

July 29, 1942

Lost contact with escorting subchaser (CH-26) in fog at nightfall. KANO MARU went on alone toward KISKA.

July 30, 1942

08:00 - Reached the north of Kiska Is. about 20 nautical miles distance. KANO MARU forced to drift due to dense fog for the entire day.

15:30 - Seaplane fighter (Pete) (NOTE: This was likely a RUFE) ditched near us and KANO MARU picked up both plane (using ship's derrick) and pilot. At evening the fog still dense, and the KANO MARU was alert for enemy submarine attack.

17:15 - Headed to open ocean, at 15 knots, maneuvering a zigzag course, and decided to enter the KISKA harbor next morning.

July 31, 1942

"Early Morning" - Reached offshore position from KISKA harbor but the fog was still dense. KANO MARU again drifted and waited for fog to lift.

July 31, 1942

04:40 - The fog thinned, and we located our position by astronomical observation. We confirmed the altitude and latitude, and set course toward Kiska Island.

05:15 – *KANO MARU is proceeding to Kiska Island at 15 knots.* KANO MARU was avoiding "MacArthur's reef", and at 158 degrees, 12 nautical miles distance of Segula Island changed course to 255 degrees.

05:47 - *KANO MARU is proceeding to Kiska Island at 15 knots.* Two torpedo with overlapping wakes are spotted at I000 meters distance, starboard forward, crossing the KANO MARU's course at a 45 degree angle. "Full turn starboard" is ordered.

NOTE: 100 meters distance given in original account is obviously in error. A Mk 14 torpedo traveling at 46 knots would cover this distance in 4.23 seconds

05:47 thru 05:48 - *KANO MARU is maneuvering.* The ship changed course rapidly toward starboard. One torpedo passed the stem, but other one hit the machinery room starboard side with a large explosion. The main engine stopped, the machinery room was flooded, generator, radio, the aft 8cm gun damaged, and other auxiliary machinery knocked out.

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NOTE: If the torpedoes were first spotted at 1000 meters, the KANO MARU would have travelled approx. 1140 ft. before impact, 44 seconds after sighting.

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- **05:57** *KANO MARU drifting under momentum, and swinging to starboard. GRUNION is firing.* From the starboard at 157 degrees, 300m distance, the sub fires second salvo.
- One torpedo from right aft passes below the ship bottom at the bridge.
- **05:57 thru 06:07** *KANO MARU drifting. GRUNION is maneuvering for firing position.* GRUNION opens the range by crossing KANO MARU's stern and moves to firing position off her port side. The periscope appears sporadically and moves from the stem to the port.
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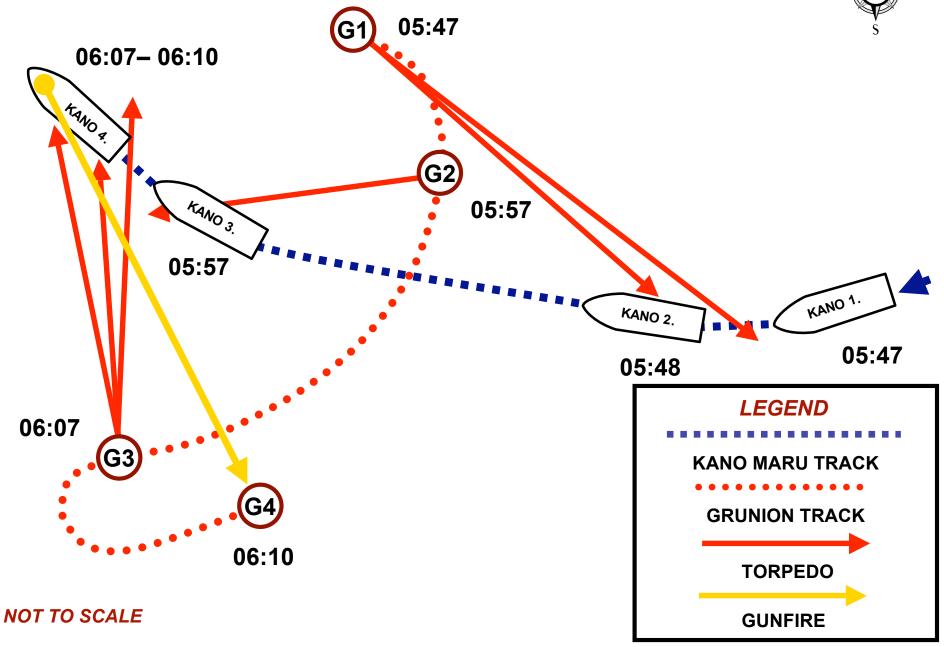
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NOTE: This timeline derives from the account of Capt. Aiura, the IJN Supervisor in command of the KANO MARU. Some information was erroneous, and some information was extrapolated from the accounts.

