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National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic USS Lionfish (SS-298)

and or common

2. Location

street & number Battleship Cove

___ not for publication

city, town Fall River

___ vicinity of

state Massachusetts

code 025

county Bristol

code 005

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> other:
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	

4. Owner of Property

name USS Massachusetts Memorial Committee, Inc.

street & number Battleship Cove

city, town Fall River

___ vicinity of

state Massachusetts 0272

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Registry of Deeds

street & number 441 North Main Street

city, town Fall River

state Massachusetts 0272

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title National Register Nomination Form has this property been determined eligible? yes ___ no

date 1976 ___ federal state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records National Park Service, Interagency Resources Division

city, town Washington

state DC 20013-7127

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	N/A original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date 1985
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

USS Lionfish, (SS 298), was laid down by the Cramp Shipbuilding Corporation of Philadelphia in December 1942. Because of production delays the Cramp Shipbuilding Corporation was unable to complete her so she was towed to Portsmouth, New Hampshire, to be completed. She was launched November 15, 1944.

USS Lionfish is a representative of the Balao class of fleet submarines used in World War II. The deck is made of teakwood, and the submarine's exterior is painted black and haze gray. She is a pre-snorkle type submarine, operating underwater on batteries, and powered by four engines in a diesel electric system delivering 6,500 horsepower.¹

Specific ship data concerning USS Lionfish is:

Length: 312 feet

Beam: 27 feet

Displacement: 1,500 tons. Submerged Displacement: 2,415 tons.

Speed: 20 knots surface/9 knots submerged.

Armament: Ten 21" torpedo tubes (6 forward, 4 aft), twenty Mark 14 torpedoes or twenty-four Mark 18 electric torpedoes, one 5"/25 caliber deck gun, one 40mm gun, one 20mm gun, and four .50 caliber machine guns.

Maximum Depth: 712 feet.²

The ship was originally armed with two 5-inch deck guns, two 40 mm guns and ten 21-inch torpedo tubes.³

The crew consisted of 76 officers and enlisted men who were berthed in every available inch of space, including over the torpedo tubes. The ship escaped the guppying process (the complete exterior and interior alteration that most World War II submarines experienced after the war) and retains its original design and fittings.⁴

USS Lionfish is semi-permanently moored in Battleship Cove on the Taunton River just north of the Braga Bridge. It is protected to the east by filled land and a high embankment and is bordered to the north by USS Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. and to the west by USS Massachusetts.⁵

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
prehistoric	archeology-prehistoric	community planning	landscape architecture	religion
1400-1499	archeology-historic	conservation	law	science
1500-1599	agriculture	economics	literature	sculpture
1600-1699	architecture	education	X military	social/
1700-1799	art	engineering	music	humanitarian
1800-1899	commerce	exploration settlement	philosophy	theater
X 1900-	communications	industry	politics government	transportation
		invention		other (specify)

Specific dates 1943-1945 Builder Architect Cramp Shipbuilding Corporation

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

In the conflict against Japan in World War II, the role and importance of submarine forces of the United States cannot be overestimated. American submarines sank more than 600,000 tons of enemy warships and more than 5,000,000 tons of merchant shipping, thus destroying much of Japan's ocean commerce. This was accomplished by a force that never numbered more than two percent of naval personnel engaged in the war. The American submarine war against Japan created a blockade that denied her the oil, iron ore, food, and other raw materials she needed to continue to fight. By 1945 this submarine war made it impossible for any Japanese ship to sail the ocean. Without this commerce and the raw materials it supplied to her war effort, Japan found it impossible to continue the war outside of the homeland.⁶

USS Lionfish represents the U.S. submarine forces that fought against Japan in World War II in the following respects:

1. USS Lionfish is an intact example of the standard fleet type Balao-class submarine that played an important part in World War II.
2. USS Lionfish made two war patrols in the Pacific and is believed to have sunk an I-Class Japanese submarine and a 100-ton schooner. She received one battle star for World War II Service.
3. USS Lionfish is maintained in excellent physical condition and is displayed at Battleship Cove, Massachusetts, with the battleship USS Massachusetts and the destroyer USS Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Displayed in the bunkroom of USS Lionfish is a memorial to the 52 American submarines lost during the war.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name Fall River

Quadrangle scale 1:25,000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Harry A. Butowsky

organization National Park Service date May 1985

street & number Division of History telephone (202) 343-8168

city or town Washington state DC 20013-7127

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title date

For NPS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

S.O.S.

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OUR
SHIPS

VISIT BATTLESHIP COVE

See four U.S. Navy
Fighting Ships, Landing Craft
and the Marine Museum



For information
call (617) 678-1100
or (617) 678-1905

BATTLESHIP COVE, FALL RIVER, MASS.
Exit 5 I-195

All 6 attractions open year 'round 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
(Summer hours June 30-Labor Day open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.)



LIONFISH (SS-298)

THE LIONFISH (SS-298) was launched by Cramp ship building Corp., Philadelphia, PA. Her first war patrol centered around Saipan and the Yellow Sea where she fired at a Japanese schooner and left it in flames. She later took up lifeguard duty off Shanghai, China picking up B-29 survivors. She later fired upon an I-class enemy submarine... and assumed that the submarine had been sunk.

Lionfish continued her lifeguard duty off the Nansei Shoto and Honshu, Japan... and remained in this area until hostilities ended. She, thence, departed for the west coast's Mare Island Navy Yard where she was decommissioned and entered the Pacific Reserve Fleet.

Lionfish was recommissioned January 1951 to serve as training ship for the Sonar School; thence to New London and Guantanamo Bay. She later sailed for a Mediterranean Cruise to participate in NATO exercises.

Of particular note: as a member of an American Wolfpack she helped to track the giant Japanese Battleship Yamato on that ship's last voyage.

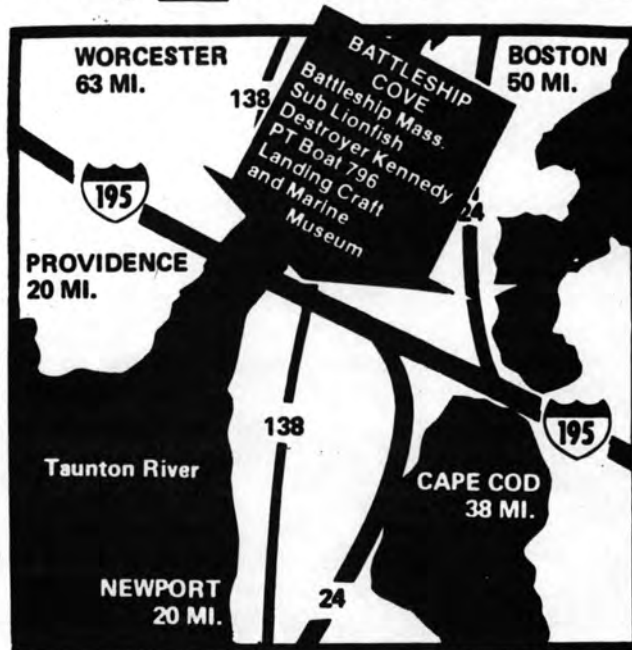
Lionfish was later placed in reserve service at the Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Pier in Providence, Rhode Island. She arrived at Battleship Cove in 1972.

Displacement: 1,526 tons
Lenth: 311 feet 9 inches
Beam: 27 feet 3 inches
Draft: 15 feet 3 inches
Speed: 20 knots surface... 9 submerged
Crew: 80

Armament: 20 Torpedoes (Mark 14, 18 or 23)
1 5-inch 25 Caliber Deck Gun
1 40mm Gun
1 20mm Gun

It's easy to get to Battleship Cove

Stop **3** on the **Americana trail**



Just follow the signs

Coming from Providence on Route 195, cross the Braga Bridge, take "Milliken Blvd." exit 5, go left at fork on ramp, left at first stop sign, and left at first traffic light. Proceed down hill to Battleship Cove.

Coming from New Bedford on Route 195, take exit 5, "Davol St." exit, bear right at fork on ramp.

Coming into Fall River on Route 138 from either direction, turn down Central St.

Coming from afar — Take I-195 or Route 24 to Fall River, follow signs to Battleship Cove. (617) 678-1100

