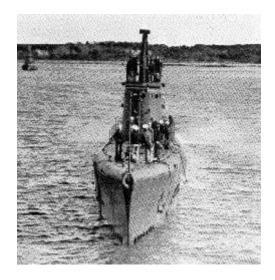


Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet

USS RUNNER (SS 275) May 28, 1943 - 78 Men Lost

On 28 May 1943 RUNNER (Lt. Cmdr. J. H. Bourland) left Midway to begin her third patrol. She was to patrol the south and west, until she came into the area south of Hokkaido and east of the northern tip of Honshu, where she was to patrol from about 8 June to 4 July 1943. The submarine was never heard from following her departure from Midway.

She was expected at Midway about 11 July, and not later than 15 July, and should have made a transmission when approximately 500 miles from this base. She was ordered on 112 July to make an immediate transmission, but no reply came. Although a careful, lookout was maintained in the hope that RUNNER was safe but without transmission facilities, results were negative. On 20 July RUNNER was reported as presumed lost.



A summary of Japanese antisubmarine attacks received since the close of hostilities contains no mention of an attack, which could explain the loss of RUNNER. Thus her loss must be ascribed to an enemy minefield, of which there were at least four in the area to which she was assigned, to an operational casualty, or to an unreported enemy attack. Destruction by a mine is

considered the most likely of these possibilities.

This ship sank three ships, totaling 19,800 tons, and damaged three more, for 19,000 tons, on her first two patrols. RUNNER patrolled the Palau area on her first war run in February 1943, and all of her sinkings were made here. She sank three medium freighters, and damaged two more. During her second patrol off Hong Kong in the South China Sea, RUNNER damaged a freighter.

Sailors Lost On USS RUNNER (SS 275) 5-28-1943

Anderson, L. D. LTJG

Apen, J. F1

Baker, G. O. CGMA

Blanchette, W. A. TM3

Blank, W. S. S2

Bobba, P. L. MOMM1

Boone, J. A. OMMM1

Bourland, J. H. LCDR

Burns, R. SM3

Caldwell, B. M. TM3

Charters, J. W. MOMM2

Childers, R. TM1

Cleek, H. S. RM2

Day, J. L. EM2

Emig, H. E. S1

Erickson, E. R. Y1

Evans, J. R. MOMM2

Foltz, E. M. MOMM1

Foote, G. H. TM1

Foss, L. E. TM3

Galligani, O. J. MM3

Galvan, B. ST1

Gardner, R. L. CMOMMA

Glowski, M. M. MM3

Gluski, H. E. LTJG

Golden, M. H. RM3

Gordon, W. N., Jr. MOMM2

Gregg, I. N. CEM

Hollar, R. C. S1

Hunter, D. W. S1

James, T. H. TM2

Jennings, C. R. S1

Johnson, C. M. F2

Keefer, R. C. BKR2

King, H. L. TM1

Kiracofe, R. D. MOMM2

USS Runner (SS 275)

Kloster, G. M. H. MOMM1

Kremin, W. H. MOMM2

Lampman, H. G. S1

Laws, C. STM2

Leary, C. E. LT

Liggett, C. SC1

Marlowe, O. H., Jr. TM2

Martin, C. M. CEMA

Martin, G. S. RM1

McDonald, D., Jr. MOMM1

Meyer, V. A. MOMM2

Nesh, D. J. TM2

Niedwrski, J. MM3

O'Meara, W. A. FC2

Pace, D. N. CTMA

Pheifer, R. E. EM3

Price, P. W. EM3

Priefert, I. A. MOMM2

Reynolds, R. L., Jr. MOMM2

Rice, G. R. EM2

Robellaz, C. C. MACH

Rogers, J. D. EM1

Ruscoe, J. W. EM3

Sanders, J. D. QM3

Schottler, G. H. LT

Seabaugh, "R" "T" SM2

Shelton, A. G. PHM1

Seligman, R. H. LT

Selley, G. C. S1

Smother, W. J. EM3

Stevens, R. M. S2

Stumpf, C. W., Jr. MOMM2

Sweatt, R. B. GM2

Updegrove, R. J. EM2

Washburn, R. L. S1

Watt, W. L. MOMM1

Welch, E. O. RM2

White, E. E. RT1

Willinsky, J. F. S1

Wright, A. C. CQM

Yoho, J. F., Jr. LCDR

Zipp, G. F. SC2