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SUMMARY

S P AND RELATED TARGETS

Part I - SHINYO - "Special Attack Boats"

Only Type 1, Mod. 1, and Type 5 SHINYO boats were actually used as aicide special attack boats. Types 2, 3, 6, 7, and 8 were in design and experimental stages in an endeavor to attain better performance. Type 4 was never designated because of the superstition attached to "Shi", its Japanese pronunciation, which can also mean "death".

Type 1, Mod. 1, a 5.1 meter, single-man, single engine, 23 knot, inboard motor boat, carrying a 270kg explosive charge in the bow, was later supplemented with the Type 5, designed as a "division lead". Type 5 was a 6.5 meter, two-man, two-engine, 25 knot, inboard motor boat arrying a 270kg explosive charge in the bow, and equipped with radio.

The conclusion of the war ended the coduction of the successfully tested Type 8, which was an 8.0 meter, pree-ma, three-engine, 23 knot; inboard motor boat, designed as a sequence leads. This non-suicide SHINYO boat was built to lead several elvisits. The I, Mod. 1 SHINYO, each division in turn to be led by a lose 5 Stinyo. The Type 8 was not equipped with a bow charge, but instead carried two pecial 28cm launchable torpedoes. The Type 8, like the Type was equipped ith radio.

Par II - KAIP - ' man Torpedo" or "One Man Submarine"

A K. EN we subject the altered torpedo, having human control and additional hel topacity inserted between the torpedo warhead and the torpedo engine.

Only KATTEN Types 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 10 were projected or built; the other numbered types were never designated.

KAITEN Type I was an altered Mark 93, Mod. 3 torpedo. Type 6 was distinguished by a modification of the forward air flask of Type 1. Type was an unsuccessful version of a KAITEN built as such, and not altered from torpedo. It was propelled by gases of combustion formed by hydrogen peroxid hydrogen hydrate, fuel, and cooling water. Type 4 was an unsuccessful attempt to operate the Type 2 KAITEN on conventional Japanese torpedo for, mely, kerosene and oxygen. Unsuccessful Type 5 merely contained a maification of the forward air flask of Type 4. Type 10 was a successful adaptation of the Mark 92 electric torpedo, but was perfected too late for any poduction.

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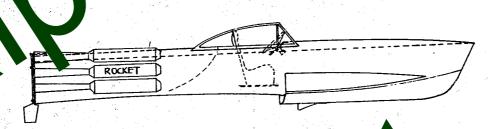
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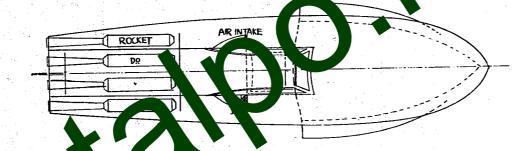
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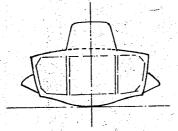
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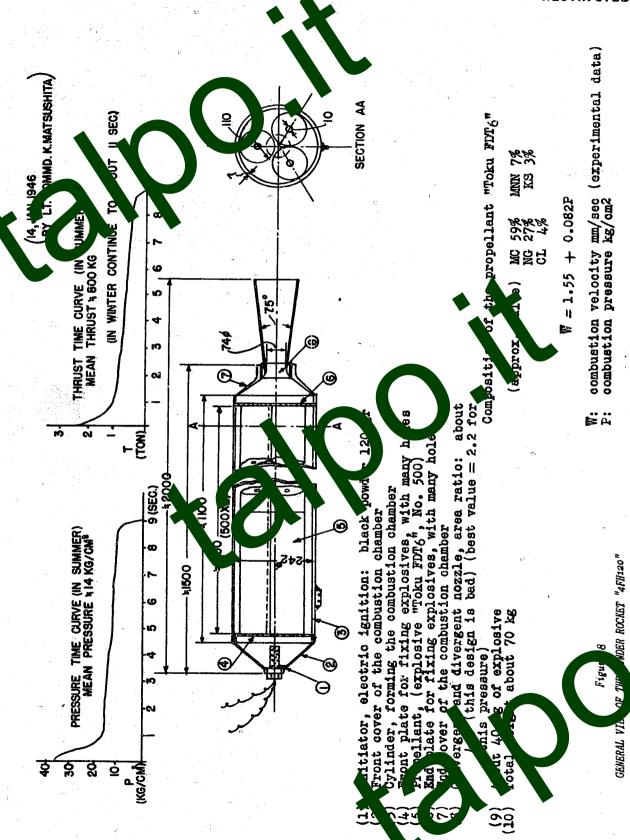