GRUNION ATTACK PLOT





Heading 130^O

Approximate
05:47

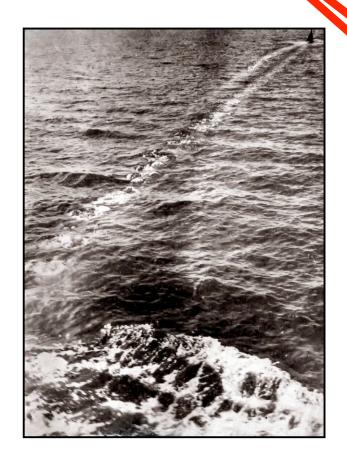
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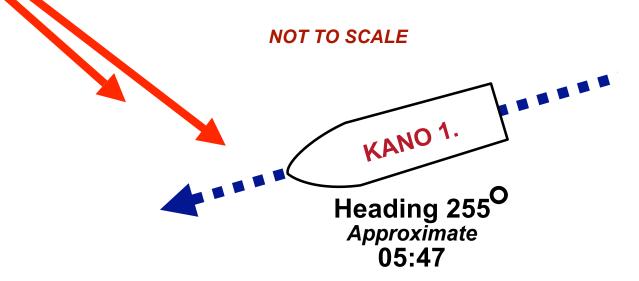




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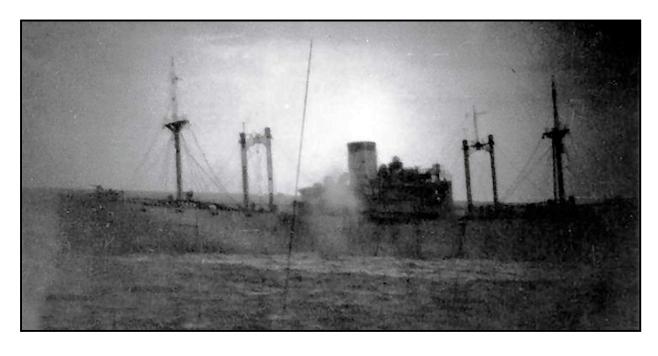


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GRUNION's view of the KANO MARU

RECOGNITION
MANUAL in use by
GRUNION Attack Party





Periscope view of similar vessel from USS PLUNGER

JAPANESE MERCHANT SHIPS; O.N.I. 208-J / USN 1942

KANO MARU

Gross tonnage: 8,572.

Length: (w. l.) 454' (o. a.) 477'.

Beam: 61'.

Draft: (loaded) 28' (light) 111'.

Speeds:

Normal cruising-16 knots.

Maximum-19 knots; 106 RPMs at 16

Built: 1934.

Machinery: Diesel, single screw, 2,187 NHP,

7,600 BHP.

Fuel:

Type-oil.

Capacity-2,450 tons including deep

tanks.

Radius: 29,000 miles at 16 knots.

Complement: (crew) 50 (pass.) 12.

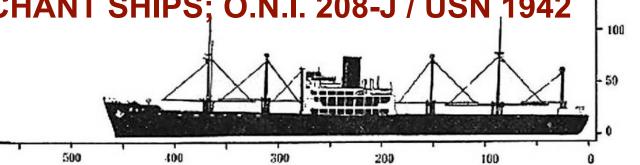
Owners: Kokusai Kisen Kaisha.

Potential naval value: XAV, AP, AK,

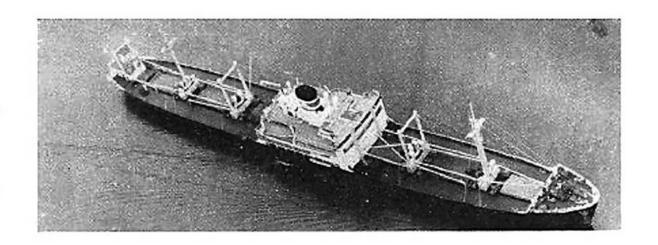
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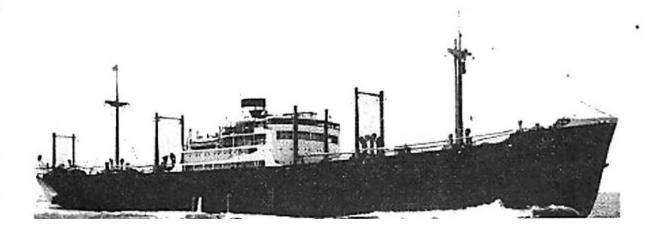
Remarks: Guns: Capable of mounting two 6"

and two 5" guns.



