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To: Submarine Squadron Commanders, SubPacFlt

From: ComSubPac

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Subject: Mission Orders Cycle 4

RMKS: 1 A blockade of Truk is in effect, all boats in the vicinity are to intercept and inflict maximum damage on all IJN capital ships and merchants headed for the Solomon Islands. These are moving south from Empire waters to the Solomon's via the Mariana Islands, Palau and the Caroline Islands.

RMKS: 2 ONI believes that Admiral Yamamoto, CinC IJN, is using Truk as his headquarters and is determined to drive the US forces out of the Solomon's once and for all. It is believed that he has assembled a formidable force consisting of four carriers, five battleships, 14 cruisers and over forty destroyers for this purpose. All boats in the Caroline, Palau and Solomon areas are to use extreme caution, anti-submarine activity is anticipated to be very intense.

RMKS: 3 IJN Submarine activity is expected to be heavy in the Solomon area and all boats are to be on the alert for these targets moving south from Empire waters south to the Solomon's.

RMKS: 4 The air-sea battles of early June resulted in a tremendous victory. The Japanese surprise attack and planned invasion of Midway was defeated and turned back short of their target. But the enemy has successfully occupied American territory in the Aleutian Islands.

RMKS: 5 BuOrd positively confirms that the MK XIV torpedo is running below optimum depth setting, All commanders are hereby authorized to adjust settings accordingly. The MK VI magnetic exploder will continue to be employed during all attacks on the enemy.

RMKS: 6 An advanced Submarine base has been established at Midway Island. This refitting and re-supply facility will reduce the round trip voyage to Empire waters by 2,000 miles thus allowing more time on station for patrol.

RMKS: 7 Combat testing of a 'New' surface Radar system has been successful. The SJ Radar will provide exact range and bearing to target thus enabling us to 'See at Night and during rain and fog'. Your boats will be fitted as sets come available.

RMKS/7 Submarine Squadrons are assigned to the following areas, where SubRons are assigned more than one Patrol Zone the squadrons boats are to be split equally between PZ's:

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SubRon1M:	PacFlt – SubSoWesPac –	Caroline Islands & Northern Japan Sulu Sea & South China Sea
SubRon3A:	PacFlt – SubSoWesPac –	Southern Japan Indochina & Philippine Islands
SubRon7A:	PacFlt – SubSoWesPac –	Aleutian Islands & Yellow Sea Java Sea
SubRon8A	PacFlt – SubSoWesPac –	Formosa Malaysia & Solomon Islands

RMKS/8. All Submarine Squadron Commanders are to acknowledge these orders immediately upon receipt.

Good luck and good hunting!

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