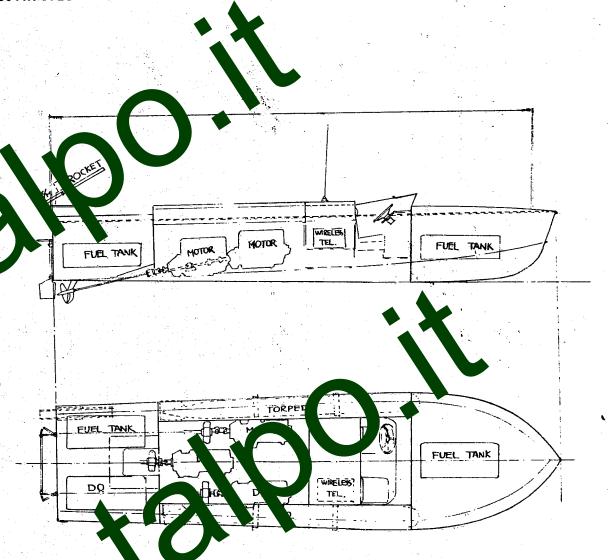


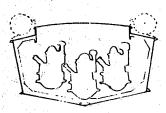
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NavTechJap Report, "Japanese Infra-Rec evices, Article 3 - Research, Development, and Manufacture of Infra-Red equipment", Index No. X-02-3, gives information on night direction of the SHE VO bets "on a beam" from a hilltop control station. This method, similar to wirl flying on a beam, made use of dash-board signal lights instead of a audible "dash-dot" signals used by air-lines, to indicate with the SHINYO as on the course. It was hoped that this might compensate for the por disibility caused by the pilot position so close to the water. We project presented many "bugs" which were never completely irone.

PART II "HUMAN TORPEDO" OR "ONE-MAN SUBMARINE"

A. val. KA applied to Japanese naval craft, signified a long range torsedo which with the enemy ship without fail due to the steering by the will try buts into he torpedo".

WAITH wer manned by 18 to 20 year old youths who, after about three months sain became ensigns. As in the case of the SHINYO boats, "volunteers" we experted to be plentiful because of fast promotion, special privileges, and the promise that their family would receive about ¥ 10,000 as a posthumous award. No doubt, many of the pilots were in no position not volunteer.

In the initial phases of training, the volunteers were required to pilot SHINNO boats entirely by periscope and magnetic compass.

Six KATTEN were carried on top of I-class submarines. Tubes from the mother-sub to the lower hatch of the KATTEN and remote release equipment from the mother-sub allowed the KATTEN pilots to man the contract and start on their journey without the mother-sub having to surface. KATEN were also transported on various "landing transporting craft". Bomb-1 coof KATEN taves were being constructed along the invasion coasts of the HU and HO SHU, wherever possible facing into a harbor or bay away from the sea On or two KAITEN were located in each cave, resting on launching dollars which, in turn, were supported by rails extending to the water's edge.

Standard KAITEN attack approach rock ure as to run about one meter below the surface of the water, ake a occasion, look with a retractable periscope, and dive to about five etc. striking.

he KAITEN program had its inception in Type 1 KAITEN (Fig re 1 March 1944 and by August 1944 he successful Type 1 KAITEN was in production. The Type 1 utilized the 1929, Mod. 3 torpedo (Figure 10). The warhead was enlarged to carry 1550kg of explosive, which could be detonated by the Type 2 inertia-type pistol (Figure 24), or by an electric mine fuse controlled from the pilot chamber (Figure 25). Inserted between the warhead and the torpedo engine compartment were the forward compartment, the control compartment, and the after main body. The forward body contained the air flask (A), the steering air chambers (D), and the forward trimming tank (E). The Type 93 torpedo was inserted into the after main body over the rear trimming tank (F). The center control chamber contained: a hand operated retractable periscope a vertical movement of 70cm; an upper hatch (G); a lower hatch (H), us for a KATTEN pilot to enter his craft from an I-class mother-sub through a tube while the mother-sub was submerged; batteries under the pilotis run the electric gyro through a small A.C. motor generator set; man al steering: depth control; controls for starting, speed and direct al steering; depth control; controls for starting, speed safety release for the impulse firing pistol; and the firing large fuzze. The engine section was similar to the Type 93, and having enlarged vertical and horizontal fins (K1) and (K2) and tical and horizontal automatic control rudders (M1) and (M2) r for torp The rand vertical rudder (L), was in the vertical fin (I

Oxygen emitting sodium peroxide was carried to purifying the air in the pilot's chamber.

