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U. S. S. BLOCK ISLAND (CVE 21)

LOSS IN ACTION

SOUTH ATLANTIC OCEAN
29 MAY, 1944

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20 November, 1944

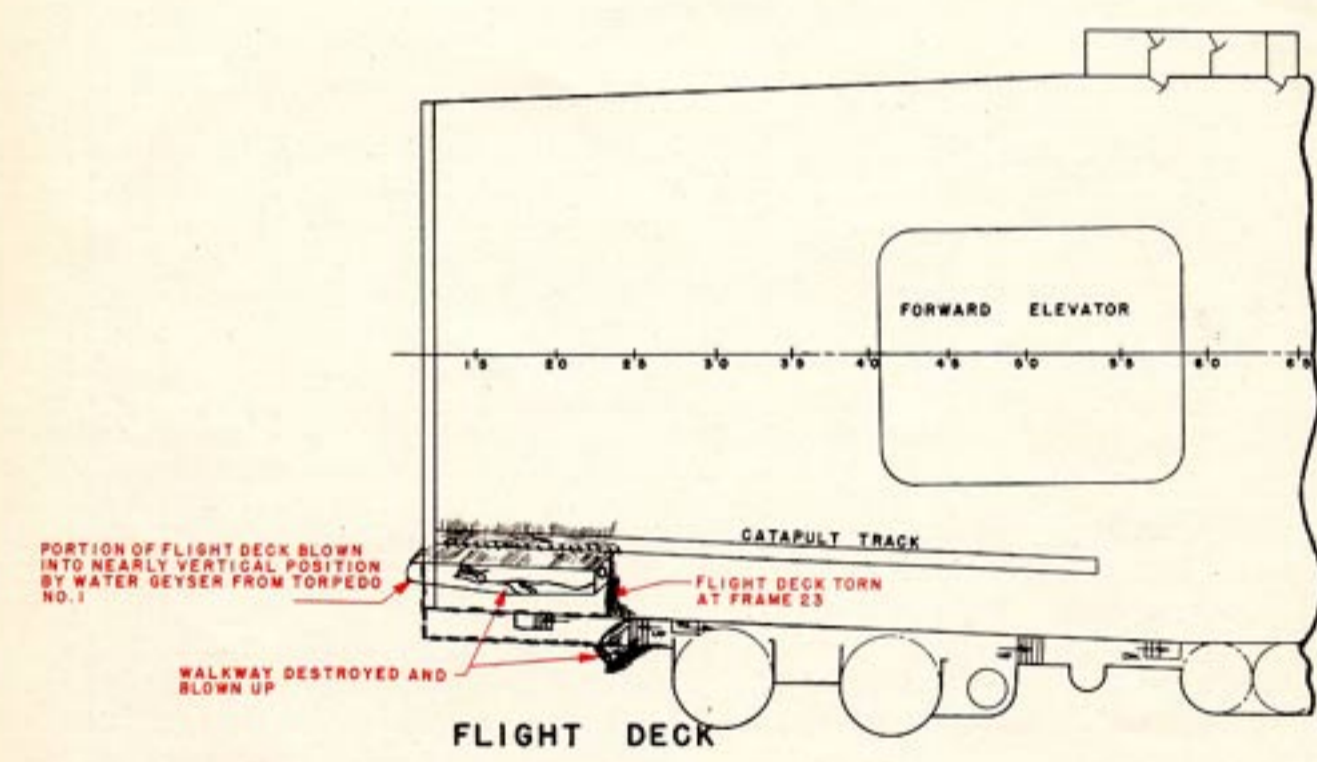
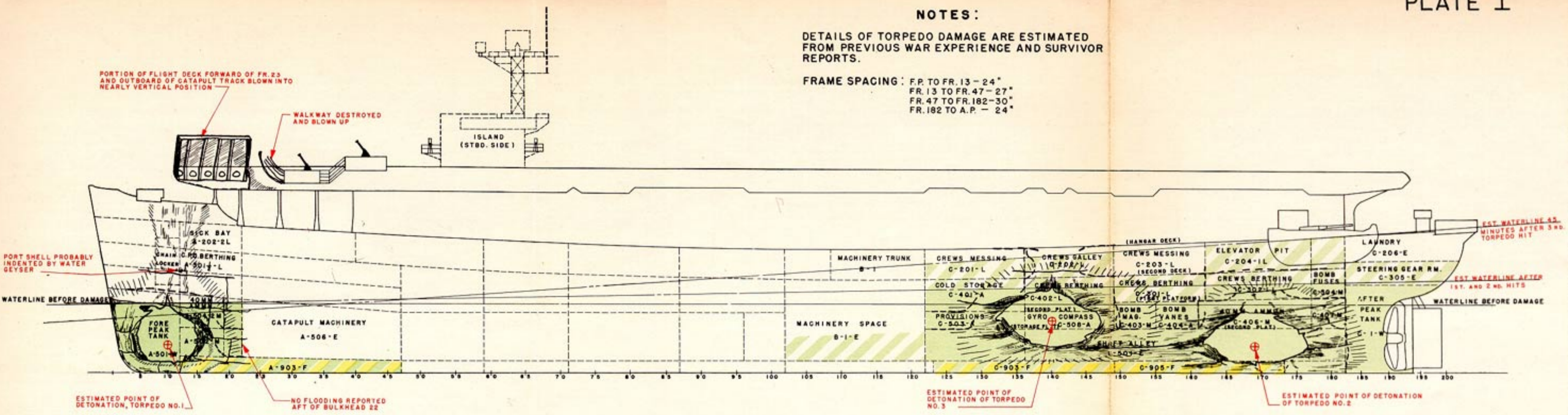
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WAR DAMAGE REPORT No. 49

NOTES:

DETAILS OF TORPEDO DAMAGE ARE ESTIMATED FROM PREVIOUS WAR EXPERIENCE AND SURVIVOR REPORTS.

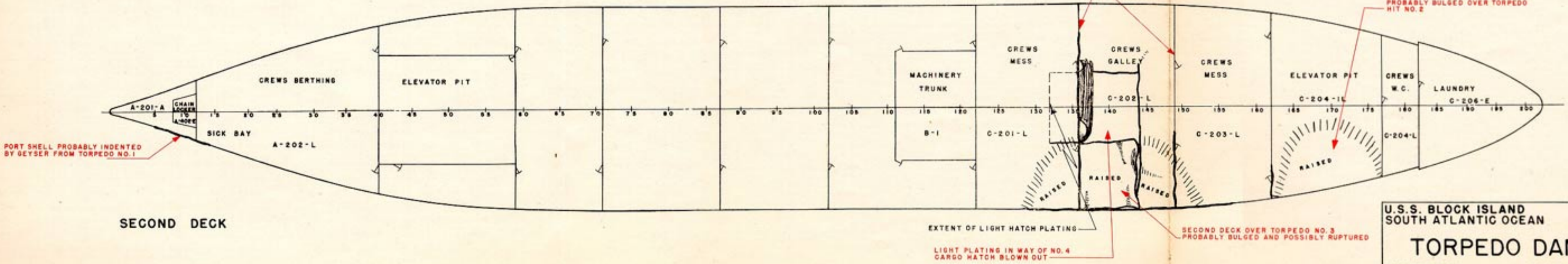
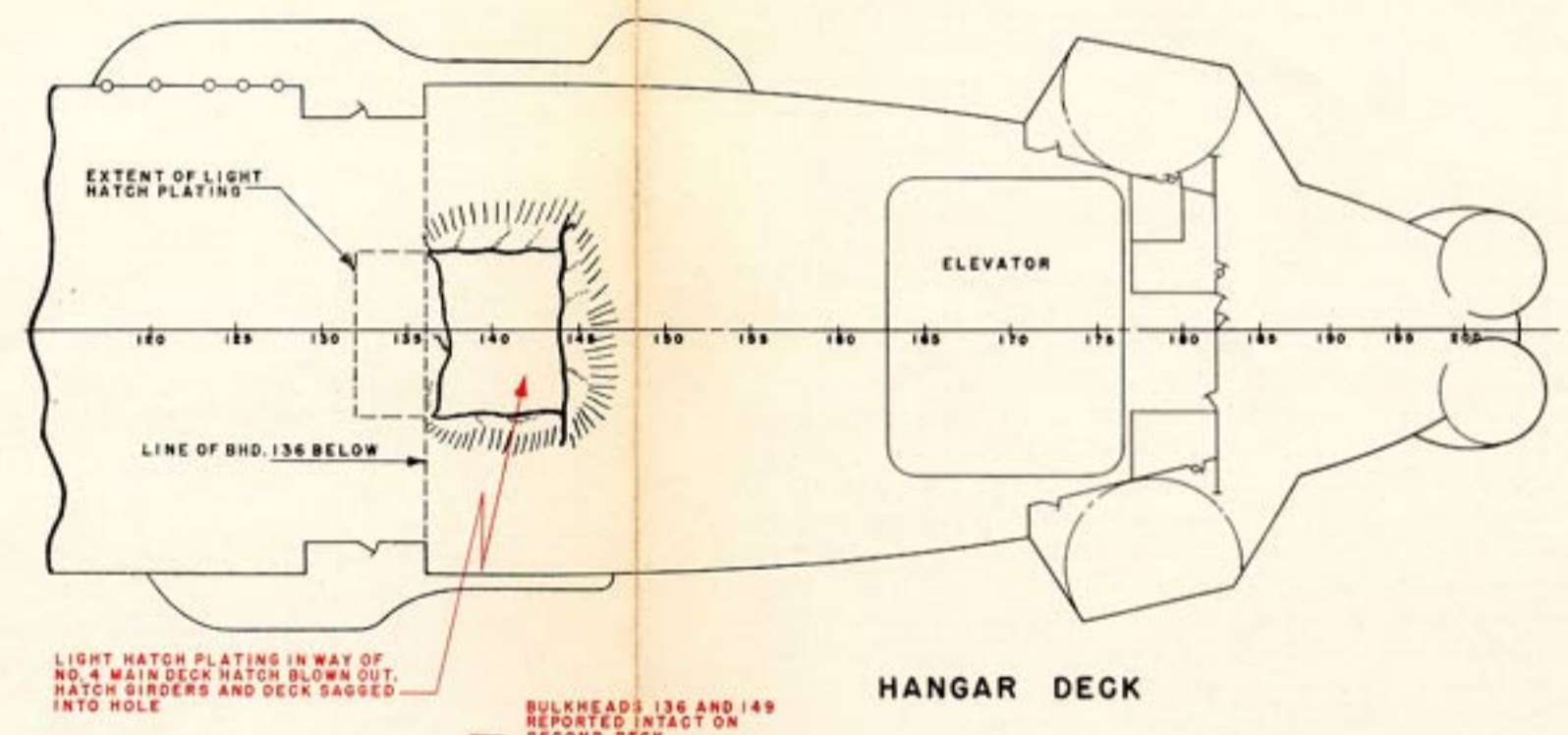
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