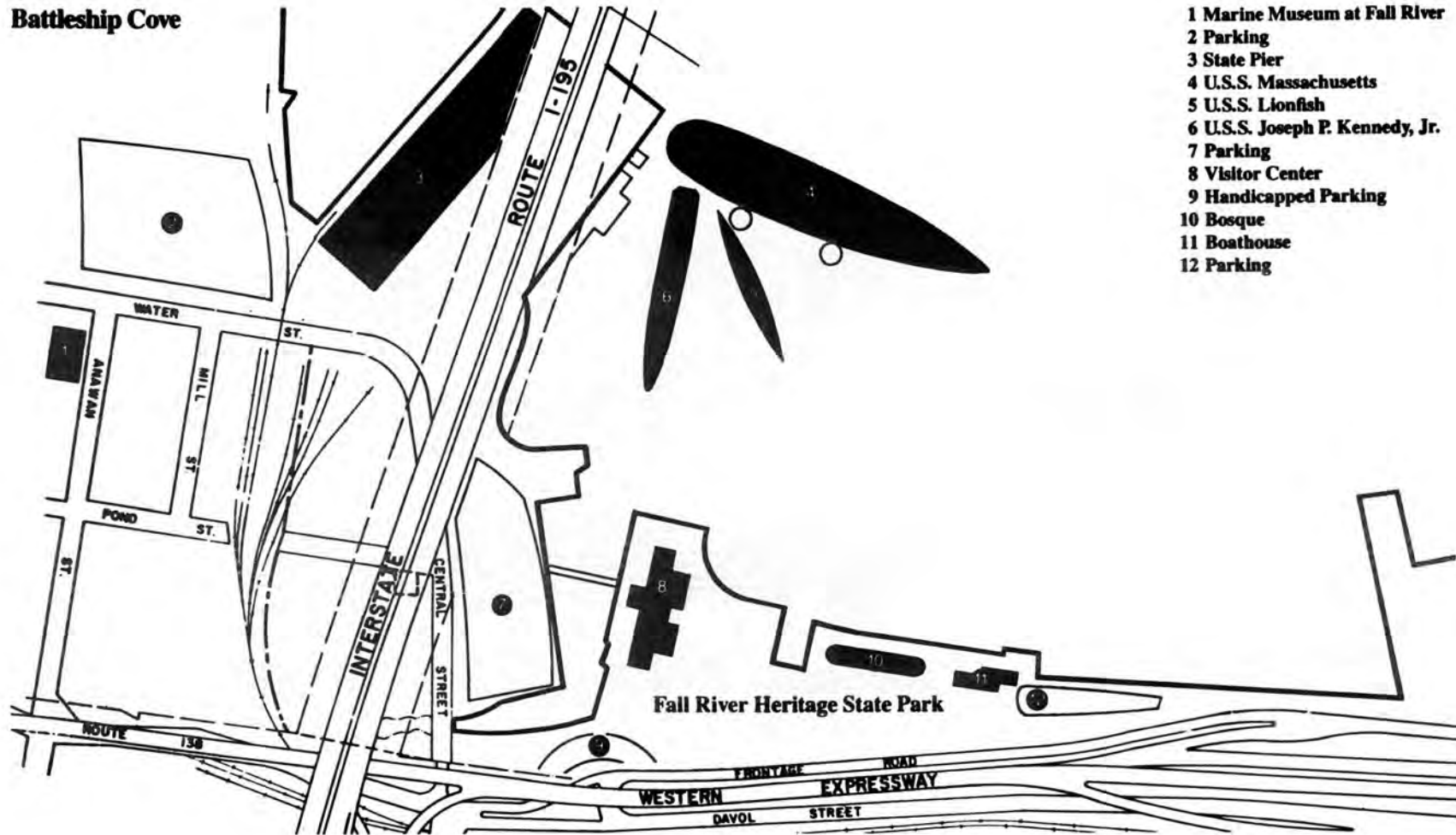
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Frank Vieira, Treasurer

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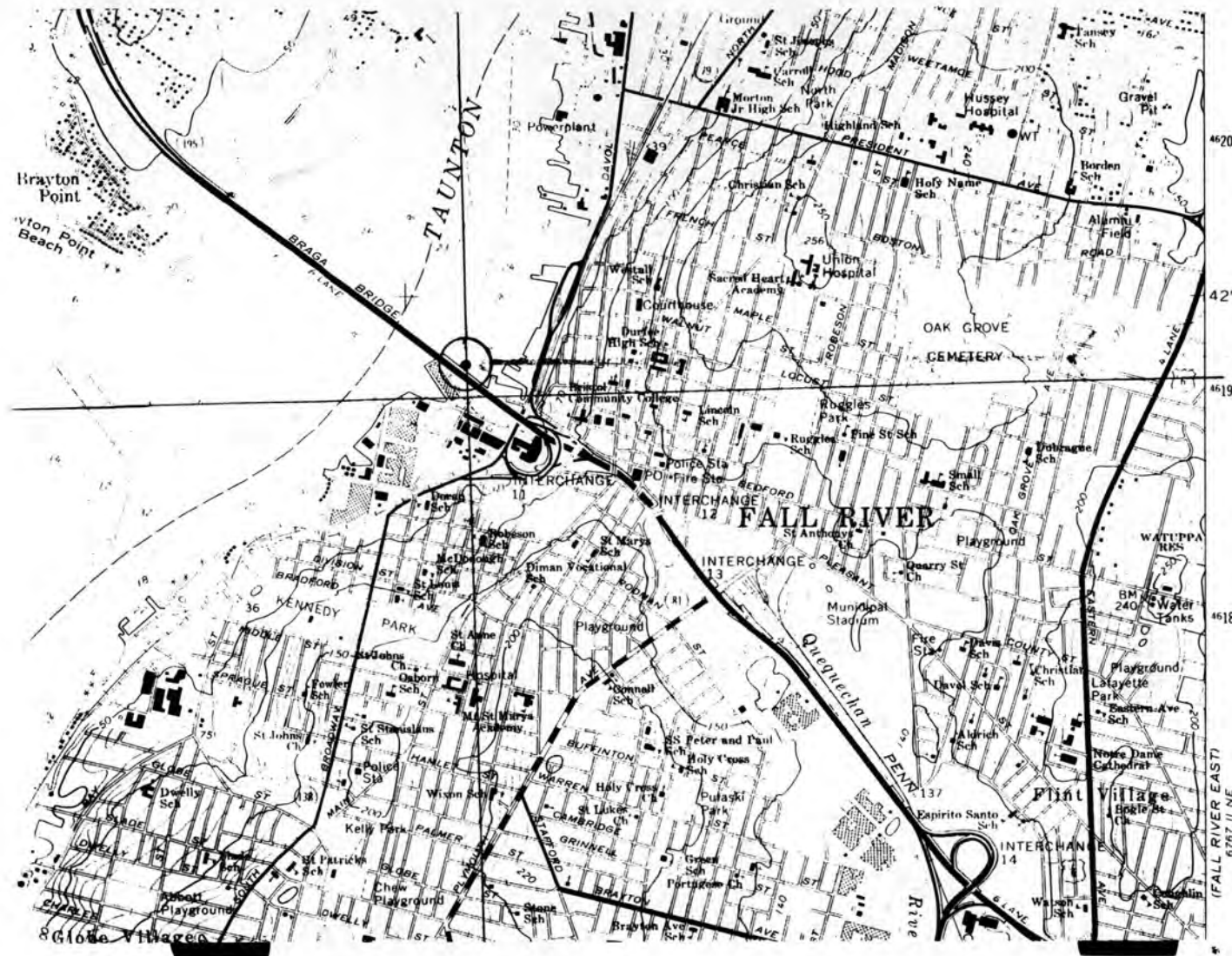


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- 2 Parking
- 3 State Pier
- 4 U.S.S. Massachusetts
- 5 U.S.S. Lionfish
- 6 U.S.S. Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr.
- 7 Parking
- 8 Visitor Center
- 9 Handicapped Parking
- 10 Bosque
- 11 Boathouse
- 12 Parking



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Environmental Management
100 Cambridge Street
Boston MA 02202

