

1 okay, that, you know, that they had gotten everybody
2 off the other ship.

3 And then a little bit later, they had to
4 rescind that and saying there was some unaccounted for.

5 And that kind of -- that upset several of the group,
6 you know, to the point of tears.

7 So remembering that this group was 50 percent
8 men and 50 percent women.

9 Q Right.

10 A And so a couple of the women - and I don't -
11 - you know, you can understand they kind of broke down.

12 We were all in a state of shock.

13 We knew there was something that was going on
14 that was serious, you know, and that this was not
15 anything we had looked forward to happening, obviously.

16 And we were pretty down. It was a pretty
17 down group. We were caught up, I guess, in our own
18 private emotions of this thing. And none of them were
19 positive.

20 You know, we didn't know what really had
21 happened. We didn't know what the aftermath was for a
22 while. So there was not a pleasant - for the rest of
23 the time that we were, things were very - very quiet,
24 very solemn.

25 We were later taken from the torpedo room,

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1 taken topside. My wife went in the cabin of the
2 executive. They said, "You can go in there, into these
3 cabins, that they're open, and sit if you wish to."

4 We sat in the cabin of the executive officer
5 for a while and he came in and got something out of
6 there. I don't know what he got.

7 And then he said, "If you wish, you can go
8 into the ward room." So we said, "Well, that's where
9 we ought to go."

10 So we went into the ward room and sat, stayed
11 there for the rest of the evening. The Navy liaison
12 officer came in at some point and said, "We're not
13 returning to Pearl Harbor, we're going to stay on
14 search and rescue. And you're going to have to stay
15 out there."

16 And that they set aside an area that we could
17 sleep from the crews quarters and sleep, stay for the
18 night, and we would go back into Pearl Harbor on
19 Saturday morning at some point and we would be taken
20 off the submarine, I think.

21 Q Did anyone -- did you or did anyone within
22 your hearing ask any of the Navy people what happened
23 or why it happened?

24 A I think some people did, I guess. Again,
25 some of them had little private hushed conversations

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1 the time to talk to me. Would it be possible to have
2 you put your wife on, and then maybe I can go through
3 the same thing again?

4 MR. CLARY: Sure. Sure, she's right here.

5 MR. TYRRELL: All right.

6 MR. TYRRELL: Would you hold on a moment?

7 MR. TYRRELL: Sure.

8 MR. CLARY: Thank you.

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EXAMINATION
OF PAT CLARY

MR. TYRRELL: I'm turning my tape recorder on now and it's 10:26 Eastern Time. It's Tuesday, February the 20th and I'm talking to Mrs. Clary.

What I would like for you to do is pretty much the same thing that your husband just did and just take me through your day, what you did from the time that you arrived at the submarine base in Pearl Harbor until the time that you returned.

MRS. CLARY: Okay. On Friday morning, the Navy man picked us up at our hotel in Honolulu and drove us out to the submarine.

We boarded the submarine and went down -- I believe to the board room. And other people were there who we had never met before. That was the other group.

And as Jack said, his recollections are probably a lot clearer than mine because it was a totally new experience for me to do anything like that.

And having done the tour the day before, we did do -- we did tag on to different tours when they went around, and so on.

And as Jack said, you know, we were in smaller groups and we kind of were at the end of the

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1 group because these people hadn't been on before. And
2 we just went to the different areas as we had the day
3 before and listened, and so on.

4 A lot of it was very technical so,
5 truthfully, I wasn't keying in on all that information,
6 because it didn't have a heck of a lot of meaning to me
7 other than the fact it was very, very technical and
8 very important, so on and so on.

9 Then we went down and had lunch in the ward
10 room. After that then I guess they were doing their
11 maneuvers. And we were up in that conning room. I was
12 way over to the side. I wasn't involved, you know.

13 At any rate, you know, they went through
14 their maneuvers and so on. And it was just very
15 different, very interesting. It was very exciting
16 considering the kind of submarine we were on. And that
17 did interest me.