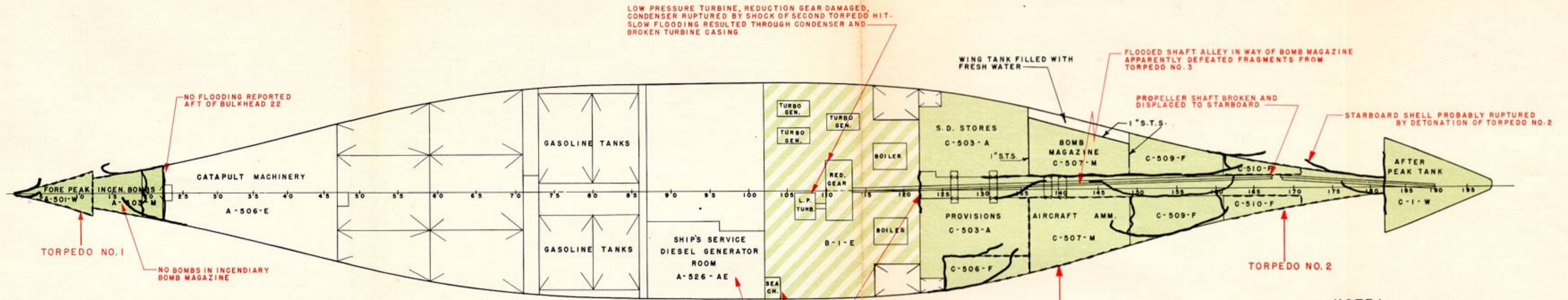
LEGEND

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- SLOW FLOODING
- FUEL OIL TANKS CONTAMINATED OR OPEN TO THE SEA