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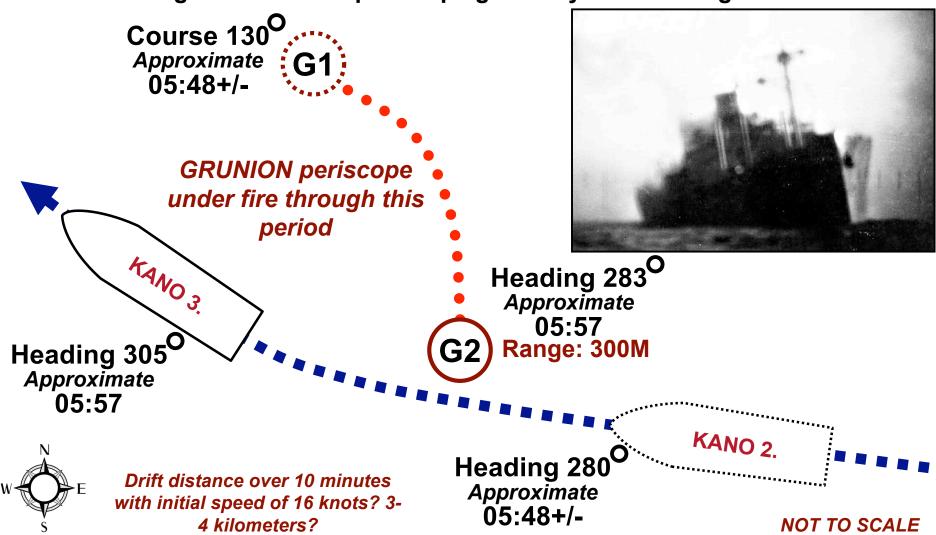
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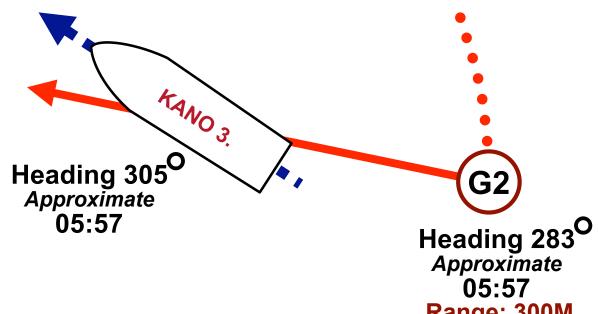


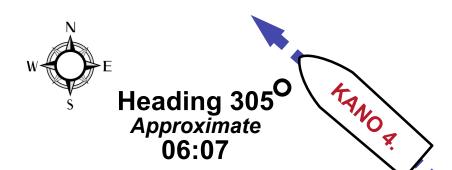


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Heading 305^O
Approximate
05:57

GRUNION periscope under fire through this period

Base Course 2270

Approximate

05:57

Heading 350^O

Approximate
06:07

Range: 400M

NOT TO SCALE

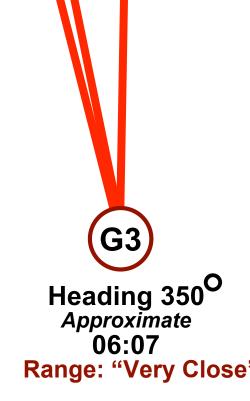


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Range: "Very Close"

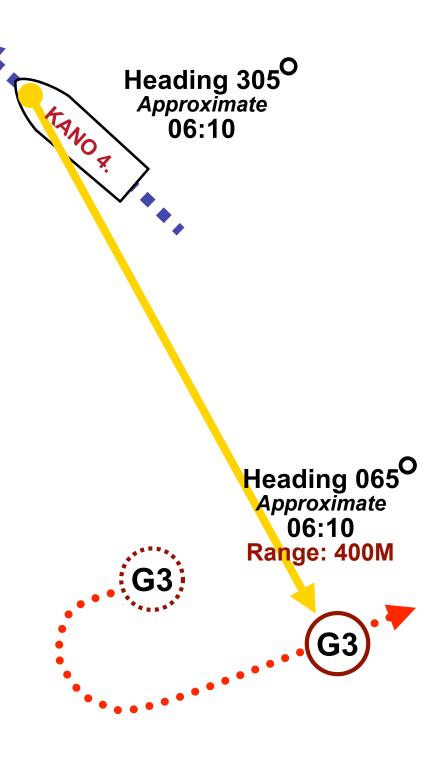


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The "Explosion"

AIURA:

"Made a water column"

"Dull water explosion sound"

NAKAGAWA:

"Big black-brown water arose"

"Water column" (from sketch map)

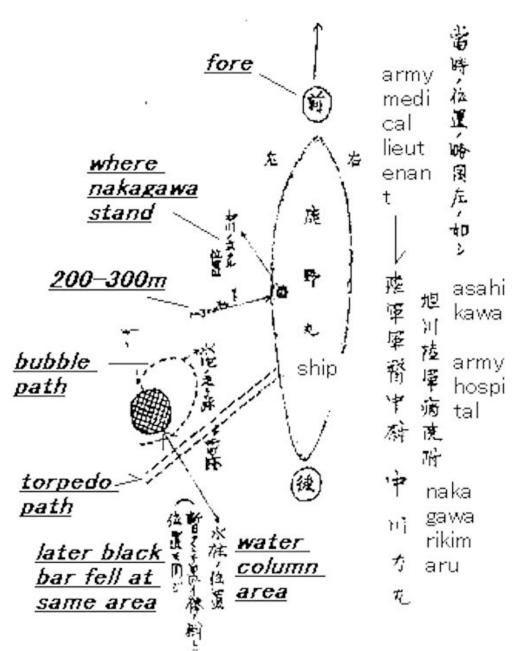
Aftermath

AIURA:

"We saw the swell of heavy oil"

NAKAGAWA:

"Something oily afloat on the surface"



WITNESS: RIKIMARU NAKAGAWA IJA Medical Sublieutenant

While I was looking aft on boat deck(port) in front of my cabin, I saw bubble running on the surface figuring half circle just 2 or 3 hundreds meters apart from shipside. I shouted "Must be Submarine!".

