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To: All Submarine Squadron Commanders
From: ComSubPac
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Subject: Mission Orders (Cycle 13 June 2008)

RMKS: 1. The naval battles at Leyte Gulf between 20th and 26th October were decisive victories for the United States. The four sea battles fought have demolished much of the striking power of the Japanese Navy and has reduced the IJN to just a few Major units. What remains of the IJN task force from Leyte has retreated to Borneo and Shikoku.

RMKS: 2. B-29 air strikes, originating from the newly completed air fields in the Mariana Islands, will target the Japanese mainland. All boats assigned to patrol Southern Japan, especially the Tokyo Bay area, are to be prepared to render Lifeguard Duty in support of these strikes.

RMKS: 3. The Japanese in the Pacific are almost beaten and have very few front line units left and the merchant fleet has been reduced to under two million tons. Fuel oil supplies on the Japanese mainland are at a critical low. The Japanese have begun employing converted freighters for the transportation of oil. It is now open season on 'ALL' vessels; Oil Tankers, Converted Tankers and Aircraft Carriers still remain TOP PRIORITIES.

RMKS: 4. The Carrier / Battleships Ise and Hygua are reported to be in Singapore Harbor loading large amounts of oil drums for transportation to Japan. These ships, loaded with thousands of tons of oil, MUST NOT reach the home waters of Japan.

RMKS: 5. All boats on patrol in the vicinity of Luzon are to stand ready to support the continuing invasion of the Philippines.

RMKS: 6. As stated in Cycle 12's mission orders the Japanese have developed a gruesome new method of attack called *Kamikaze* (which means 'Divine Wind'). These attacks have already proven particularly deadly and hard to stop. Submarines on Lifeguard Duty should stay submerged as much as possible when enemy aircraft are in the area, lest they be attacked in this manner.

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RMKS: 7. SubRon's are assigned to the following areas of operation:

SubRon1M	PacFlt SoWesPac	Yellow Sea Indochina
SubRon3A	PacFlt SoWesPac	Southern Japan Java Sea
SubRon8A	PacFlt SoWesPac	Formosa Philippines

RMKS: 8. All Submarine Squadron Commanders are reminded to inform their individual commanders as to what ships are on their War Ship Restriction list. Any sinking claimed that is on the WRL will not be credited!

RMKS: 9. Submarine Squadron Commanders are to acknowledge these orders immediately upon receipt.

Good Luck and Good Hunting!

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