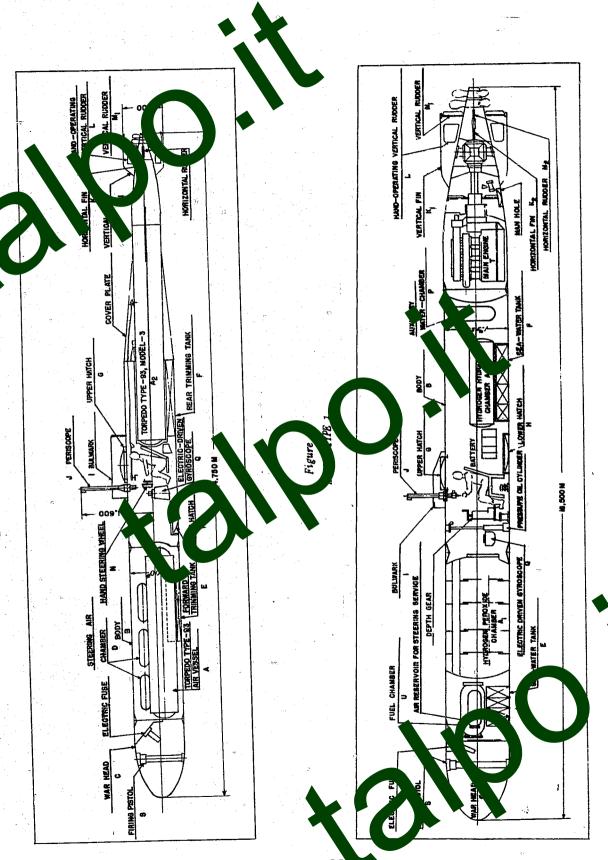


Figura 11 KAITEN TYPE a

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Speed, range, and other important characteristics are listed in Table II.

Since the KAITEN was designed to have a much longer range than the Type 93 torpedo, the air-driven Type 93 torpedo gloo was replaced by an electrically driven gyro (Figure 20 and Table III) ocal in front of the pilot. The current for the gyro was sumplied by a phase A.C. motor generator set, which, in turn, was driven by straggleatteries. The pilot could steer by hand or set his course on the gyro pilot. Sheriff air from chambers (D) operated the vertical rudder to put the LITEN of the course set on the gyro pilot. Depth was maintained by the Lance of a gring setting against seawater pressure. Steering are from champer the depth of zero to 35 meters. Sensitivity of the depth mechanism was reported to be 50cm. During the last part of the run, the pilot increased the lepth of un to about five meters. The trimming tanks were adjusted prior to lost ug the KAITEN on the mother-sub and were not adjusted during the sun.

ough esiste for a 100-meter test depth, the Type 1 leaked at this depth, by successfully withstood a 60-meter test depth.

The TEN was of variable speed, controlled by the pilot, and could achieve a maximum of 30 knots.

C. Type 2 KAITEN (Figure 11). By December 1944, two type 2 A TEN (Figure 11) were ready for test. Having been built from the keel up as K TEN and not adapted from a torpedo, much better characteristics were explicited Table II). They were tested on land, but were never sufficiently perfect to be them a water running test.

The Type 2 KAITEN was designed to use hydrogen proxide hydrate, fuel, and cooling water to form the gases of collustion

The main engine, designated Engine No. 1 was restrict especially for this installation. A board composed of type and notine engineering personnel met and laid down the general specifications for this engine. These specifications, being "3rd degree secret" were buried to the end of the war. However, R. NAGANO, the chief designer of Igin No. 5, recalled from memory the specifications as follows: two ross of our villeers, each with its own crank; cylinder diameter, 185m astroke 2 mm, engine RPM, 1500; propeller RPM, 750; weight, 1500kg; engine a with tand atmospheres of external pressure; diameter of enclosing circular shall or external water cooling of the engine, about 1500mm; combustion as such and the engine was to be at 25 atmospheres pressure and 400°C.

The diesel engine design section at KURE, under supervision of R. NAGANO, worked 18 hours a day for two weeks, during August 1944, and turned out the manufacturer's plans. By November 1944 the first models were set up for testing by steam. Some models used cast iron cylinders and some used bronze. The crank case was cast steel and the pan was welded steel. Slide piston valves supplied and exhausted the cylinders. Construction of the engine was light. The entire engine was immersed in cooling water. The combustion confidence (Figure 14) and the hydrogen peroxide spraying nozzle (Figure 15) are entire ed in Enclosure (A).

The first external pressure test of 13 atmospheres deformed the rank as end pan, necessitating reinforcement.