Then just at the head-end of bubble running, big black-brown water arose, something oily afloat on the surface, after a while a black thin bar appeared on the surface then fell down and submerged. I in spite of myself cried out 'Good, You got what you deserved!', and I am convinced the submarine was sunk by the shell."

WITNESS: RIKIMARU NAKAGAWA

The "Bubble Path" Nakagawa is reporting is possibly the same "ripple on the surface"/"washing wave" that Aiura addresses in his account.

If plotted based on the ship's heading, the torpedo tracks, and adjusted for range, it is generally in accordance with the track of the major course change Aiura shows GRUNION making on his chart.

It's <u>possible</u> this is the wake of the periscope/shears/fairwater breaking the surface when GRUNION broached.

"a black thin bar appeared on the surface then fell down and submerged."

This was very possibly a torpedo air flask porpoising to the surface.

Torpedo tail section in the wreckage of the GRUNION Forward Torpedo Room

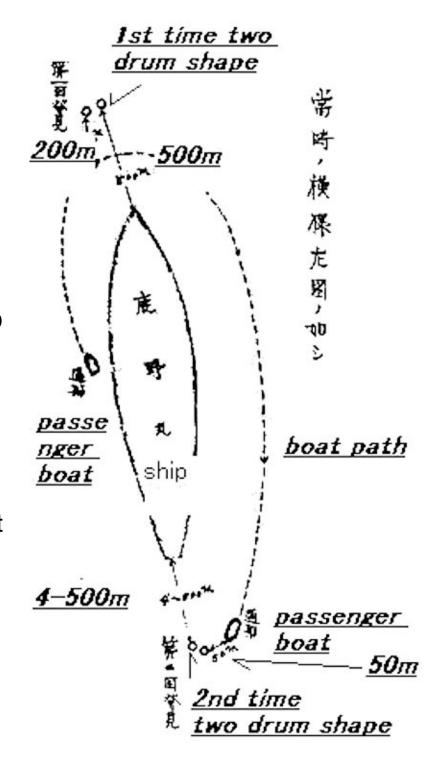


WITNESS: KENJI HAMADA

I had got on a motor launch and left KANO MARU from portboard. The boat ran over the stem and went to the starboard side of the ship.

Then I saw at left side of the boat, about 200m apart from my boat, that was 500m from KANO MARU's stem, something was afloating on the surface. That were two cylinder, like oil drum, upright about 0.5m over the surface. I found that objects but couldn't approach so I didn't understand what they were.

When my boat went on to the starboard and aft side of the KANO MARU, I saw the same two objects at the front of my boat, 50m distance, that was about 400-500m from the KANO MARU's stern. Again I didn't understand what they were.



WITNESS: KENJI HAMADA (Continued)

Later I saw a torpedo at land, that was without explosive warhead, picked up by the same(my) DAIHATSU boat. Then I heard from Navy men (about the torpedo), and I understand what I had seen were torpedoes that lost its warhead and afloating upright.





The torpedo bodies floating forward of the KANO MARU likely were from the 3rd salvo fired by GRUNION

The torpedo bodies floating aft of the KANO MARU likely escaped from the wreckage of the GRUNION Forward Torpedo Room

Floating torpedo with warhead still attached



KANO MARU WEAPONS

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Weapons Mounts







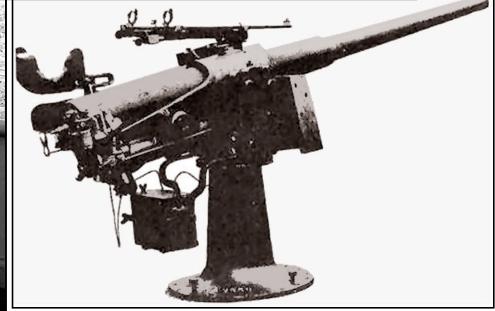


JAPANESE WEAPONS 8 cm/40 41st Year Type

"KANO MARU was only equipped with two 3-inch guns and machineguns. However, with 40 caliber guns were obsolete imitated from 1880s British Armstrong type"

Excerpted from
"Submarine Attack" by Jiro Kimata





JAPANESE 8cm GUN DATA Armstrong "AN" Type

JAPANESE WEAPONS

8 cm/40 Naval Gun

Service Designation:	3"/40 (7.62 cm) Elswick Pattern N and Vickers Mark Z 3"/40 (7.62 cm) 41st Year Type (Model 1908) 8 cm/40 (3") 41st Year Type (Model 1908)		
Date In Service:	1894		
Gun Weight:	0.6 tons (510 kg)		
Gun Length:	123.6 in (3.139 m)		
Bore diameter:	ore diameter: 3.0" / 76mm		
Maximum elevation:	75 degrees		
Firing cycle:	Firing cycle: 15 rounds per minute		
Range @ 40 degrees:	degrees: 11,750 yards (10,740 m)		
AA Range @ 70 degrees:	19,000 feet (5,790 m)		
Max Ceiling:	23,600 feet / 7200 meters		
	AMMUNITION		
Type:	ype: Separate (Semi-fixed)		
Ammunition type:	munition type: HE Common only		
Projectile weight:	HE - 12.5 lbs. (5.67 kg)		
Bursting Charge:	0.71 lbs. Picric Acid (0.75 lbs. TNT Equivalent)		
Velocity:	2231 fps / 680 mps		

