

U.S.S. Jallao (SS 368)

Keel Laid - September 29, 1943

Launched - March 12, 1944

Commissioned - July 8, 1944

Sponsor - Mrs. C. R. Kirk, wife of Lt. Cdr. Oliver G. Kirk U.S.N.

Jallao arrived at Pearl Harbor September 22, 1944 where she joined the submarine force, Pacific Fleet. She departed Pearl on her first war patrol in company with the Pintado and the Atule in a wolf pack known as Clarey's Crushers. Tradition called for the torpedoing of a light cruiser on a submarine's maiden patrol, Jallao did not ignore the custom. She sent the light cruiser "Tama" to the bottom. She left the Luzon Straits area November 28 arriving in Majuro on December 10, 1944 for refit.

Jallao sailed from Majuro on January 6, 1945 to conduct her second war patrol in the Yellow Sea. She made three torpedo attacks on a total of eleven ships, and on March 5 while making an attack the number one periscope was hit by the screw of an escort passing over the boat. Jallao departed the area on March 7 for Midway, arriving on the 26th.

Jallao left Midway for her third war patrol on April 20, 1945 and arrived off Marcus Island on the 30th for lifeguard duty. She retrieved five airmen and departed for Saipan, arriving on May 12. The majority of the time was spent off Kii Suido. She departed the area June 2, 1945 and arrived at Pearl Harbor on the 13th. Her fourth patrol was conducted in the Sea of Japan in August 1945. She returned to Guam on September 28, 1945.

The U.S.S. Jallao earned four battle stars and the Asiatic-Pacific Area Service Medal.

The U.S.S. Jallao sank the Japanese Light Cruiser TAMI on her first war patrol and was credited with sinking a 5,795 ton freighter on her last patrol.

Jallao recorded almost 8,000 dives in her 30 year career with the Navy, and in June of 1974 was transferred to the Spanish Navy.

U.S.S. Kete (SS 369)

Keel Laid - October 25, 1943

Launched - April 9, 1944

Commissioned - July 31, 1944

Sponsor - Mrs. Edward S. Hutchinson

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wife of Captain Edward S. Hutchinson, U.S. Navy

Departed Manitowoc for New Orleans, Louisiana via the Mississippi River on August 20, 1944, arriving at the Naval Operating Base, New Orleans, Louisiana on August 28, 1944. Left New Orleans August 31 enroute for the Panama Canal, reaching her destination on September 5, transited the Canal on September 9th. On September 28 the Kete departed and arrived at Pearl Harbor, T. H. on October 15, 1944.