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The first load test was made a 20 tmospheres steam pressure, 300°C, with no back pressure because the hollo probler shaft exhaust was not fitted. The engine developed 1500hn. The cas iron cylinders showed wear, but the bronze cylinders deformed and sized. Let the actual gas test was made with the exhaust connected to the pollow propeller shaft. It was never possible to get the back pressure down to 2 to 3 atmospheres. The lowest value of back pressure of 7 to 8 cm phoes, cabined with 25 atmospheres pressure, the highest combustion tember are round feasible, produced an acceptable compromise of 100km. It the ambustion gas flow was never steady and leaks developed in of 7 to 8 companies, combined with 25 atmospheres pressure, the highest control of amber or count feasible, produced an acceptable compromise of the combination gas flow was never steady and leaks developed in the country of the co

so designed that a single handle controlled its complete operen ne

ccessful completion of the steam test in November 1944, orders were let Two different places for mass production of this engine. When the contracts re cancelled in April 1945, after the discontinuance of the Type 4 KAITEN, about 200 units had been constructed.

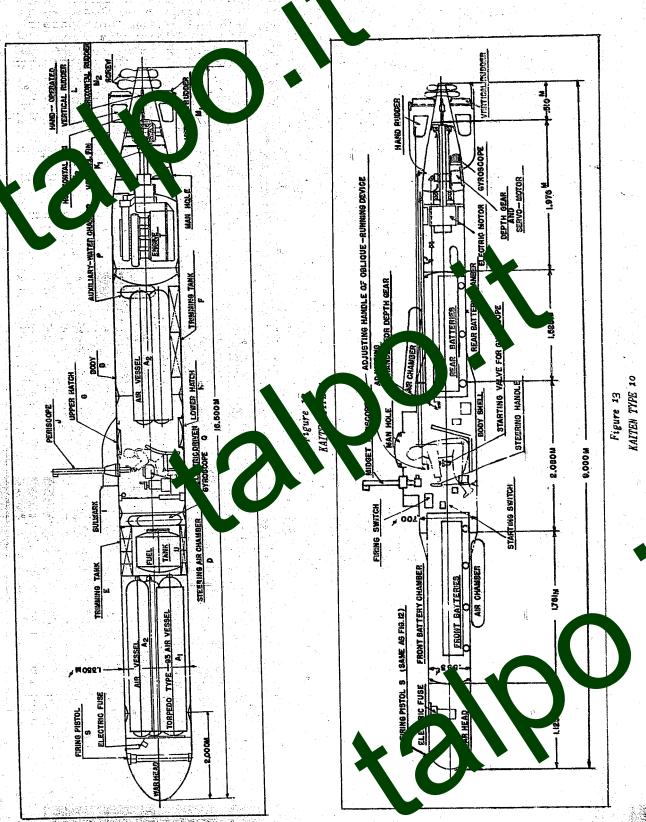
The after propeller was driven by a single hollow propeller shaft, and a mitre gear attached to this shaft through a mitre gear but drive the counter rotating forward propeller.

The Type 2 KAITEN embodied several new design feature not cound in the Type 1. The electric gyro was not changed, but the "off cours sight" from the gyro directional pilot was designed to actuate ir slide live which transmitted The electric gyro was not changed, but the "off cours sight" from the gyro directional pilot was designed to actuate the side live which transmitted the signal to an oil hydraulic system, which is turn actuated the vertical rudder. The steering air chamber was use only accuate the slide valve, since it was feared that oil would get suggish t low temperatures and be unsuitable for the pilot signal. The court tally running hydraulic oil pump was attached to the main engine shade of the horizontal rudder by means of a hydraulic system to which on unter pressure was supplied by the oil pump mentioned above. Oil programs accust a supplied by the periscope through a range of a put them.

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istol her a exploder (Figure 24) and electric fuse (Figure use on the Type 1 KAITEN were also used on the Type 2 model. ristol. The same Type 25) that had became

The Type 2 KAITEN as designed for a depth of 100 meters and actually withstood 60 meters where ested, after being converted to the Type 4 KAITEN. Reference to Table II will show that the Type 2 KAITEN was larger and more power. ful than the Type I and was designed for much greater range and distance. Finally, after repeated unsuccessful attempts to eliminate "bugs", the Type 2 KAITEN was abandoned.



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D. Type 4 KAITEN. Between January and March 1945 five Type 4 KAITEN (Figure 12) were tested and finally bandated. The Type 4 design was developed in an effort to operate the Type 2 MITE on the kerosene and oxygen fuel successfully used in the Type 93, Mod 3 to pedo. The main outer dimensions were retained, the sample 6 engine and control equipment were used, but the fuel system was redesigned a utilize kerosene and oxygen in place of the hydrogen-peroxide former used.

The reduction in the weight of fuel carried permitted the installation of an 12 Okg rhead in the of the 1500kg one previously used, while still keeping the total weight of the Type 4 KAITEN 200kg less than that of the Type 2.

lad to be Type 4 developed 1200 hp, but in the water test made only 20 ks, when as its specifications called for a maximum speed of 40 knots. A taking steady flow of gases of combustion to engine No. 6, as well as receing the back pressure, seemed to present difficulty.

