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# 1

## SUPER SUBMARINE STRIKE

It was November 28, 1944. World War II was still raging. The fate of mankind hung in the balance.

The U.S. submarine *Archerfish* was on **patrol**. Its crew was looking for Japanese enemy ships. And they spotted one in Tokyo Bay.

That ship was the *Shinano*. It was an aircraft carrier. And it weighed 144 million pounds!

It turned toward the *Archerfish*. Sub **commander** Joseph Enright gave an order. He wanted the ship sunk. The *Archerfish* sent six **torpedoes**. They rushed toward the *Shinano*.



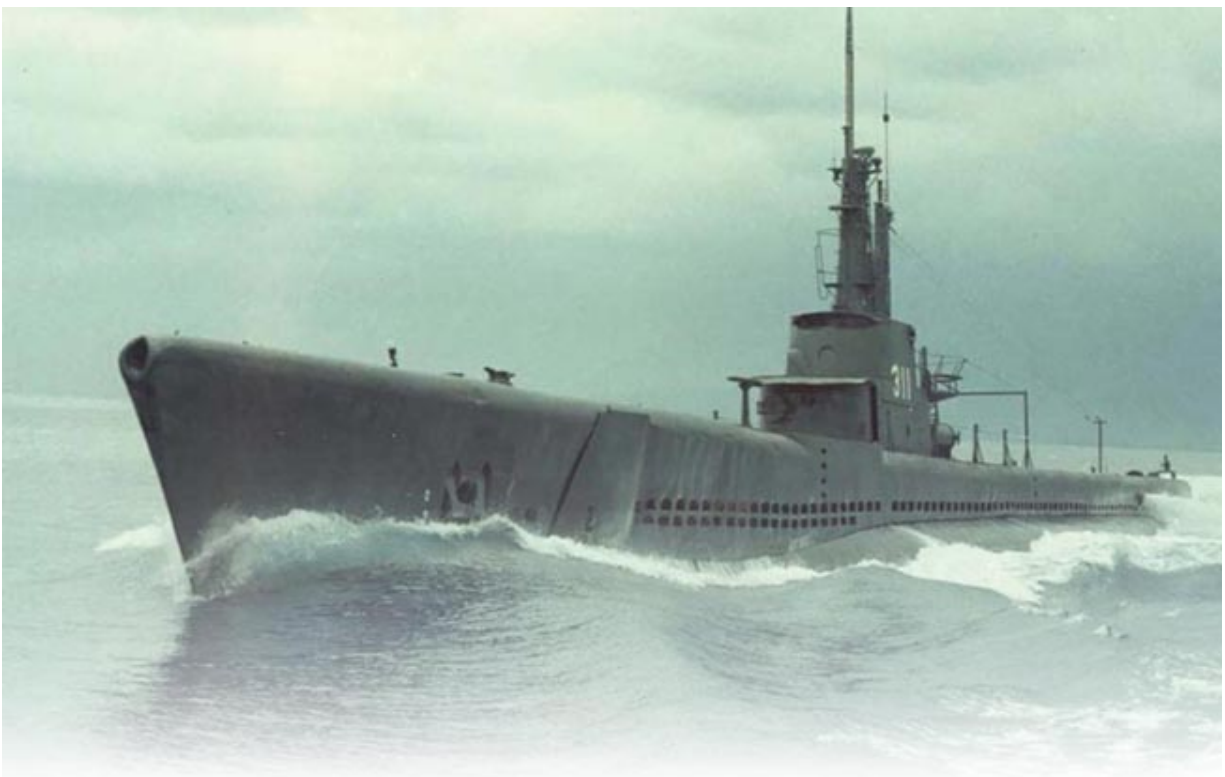
The *Shinano* aircraft carrier was very large.

The big boat had no chance. All six torpedoes slammed into it. The craft exploded. The *Shinano* sunk. It was the largest warship ever destroyed by a submarine.

The sinking helped America control the naval war. The Japanese were soon defeated. The *Archerfish* had played a role in the U.S. victory.



The *Archerfish* is shown around 1945.



The *Archerfish*

# **FAST FACT**

## **GETTING WHAT THEY DESERVED**

The *Archerfish* and its crew were rewarded after the war. They earned the Presidential Unit Citation for sinking the *Shinano*.

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