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TO: Submarine Squadron Commanders, SubPacFlt / SubSoWesPac

FROM: ComSubPac

DATE: March 1944

SUBJECT: Mission Orders Cycle 10 (March 2008)

RMKS: 1. A United States led amphibious invasion of the Marshal Islands – code named ‘Operation Flintlock’- will begin shortly. All boats in the vicinity are to support the invasion. Selected boats will be assigned Photo Recon missions and Lifeguard Duty.

RMKS: 2. Admiral Koga, CinC IJN, is expected to withdraw west to the Palau and Mariana Islands. All boats assigned to the Caroline, Palau and Mariana Islands are to expect heavy IJN activity.

RMKS: 3. Enemy oil tankers are still departing Tarakan and Balikpapan. Our goal is to inflict the maximum damage to the Japanese fuel supply. Oil tankers are still considered a ‘TOP PRIORITY’ target. Stay with them until they’re on the bottom.

RMKS: 4. The Imperial Japanese Army is expected to try and reinforce Saipan and Guam with the crack 29th Division that was based in Manchuria. These Troop Transports must not reach their destinations. All boats assigned to the Yellow Sea area are to consider these transports as ‘TOP PRIORITY’ targets.

RMKS: 5. The new mission of ‘LIFEGUARD’ patrols for our downed aviators is reaping great benefits. Skippers on lifeguard patrol are reminded that:

- 1) The Japs can listen in to our flyboys’ transmissions and might try to decoy you with fake ones.
- 2) Our flyboys’ are getting better at not dropping their bombs on the sub that’s supposed to be rescuing them, but accidents can still happen if proper recognition protocols are not observed.
- 3) If the Japs are pestering you with their planes, contact our flyboy’s to swoosh them away.
- 4) **MOST IMPORTANT**—if ordered to clear out of an area, do so promptly, as our surface fleet may be moving into the area. They will shoot first and ask questions later.

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RMKS: 6. Submarine Squadrons are assigned to the following areas of operation:

SubRon1M: PacFlt ~ Empire (Northern Japan)

SoWesPac ~ South China Sea

SubRon3A: PacFlt ~ Yellow Sea

SoWesPac ~ Indochina

SubRon7A: PacFlt ~ Mariana Islands

SoWesPac ~ Malaysia

SubRon8A: PacFlt ~ East China Sea (Formosa)

SoWesPac ~ Java Sea

RMKS: 7. All Squadron Commanders are reminded to inform their individual commanders as to what ships are on the War Ship Restriction list. Any sinking claimed that is on the WRL will not be credited.

RMKS: 8. Submarine Squadron commanders are to acknowledge receipt of these orders.

Good Luck and Good Hunting!

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