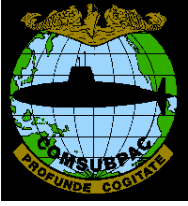


USS Dorado (SS 248)



Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet

USS DORADO (SS 248)

October 12, 1943 - 77 Men Lost

DORADO, a newly commissioned submarine, under LCDR E. C. Schneider, sailed from New London, Connecticut, on October 6, 1943 for Panama. She did not arrive at Panama nor was she heard from at any time after sailing.

The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet, in his comments concerning the Court of Inquiry covering the case, lists three possible causes for the loss of DORADO, operating casualties, enemy action, and attack by friendly forces.



The standard practice of imposing bombing restrictions within an area of fifteen miles on each side of the course of an unescorted submarine making passage in friendly waters and fifty miles ahead and one hundred miles astern of her scheduled position was carried out and all concerned were notified. A convoy was so routed as to pass through the bombing and attack restriction area surrounding DORADO on the evening of October 12, 1943, assuming correct navigation and adherence to schedule by both.

A patrol plane which was assigned by Commandant, NOB, Guantanamo to furnish air coverage on the evening of October 12, received faulty instructions

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as to the location of the bombing and attack restriction area surrounding DURADO and at 8:49 PM, local time, the plane delivered a surprise attack of three depth charges on an unidentified submarine. About two hours later, the plane sighted another submarine with which it attempted to exchange recognition signals without success. This submarine fired upon the plane. A German submarine was known to be operating near the scene of these two contacts.

Because of the lack of evidence, the Court of Inquiry was unable to reach definite conclusions as to the cause of the loss of DORADO.

Sailors Lost On USS DORADO (SS-248) 10-12-1943

Abruzzio, L. J. F2
Addy, T. T. TM2
Albright, V. J. EM3
Alloway, T. S2
Aman, P. D. GM1
Anthony, B. I. TM3
Austin, W. I. S2
Ballman, A. F. ENS
Becker, R. H. SM1
Boyd, J. LT
Brubeck, F. L. TM1
Burnett, J. J. S2
Burrell, D. L. BM1
Cabase, I. ST1
Chandler, I. M. CTMA
Cilley, I. D. MOMM2
Coelho, J. S1
Cosaftes, T. MOMM2
Cristello, D. M. TM1
Davenport, D. J. CMOMMA
Dix, H. M. FC3
Eberl, E. H. CMOMMA
Fackrell, C. E. SM3
Fisher, J. B. MOMM1
Florea, H. C., Jr. SC3
Fry, J. W. F1
Gardner, V. E. F1
Gendreau, A. A., Jr. TM3
Glass, D., Jr. LCDR
Greenlee, B. B. MOMM1
Guida, F. F. EM2
Harlock, R. E. Y2
Harris, D. STM2

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Hauber, R. L. CEMA
Hinton, C. C. EM1
Hollrock, G. T. LTJG
Huffmon, A. V. EM2
Irwin, R. W. LT
Kapral, J. TM2
Lemper, C. L. CTM
Klink, R. L. MM2
Liggett, G. W. TM3
Lozaw, L. E. MM3
Lynch, M. E. MOMM1
Marsh, J. B. MOMM1
Mazari, C. W. MOMM2
McBroome, H. D. MOMM1
McCall, H. E. MM3
McGrath, F. M. QM3
Nelson, E. W. CQMA
Niles, R. A. MM3
Norman, F. B. S1
Nowacki, H. A. EM3
O'Dell, P. F. CEM
Ohrt, C. N., Jr. CEMA
Otto, A. J. TM3
Perrault, J.L.C. S2
Pope, H. L. S2
Rhode, E. C. S2
Routon, P. C. EM2
Sanders, L. W. RM2
Schafer, A. A., Jr. MOMM2
Schneider, E. C. LCDR
Singscheimer, R. K. S2
Smith, B. D. RT2
Speight, W. O. S2
Talley, R. S. MOMM0
Thompson, D. S. EM3
Tipton, O. P. EM3
Vernarsky, J. F2
Wagner, G. A., Jr. LCDR
White, P. B., Jr. S2
Williams, B. T. SC1
Williams, T. A. EM1
Wilmott, L. C. PHM1
Wilson, M. H. S2
Windfeldt, A. L. SC1