



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 11 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

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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

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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