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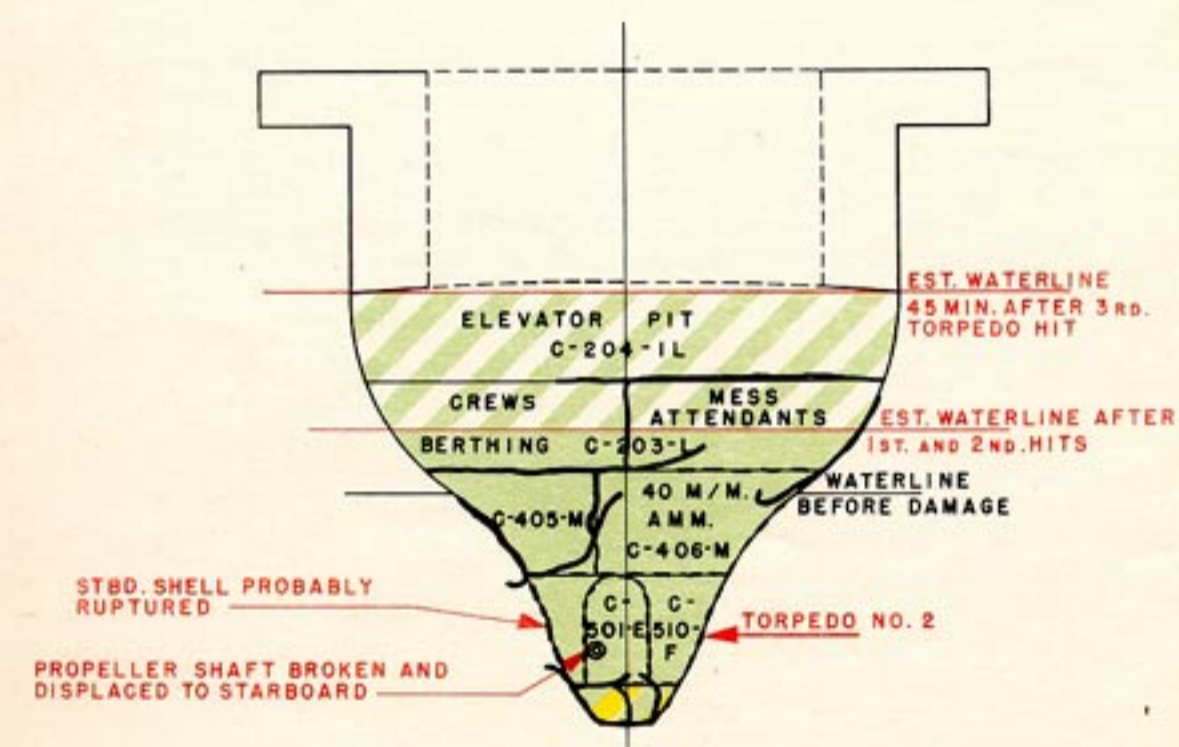
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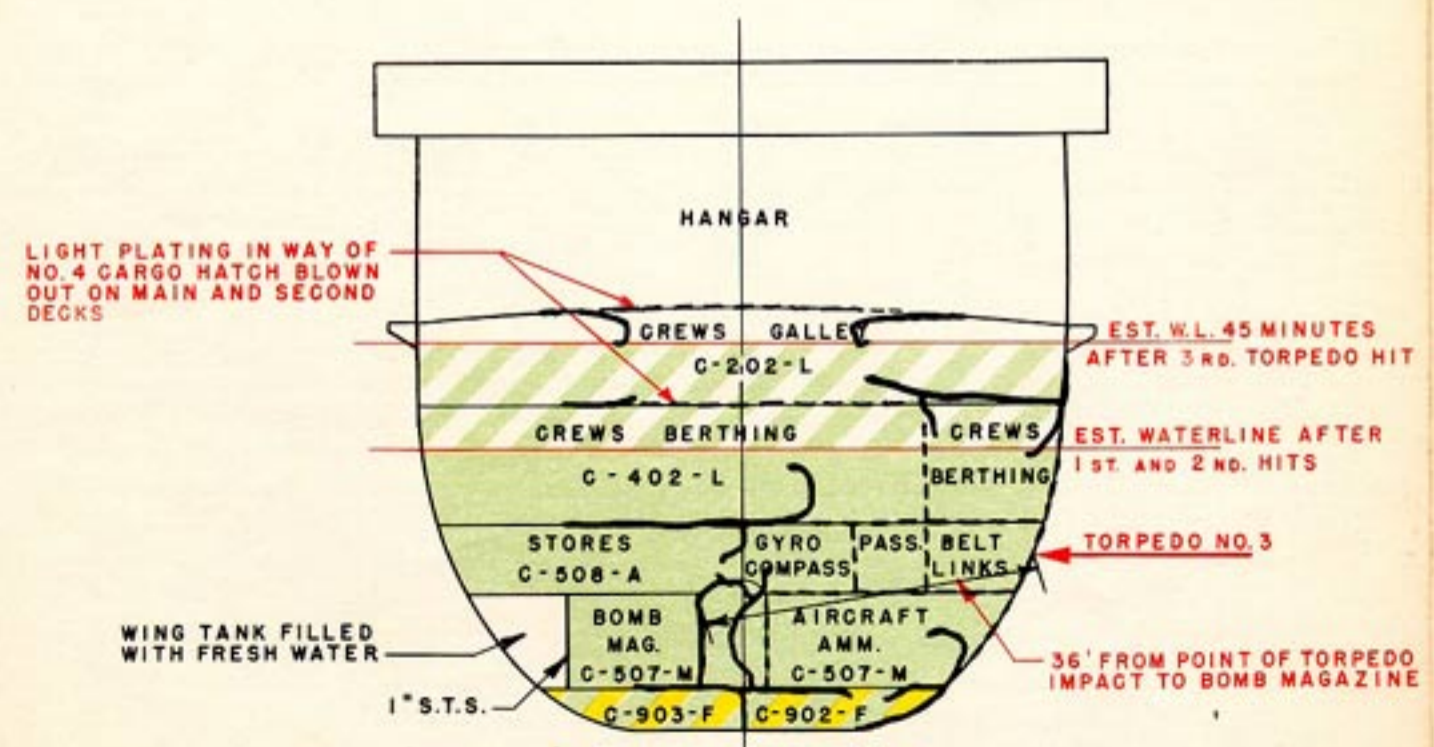