Japanese concluded that there were too many difficulties to be overcome in the Type 4 KAITEN to make further work upon this model worthwhile, in view of the fact that the Type 1 KAITEN was already in successful mass production.

E. Type 10 KAITEN. After abandoning the Type 2 and the 4 KAITEN, the designers next turned to an electrically propelled KACON, the Type 10 'Figure 13). They may have been influenced by the consideration hat sufficient storage batteries were available.

Table II shows the Type 10 KAITEN to be about one-third the size of the Type 1 and to have only 300kg of explosive. The charge could be fired by an electric fuse installed from the Type 92 torpedo. The charge could be fired by an electric fuse installed in the cockpit or by the Type 2 inertia patch which fired on impact. (Figure 24). A front battery compatement and a steering air chamber were installed aft of the warheld. The contall soom for the pilot was located aft of the forward battery chamber. In contained, firing switch; engine starting switch for the constant-speed notor to drive the KAITEN at one speed of 7 knots; hand directional steering a stall periscope which was fixed vertically but which could rotate and a carting valve for the air-driven gyro (Figure 18) located in the airer of of the KAITEN. The remainder of the after part of the kaiten was at lainted at of the Type 92 torpedo except for the addition of a steering air chamber, a hand rudder and the enlarging of the horizontal and vertical fins.

This KATTEN had a upper hatch but no lower hatch; hence, it was not possible for the pilot to ear the KAITEN from a mother-sub while the mother-sub was submerged.

When underway the Type 10 KAITEN ran at the depth set on the depth gear. The spring versus water pressure depth gear actuated the horizontal rudder by means of air pressure.

To use the periscope, the pilot would stop the engine, and the 50kg positive buoyancy would bring the KAITEN to the surface. The free floating was approximately in the middle of the small conning tower.

The pilot could not read course degrees from his station the Tr KAITEN was started and headed in the right direction eye through the periscope, the air gyro for automati COL e con by a control handle in the pilot control room. Th | was quite simieratid lar to the course gyro being started when a torped tube. If the pilot wanted to change the course n w started, his hand-operated vertical rudder was red is rom a torpedo ch ent to overcome the rudder was ffi small vertical rudder operated by th

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*Musher of cells: 112 (2824); Voltage: 56V: 'reprage: 120M; Motor RFM: 216; Ropeller RFM: 136.

ENG OSURE (A)

THE NEW ENERGY SOURCE OF THE TORPEDO (Prepared by Lt. Comdr. R. NAGANO, IJN)

a processing source of the torpedo, hydrogen peroxide, producing oxygen gas was revestigated:

when a cocentrated solution of hydrogen peroxide (H2O2 about 80%) is mixed with the concentrated hydrogen hydrate ((NH2)2H2O about 80%) about one-term in quantity, the temperature rises to nearly 1,000°C, and a great quantity of oxygen gas is produced. We intended to use this reaction in driving the engine. When we mixed these elements in the following ratio:

H₂O₂ : (NH₂)₂H₂O : fuel : cocling veter 10 : 1.0 : 1.5 :

we obtained a combustion gas which contained over 70 sup heated steam. The rest was CO2, CO, H2, N2, etc. at a temperature of about 50 700°C. Hence, we could apply this reaction and drive the engine of the toxisto.

At first we applied it to Type 93 typedo and obtained, as a result of the low-speed braking test on land, the ollowing results:

Press re in ombutic charter 20kg/cm²
Shaft press wer
Liquid fit ency haft hp x running time
consumption of H₂02

At the time, the investigation of he TTEN Type 2 was very urgent. We continued our experiment with the table experiment (designated Engine No. 6) for the Type 2 KAITEN. By the aid of 144 obtained the following results:

Plans re in combustion chamber 20kg/cm²
Shart horsepower 1600 hp
equid efficiency 900 hp sec/kg

The final tests, i.e. running tests, were about to be made, but they were never carried out.

The type of combustion device which is shown in the appending figures (Figures 14 and 15) had good characteristics.

Independently, the investigation to use concentrated nitric and alcohol had commenced and the experiment on combustion was goin on, at satisfactory results had not yet been obtained.



