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THIRD ENDORSEMENT on  
CO FLETCHER Ltr. DD445/  
A16-3, Serial 017 dated  
February 12, 1943.

From: The Commander South Pacific Area and South Pacific Force.  
To : The Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet.  
Via : The Commander Destroyers, U.S. Pacific Fleet.  
Subject: U.S.S. FLETCHER (DD445) - Action against and sinking of Enemy Submarine.

1. Forwarded, concurring in the well established opinions that the enemy submarine was destroyed.

2. This destruction resulted from excellent coordination between a vigilant A/S air patrol (HELENA), alert surface lookouts (NASHVILLE), and perfect functioning of a polished attack team (FLETCHER).

3. All hands concerned with this most successful action are heartily congratulated.

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