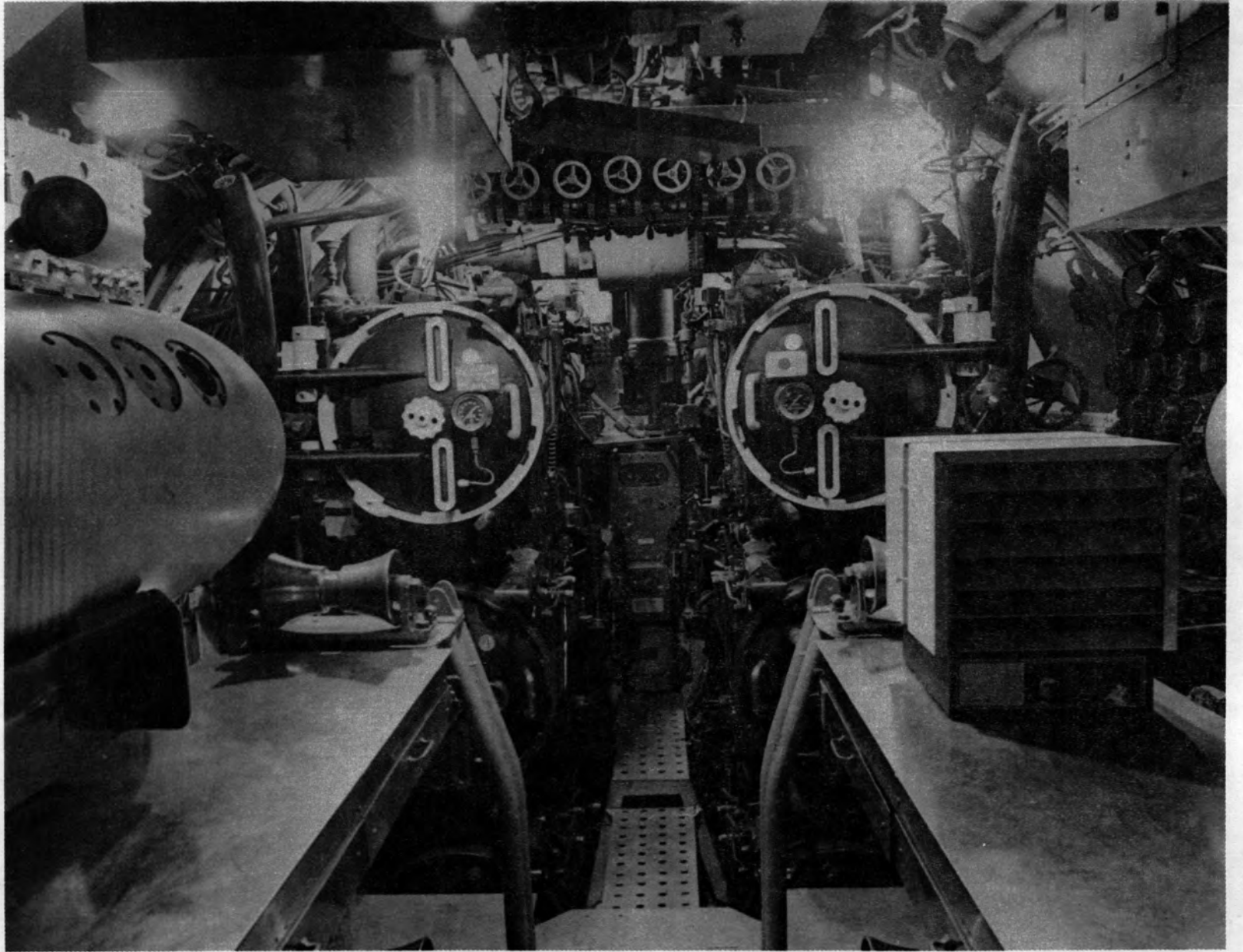
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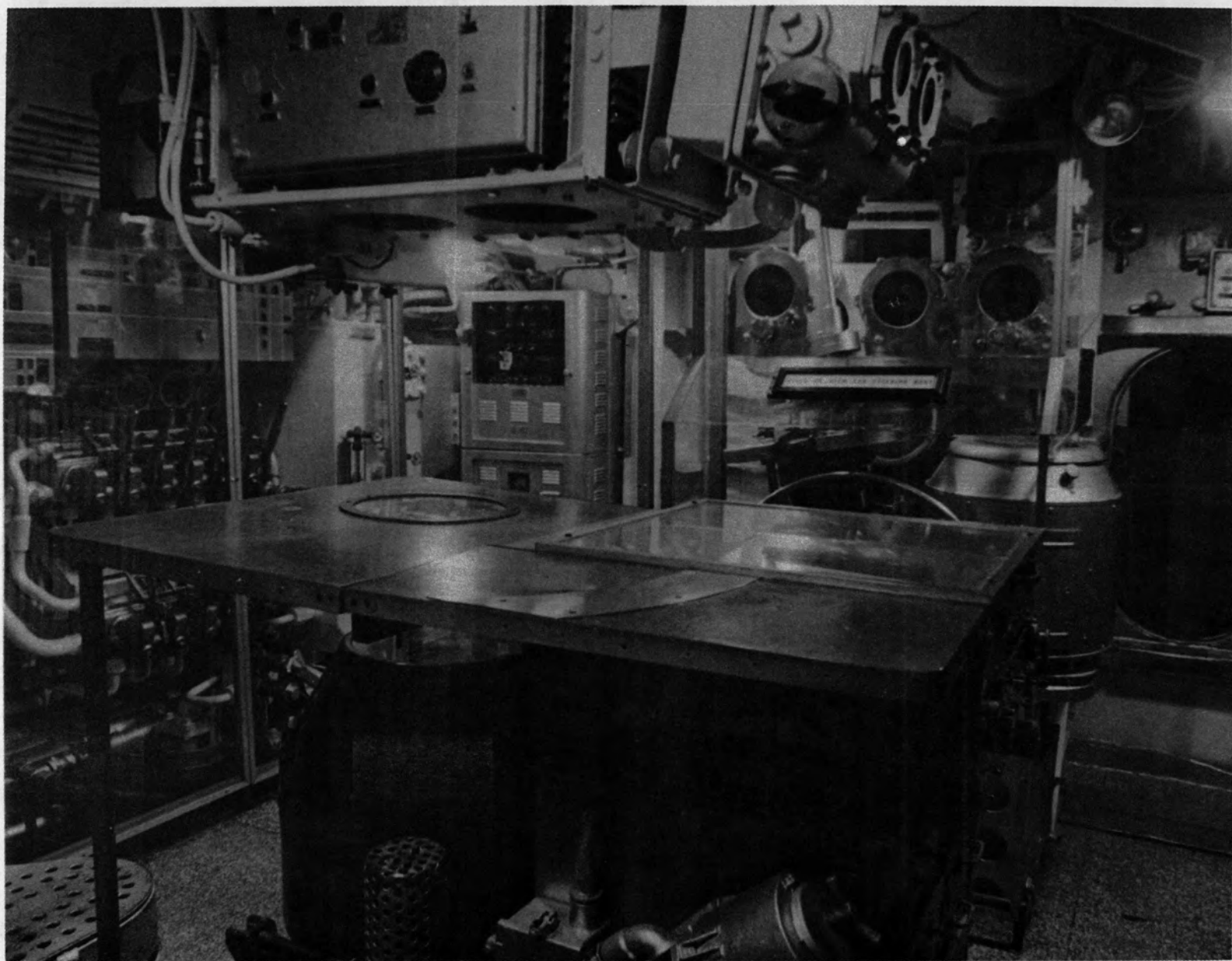
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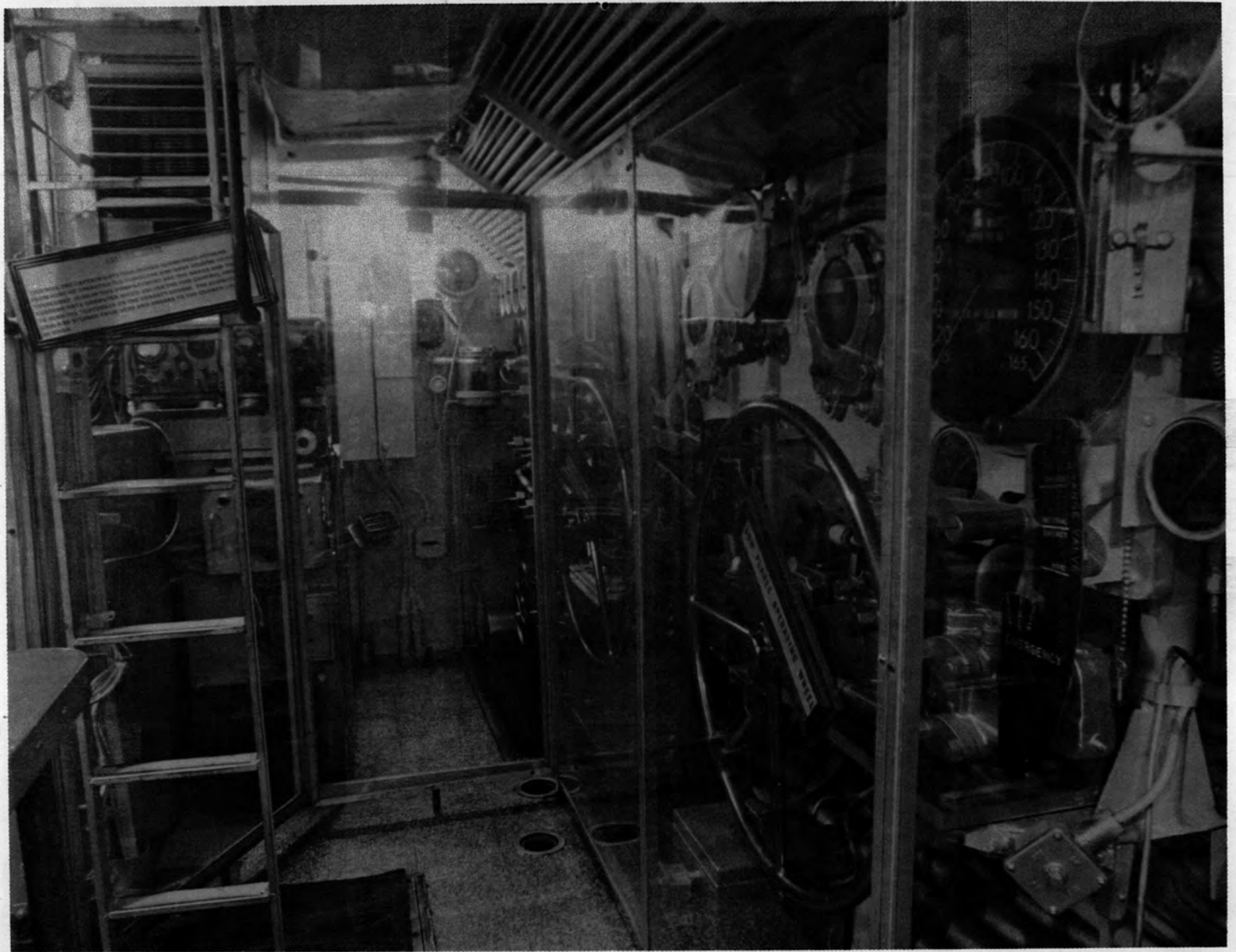
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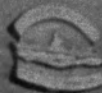
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7. Photo #4



STILL ON PATROL



ALBACORE
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CAPELIN
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CORVINA
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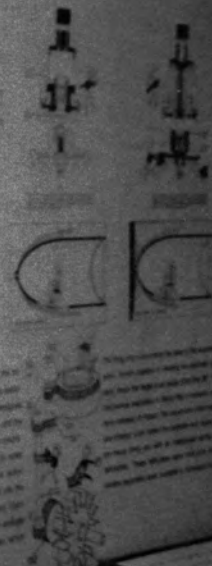


