

# USS HADDO (SSN 604)



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Here it is, November 1992 already, and another Haddo Newsletter rolls off the press. A few new addresses were obtained as a result of the last edition - so check the revised list. As always, if you have names of addresses of crewmembers still not listed, please take a moment to send them on to:

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## News from the Crew...

The 6<sup>th</sup> Edition didn't prompt as many contacts as the 5<sup>th</sup>, but never-the-less there were a few. Perhaps most interesting was a letter from Tim France (former LT on Haddo, 1968-72; now CAPT-USN and Chief of Staff to Commander, naval Base, Charleston). Tim forwarded one new address and a substantial list of names (without addresses) of former Haddo crewmembers - all have been added to the updated master list. Tim reports he has seen or heard from these crewmembers occasionally: Bill Neff, Dale E. McQuinn (CAPT), Jim Higgings, Don Cronin, Bob Spencer and Jasper "Jack" Johnson (CAPT). Tim enjoyed Bill Candy's letter in the last edition, but begs to differ with the location of the fishing episode - Bahamas vice Bermuda. (I was there myself but don't recall the location, except that it occurred right after weapons trials at Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico - so Bahamas seems more likely.) Also recounted were the jellyfish "attack" on a couple of our midnight swimmers under the pier at St. Croix, and a cleaver-wielding cook, appropriately named (no kidding) Hatchet.

A letter was also sent by Leroy "Rocky" Kriieider (former MM/ELT, 1973-1977) who ran into Kirk Davis, who told him about the Newsletter and gave Leroy my address. Leroy works as a Project Manager for Nuclear Energy Services in Connecticut, where he resides with his wife, Tina, and four children.

Bill Candy (former ET, 1968-71) sent a short letter OK'ing the publishing of his earlier letter in Newsletter #6. Among his other submarine related interests, Bill is heavily into submarine warfare simulation computer games: GATO, Sub Battle, Silent Service, 688, and would like to swap/loan these with others having similar interests and different games.

That's all the news since the last Edition - so come on guys, let's get busy and send a letter to make note of in the next edition! This newsletter is yours - use it to keep in touch.

## **From the History Books...**

Following her eventful 7<sup>th</sup> was patrol in the Pacific, Haddo (SS-255)'s 8<sup>th</sup> patrol was to be a relatively quiet one. Command of Haddo had passed from LCDR Chester W. Nimitz, Jr. to LCDR Frank Lynch in the interim. For her 7<sup>th</sup> patrol Haddo earned the Navy Unit Commendation "For outstanding heroism in action...off the Phillipines...sending to the bottom two destroyers and a patrol vessel with another destroyer lying crippled in the water before her torpedoes were expended."

Haddo's 8<sup>th</sup> war patrol spanned November and December 1944. Targets were, by this in the war, getting increasingly scarce. Yet Haddo managed to find some action.

On the afternoon of November 9, Haddo ran across her first target while patrolling at 12°27'N/120°05'E. Haddo commenced a submerged approach with momentary looks by periscope. At 1400 hours, a four torpedo spread was fired, obtaining one hit on the relatively small target. A sinking was not originally claimed, but was later confirmed. The Japanese oiler Hishi Maru #2, 856 tons, lay on the bottom.

On November 25, Haddo found her next target at 14°01'N/119°20'E. A submerged radar approach was pursued, culminating in the firing of a four torpedo spread at 1900 hours. One hit was noted and a sinking was claimed, but Japanese records later revealed that the ship in question, the 860 ton patrol frigate Shimushu, had been damaged only, but out of action for the duration.

December 6 was to produce two targets for Haddo's torpedoes. While patrolling at 14°43'N/119°39'E, two targets appeared - one large, one small. Stalking the large target first, Haddo made a surface radar approach in the dark of night firing a six torpedo spread at 2000 hours. Two hits were recorded and a sinking claimed. Two hours later, in a similar approach, Haddo fired a single torpedo at the smaller ship and recorded a hit. Again a sinking was claimed, but neither sinking was later confirmed. The larger ship, an 1189 ton oiler, the Kyoei Maru #3, turned up as damaged in Japanese records. The fate of the smaller ship was never determined.

And so ended the 8<sup>th</sup> war patrol of Haddo. Two more patrols were yet to come, but we'll save those for future editions.

## **Credits and Thanks...**

Envelopes and postage paid for in part by the generous donations of the following former Haddo crewmembers-

Lou Storm

Tim France

Putting batteries on charge 'til next time, Spring 1993 (April or May)...

I'll devote some space in the next newsletter to discussion of ideas about setting up a "reunion." Many of you have expressed interest - and I'd appreciate hearing any ideas you may have.

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