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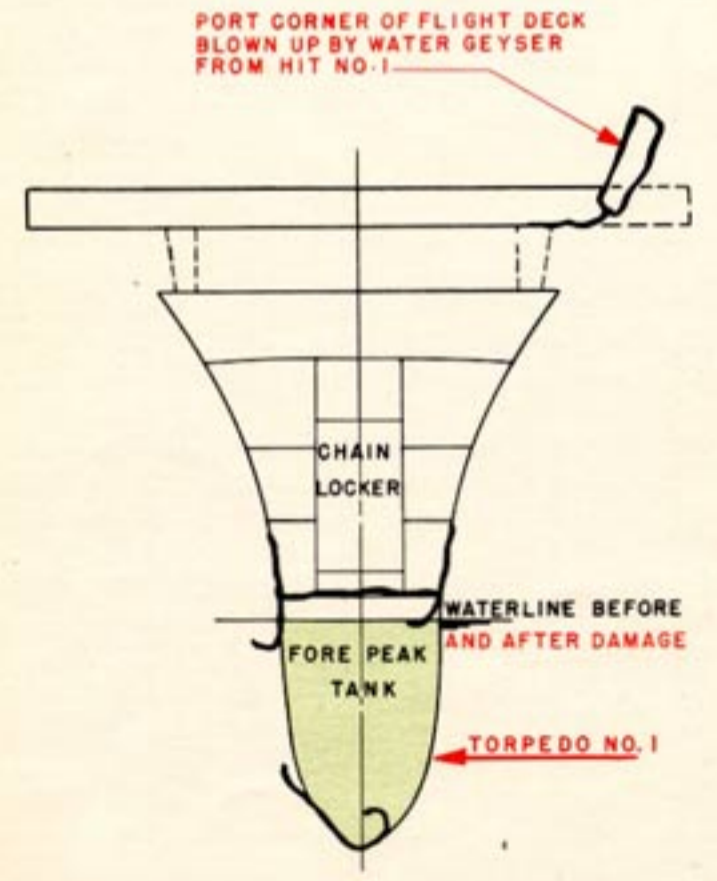
FOR FLOODING LEGEND, SEE PLATE I



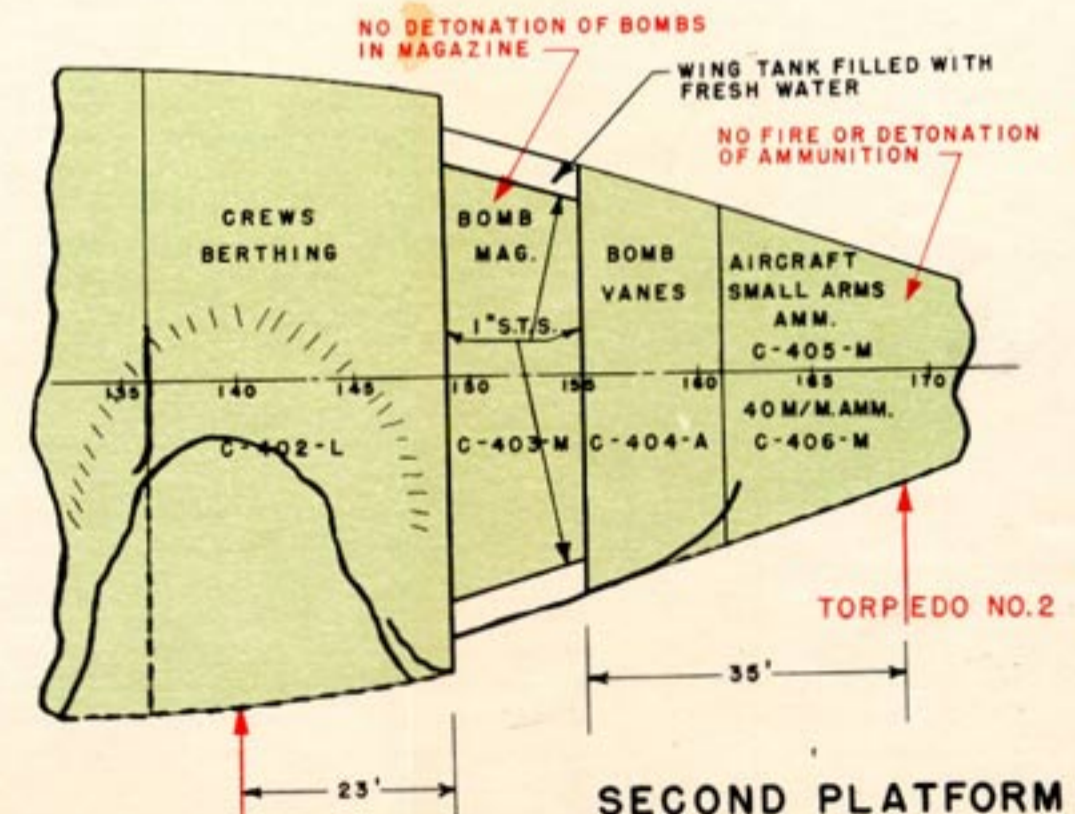
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