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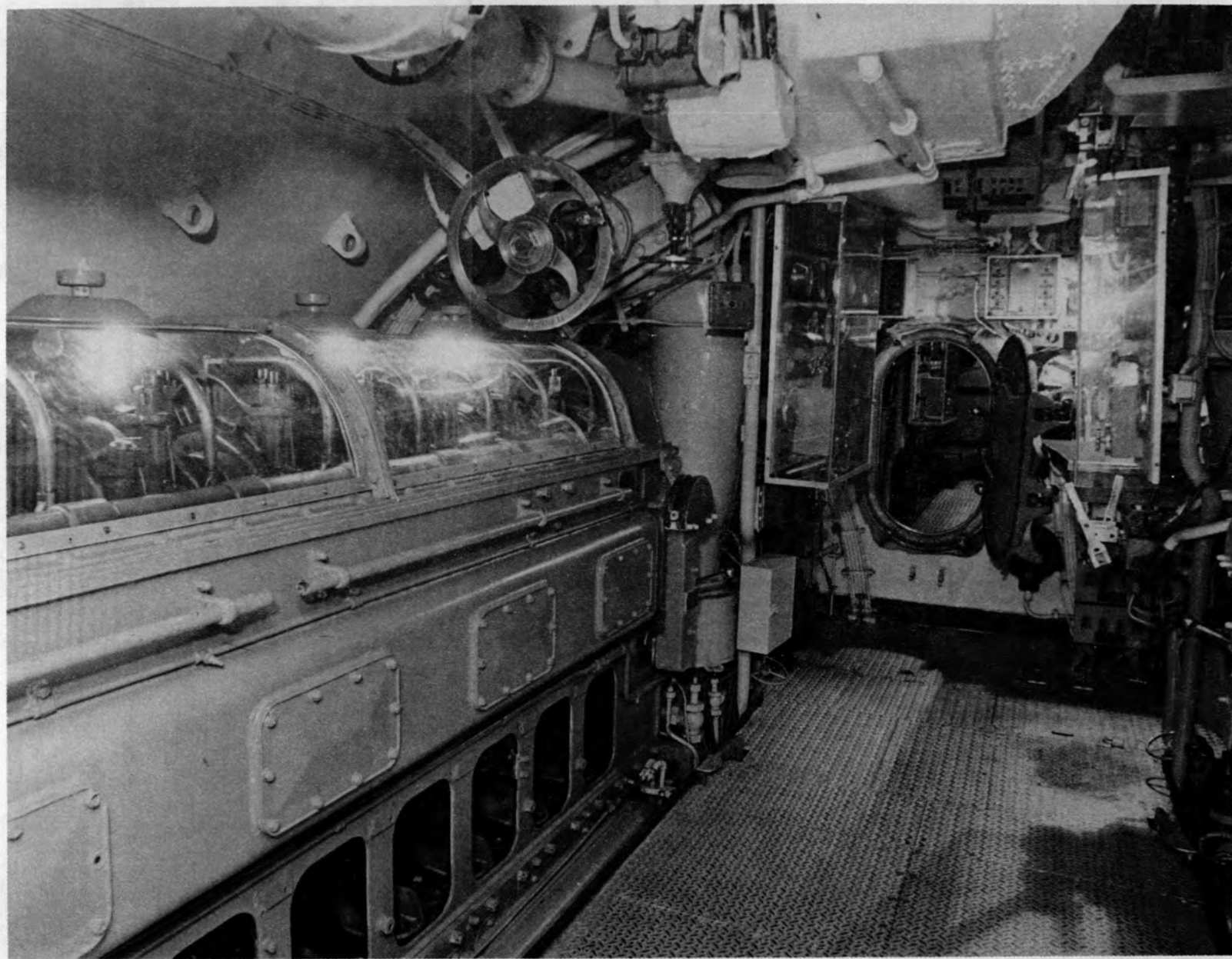
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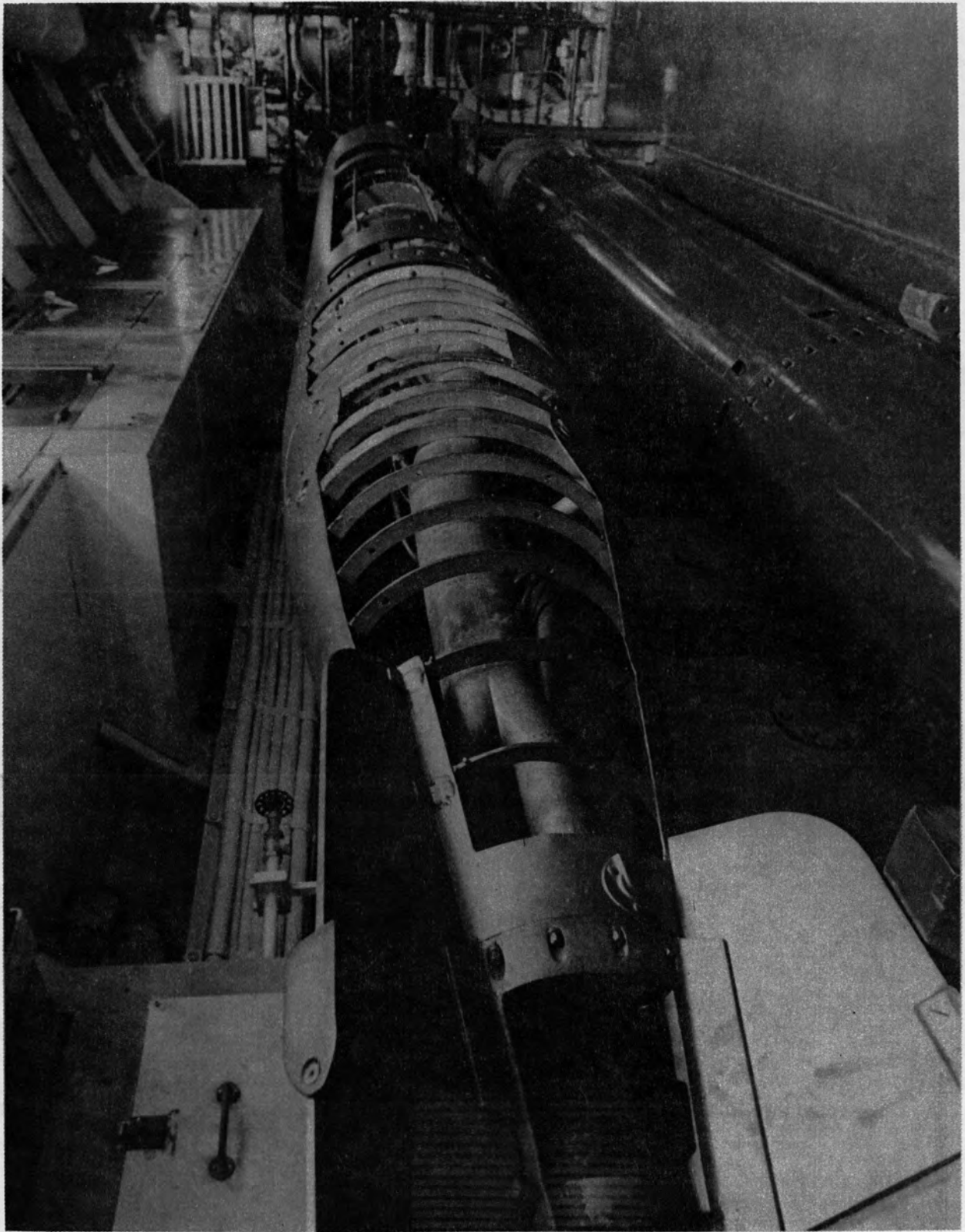
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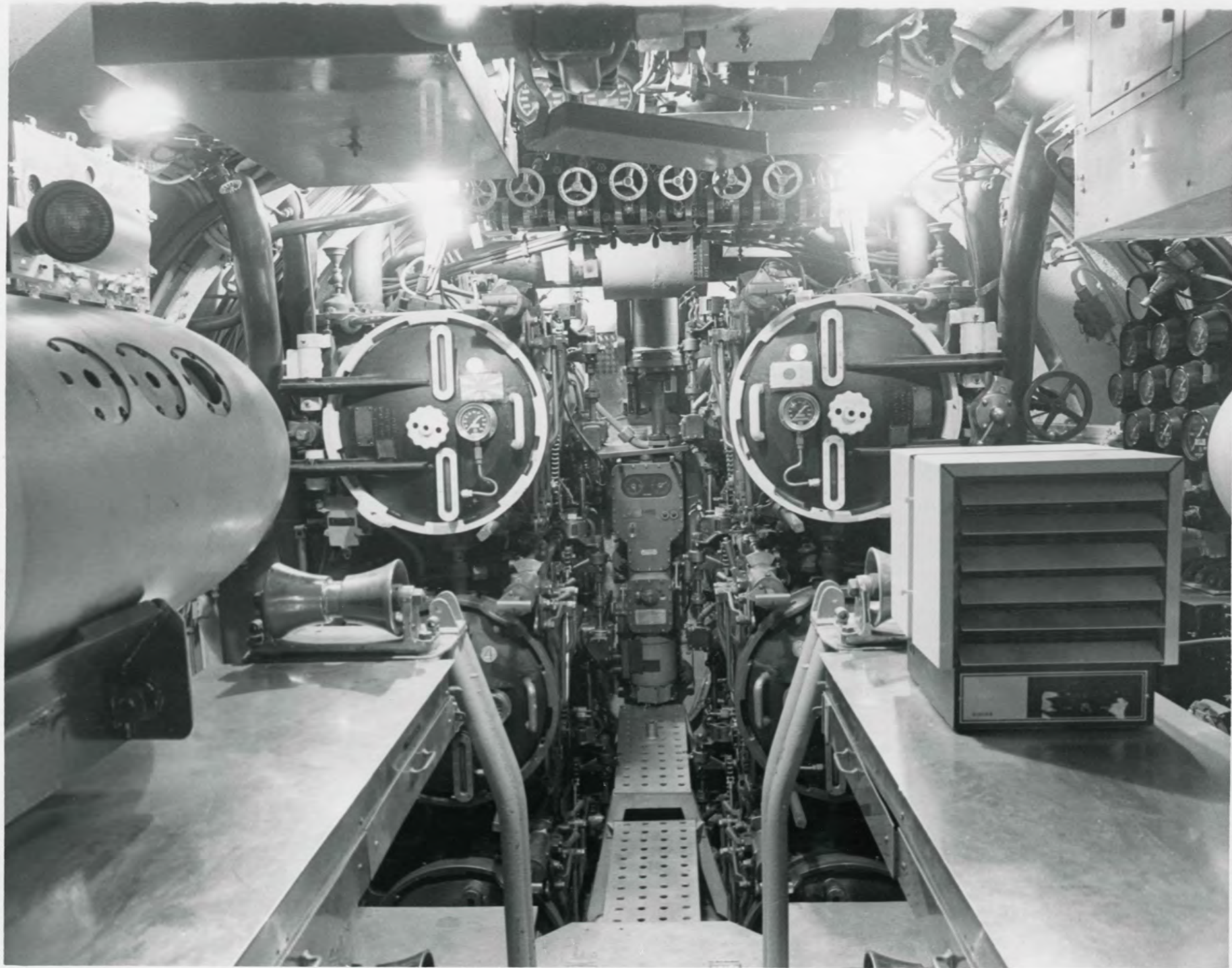