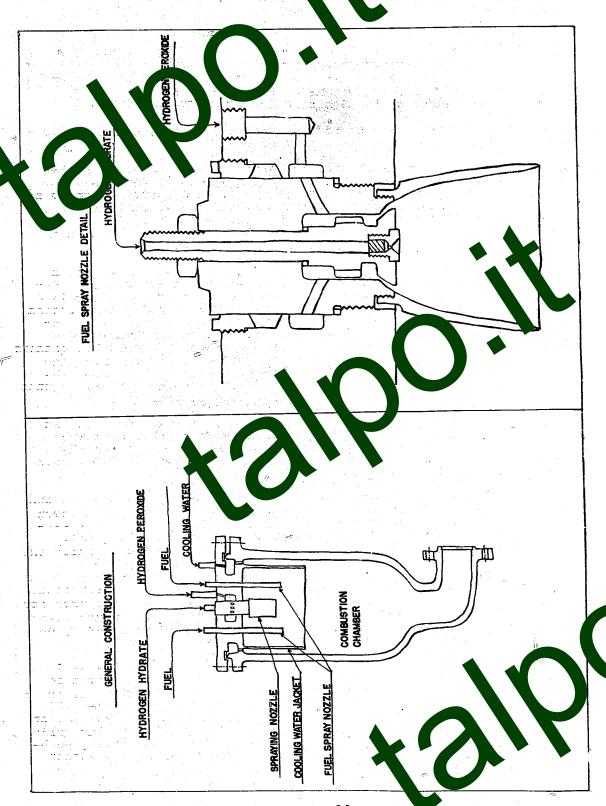


Figure 15 HYDROGEN PEROXIDE SPRAYING NOZZLE

TYDAS CONBUSTION CHANBER

INC OSURE (B)

STEERING APPARATUS
FOR TORPEDOES
Applicable to KAITEN as Noted)
Prepar i under the supervision of Capt. K. MIMIZUKA, IJN)

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Whit had torpedo type. The most typical one is the Type 4, Mod. 2 used for the Type 6 or 8 torpedo. As shown in Figure 16, the flywheel was driven by an turbine and the air passage to the steering cylinder was controlled through a small slide valve which was regulated by an eccentric pin set on a vertical axis. The revolutional speed of the flywheel was about 15,000 RPM and it was maintained by means of an air jet.

With the advent of the oxygen torpedo, which had a cry long range, a more powerful gyroscope was required and the Type 98 cas eveloped. For this type, the flywheel was enlarged, the speed of revolution of the rotor raised to about 18,000 RPM, the accuracy of bearings was improved, and the direction maintaining capacity was greatly increased a reover, to adoption of a new type controlling valve which utilized the combination of a diaphragm slide valve and air-slit intercepting ring brought a utilized cory result. The details of this system are illustrated in Figure 18. The separation of the reducing valve and the steering cylinder from the proscope body, and the use of the rubber spring minimized the discountage of engine vibration upon the gyroscope. This type was effective or a period of one-half hour.

On the contrary, the Typ 2 km or ope was the most simple one, and was suitable for the Typ 2 m her torp to. The construction of this type was almost the same as the Typ 91 or a rial torpedo service, except for the possession of the oblig serving med anism and the air jet device. The principle features as shown in Figure 19.

The greatest aprovement in recent years in the capacity was made in the development of the actric drive gyroscope. The rotor was driven at a speed of about 20,000 RPM by means of a three-phase A.C. device. Five minutes were required to attain maximum speed of rotation from starting. Delicate ball, bearings, which had high grade accuracy, were used in all axes, especially the horizontal ones, instead of the cone-type needles used in the Type 98.

Owing to the above-mentioned improvement, these gyroscopes had sufficient ability to maintain their axes in one direction for about 10 hours with littly deflection. Due to the lack of quick starting, this gyroscope was not used for torpedoes, but for small underwater weapons such as KAITEN, etc. when it was useful as a compass. This type required a motor-generator, battery, etc., as accessories.

Further, the Type 93 torpedo was equipped with a special reading twice which permitted the torpedo to take a circular course exter the straight desired running. The outline of the mechanism is illustrated in Figure 21. As is clearly seen from the Figure, air was sent to the interchting cylinder (E) by the action of a cam (C) at the end of the confight run to plunger (H) of that cylinder intercepted the air passages of both end of the steering cylinder. Only the air from the reducing very passes to rough the cylinder, pushed the piston of the steering cylinder on one side and the vertical rudder turned the torpedo in only one direction.



