“To protect their harbor at Truk, the Japanese had a floating minefield on the lagoon. They changed the pattern of mines frequently, but always had to leave a safe path through the minefield for their own ships.”

“So, whenever they changed the pattern of mines, they sent a notice in code about the safe path to ships headed for the harbor. They also sent a list of expected ships to their patrols near the entrance.”

“We only had one submarine in the seas around Truk. The sub-commander used the information we sent him about the minefield to get inside the lagoon, sink a ship or two, and get back out quickly. The messages we sent him also helped them choose the most important targets each day.”

Sir, please, who the heck is Louie, then??

For security reasons, they never tell us the name of our sub near Truk. So, to help us remember the importance of what we’re doing we call the sub “Louie.”