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JAPANESE GUNS

8 cm/40 Naval Gun

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NOMINAL CALIBER: E				7.62 cm	3	in
LENGTH, CALIBERS: 40	cm weight wi	th breech	mechanism:_	610 kg	1350	_16
Length, breech face	to muzzle: 304.8	cm 120 1n	Overall:_	313.94 cm	127	in
Type of constructio	n:					
Type of breech:						
RIFLING:						
Number of groo	ves: 24	Twist:	Uniform.	1 in 28	cal!	bers
Groove depth:		039 in;		.12 mm	0.241	in
Length of rifl		102.8			- 1	_
Bore cross sec	tion:		sq.cm			q.in
CHAMBER:						
Length: 39.45	cm 15.5	in Volum	e: 2,076	liters	127	u.in
Powder contain						
	2006					
BALLISTICS:			0			
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YEAR OF DESIGN: abo	ut 1905.					
SHIPS FITTED WITH:	IZUMO, TOKIWA, NI	SSIN, KASUGA	, etc.			

REMARKS: Rifing as given is for Type III, IV, VII barrels; Type I and II have 16 grooves, same depth, 9.3mm (0.366 in) wide, with twist 1/30. Type IV barrel has chamber length 39.473cm (15.5 in); same volume, rifling length 262.31cm (103.2 in).

Reports of the US Naval Technical Mission to Japan

8-cm (76.2-mm) (3-Inch) Complete Round (Semifixed)

Case:

Length: 15.06 inches.

Diameter at base: 4.13 inches.

Material: Brass (recovered); steel (docu-

mentary).

Weight (empty): 4.97 pounds.

Propellant:

20 3C (type 89 propellant) 1.98 pounds (0.900 kg.).

Unperforated cylindrical sticks, approximately 2-mm (\%-\%2 inch) by 12.75 inches, amber-colored double-base powder.

The propellant sticks are enclosed in a bag of heavy brownish silk.

Primer: Mk I case percussion primer, Model 4.
Weapon in which used: "AN" (Armstrong) type
8-cm/40 gun (low angle).

Except for minor changes, this is an exact copy of a British naval gun, and guns of both British and Japanese manufacture have been found ashore in Japanese emplacements for coastal defense.

The gun is pedestal-mounted. The breech is closed by a two-step interrupted-thread block.

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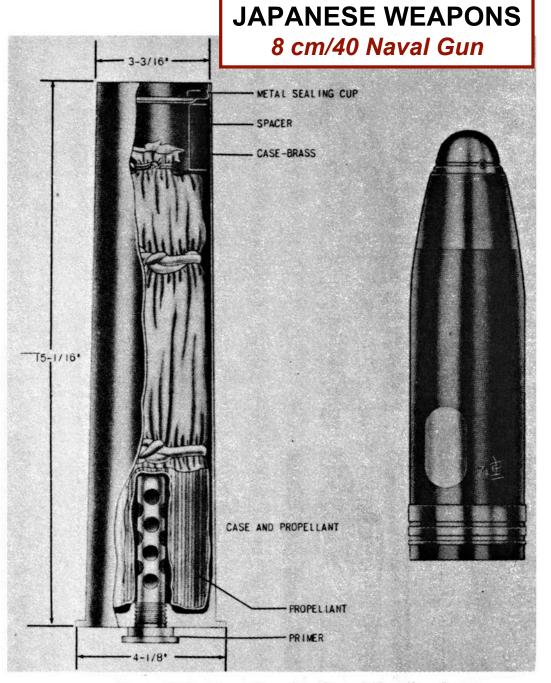


Figure 373—8-cm Complete Round (Semifixed).

8-cm (76.2-mm) (3-Inch) (Ordinary Mk 2 Mod 2) High-Explosive Projectile

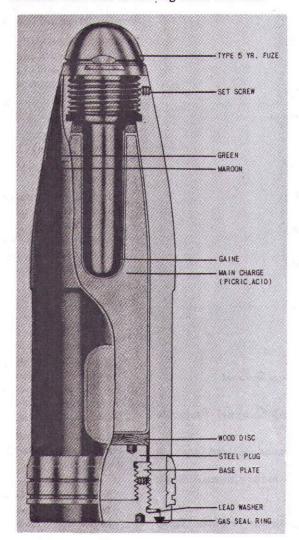
Weight of filled projectile (without fuze): 11.46 pounds.

