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The enclosed photographs include those ships listed in Supplementary List No. 1 Fascicle S-1 of "Intelligence Targets Japan" (DNI) of 4 September 1945, with the following exceptions:

1. CM CHIKUZEN: Apparently no such ship exists. "CHIKUZEN" is the name of an ancient Japanese province or prefecture and as such, in naval terminology, would have only a major ship named after it. There is a merchant ship, CHIKUZEN MARU, (1150 gross tons) which is classed as a fish carrier. It is possible that this fish carrier was observed operating in mined waters and mistakenly identified as a minelayer.

2. SS I-176 Class: The Japanese designate this class of submarine as the "174" class and include numbers 174-185. All submarines of this class had been sunk in combat by November 1944.


4. CA MYOKO and CA TAKAO, both in the SINGAPORE area, were not included in this report because of their inaccessibility.

It should be noted that the designation "OV HAYATAKA (JUNYO) class" should be corrected to "JUNYO class". The Japanese designated the ship and the class "JUNYO" and did not recognize the U.S. use of "HAYATAKA". It seems that this misinterpretation arose from the fact that the characters for JUNYO (隼鷹) can also be read HAYATAKA.

U.S. Navy designation, "APD NO. 1 class" and "LSM NO. 101 class", are named by the Japanese "1st CLASS TRANSPORT" and "2nd CLASS TRANSPORT", respectively.

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INTRODUCTION

In photographing the ships from all the required angles, beam view, overhead view, view off bow, view off stern, and detail shots of bridge and armament, some difficulties were encountered. In many cases it was impossible, owing to obstructions, to get into the desired positions to make certain shots. Aerial shots, owing to local weather and landing conditions for small planes, were occasionally impossible. In practically all cases armament had been stripped from the ships before these pictures were made. Many of the instruments and various control machinery were likewise removed from the bridge in the process of demobilization. Consequently, the report may be lacking in certain details concerning objects which unfortunately no longer exist.

The negatives of the photographs contained in this report have been forwarded to the Office of Naval Intelligence, Navy Department, Washington D.C. They will be available there for further study by any interested activity.
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