

Jap Submarine Captain Tells Of Pacific Coast Visits During The War

(Editors note: Here is the first story ever told by a Japanese naval officer of Japanese wartime submarine raids on the Pacific coast. It tells of wartime visits to San Pedro, Monterey, San Francisco, and Cape Blanco on the Oregon coast, just north of the spot where mystery submarines have been most frequently reported off the California coast. Frequent reports of unidentified subs off California led Associated Press Reporter O. H. P. King, formerly of the Seattle A. P. staff to this story.)

Then he transferred to the new I-45, and on its maiden voyage two B-17 bombs knocked 16 feet off its tail at an unmentioned spot. He managed to limp home and served out the rest of the war as an instructor and expert on small coastal-defense submarines at Kure and Sasebo.

Tagami said the Japanese submarine plane was a monoplane with folding wings that opened up to about 55 feet spread. It was carried in a cylindrical hangar on rails lifted by a crane. A zero-type, it was a float plane with a 7.7 millimeter machine gun and a 300-horsepower engine.

TOKYO. — (AP) — The former captain of a Japanese submarine says that his and other submarines made numerous wartime trips to the American Pacific coast and used their airplanes and guns in attacks all the way from Alaska to southern California.

The submarine veteran is Meiji Tagami, 47, now skipper of an American-owned tank-landing ship that operates between Yokohama, Guam and Okinawa.

Tagami was interviewed by this correspondent in the presence of Alfred E. Keith of Boston, superintendent of maintenance of the Tokyo ordnance center, and two Japanese former admirals, Fumio Shimizu, now employed by a steel company, and Yasuto Tamai, now employed at the U. S. ordnance center.

At Pearl Harbor Tagami says his submarine, the I-25, four others started the war by lying outside Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941, to watch for possible escaping American vessels.

The other submarines had brought in on their decks the midjet submarines that penetrated Pearl Harbor.

Tagami said the submarine flotilla was ordered to chase an American aircraft carrier which was erroneously reported to have escaped from Pearl Harbor during the attack.

"All five went all the way to the U. S. coast," he declared. "The I-17 fired on California near San Pedro about Dec. 20, 1941.

"My submarine lay outside the Golden Gate and we heard Christmas programs on the San Francisco radio stations."

Enroute back to a rendezvous at Kwajalein, Tagami related, he sank a large merchant vessel with torpedoes.

In June, 1942, his submarine and the I-26 returned to America.

The captain said he surfaced at the mouth of the Columbia river and fired 17 rounds with his deck guns at what he believed was a submarine base at Ft. Stevens. At the same time, he said, the I-26 fired on installations at Vancouver island, Canada.

Fired Mines He said neither attracted return fire and their fear was of mines.

His third and last trip to America began Aug. 15, 1942, when the I-25 sailed alone to the Oregon coast.

"This time we carried special incendiary bombs made for our mission by my junior officer," he said.

"We surfaced at dusk, and at dawn launched our plane on two flights inland about 25 miles. We were seven miles offshore. One flight was in the vicinity of Cape Blanco and the other about 25 miles south of there.

"The pilot, Nobuo Fujita, dropped four bombs. He said one pair may have started a forest fire, and he was sure the second two did. We took the plane back aboard within view of a lighthouse."

On the return trip, Tagami said, he sank one of the two U. S. submarines he spotted in daylight just below the Aleutians, and escaped from the other, which fired machine guns at his periscope.

Tagami said, incidentally that his plane pilot, who then was 30 years old, was now living in Oito prefecture on Kyushu, southern Japanese island.

Tagami declared several other Japanese submarines made lone trips to the American coast. In May, 1942, he said, he heard that the I-19 had used its plane to scout Dutch Harbor, Alaska. At the same time, he said, the I-21 reported it had driven a ship ashore south of San Francisco, possibly near Monterey. He knew no details or exact dates on these raids, however.

Samuel Elliot-Morison, American naval historian now in Japan, said planes from Japanese submarines made reconnaissance flights over Seattle in 1942 and over Hawaii in 1943, but Tagami had no news of these activities.

His own career, however, tends to bear out a statement by Morison that after August, 1942, when the Americans landed on Guadalcanal, the Japanese army was responsible for calling the submarines in from their far-ranging missions. The army contended they were needed to supply island outposts.

Tagami was transferred in the I-11 in 1943, and shortly thereafter his old command the I-25 was sunk with all hands off the New Hebrides. He said his I-11 sank an American cruiser in the New Caledonia

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Anti-Defamation League Reports Considerable Success

NEW YORK. — (AP) — The anti-defamation league reports there was considerable success during 1949 in eliminating racial and religious prejudice from sports, education and other phases of American life.

The league said in its annual report that, with few exceptions, professional sports now are free of discrimination.

But the same is not altogether true of tennis, golf, yachting and other amateur sports, the report said. "Games which attract a select few are more easily burdened by snobbery of their participants," it added.

The report said a "shocking" sum of more than \$1,000,000 was collected last year by "leading professional bigots."

The report was issued in the form of a book, "A measure of freedom," by the league's civil rights director, Arnold Forster. The league founded 37 years ago, is the educational unit of B'Nai B'Rith, Jewish service organization.

In view of the current interest in submarines reported off the American Pacific coast, he consented to talk to this correspondent at Keith's request.

Northwest Education Chiefs Hit Appointments

SPOKANE. — (AP) — Heads of state education departments in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana think the method by which they got their jobs is wrong. All were elected. Instead they favor filling their posts by appointment.

The four educators — Mrs. Pearl Wanamaker of Washington, Alton Jones of Idaho, Rex Putnam of Oregon and Mary Condon of Montana — agreed the appointments should be made by a state lay board of education elected by the people.

Their decision was reached at a panel of the Inland Empire Education association convention. They also unanimously favored federal participation in education through a state agency.

Nails range from 15-inch boat spikes to fine needle-like pins only 3-16 of an inch in length.

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