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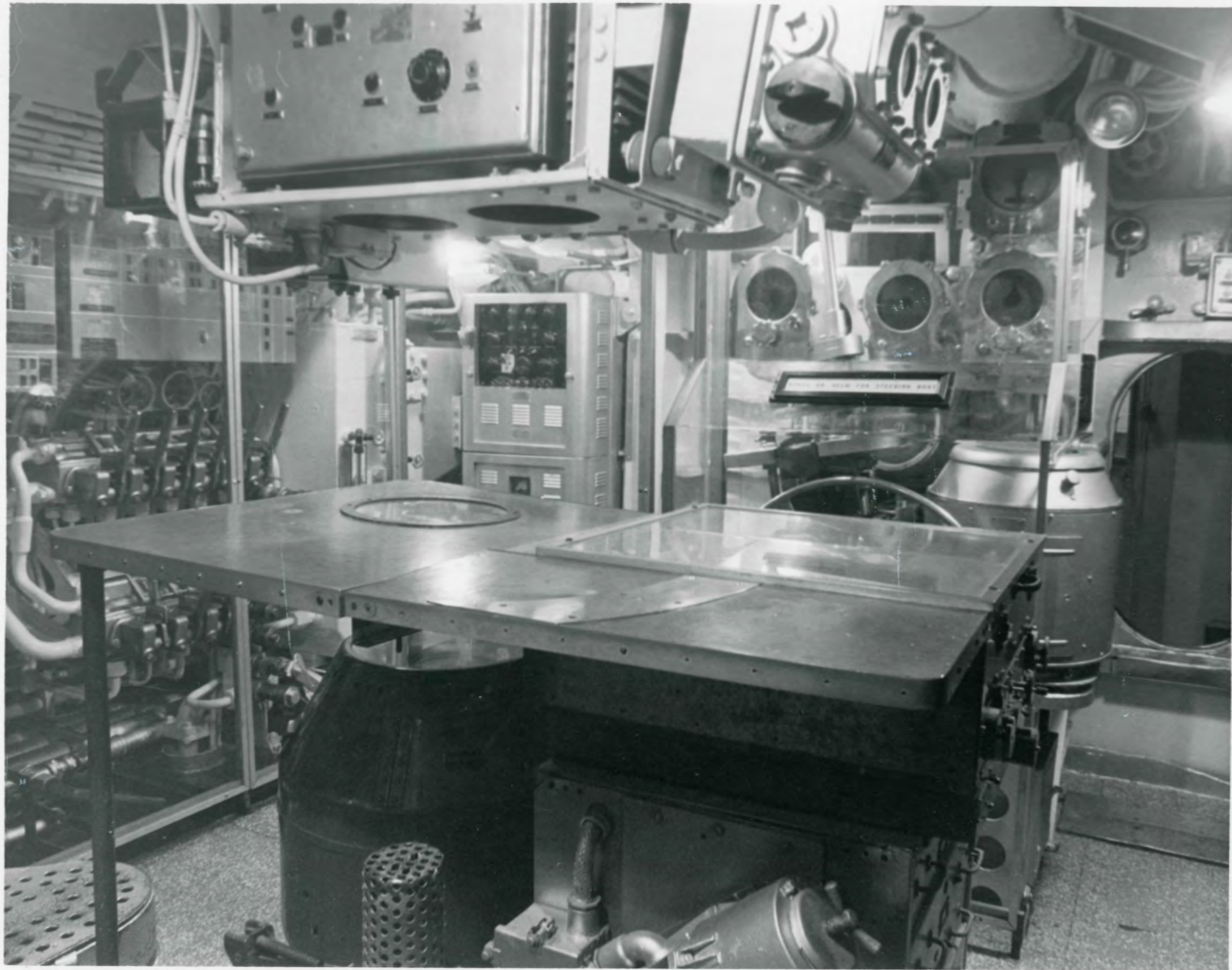
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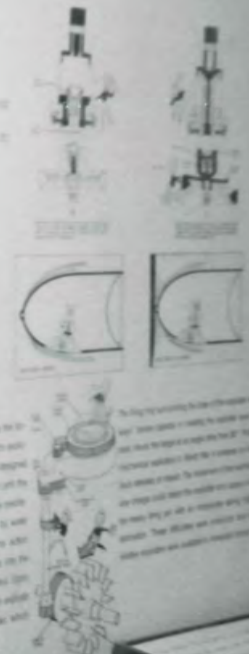
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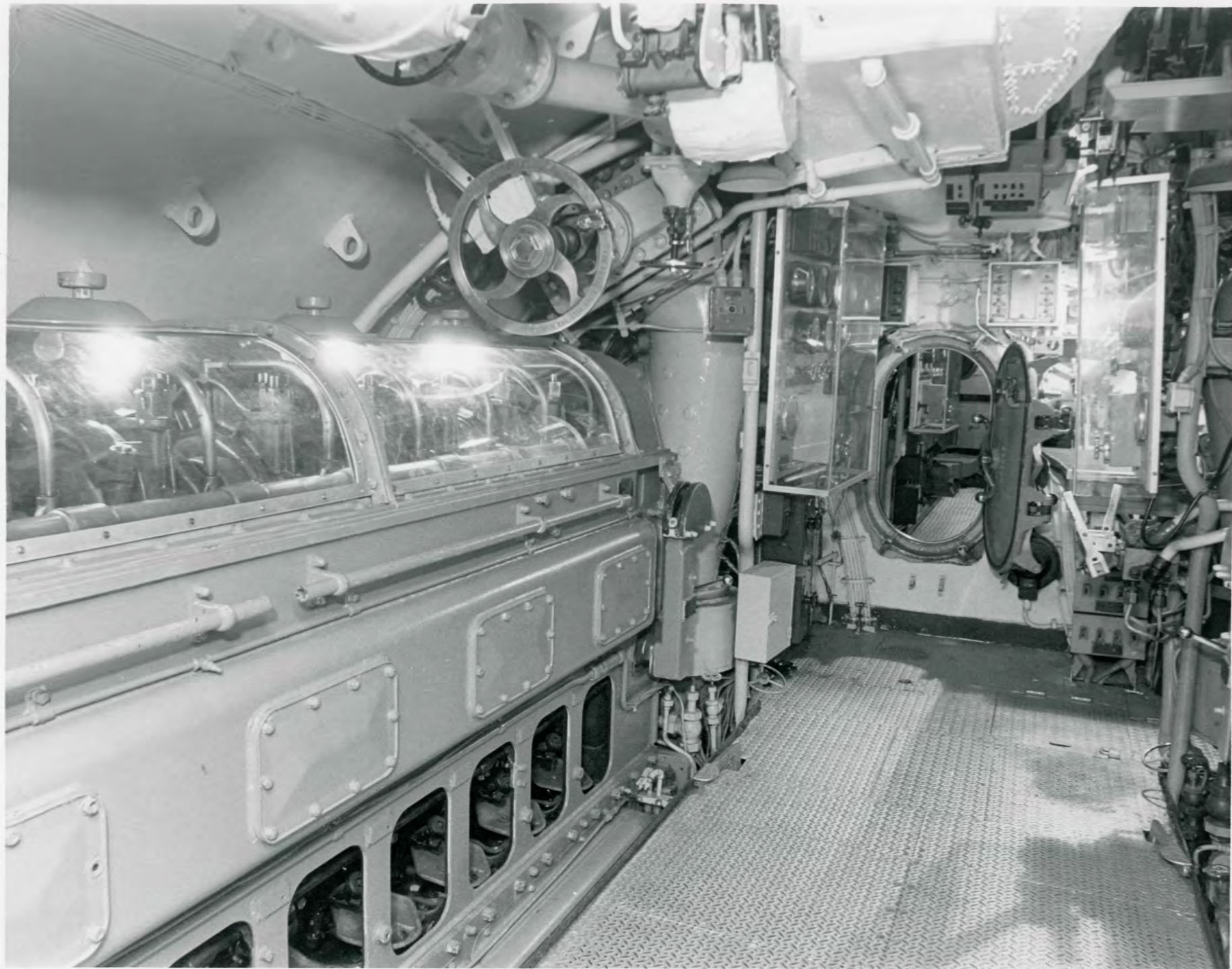
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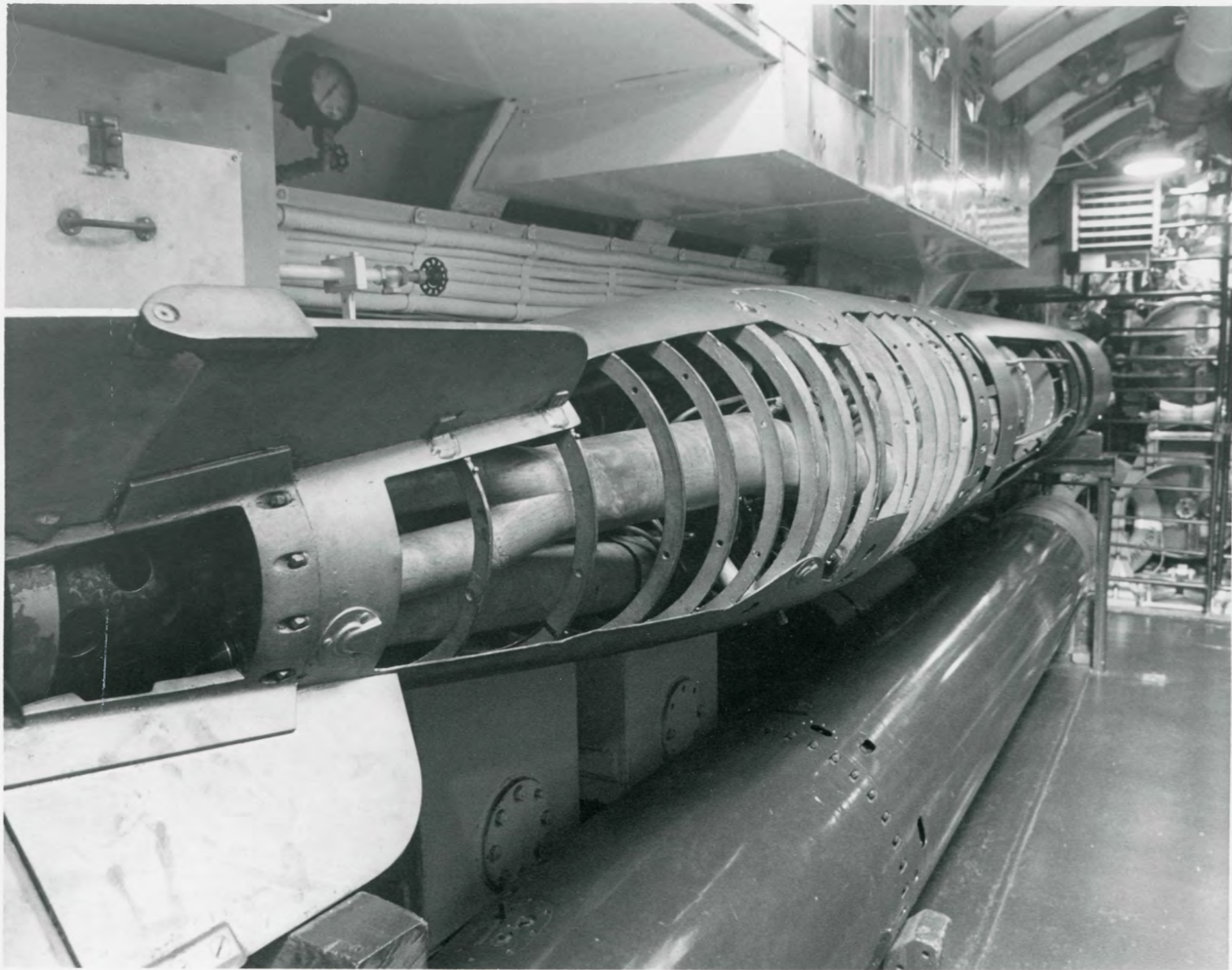
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JUL 23 1985

