Philippines or North of the Gulf of Thailand in Indo China.

RMKS/4 The MK VI Magnetic Exploder has been issued to all ' Fleet ' subs carrying MK XIV torpedoes. This Exploder is a secret technologically advanced device that is expected to produce high sinking ratios when used properly, that is, set to explode beneath the enemy vessels keel. Therefore **ALL SUBMARINES SO EQUIPPED ARE DIRECTED TO SET THEIR TORPEDOS FOR A RUNNING DEPTH OF 10 TO 20 FEET BENEATH THE KEEL OF THE VESSEL BEING ATTACKED!** Thus, for a target with a draft of 20 feet, the torpedo running depth should be set to 30 to 40 feet.

RMKS/5 With the shortage of MK XIV torpedoes BuOrd has authorized all Captains to substitute 30% of their boats maximum torpedo load with the older MK X torpedo.

RMKS/6 Because of the ' High Effectiveness ' of this exploder and a possible shortfall in torpedo inventory, if possible sink Merchant ships with ONE torpedo, use TWO only if necessary. For Capital Ships, use the number of torpedoes as the situation demands without being extravagant.

RMKS/7 Target priorities are as follows:

1. Capital Ships and Cruisers

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2. **Loaded Troop Transports**
3. **Light forces, Transports, Supply ships & Auxiliaries**
4. **Oil Tankers**

RMKS/8 Submarine Squadrons are assigned to the following areas:

**SubRon1M: PacFlt – Caroline Islands
SubAsiatic – Philippine Islands**

**SubRon3A: PacFlt – Formosa
SubAsiatic – Philippine Islands**

**SubRon7A: PacFlt – Northern Japan
SubAsiatic – Indochina**

**SubRon8A PacFlt – Southern Japan
SubAsiatic – South China Sea**

Note: In the event of any Submarine being on station for 10 days without sighting the enemy, the submarines CO should contact his ComSubRon and request redeployment.

All Squadron Commanders are to acknowledge these orders!

Good Luck and Good Hunting, Hit'em Hard!

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