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To: Submarine Squadron Commanders, SubPacFlt
From: ComSubPac
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Subject: Mission Orders Cycle 6

RMKS: 1 Following the untimely death Rear Admiral Robert English, I have been appointed to replace him as Commander Submarines Pacific Fleet. I will look forward to working with all of you toward the inevitable defeat of the Japanese.

RMKS: 2 ONI, FRUMAL has suffered a severe setback of their code-breaking operations. On 29 January the New Zealand corvettes HMNZS. Kiwi and HMNZS Moa, operating in the Guadalcanal area, intercepted the IJN Submarine I-1. The submarine was loaded with Japanese code books. The Kiwi and Moa cornered and rammed the I-1 and drove her ashore in a sinking condition. The crew of the I-1 tried to burn the code books but many were left on the beached hulk and with the escape of some of the crew that evaded capture and made it to Rabal and reported the loss of the books and possible capture by allied forces the Japanese have altered their coding procedures and issued new code books. Therefore the intelligence information regarding ship movements is minimal.

RMKS: 3 Premature explosions and dud torpedoes continue to be a baffling issue, however, I am not convinced that the fault lies in the Mark VI Magnetic Exploder. While many commanders feel that the device should be deactivated in favor of contact hits, Commanding Officers are ordered to employ the Magnetic Exploder during all attacks on the enemy.

RMKS: 4 SubSoWesPac is pursuing the development of an advanced base, code-named 'Potshot' in Exmouth Gulf on the Northwest coast of Australia where the tender USS Pelias will be stationed. This is expected to reduce the distance that our submarines will have to traverse to reach their patrol areas by approximately 1000 miles.

RMKS: 5 All commanders are to be on maximum alert when attacking any unescorted Marus. One of our boats attacked a lone merchant last month only to find it to be an armed Q-ship. This Q-ship fired on our boat and then dropped several patterns of depth charges which caused extensive damage to the boat.

RMKS: 6 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:

SubRon1M:	PacFlt –	Palau Islands & Yellow Sea
	SubSoWesPac –	Java Sea & Solomon Islands

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SubRon3A:	PacFlt –	Aleutian Islands & Northern Japan
	SubSoWesPac –	Sulu Sea
SubRon7A:	PacFlt –	Formosa & Mariana Islands
	SubSoWesPac –	Indochina & Malaysia
SubRon8A	PacFlt –	Caroline Islands & Southern Japan
	SubSoWesPac –	Philippines & South China Sea

RMKS/7. All Submarine Squadron Commanders are to acknowledge these orders immediately upon receipt.

Good Luck and Good Hunting!

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