Honorable Edward M. Kennedy
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Kennedy:

We are pleased to inform you that the National Park Service has completed the studies of the properties identified on the enclosed sheet for the purpose of nominating them for possible designation as National Historic Landmarks. We enclose copies of the study reports. The National Park System Advisory Board will consider the nominations during its next meeting at the time and place indicated on the enclosure. The Board will make its recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior based upon the criteria of the National Historic Landmarks Program.

You will have at least 60 days before the meeting of the Advisory Board to submit your views in writing if you so desire. After the 60-day period, we will submit the nominations and your comments to the Advisory Board and then inform the Secretary of the Board's recommendations for his final action.

To assist you in considering this matter, we have enclosed a copy of the regulations that govern the National Historic Landmarks Program. They describe the criteria for designation (Sec. 65.4), the effects of designation (Sec. 65.2), and specify how you may comment on a proposed designation (Sec. 65.5(d)(4-5)). Should you wish to comment, please send your comments to Mr. Edwin C. Bearss, Chief Historian, National Park Service, History Division (418), P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127.

Sincerely,

/Sgd/Jerry L. Rogers

Associate Director

Enclosures

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IDENTICAL LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THOSE PEOPLE LISTED ON THE ATTACHED SHEET

cc: Regional Director (MARO)(4000)	Regional Director (NARO)(1600)
Harrison (MARO)(4000)	Pitcaithley (NARO)(1600)
Bond (MARO)(4000)	Peluso (MARO)(4000)
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418 WORLD WAR II SHIPS THEME STUDY (NHL Pending)	
418 PT Boat 796 (NHL Pending)	
418 USS <u>JOSEPH P. KENNEDY</u> (NHL Pending)	
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PROPERTIES STUDIED FOR NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK DESIGNATION

1. PT Boat 796, Fall River, Massachusetts
2. USS Cassin Young, Boston, Massachusetts
3. USS Joseph P. Kennedy, Fall River, Massachusetts
4. USS Lionfish, Fall River, Massachusetts
5. USS Massachusetts, Fall River, Massachusetts

As a private owner of the properties identified above you may concur in or object to designation. Your comments may govern whether or not the properties will be designated. You can find guidance for your comments in Section 65.5(d)(4-5) of the enclosed regulations.

In commenting on the possible designation of the above indicated properties you can find guidance in Section 65.5(d)(4) of the enclosed regulations.

The above properties will be considered for possible designation as National Historic Landmarks by the National Park System Advisory Board at a meeting tentatively scheduled for the last week in September, 1985, in Washington, DC. Should you wish to obtain information about the meeting, or about the National Historic Landmarks Program, please contact Ben Levy at the National Park Service, History Division (418), P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127, 202-343-8164 or FTS-343-8164.

If you have questions about the studies, you may contact Dr. Harry A. Butowsky at the same address, 202-343-8168 or FTS-343-8168.

[A] Massachusetts

Honorable Edward M. Kennedy "Senator Kennedy"
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

[A] Massachusetts

Honorable John F. Kerry "Senator Kerry"
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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Honorable Barney Frank "Mr. Frank"
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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MAIL 3 0 1985

Honorable Carleton M. Viveiros
Mayor of the City of Fall River
1 Government Center
Fall River, Massachusetts 02722

Dear Mayor Viveiros:

We are pleased to inform you that the National Park Service has completed the studies of the properties identified on the enclosed sheet for the purpose of nominating them for possible designation as National Historic Landmarks. We enclose copies of the study reports. The National Park System Advisory Board will consider the nominations during its next meeting at the time and place indicated on the enclosure. The Board will make its recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior based upon the criteria of the National Historic Landmarks Program.

You will have at least 60 days before the meeting of the Advisory Board to submit your views in writing if you so desire. After the 60-day period, we will submit the nominations and your comments to the Advisory Board and then inform the Secretary of the Board's recommendations for his final action.

To assist you in considering this matter, we have enclosed a copy of the regulations that govern the National Historic Landmarks Program. They describe the criteria for designation (Sec. 65.4), the effects of designation (Sec. 65.2), and specify how you may comment on a proposed designation (Sec. 65.5(d)(4-5)). Should you wish to comment, please send your comments to me, Chief Historian, National Park Service, History Division (418), P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127.

Sincerely,

/s/ Edwin C. Bearss

Edwin C. Bearss
Chief Historian

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PROPERTIES STUDIED FOR NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK DESIGNATION

1. PT Boat 796, Fall River, Massachusetts
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3. USS Lionfish, Fall River, Massachusetts
4. USS Massachusetts, Fall River, Massachusetts

As a private owner of the properties identified above you may concur in or object to designation. Your comments may govern whether or not the properties will be designated. You can find guidance for your comments in Section 65.5(d)(4-5) of the enclosed regulations.

In commenting on the possible designation of the above indicated properties you can find guidance in Section 65.5(d)(4) of the enclosed regulations.

The above properties will be considered for possible designation as National Historic Landmarks by the National Park System Advisory Board at a meeting tentatively scheduled for the last week in September, 1985, in Washington, DC. Should you wish to obtain information about the meeting, or about the National Historic Landmarks Program, please contact Ben Levy at the National Park Service, History Division (418), P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127, 202-343-8164 or FTS-343-8164.

If you have questions about the studies, you may contact Dr. Harry A. Butowsky at the same address, 202-343-8168 or FTS-343-8168.

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DEC 13 1985

Memorandum

TO: The Secretary

THROUGH: Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks (Sgd) P. Daniel Smith
JAN 7 1986

FROM: Acting Director, National Park Service

SUBJECT SUMMARY: Designation of 22 Warships Associated with World War II as National Historic Landmarks -- Request for Secretarial Action

DISCUSSION: The National Park System Advisory Board, at a meeting on November 5, 1985, recommended designation as National Historic Landmarks of the 22 warships associated with World War II in the Pacific listed in the attachment. The studies nominating these properties for Landmark designation were prepared in partial fulfillment of the requirements of Public Law 95-348.

