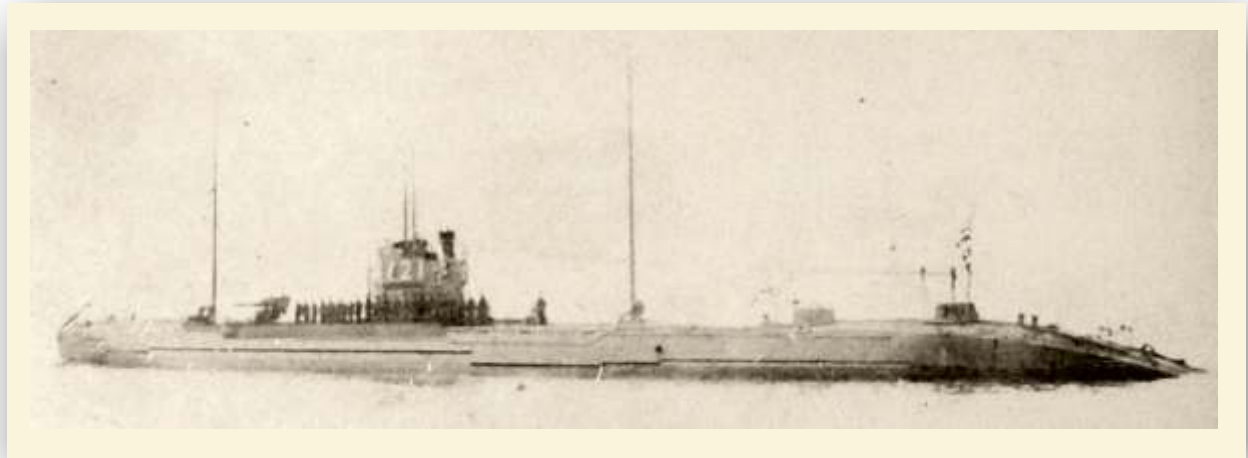


JAPANESE SUBMARINES ON THE WEST COAST

Japanese Type B1 submarines were longer than a football field; had a crew of 94; could carry 17 torpedoes, an airplane, and a deck gun that could shoot 5.5 inch shells.



In the last days of 1941, Type B1 subs carried out eight attacks on U.S. flag vessel along the California coast:

- Steamship Dorothy Phillips shelled off Monterey
- Tanker Agwiworld shelled off Santa Cruz
- Tanker Emidio shelled, torpedoed, and sunk off Cape Mendocino
- Tanker H.M. Story shelled SW of Cape Mendocino
- Tanker Montebello torpedoed, and sunk 4 miles south off Piedras Blancas light
- Tanker Idaho shelled south of Piedras Blancas light
- Tanker Larry Doheny shelled SW of Cape Mendocino
- Freighter Absoroaka shelled 26 miles off San Pedro

In February 1942, Elwood Oil Refinery near Santa Barbara was shelled causing minor damage (\$500).