18 But, you know, I was kind of, you know,
19 looking around and taking everything in, but not
20 necessarily absorbing everything that was going on.

21 MR. TYRRELL: I understand.

22 MRS. CLARY: Just knew there was a lot of
23 action going on and screens and all that, you know, the
24 things that they were working on and everything.

25 But, at any rate, and then Jack sat down as

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1 we were coming up after we'd done a series of maneuvers
2 and so on. He sat down.

3 And, truthfully, rather than listening to
4 what was going on, I was kind of just keying in on him
5 being in that seat, you know.

6 MR. TYRRELL: Yeah.

7 MRS. CLARY: And thinking what, you know,
8 that it was really quite an experience.

9 And then when the noise, we heard that noise,
10 you know, everything kind of moved very quickly. As
11 Jack said, he was out of the seat. We went -- they
12 took us down to the crews mess, kept us there for a
13 very short period of time.

14 And because there was a lot of action going
15 back and forth through the passageways. So then they
16 took us down after a short period of time down to the
17 torpedo room where we stayed.

18 And, actually, Jack and I were separated a
19 little bit, by ourselves. We didn't really talk, to be
20 very honest with you, because I think the impact of
21 what had happened was -- I don't know that we even
22 realized it at that point, but we were just very shaken
23 by the whole thing.

24 And just, you know, sort of waited until we
25 were given information. And there really wasn't

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1 anything else that we could do.

2 And it was very somber, and everyone was
3 very, very quiet. There were some, you know, as Jack
4 said, there were some small conversations because some
5 of those people knew each other.

6 But, we had, you know, we had nothing really
7 much to say to anybody. Everybody was just stunned by
8 it.

9 And then they, at one point, they told us
10 that we were going to be staying overnight on the sub.
11 And, you know, we just, we were just well taken care
12 of. We were kept all together from then on.

13 Q Let me go back a little bit to at any
14 time, were you given an opportunity --

15 A Yes. Yes, I was. Go ahead, finish your
16 question.

17 Q -- to operate any of the controls on the
18 submarine?

19 A I was. At one point, when we were down, you
20 know, on the base of the ocean or whatever, one of the
21 - some -- one of the, you know, someone said, "Would
22 you like to work this thing?"

23 And I said, "Well, I don't know."

24 He said, you know, "It's fine. I'll be with
25 you."

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1 So I sat down I think in the left, the far
2 left chair for no more than two minutes because it
3 wasn't my thing, you know. I just, you know.

4 Q Right.

5 A And he was there with me and it was again
6 keeping the bubble at that certain line, and which he
7 did with me. And then I got up and moved out of the
8 way, and I don't know who else came in, or if anybody
9 did.

10 Q Was that the same seat that your husband had
11 sat?

12 A No, I was on the other side, the other end.

13 Q Okay, so you were, facing forward, you were
14 on the left chair?

15 A Yes, that's correct. But it wasn't for more
16 than two minutes, or three at the most.

17 Q During that time, did you move the controls
18 at all?

19 A Oh, just, you know, if the bubble went up or
20 down. The man had his hands on mine, too.

21 Q The whole time?

22 A Yeah. Yeah. And, uh, because I would have
23 wanted that anyway. You know, but they wouldn't have
24 let me do it anyway because, you know, as I said, I was
25 just a guest there.

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1 side and I just, you know, knew that something was
2 going on, but I honestly do not know...

3 Q Some of the people that I have talked to
4 recall that you had a flat screen video display at this
5 time.

6 A Where would that have been?

7 Q I am not exactly sure where it was. But it
8 apparently showed the view from the periscope.

9 A Oh. I didn't see that.

10 Q Okay.

11 A I don't recall seeing it.

12 Q Okay. When you were in the control room, can
13 you tell me how was it lighted?

14 A Not brightly but, you know, you could see.
15 You could see panels and things like that.

16 Q Could you have read a newspaper?

17 A I don't know. I really couldn't tell you. I
18 don't know. I mean I wasn't even really aware of that
19 at that point to, you know.

