

CONFIDENTIAL

ACTION OF ENEMY

Name of Vessel HENRY B. PLANT (Cont'd)
Date of Casualty 2-6-45

searching for survivors. I saw the lights, the navigation lights of a small vessel approaching us. I signalled him by flashlight and told him there were many men in the water in the vicinity and could he please assist us. The vessel sent the usual 'T' for a message and then his lights were turned off and could see that the vessel was the submarine. I was afraid he was coming to ram us or open fire and I ordered the men in the vessel to keep quiet. I told them to listen for whistles being blown by the men in the water. They did exactly as I told them. The lifeboat was very silent and I ordered all flashlights turned out. The submarine did not bother us. Maybe he lost sight of us or was disinterested but he didn't bother us."

Name of Vessel LOGAN VICTORY
Date of Casualty 4-6-45

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"At about 0745 a Jap plane was sighted coming from behind Kuba Island, about 1 3/4 miles away, zigzagging about 100' above the water, on a base course of 120° true, speed 200MPH. Plane was taken under fire at about 1200 yards by all ships in the anchorage and was believed hit several times and smoking as it continued on. Plane opened fire from 1200 yards off the port bow with a burst of machine gun fire which missed the ship. At 0747 plane struck the ship. The No. 4 hatch, the after section of the amidships house and the No. 1 hold burst into flames immediately. Survivors believed that the plane carried incendiary bombs; the reason being the fire was too great to have been caused by gasoline alone. Ship burned furiously and fires were soon out of control over almost the entire ship. Cargo burned and exploded numerous times and at 1902 vessel sank. No distress signal sent. About 22 rounds 3", 5 rounds 5" and 1 magazine from 4-20mm were fired at the plane; plane was believed hit about five times."