In accordance with National Historic Landmarks Program regulations, the Board reviewed those nomination studies and found that these 22 vessels meet National Historic Landmarks Program criteria. The Board members voted unanimously to recommend these designations, which represent 22 of the 25 vessels proposed for Landmark status in the National Historic Landmark theme study "Warships Associated with World War II in the Pacific." No objections to these designations have been raised by any of the parties required to be notified of Landmark nomination proposals.

I recommend that you approve the Board's recommendation and designate all 22 vessels on the attached list as National Historic Landmarks.

s/ Denis P. Galvin

Attachment

Approve Ann McLaughlin

Disapprove _____

Date 14 JAN 1986

Date _____

Prepared by: Laura Feller ext.: 343-8167

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WARSHIPS ASSOCIATED WITH WORLD WAR II IN THE PACIFIC
NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK THEME STUDY

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ESSEX CLASS

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2. USS Yorktown (Charleston, South Carolina)

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Denis P. Galvin

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Disapprove _____

Date 1-14-86

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JAN 23 1986

Memorandum

To: Chief, Branch of Registration, National Register
From: Chief Historian **/s/ Edwin C. Bearss**
Subject: Recent Designations of 22 Warships and Tinian as National Historic Landmarks

On December 30, 1985, the Secretary of the Interior designated the Tinian Landing Beaches, Ushi Point Field, and North Field on Tinian Island as a National Historic Landmark. On January 14, 1986, he designated the following 22 warships as National Historic Landmarks, as a result of a theme study of warships associated with World War II in the Pacific:

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Attached are copies of the Landmark nomination studies that were prepared in support of these designations. Please note the date of Landmark designation on the National Register listings of these properties.

Attachments

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INTERIOR SECRETARY DESIGNATES 22 WARSHIPS NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARKS

Secretary of the Interior Don Hodel has announced the designation of 22 warships associated with World War II in the Pacific as National Historic Landmarks. The National Historic Landmarks are located in the States of Alabama, California, Hawaii, Illinois, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, Nebraska, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Wisconsin.

Secretary Hodel said, "These warships represent key elements of the American fleet used in World War II in the Pacific. The success of the fleet depended on the successful operation of its many ships, each performing a specialized mission to accomplish the overall objective of ending the war."

The large fleet of warships included aircraft carriers, battleships, destroyers, submarines, minesweepers, torpedo boats, and liberty ships.

The Historic Sites Act of 1935 authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to recognize historic places judged to have exceptional value to the Nation. Landmark recognition encourages preservation efforts by State, local, and private agencies and groups. Once the Secretary designates a National Historic Landmark, its owner is invited to apply for landmark recognition. This takes the form of a certificate signed by the Secretary and a bronze plaque attesting to the significance of the property. The owner agrees to observe simple preservation precepts with respect to the property and receives technical advice and assistance from preservation experts if needed.

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(Attached is a list and description of the 22 designated National Historic Landmarks.)

DESIGNATED NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARKS

o Aircraft carriers. USS Intrepid (New York City) and USS Yorktown (Charleston, South Carolina). These are Essex class aircraft carriers that represent the role and power of the aircraft carrier as the principal capital ship of the Navy after 1941. Both ships have been altered from their World War II configuration with the addition of angled flight decks.

o Battleships. USS North Carolina (Wilmington, North Carolina), USS Alabama (Mobile, Alabama), and USS Massachusetts (Fall River, Massachusetts). These represent the role of the American battleship which changed from the principal capital ship of the Navy to a support ship designed to protect and screen the fast Essex class carrier battlegroups.

o Destroyers. USS Kidd (Baton Rouge, Louisiana); USS Cassin Young, (Boston, Massachusetts); USS Sullivans (Buffalo, New York); and USS Laffey (Charleston, South Carolina). These four destroyers were all purpose ships ready to fight off attacks from the air, on the surface, or from below the sea. USS Laffey is particularly significant because of her action on April 16, 1945, when she fought one of the most famous destroyer-Kamikaze duels of the Pacific War. During this action USS Laffey managed to shoot down 11 of the attacking planes while being hit by 5 Kamikazes and 2 bombs, killing 32 and wounding 71 of her crew. USS Laffey was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation for this action.

o Submarines. USS Silversides (Chicago, Illinois); USS Drum (Mobile, Alabama); USS Cobia (Manitowoc, Wisconsin); USS Cod (Cleveland, Ohio); USS Bowfin (Honolulu, Hawaii); USS Pampanito (San Francisco, California); USS Lionfish (Fall River, Massachusetts); USS Becuna (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania); and USS Torsk (Baltimore, Maryland.)

During the war, American submarines sank more than 600,000 tons of Japanese warships and more than 5,000,000 tons of merchant shipping. This was accomplished by a force that never numbered more than 2 percent of naval personnel engaged in the war. American submarines formed a blockade that denied Japan the oil, food, and other raw materials she needed to continue to fight.

The Gato class was the standard design for American submarines at the beginning of World War II. The Gato class, and its successor, the Balao class, bore the brunt of the fighting against Japan during the war. USS Silversides, USS Drum, USS Cobia, and USS Cod are all Gato class submarines.

Balao class submarines were an improved version of the previous Gato class. They were designed to dive to depth of 400 feet as opposed to the 300 feet for Gato class boats. USS Bowfin, USS Pampanito, USS Lionfish, and USS Becuna are all Balao class submarines.

USS Torsk is the only surviving Tench class submarine that saw service in the Pacific. Tench class boats were improved copies of the previous Gato/Balao classes and represent the final submarine design of World War II. USS Torsk fired the last torpedoes of World War II and is credited with sinking the last Japanese combat ships to be lost in the war.

o Minesweepers. USS Hazard (Omaha, Nebraska) and USS Inaugural (St. Louis, Missouri). Both ships are fleet minesweepers of the Admirable class and represent the role of the many support ships designed to service and protect larger naval vessels in operation. The purpose of fleet minesweepers was to arrive before the main battle fleet and sweep the area for mines. There were the first navy vessels to arrive in a new area and the last to leave.

o Toredodo Boats. PT 796 (Fall River, Massachusetts). PT 796 is a Higgins-type torpedo boat. PT boats were small, fast, and ultimately expendable interdiction ships, armed with torpedoes and machine guns for cutting enemy communication lines, for harassing enemy forces, and for short-range oceanic scouting.

o Liberty Ships. SS Jeremiah O'Brien (San Francisco, California). Liberty Ships were an emergency response to a critical shortage of maritime cargo ships in World War II. Manned by merchant seamen and a naval armed guard, they carried all types of war supplies throughout the Pacific, Indian, Arctic and Atlantic Oceans. More than 2,700 Liberty Ships were constructed during the war.

SS Jeremiah O'Brien is the sole operable, unaltered survivor of this great fleet of ships built during the war. She represents the largest class of ships constructed by the United States during the war.

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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MAR 17 1986

Ms. Valerie A. Talmage
Executive Director
Massachusetts Historical Commission
80 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Dear Ms. Talmage:

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Designation as a National Historic Landmark automatically places a property in the National Register of Historic Places, if it is not already so listed, and extends to it the safeguards and benefits provided by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and other Federal laws protecting historic properties.

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Sincerely,

s/Edwin C. Bearss

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Chief Historian

Enclosure

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Certificates attesting to the national significance of the properties and the Secretary's designation of them as National Historic Landmarks will be sent to you, as the owner of the properties. You are also eligible to receive bronze plaques to commemorate their designation. Copies of the plaque application form are enclosed. If you wish to request the plaques, please complete the forms in triplicate for each property and return two copies to the National Park Service, History Division (418), P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127. You may retain the third copies for your records. Each certificate and plaque will bear the name of each property as it appears above. If you have questions about the certificates or plaques, please contact James Charleton at the above address, or by telephone (202)343-8165 or FTS: 343-8165.

Owners of Landmarks receive certificates of designation, and, upon application, will also be awarded bronze plaques. We are notifying the owners of the designations and providing the appropriate forms.

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Mr. Paul S. Vaitses, Jr.
Executive Vice President
U.S.S. Massachusetts Memorial
Committee, Inc.
Battleship Cove
Fall River, Massachusetts 02721

Dear Mr. Vaitses:

We are pleased to have received your applications for the bronze plaques identifying U.S.S. Massachusetts, U.S.S. Lionfish, and PT 796 as National Historic Landmarks.

The Regional Offices of the National Park Service coordinate the presentation of National Historic Landmark plaques and certificates. Therefore, we are notifying the Mid-Atlantic Regional Office of your applications with the request that they proceed to order and provide the bronze plaques and National Historic Landmark certificates.

If you have any questions regarding this or any related issue, you may contact:

Mr. Gene Peluso
Mid-Atlantic Regional Office
National Park Service
143 South Third Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106
(215)597-1008

Sincerely,

s/Edwin C. Bearss

Edwin C. Bearss
Chief Historian

cc: 001 Reading File
400 Reading File
418-U.S.S. Massachusetts
418-U.S.S. Lionfish
418-PT 796

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Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Mid-Atlantic Region
Attention: National Historic Landmark Coordinator

From: ^{Acting Deputy} Director

Subject: National Historic Landmark Plaque Applications

Single copies are attached of the applications by the owners of the Darwin D. Martin House, Buffalo, New York; U.S.S. Massachusetts, U.S.S. Lionfish, and PT 796, all in Fall River, Massachusetts; U.S.S. Cod, Cleveland, Ohio; the Lawrenceville School, Lawrenceville, New Jersey; and the Seventh Regiment Armory, New York, New York, for the plaques identifying these National Historic Landmarks.