20 Q But, do you recall whether it was lighted
21 like an office might be lighted?

22 A It wasn't as bright as an office.

23 Q Okay, so it was a little dimmer than that?

24 A Hum.

25 Q All right. But, you could see -- could you

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1 see...

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4 Q -- about the time that the emergency ascent
5 was going on, was there a lot of, uh, discussion or
6 chatter?

7 A Not really because, you know, we were feeling
8 the pull, you know. And so I, I mean, we were
9 concentrating on just maintaining our balance, and so
10 on.

11 And there really wasn't -- you know, a few
12 people might have said "Whoop", or something like that.

13 But, that was it. There was, as far as I was
14 concerned, I didn't hear any discussion or talking or
15 whatever.

16 Q Okay. Was there any moving about from place
17 to place?

18 A No, not during those maneuvers. I didn't --
19 I wasn't aware of any. I mean I didn't move.

20 Q And you say you were located on the right
21 side?

22 A Way to the right, yeah. On the edge of that
23 platform, hanging on to there was a pull over there.

24 Q Okay, were you near where your husband --

25 A Yeah, he was right behind me for the whole

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1 thing until he moved up to that chair.

2 Q Could you have reached out and touched him
3 while he was in the chair?

4 A No. Huh-uh, I could not.

5 Q Were you over by where the sonar room is?

6 A Yes. The room with the curtain hanging down?

7 Q Right.

8 A Yeah. That was pretty much ahead of me,
9 yeah. But I was back behind -- there's like a little
10 platform there and I was just standing on that, trying
11 to stay out of the way actually.

12 Q Were you told where to stand?

13 A No, but we knew that they didn't want us in
14 their way. And everyone kind of stepped out of the way
15 so they wouldn't be in anybody's way.

16 Q Okay.

17 A And I'm sure had we been in anyone's way, we
18 would have been told to move.

19 Q All right. When you had the -- can you kind
20 of step me through what happened from the beginning of
21 the emergency ascent, for the rest of the story while
22 you were on board the submarine?

23 A Okay. They moved us out after the bump,
24 after we felt the bump. They moved everybody out. We
25 went to the -- immediately, we went down to the crews

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1 mess. We were accompanied by somebody. I don't know
2 who really brought us down. One of the crew members.

3 - Brought us down and we sat there. We were
4 there for a few minutes and it was - we viewed just --
5 we could see the ship in the water. You know, the
6 Japanese ship in the water, on the screen.

7 Q What did you see?

8 A Well, I just saw basically the ship was still
9 afloat at that point. And I really, you know, I just
10 was not keying in on too much. I was, you know, very
11 concerned, and so on.

12 But, they moved us out very quickly
13 afterwards, in less than ten minutes, I would say, of
14 the collision. They moved us. They told us they were
15 going to move us downstairs, or down below. I'm
16 saying downstairs -- down below to the torpedo room.

17 And so we all went down there and that's
18 where we stayed until Captain -- I forget his name, the
19 man who was on board with the other group -- he came
20 down and he pretty much kept us informed every so often
21 about what was going on.

22 You know, we were -- everybody was very, very
23 upset, of course. So, you know, paying attention to
24 details is not something that we were doing at that
25 point.

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1 At least, certainly it wasn't what I was
2 doing at that point.

3 Q What were some of the things that this
4 Captain was telling you when he came down?

5 A Some of the things? Well, he'd try to give a
6 report. He'd just try to give us the status of what
7 the situation was.

8 Q Do you recall what the status reports were?

9 A Well, first, he told us that they thought
10 they had everybody. And then, in a little while, he
11 came back and told us that there were I think twenty-
12 six they had spotted in the boats -- he didn't even
13 say.

