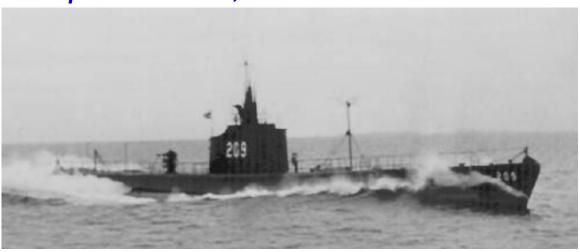


Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet

## USS GRAYLING (SS 209) September 9, 1943 - 76 Men Lost



Grayling (Lt. Cmdr. R. M. Brinker) departed Fremantle on 30 July 1943, for her eighth patrol, going through Makassar Strait and thence to the Philippine area. On 19 August, she reported having damaged a 6,000-ton freighter near Balikpapan, and the following day told of having sunk a 250-ton Taki Maru-type pocket tanker by gunfire in Sibutu Passage, taking one man prisoner. This was the last report received direct from GRAYLING. On 23 August, she completed a special mission at Pandan Bay, Panay, delivering cargo to guerrillas. Guerrillas reported this mission. Then she departed for Tablas Strait, there to reconnoiter until 2 September, when she would patrol approaches to Manila until 10 September. She was to return to Pearl Harbor for refit, passing from SubSoWesPac to Subpac on 13 September.

She was not heard from after 19 August 1943, and on 30 September 1943, GRAYLING was reported as presumed lost.

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Following war's end, the Japanese have submitted the following reports, which bear on GRAYLING. On 27 August 1943 a torpedo attack was seen by the enemy, and the next day a surfaced submarine was seen northeast. Both of the positions were in the Tablas Strait area. On 9 September a surfaced U. S. submarine was seen inside Lingayen Gulf; this ties with GRAYLING's orders to patrol the approaches to Manila. It is said that the freighter-transport HOKUAN MARU was engaged in a submarine action on the 9th in the Philippine area, but no additional data was available, and no known enemy attacks could have sunk GRAYLING. Her loss may have been operational or by an unrecorded enemy attack. At any rate, it is

certain that GRAYLING was lost between 9 and 12 September 1943 either in Lingayen Gulf or along the approaches to Manila. ComTaskFor 71 requested a transmission from GRAYLING on the latter date, but did not receive one.

GRAYLING's first patrol, made in January and February 1942, was a reconnaissance of the northern Gilbert Islands. She went to the Japanese homeland for her second patrol, and sank a freighter and damaged a sampan. Truk was the scene of GRAYLING's third patrol; she sank a large freighter. On her fourth patrol, this boat again went to Truk, and sank a medium tanker, while she damaged an aircraft transport. In January and February 1943, she patrolled the approaches to Manila on her fifth patrol. Here she sank two freighters and a medium freighter-transport and two schooners. Damage was done to a large tanker and two freighters. She went to the area west of



Borneo for her seventh patrol, and sank a medium freighter and two sampans. Damage was done to a large tanker. Thus GRAYLING's total record is 16 ships sunk, totaling 61,400 tons, and six ships damaged, for a total of 36,000 tons.

## Sailors Lost On USS GRAYLING (SS-209) 9-12-1943

Arnold, D. E. LT

Baker, E. N. TM1

Beavers, A. R. EM2

Booker, J. W. LTJG

Boyne, G., Jr. EM1

Brinker, R. M. LCDR

Burch, J. M. EM2

Bush, J. W., Jr. MOMM2

Campana, C. J. MOMM2

Chockley, J. E. CMOMMA

Clark, B. R. GM1

Corbett, R. A. SM2

Criswell, H. W., Jr. LT

Dallaire, W. J. ENS

Day, J. E. CTM

Dillow, H. E. MOMM2

Donaldson, F. W. COX

Ellis, W. EM3

Fontaine, D. I. PHM1

Goodnight, J. C. MOMM1

Grimes, C. A., Jr. S1

Gurasko, T. J. S1

Harbauer, R. E. SC1

Harper, J. K. FC2

Hawkins, C. H. MOMM1

Hickcox, F. J. S1

Hoffman, E. J. CTMA

Howard, R. GM1

Howell, J. L. S1

Hunt, C. W. TM3

Johnson, E. S1

Kelley, W. W. S1

Kelly, J. E. MOMM1

Keplinger, D. L. RM3

Kysar, C. R. Y2

Loudon, L. E. GM3

Mabuti, S. P. CK2

Maloy, F. B., Jr. LTJG

Marks, J. H. MOMM1

Mathis, M. O. F2

Mulvenna, G. A. CTMA

Nichols, C. W. BKR1

Nichols, J. T., Jr. LT

Oeldemann, H. C. F1

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Oliver, R. G. EM1

Parrino, A. J. GM2

Pawloski, J. T. MOMM1

Quesenberry, M. J. TM

Rainault, A. L. MM3

Santos, J. C. ST2

Sawerbrey, A. S. S1

Schmidt, C. E. ELECT

Schmidtmeyer, H. A. EM3

Scott, G. L. TM3

Sebourn, L. E., Jr. TM3

Sharrock, D. P. RM2

Shields, W. S. EM3

Simpkins, J. D. TM1

Simpson, R. T. F1

Small, R. E. CMMA

Smith, J. C. CRMA

Smoak, H. A. EM1

Spencer, D. H. EM2

Stevens, R. F. TM3

Sullivan, E. F, Jr. LTJG

Wallace, W. L. SC3

Waller, J. J. QM2

Welch, J. LTJG

Welch, F. MOMM1

Wetsel, A. F. MOMM2

Whitcomb, H. O. EM1

Wilson, J. H. TM2

Wolf, M. A. MM3

Young, J. H. RM2

Zabs, R. L. S1