Weight of projectile (empty): 10.75 pounds. Weight stamped on rotating band (sample): 4.860

kg. (varies with individual projectiles).

Length of projectile (without fuze): 9.49 inches. Diameter at bourrelet: 3.0 inches.

Distance from base to rotating band: 0.44 inch.



Ligure 374-8-cm (Ordinary Mk 2 Mod 2) High-Explosive.

Width of rotating band: 1.0 inch.

Radius of ogive: 6 cal.

Filling: Cast picric acid (shimose): .71 pound.

The charge consists of a single block of explosive cast and sealed in a waxed paper container, encased in a heavy cotton flannel bag and sealed in the projectile with paraffin.

Fuzing: Type 5-year point detonating fuze. Weapon in which used: "AN" (Armstrong) type 8-cm/40 gun (low angle).

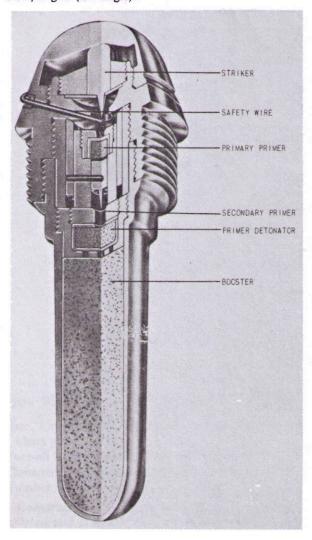


Figure 439—Type 5th-Year Nose Fuze.

JAPANESE WEAPONS

8 cm/40 Naval Gun

Type 5th-Yr. Nose Fuze

Use:

8-cm ordinary projectiles (fixed and semifixed).

12-cm ordinary projectiles (semifixed).

14-cm ordinary projectiles (bag).

Over-all length (with gaine): 5% inches.

Over-all length (without gaine): 115/6 inches.

Maximum diameter: 1% inches. Threaded length: % inch. Number of threads: 9 R. H.

Construction: The fuze body is of two-piece brass construction, with the upper part, or nose cap, threading (R. H.) onto the lower part. The lower portion is threaded (L. H.) internally to take the gaine. The gaine is made of light steel. A heavy striker fits against the interior top of the nosepiece, which is beveled to facilitate functioning with a low angle of impact. The lower fuze body contains a primary primer and a secondary striker.

Operation: On impact, the nose cap is sheared off or crushed, forcing the first striker into the first primer. This explosion forces the secondary striker down, shearing the shear pin and causing the gaine to function.

NOTE: 0.71 lbs Picric Acid is equivalent to 0.75 lbs of TNT

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Japanese 13.2mm Heavy Machinegun					
Designation:	13 mm/76 Type 93				
Date In Service:	1939				
Gun Weight:	92.6 lbs. (42 kg)				
Gun Length (OA):	55.5 in. (1.410 m)				
Rate Of Fire:	450 RPM Cyclical 250 RPM Max Effective				
Ammunition					
Type:	Fixed / 30 rd. Magazine				
Weight of Round:	4.0 - 4.2 oz (113 - 119 gms)				
Projectile Types:	AP / Incendiary / Tracer				
Cartridge:	13.2mm x 96				
Muzzle Velocity:	2,641 fps (805 mps)				
R	ange				
@45 Degrees:	6,560 yards (6,000 m)				
@50 Degrees:	7,108 yards (6,500 m)				
Ceiling @85 degrees	Maximum: 14,764 feet (4,500 m) Effective: 13,060 feet (3,980 m)				

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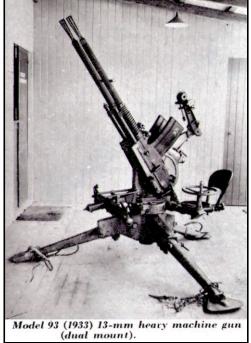
13mm/76 Type 93 Heavy Machinegun

This weapon was originally designed by the French firm of Hotchkiss. These guns were generally similar to the larger Japanese 25 mm/60 AA MG.

