

Narrative and report of proceeding during attach on U-Boat by

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Convoy O. S. 64, K. M. 38.

Position Lat. 50, 33N, 1803W

Escorts Helmsdale, Camrose, Niene.

Date 1847 8 Jan. 1944

Course and speed - 223 8 knots

At 1803/Z H. M. S. Bayton, in position Nan. 9 reported a U-Boat on the surface, detected by Radar, bearing 090 - 5000 yds. At 1804/z H. M. C. S. Edmundston in position Nan-9, was ordered by S. O. to close Bayton Bayton reported U-Boat had dived at 1812/Z H. Camrose in position Able 9 was ordered by Helmsdale to join Bayton whose position was then 300 22-9. At 18.13 Helmsdale ordered ready.

Camrose reached the position at 1845/Z to find Edmundston and Bayton doing observant around the datum point. Prior to joining the observant screen she proceeded to-ward the datum. At 2000 yds. the contact was made bearing R.90 ship head 100. The bearing was stemmed immediately and at 1700 yds. she was in firm contact, extent of target 8 degrees. Inclination to slight opening bearing steady. Ships speed 7 knots. At 1400 the contact classified a "Submarine". The bearing was still steady, inclination slight opening. At 1000 yds. ready for attack. It was immediately thought the U-Boat had dived deeply therefore pattern F for Fox was set. Ready for the attack we proceeded in dropping one pattern of ten. Astic repoted a terrific underwater explosion which was thought to be the submarine damaged. We proceeded for a second attach at 1420 on regaining contact with the submarine which was

believed to be badly damaged. Steady contact was held for the second in which another pattern of ten were dropped. There was another explosion which brought ~~down~~ debris and oil to the surface. Asdic reported lost contact with submarine which was believed to have sunk to the bottom. An all night vigil failed to produce further action. The Niene was later torpedoed and sunk while patrolling near the Bay of Biscay