



14 November 2008

CMDR J.T. Rush, RANR
HMAS *Sydney* II
Commission of Inquiry

Dear Jack,

Thank you for your letter of 14 November 2008 regarding the status of the Japanese submarines *I-61*, *I-63* and *I-67* at the beginning of the Pacific War. From the sources I have access to here it appears that you are correct in stating that these three submarines were no longer operational. Although I can find nothing relevant in official documentation, *Submarines of the Imperial Japanese Navy 1904-1945*, by Norman Polmar and Dorr B Carpenter, Conway, 1986, has the following information:

- *I-63* - sunk in collision with *I-60* in Bungo Strait 2 February 1938; refloated and scrapped 1940.
- *I-61* - sunk in collision with gunboat off Iki island 2 October 1941, refloated in February 1942 and scrapped.
- *I-67* - lost during exercise off Bonin Islands 29 August 1940.

I apologise for any confusion this oversight may have caused.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Stevens', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

David Stevens

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