We ask you to contact the owners and arrange to order and provide the plaques. We will provide the requisite National Historic Landmark certificates.

s/ Stanley T. Albright

Attachments

cc: 001 Mott
001 Reading File
400 Reading File
418-U.S.S. Massachusetts (Fall River, Mass.) (NHL)
418-U.S.S. Lionfish (Fall River, Mass.) (NHL)
418-PT 796 (Fall River, Mass.) (NHL)
418-U.S.S. Cod (Cleveland, Ohio) (NHL)
418-Lawrenceville School (Lawrenceville, New Jersey) (NHL)
418-Seventh Regiment Armory (NHL)
418-Martin House (NHL)

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THOMAS DISK 17: ITEM #33

March 25, 1986
(Date)

Chief
Division of History
National Park Service
P.O. Box 37127
Washington, DC 20013-7127

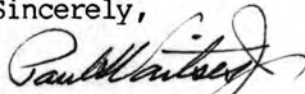
Dear Sir:

As the owner(s) of U.S.S. LIONFISH
located in Fall River Bristol County Massachusetts
(City) (County) (State)

(~~I~~, We) hereby make application for a bronze plaque identifying the property as a National Historic Landmark.

1. Fully conscious of the high responsibility to the Nation that goes with the ownership and care of a property classified as having national significance and worthy of National Historic Landmark status, (I, we) agree to preserve, so far as practicable and to the best of (my, our) ability, the historical values of the site that satisfy the criteria for national significance.
2. (I, We) agree to permit periodic inspection of the property by a representative of the National Park Service for the purpose of monitoring its integrity and the nature and degree of any threats thereto.
3. (I, We) agree that, should the Landmark designation ever be revoked in accordance with the procedures outlined in the National Historic Landmarks regulations, the bronze plaque and the certificate of designation will be surrendered upon request to the National Park Service.
4. (I, We) further agree to affix the plaque for public view and in an appropriate manner.

Sincerely,



PAUL S. VAITSES, JR.
Executive Vice President
U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS Memorial
Committee, Inc.
Battleship Cove, Fall River
MA 02721



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

P.O. BOX 37127

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20013-7127

IN REPLY REFER TO:
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Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Mid-Atlantic Region
Attention: National Historic Landmark Coordinator

From: ^{Associate} Director

Subject: National Historic Landmark Plaques and Certificates

We are transmitting for delivery to the owners the following National Historic Landmark certificates for properties in the Mid-Atlantic Region:

Lawrenceville School, New Jersey
PT 796, Massachusetts
Seventh Regiment Armory, New York
U.S.S. Lionfish, Massachusetts
U.S.S. Massachusetts, Massachusetts
Woodrow Wilson Hall, Monmouth College, New Jersey

The Department would appreciate being advised of arrangements made to present the National Historic Landmark plaques and certificates. Every effort should be made to coordinate ceremonies with the availability of high-level Departmental staff and to secure the participation of Members of Congress who represent the localities.

Please advise Jim Charleton, History Division, FTS 343-8165, of any concerns regarding these certificates.

/Sgd/Jerry L. Rogers

Enclosures

cc: 001 Reading File
400 Reading File
418-Plaques and Certificates
418-Lawrenceville School, New Jersey (NHL)
418-PT 796, Massachusetts (NHL)
418-Seventh Regiment Armory, New York (NHL)
418-U.S.S. Lionfish, Massachusetts (NHL)
418-U.S.S. Massachusetts, Massachusetts (NHL)
418-Woodrow Wilson Hall, Monmouth College, New Jersey (NHL)
Deputy Assistant Secretary Smith (FWP)

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United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

MID-ATLANTIC REGION
143 SOUTH THIRD STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA. 19106

IN REPLY REFER TO:

September 29, 1986

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OCT 13 1986

Mr. Mark Newton
U.S.S. Massachusetts
Battleship Cove
Fall River, Massachusetts 02721

Dear Mr. Newton:

I have just spoken with Mr. Larry Nash, Superintendent of Roger Williams National Memorial, about the dedication ceremony for the U.S.S.

Massachusetts, U.S.S. Lionship and PT 796. Larry said the program went very well. I am glad that Larry was able to represent the National Park Service. Certificates which ordinarily are presented along with the plaques, were unavailable when Larry made the presentation. We are sending those certificates to you at this time.

Sincerely,

John W. Bond

John W. Bond
Chief, Division of Park Resources
and Preservation Planning

Enclosures

cc:
Regional Director, NARO
Chief Historian, WASO
Supt., Roger Williams National Memorial

NEWS

from the
BATTLESHIP MASSACHUSETTS

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September 26, 1986/FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE. Contact: Paul S. Vaitses, Jr., Executive Vice President or Mark Newton, Educational Coordinator - Curator.

Three of Battleship Cove's exhibit ships were designation National Historic Landmarks by the United States National Park Service in a ceremony held aboard U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS at Battleship Cove today.

The battleship MASSACHUSETTS, submarine U.S.S. LIONFISH, and PT Boat 796 were studied in 1984 and 1985 in a Congressionally-mandated program to determine the historic significance of memorial ships around the nation which participated in the Pacific Theater of operations during WWII. 25 warships, including the three at Battleship Cove, were considered by the National Park Service in the study.

U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS served in the Pacific as did LIONFISH. PT 796, although it did not see action during the war, was designated because it was at the time of the study the only Higgins-type PT boat preserved and on display. PT 796 played the part of PT 109 in President John F. Kennedy's inaugural parade in January 1961.

Garry Nash, director of the Roger Williams National Historic Site in Providence, RI, represented the National Park Service at the ceremony and presented bronze plaques and certificates for each of the designated warships. Stanley Gower of Attleboro, MA, President of the U.S.S. MASSACHUSETTS Memorial Committee, accepted the plaques and certificates. Wartime crewmembers of the battleship and the submarine were present, as were PT boat veterans of WWII. The presentation ceremony was followed by a buffet luncheon on the battleship's wardroom and a tour of the 35,000 ton dreadnought.

Paul S. Vaitses, Jr., Executive Vice President of the Memorial Committee and one of the battleship's wartime crewmembers, said that the Landmark designation carries great meaning. "It signifies our responsibility in preserving these examples of American naval history and in carrying their meaning and message into the future.

Battleship Cove will be hosting the annual gathering of the Historic Naval Ships Association of North America, Inc., October 26-28, 1986. These gatherings bring together the operators and interpreters of most of the historic ships on exhibit in the United States, including U.S.S. ALABAMA at Mobile, AL; U.S.S. YORKTOWN at Charleston, SC; U.S.S. NORTH CAROLINA

Cove ships named historic landmarks

Battleship, PT boat, submarine in line for federal funds

Fall River

BOB JAGOLINZER
Journal-Bulletin Staff Writer

FALL RIVER — Three of the World War II-era fighting ships on display at Battleship Cove, the battleship Massachusetts, the submarine Lionfish and the PT 796, were formally dedicated as national historic landmarks yesterday in a ceremony held aboard the Massachusetts.

Larry Nash, director of the Roger Williams National Historic Site in Providence, presented plaques from the federal Department of the Interior designating the three ships as historic sites.

"Historic preservation helps save these ships from the scrap yards," he told about 50 people assembled in the ward room of the Massachusetts.

He also said that by being designated landmarks, the ships would



HANDYMAN: A worker sands the ship's upper deck as repairs to the Massachusetts continue.

be eligible for federal grants for preservation work.

Mark Newton, curator of the ships, said that preserving them helps serve as a memorial "to the men who took these ships into battle" during World War II.

The ships were selected as part of

an effort, mandated by Congress several years ago to preserve ships that fought in the Pacific Ocean during World War II. About 25 ships have been designated historic landmarks.

As the ceremony was taking place, some of the preservation

work that is necessary to keep the ships in good shape also was going on. Workers from a painting company were sandblasting part of the superstructure of the Massachusetts and daubing it with anti-rust preservative before painting it. Paul Vaites, executive vice president of the U.S.S. Massachusetts Memorial Committee, said the work is being done as part of a \$329,000 contract to paint the ship's upper works.

The money is coming from a \$2.5-million grant the state legislature approved last year to help preserve the ships.

Although the three ships were designated landmarks as part of the effort to preserve World War II fighting ships, Paul Vaites said one of the three ships did not actually take part in combat.

He said the PT 796 was selected anyway because when the study was done several years ago the PT boat was the only Higgins boat that was preserved and on display. The Higgins Boat Company of New Orleans was a major builder of PT boats during World War II.

Vaites said the destroyer Kennedy, which also is on display at the cove, was not selected because it did not see action in the war.



Three ships are named landmarks

The Battleship Massachusetts, submarine USS Lionfish and PT Boat 796 have been designated as National Historic Landmarks by the U.S. National Park Service in ceremonies Friday at Battleship Cove. Shown with the bronze plaque which marks the new status of the vessels, from left to right in rear row, George Pelletier, director of USS Battleship Massachusetts Committee; Mark Newton, educational coordinator for the battleship; Capt. James F. Gavin, director the battleship; Larry Nash, superintendent of Roger Williams National Memorial; Stanley Gower, president and director of the memorial committee and Paul Vaitses, executive director of the battleship.

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at Wilmington, NC; U.S.S. INTREPID in New York City; U.S.S. OLYMPIA in Philadelphia; U.S.S. TEXAS in San Jacinto, TX; U.S.S. LITTLE ROCK in Buffalo, NY; U.S.S. CONSTELLATION in Baltimore, MD; and U.S.S. CONSTITUTION and U.S.S. CASSIN YOUNG in Boston, MA.