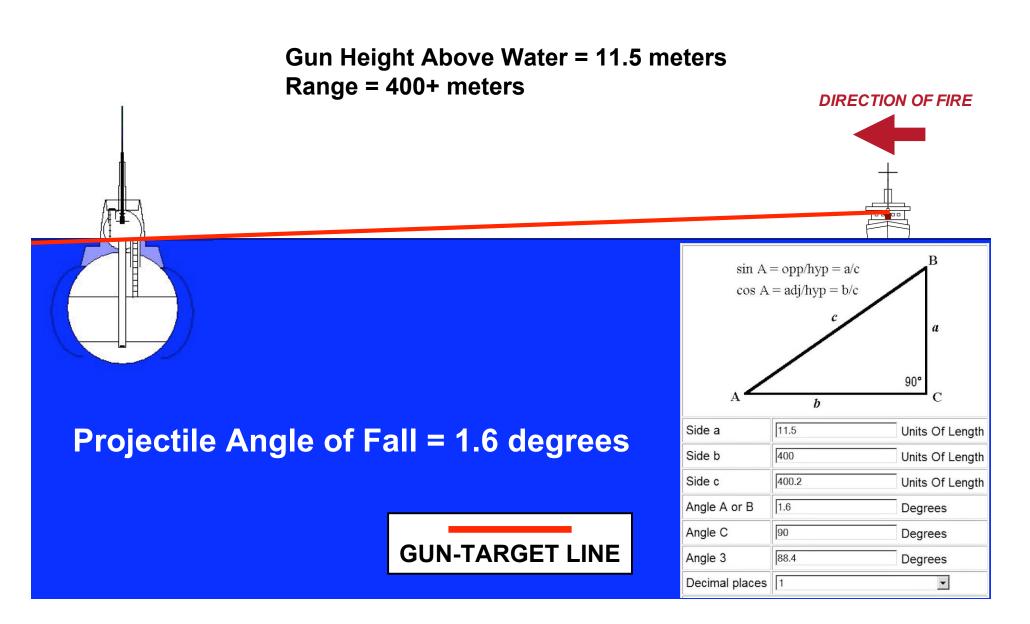


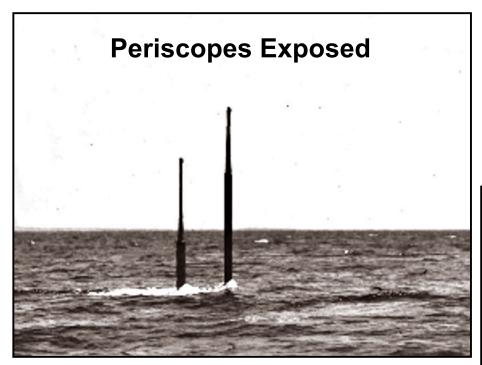
13.2mm x 96 Cartridge

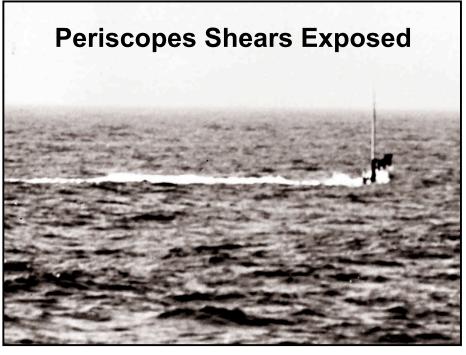




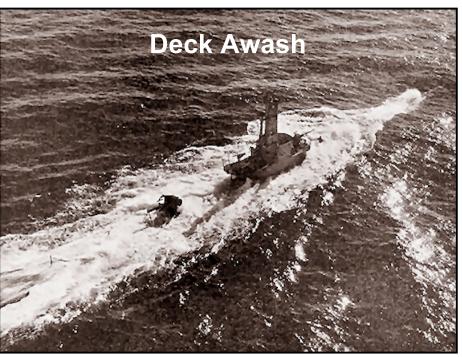
Gun-target Line



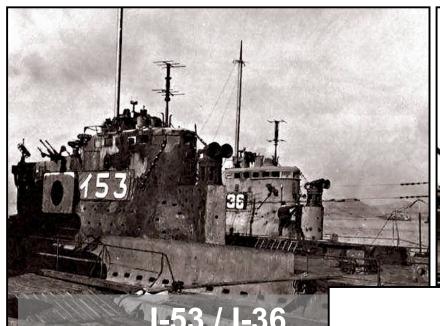




The "Washing Wave"



USN Fleet Boats

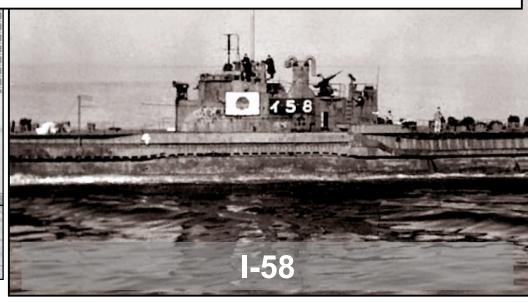




Typical IJN Submarines

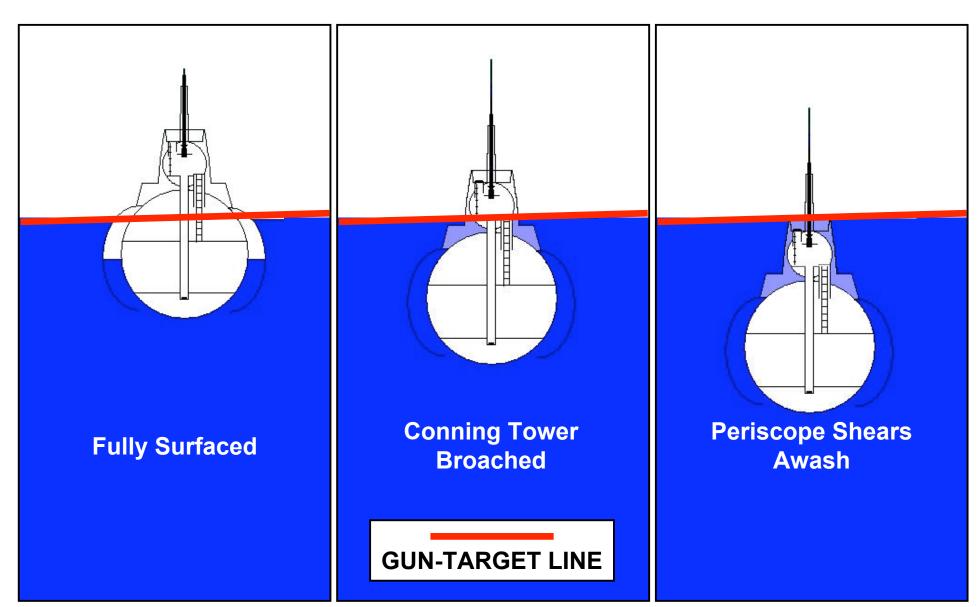
Note the "flat" topped Fairwater/bridges, and the lack of the tall, distinctive, fully plated periscope shears of USN fleet boats.