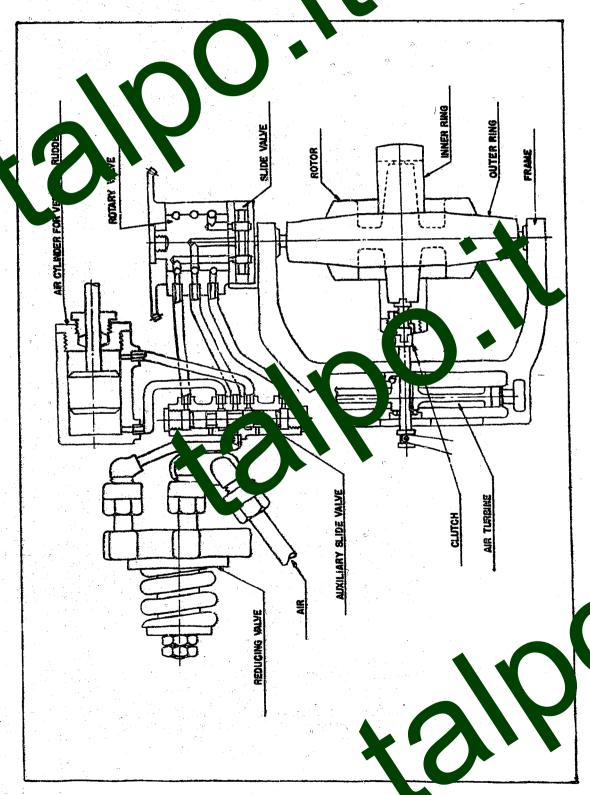


Figure 16 TORPEDO STEERING CONTROL, TYPE 4 NOTEL 2

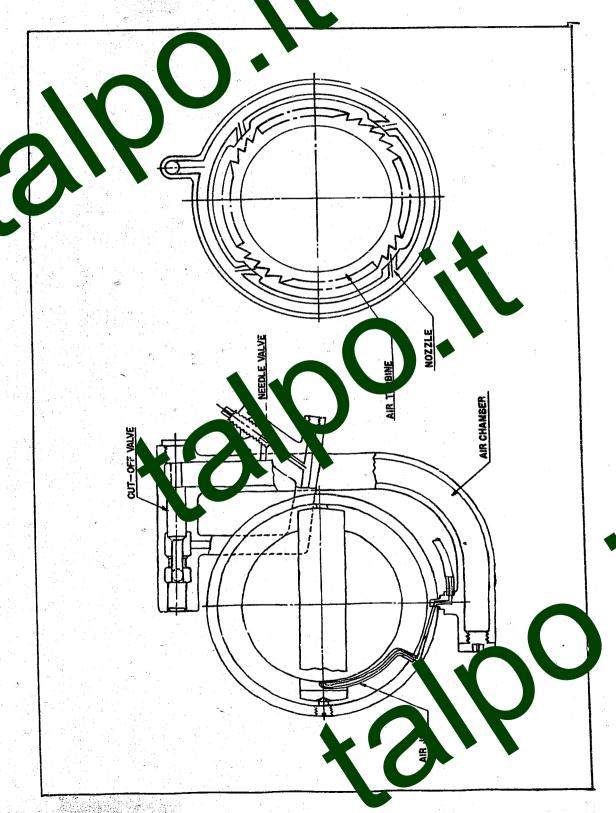
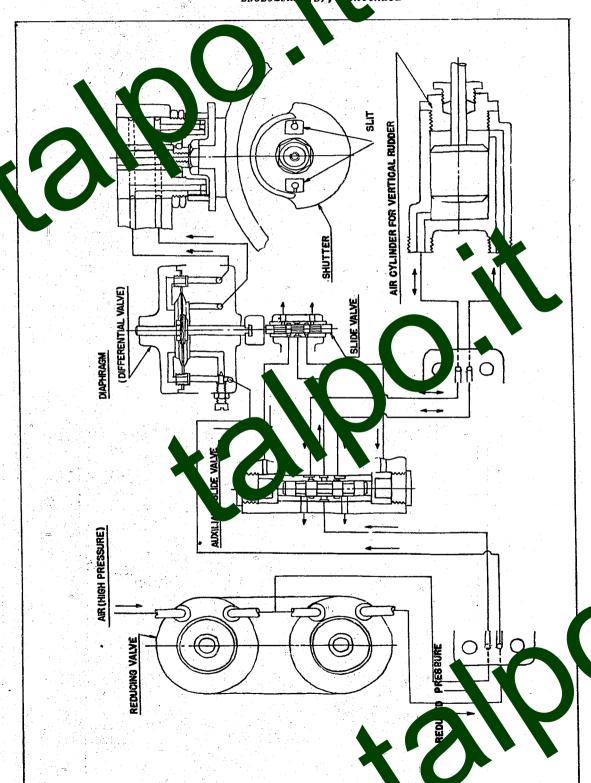
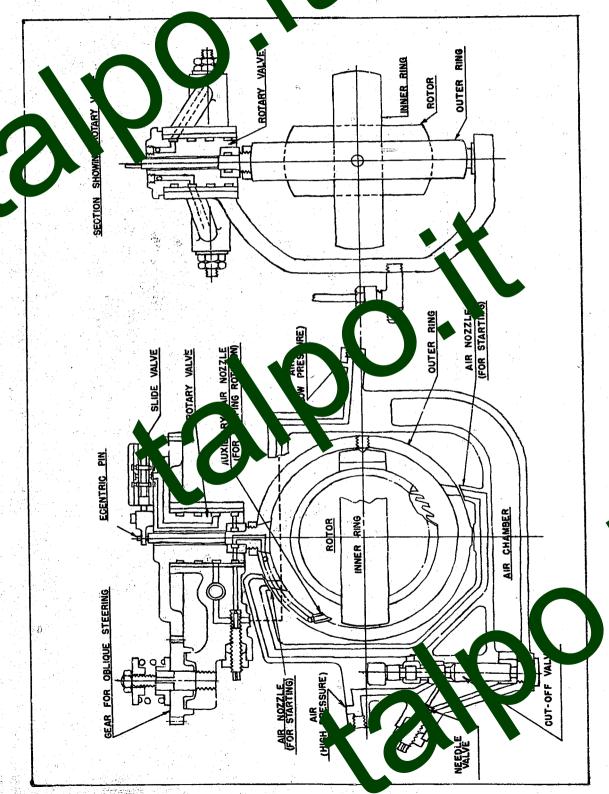


