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To: Submarine Squadron Commanders
From: ComSubPac
Date: March 1945
Subject: Mission Orders (Cycle 14 July 2008)

RMKS: 1 Admiral Spruance, Commanding Fifth Fleet and Task force 58, is formulating an attack on the Island of Iwo Jima in the Bonins, code named 'Operation Detachment'. Iwo Jima must be secured as a stepping stone to the Japanese mainland for our B-29 Aircraft. An Amphibious landing will follow the air strikes.

RMKS: 2 The USAF will launch an all-out fire raid against Japan. These B-29's, based in the Marianas, will target Tokyo, Nagoya, Kobe, Osaka, Yokohama and Kawasaki. All boats assigned to Empire Waters will support this operation and provide lifeguard support as needed.

RMKS: 3 An intelligence message states that the Japanese intend to try to evacuate some stranded pilots from the north of Luzon to Formosa by submarine. Any commander who encounters an IJN submarine between Luzon and Formosa will make every effort to sink it.

RMKS: 4 Following our successful January landings upon Luzon in the Philippine Islands a new submarine base will be established at Subic Bay. The tender USS Fulton is presently loading in Brisbane for departure to Subic Bay with the advance contingent. With luck the Seabees will have the new construction completed before the spring monsoon arrives.

RMKS: 5 Very few IJN Capitol Ships remain. Intelligence believes that the Sea of Japan is thick with shipping. A plan to penetrate this area, codenamed 'Operation Barney' will begin, consisting of nine boats. The group, codenamed 'Hell Cats' will consist of three 'wolf packs' named Hep Cats, Pole Cats and Bob Cats.

RMKS: 6 A large Japanese merchant vessel, the Awa Maru, will be transporting Prisoner of War supplies from Meiji, Japan to Singapore for the relief of our captured troops, and will return via Hong Kong and Formosa to Japan. This ship will be marked with large '**WHITE CROSSES**' on its funnel, which will be lit at night. The State Department of the United States has classified this ship as a '**HANDS OFF**' target and will '**NOT, REPEAT NOT**' be attacked if sighted and is to be given a clear passage.

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

SubRon1M	PacFlt SoWesPac	Southern Japan Sulu Sea
SubRon3A	PacFlt SoWesPac	East China Sea- Formosa South China Sea
SubRon8A	PacFlt SoWesPac	Northern Japan Java Sea

RMKS: 8 All Submarine Squadron Commanders are to inform their subordinate commanders to check their respective squadron's Warship Restriction List. Any sinking claimed that is on the WRL ***will not*** be credited!

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

Good Luck and Good Hunting!

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