Gun-target Line







UNDERWATER PROJECTILES

Underwater Trajectories

"When an ogival-headed projectile, traveling in air, strikes water, it deviates from its trajectory in a violent and uncertain manner. At small angles of fall it tips up, runs parallel with the surface for a short distance and then, if it still has sufficient velocity, emerges and again takes to the air. This is called a ricochet.

Practically all shells ricochet to the right of the line of fire. At large angles of fall, it is liable to deviate in any irregular direction or sink."

NAVAL ORDNANCE 1937, CHAPTER XIII; PROJECTILES

"Although the detailed underwater trajectory of any individual projectile remains difficult to predict with any precision, the general principles governing the underwater trajectories of most standard projectile types are relatively well understood. The usual tendency of an ogival headed projectile impacting the water at an angle of fall of about fourteen degrees would be able to travel about eighty calibers submerged in an upwardly curving path, and to reemerge once again with its velocity greatly diminished. The projectile would normally penetrate to a depth of about six calibers during its underwater run."

http://www.navweaps.com/index_inro/INRO_Hood_p3.htm

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DIRECTION OF FIRE



Max Depth: 48 Centimeters = 18.89 inches = 1 ft. 7 in.

Underwater Travel: 640 Centimeters = 251.97 inches = 21 ft.

Projectile Trajectory

Gun-target Line

NOTE: This is based on a projectile with a 14 degree angle of fall

IJN "Suichu Dan" Anti-submarine Projectiles

Considerable effort was directed by the IJN to develop projectiles which would continue an undisturbed trajectory after striking the water. The IJN decided as a result of experiment that a flat-nosed projectile in which the area of the flat front was equal to half the area of the base was most effective.

Such a projectile striking at an angle of fall of 12° would typically be expected to penetrate to a depth of about 18-20 calibers after an underwater travel of about 110 calibers. At that point it would be expected to have retained about half of its original striking velocity.

NOTE: A specially designed fuze was required for this projectile.

NOTE: Minimum range required because of the tendency for projectiles to ricochet from the water surface at low angles of fall.

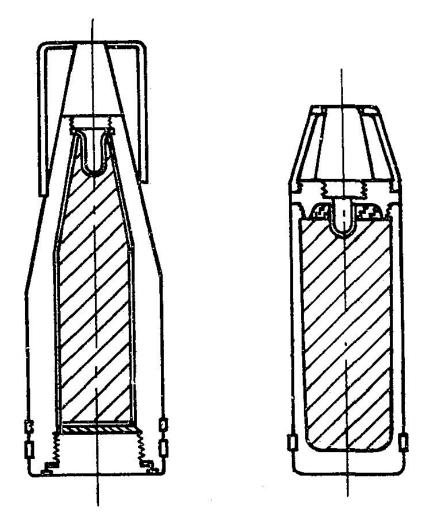
Shell Type	Dia.	Length	Weight	Bursting Charge	Muzzle Velocity	Max. Range	Min. Range
В	75.6mm 2.98"		5.3kg. 11.66 lbs.	0.668kg. 1.47 lbs.	250 mps 820 ft/sec	3200m @40 degrees	700m

NOTE: Projectile was not produced for the Armstrong "AN" IJN Type 41 Naval Gun.

NOTE: The 3"/8cm ASW projectile did not go into service until at least late 1943.

NOTE: Will penetrate 0.453 in (1.15 cm) Ducol Steel @26 feet (8 meters) depth.

IJN "Suichu Dan" Anti-submarine Projectiles



The first type (Figure A) was an adaption of an HE Common projectile, onto the shoulder of which a water penetrating cap was screwed.

Production was later switched to a type (Figure B), which was designed solely as an antisubmarine shell. This projectile was designed with a specially weakened windshield and armorpiercing cap which broke away upon impact with the water. This presented the flat nose designed for effective underwater penetration.

NOTE: The "Type B" shell was produced for the 3rd Year Type (Model 1914) and the 11th Year Type (Model 1922) 8cm/40 Naval Guns

DIAGRAM "A" DIAGRAM "B"