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and a recent analysis of wreckage photos from a third boat, the USS Grunion, strongly suggest a third. The loss of the Grunion, possibly to its own torpedoes, is not covered in "Unrestricted Warfare" since the wreck was not discovered until well-after publication of the book. "Unrestricted Warfare" provides an excellent insight into the undersea warriors who suffered the highest casualty rate of any branch of the American armed forces in World War II and are still largely under-recognized by history.

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