14 He just said there were twenty-six, I think,
15 and there were nine missing.

16 And, you know, of course, we were all, "Oh,
17 my goodness," you know, "this is terrible."

18 And then he said he'd keep us informed of
19 what happened.

20 And then, after a while, oh, I don't know how
21 long it was, to tell you the truth, the time, it was a
22 while, they brought us back up to the crews mess, I
23 guess it was.

24 Wasn't it, Jack, the crews mess?

25 And we were there for a while. And then we,

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1 Jack and I, went up to the Exec's quarters because, you
2 know, we were all kind of -- our stomachs were feeling
3 a little funny, too, because we'd been bounced around a
4 little bit, you know.

5 Q Right.

6 A And so we went, Jack and I went up there and
7 sat for a long time. And, you know, we sort of just
8 sat. We didn't really talk very much.

9 The Exec came through once and got something
10 out, I guess, that he needed, and left again.

11 Q He didn't say anything?

12 A Well, no. He just -- I said, "I hope we're
13 not interfering with, you know, something you need. Do
14 you need us to leave?"

15 And he said, "No, no, you stay right here."
16 That kind of conversation. That was all.

17 And then, in a little while, Jack and I went
18 down to the ward room because they said that everybody
19 was in the ward room at that point.

20 Q Do you recall anybody either asking the Navy
21 or anybody from the Navy explaining what had happened,
22 or why it had happened?

23 A No, but I don't think anybody knew why it
24 happened. Nobody told us why it happened.

25 Q Okay.

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1 A And they just told us that we were going to
2 stay overnight in the sub because they wanted to
3 continue the search and rescue.

4 And that was basically all they said until
5 the next morning when we woke up and went upstairs.
6 And then they just told us that it was going to be 9:30
7 or 10 when they came, and that they were going to pick
8 us up on a tender of some sort because there was all
9 kinds of media already.

10 Q Right.

11 A Which is exactly what happened. We climbed
12 up and we got up on that, you know, that tender and
13 went in and then went into a room, you know, on the
14 base where the Admiral spoke to us.

15 Q Okay. Someone had called and reported to us
16 that alcohol had been served to the guests.

17 A No way. There is no way.

18 Q Okay.

19 A I don't know who would ever get an idea like
20 that. There was nothing. We had iced tea, lemonade
21 and water.

22 Q Okay.

23 A And that was it. Pitchers and that was it.
24 It was available in the evening. It was available at
25 lunch. It was available for the next morning, they

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1 had. In fact, we had all missed breakfast, as a matter
2 of fact, by the time we got up. So there was just
3 lemonade and iced tea available, or coffee. If you
4 wanted coffee.

5 There was nothing. And I would swear on a
6 bible there was no alcohol.

7 MR. TYRRELL: All right. That's fine. I
8 just had to ask the question.

9 MRS. CLARY: Yes, I understand.

10 MR. TYRRELL: Is there anything else that
11 sticks in your mind that you think might be important
12 to our investigation?

13 MRS. CLARY: Well, the only thing that I can
14 say is that it seemed to me that everything went like
15 clockwork on that boat. And that everyone seemed to
16 know what they were doing.

17 I can't -- my heart is broken for the people
18 who lost their lives. And my heart is broken for the
19 crew and the Captain because, you know, it was just a
20 dreadful accident, you know.

21 MR. TYRRELL: Right.

22 MRS. CLARY: But, other than that, I can't
23 add anything more.

24 MR. TYRRELL: Well, I appreciate you and your
25 husband both taking time out of your day to talk to me.

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1 MRS. CLARY: Did Jack mention he wants to
2 speak to you again before I hang up.

3 MR. TYRRELL: All right.

4 MRS. CLARY: But, we're on our way home and
5 we will be home, we hope, tomorrow night.

6 Okay, I'm going to put Jack on, okay?

7 MR. TYRRELL: All right. And, thank you,
8 once again.

9 MRS. CLARY: You're quite welcome.

10 (TAPE CONCLUDED.)

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