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USS BULLHEAD (SS-332)

USS Bullhead (SS-332) was lost on August 6, 1945 with 84 crew members in the Lombok Strait while on her 3rd war patrol. She sank from a depth charge dropped by a Japanese Army aircraft. ***BULLHEAD*** was the last submarine lost during WWII. ***(Bell & slide)***



USS FLIER (SS-250)

The ***USS FLIER (SS-250)*** was lost on August 13, 1944, with 78 crew members while on her 2nd war patrol. ***FLIER*** was transiting on the surface when she was rocked by a massive explosion (probably a mine) and sank within less than a minute. 13 survivors, some injured, made it into the water and swam to shore. 8 survived and 6 days later friendly natives guided them to a Coast Watcher and they were evacuated by the ***USS REDFIN (SS-272)***. ***(Bell & slide)***



USS S-39 (SS-144)

Lost on August 13, 1942 after grounding on a reef south of Rossel Island while on her 3rd war patrol. **USS S-39's** entire crew was able to get off and was rescued by the *HMAS KATOOMBA*. ***(Bell & slide)***



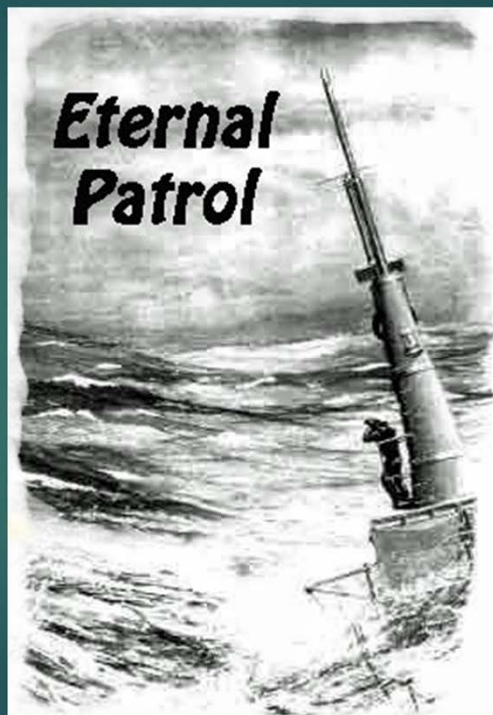
USS HARDER (SS-257)

USS HARDER (SS-257) was lost on August 24, 1944 with 79 crew members from a depth charge attack by a minesweeper near Bataan while on her 6th war patrol. *HARDER* had won a Presidential Unit Citation for her first 5 war patrols and CDR Dealey was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously. *HARDER* is tied for 9th in the number of enemy ships sunk. ***(Bell & slide)***



USS COCHINO (SS-345)

USS COCHINO (SS-345) was lost on August 26, 1949 after a jolt by a violent polar gale off Norway caused an electrical fire and battery explosion that generated hydrogen and chlorine gasses. In extremely bad weather, men of *COCHINO* and *TUSK (SS-426)* fought to save the submarine for 14 hours. After a 2nd battery explosion, Abandon ship was ordered and *COCHINO* sank. Tusk's crew rescued all of *COCHINO*'s men except for one civilian engineer. Six sailors from *TUSK* were lost during the rescue.
(Bell & slide)



And we should remember those sub sailors whose boats may have survived but who themselves departed on Eternal Patrol. Sailors, rest your oars. *(Bell)*