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NAVAL SHIPYARD

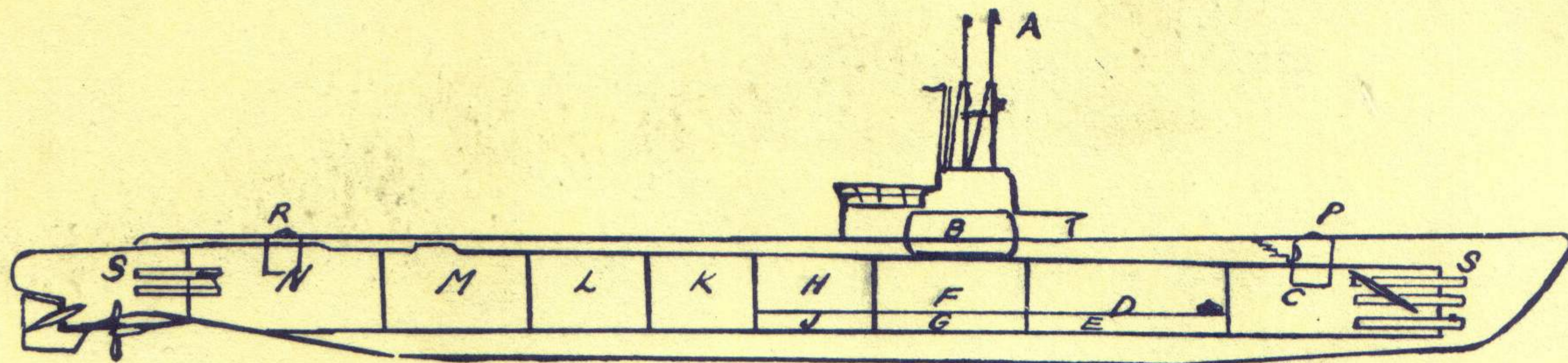
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Welcome



Aboard!!

U. S. S. HAKE (SS-256)



A—Periscopes
B—Conning Tower
C—Forward Torpedo Rm.
D—Officers Quarters
E—Forward Battery
F—Control Room

G—Pump Room
H—Crews Quarters
J—After Battery
K—Forward Engine Room
L—After Engine Room

M—Maneuvering Room
N—After Torpedo Room
P—Escape Hatch Forward
R—Escape Hatch Aft
S—Torpedo Tubes

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The U. S. S. HAKE was launched on 17 July 1942 with Mrs. Frank Fletcher serving as sponsor. The submarine was named for a North American game fish—the hake. The boat was commissioned on 30 October 1942 and proceeded on her first war patrols into the Atlantic and operated against German U-Boats for about a year out of Scotland and off the Azores. There were several brushes with German U-Boat contacts but no chance for any shooting.

In 1943 she made the long trip to the Pacific and by the 1st of year 1944 she was in Phillipine waters on patrol against the Japanese. Her first sinking took place there, an escort being dodged and a tanker falling prey to her torpedoes.

Another ship was sunk in these waters by the HAKE, during attacks on convoys and then the scene of action was shifted to the South China Sea area. Here she sank two tankers. These attacks on Japanese supply convoys were always followed by severe depth charge attacks from Japanese destroyers.

After rest and overhaul in Australia the HAKE returned to the Phillipine Islands area and within two nights in the patrol area, a destroyer was sunk in the midst of a cruiser task force. Shortly thereafter a fully-loaded troop transport was blown in two and sunk. Later another destroyer was sunk and the remaining patrols to the end of the war traced the Pacific Islands battles to the home waters of Japan. During this period 29 downed American airmen were rescued by the HAKE.

In October 1956 she was taken out of the mothball fleet at New London, Connecticut, and brought to Philadelphia to serve as the Naval Reserve Training Submarine for the reservists of the eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware areas.

GENERAL DATA

Length: 311 feet,	Width 27 feet,	Weight: 1500 tons
Propulsion	Diesel, Electric; 4 Main Diesel Engines and 1 Auxiliary Engine; Storage Batteries furnish power when submerged.	
Torpedo Tubes	6 Forward Torpedo Room 4 After Torpedo Room	
Torpedoes	16 Torpedoes in Forward Torpedo Room 8 Torpedoes in After Torpedo Room	
Berthing	8 Officers, 5 CPO's Officers Quarters 14 Enlisted Men in Forward Torpedo Room 14 Enlisted Men in After Torpedo Room 38 Enlisted Men in Crews Quarters	

