

17 March, 1942

26. S.S. ACME

U.S. Tanker; built, 1916; 6,878 gross tons; in water ballast.  
Departed New York, 15 March, 1942, for Corpus Christi, Texas.  
Torpedoed 17 March, 1942, 1650 EWT, 1 mile off Diamond Shoal, N.C.,  
gas buoy.  
Weather, hazy; sea, moderate; brisk southeast wind.  
On board, 31; saved, 20.  
Vessel: salvaged.

Zigzagging off the North Carolina Coast, the SS ACME was hit by a torpedo, which penetrated and demolished the engine room, killing the 11 men who were aft at the time. The tanker settled by the stern, but all bulkheads forward of the engine room held, and the ship was not abandoned until 1820 EWT, when the survivors, in the two forward lifeboats, were picked up by the USCG DIONE and landed at N.O.B., Norfolk, Va.

The vessel was taken in tow by a Coast Guard cutter and a tug, and brought into Newport News for repairs on 20 March, 1942.