Figure 17 DSTAIL OF G"ROSCOPE, TYPE 4, NODEL 2

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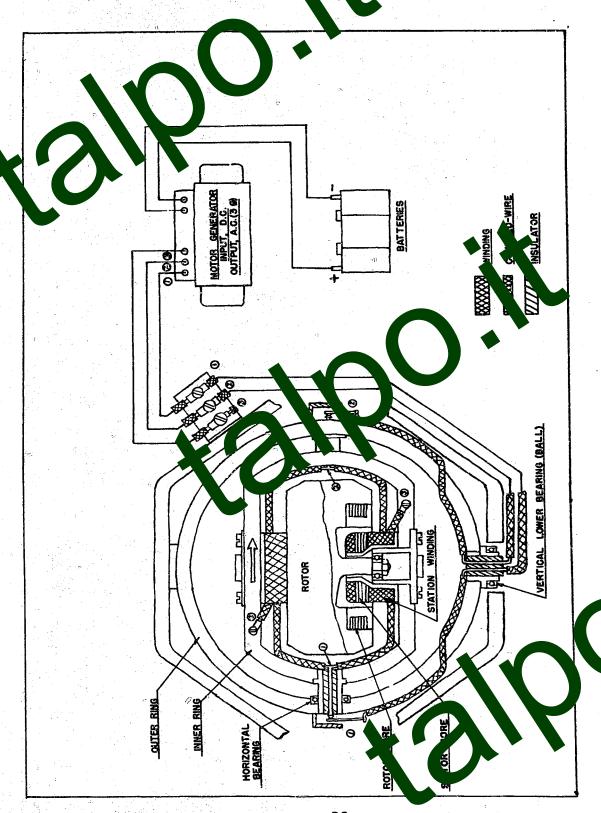


Figure 20 ELECTRICAL GYROSCOPE FOR TORPEDO STRERINO CONTROL

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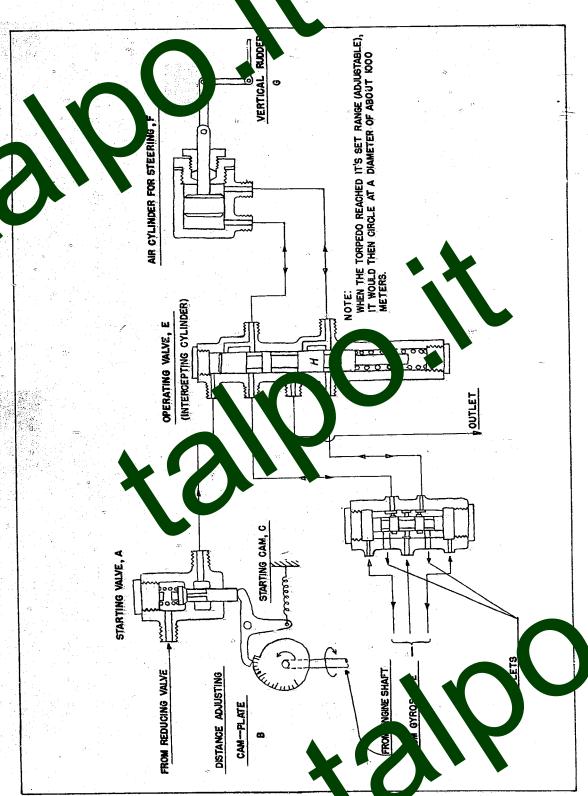


Figure 21 ARANGEMENT OF SECONDARY STEERING DEVICE FOR CIRCLING