

10 July, 1943

128 S.S. GULF PRINCE (2)
(See also Group 4; 13 May, 1942)

U.S. Tanker, built 1921; 6,560 gross tons; cargo, crude oil.
Torpedoed, 10 July, 1943, 1240 ship's time; in convoy between
Phillipsville and Algiers.
Weather, clear; wind, slight; sea, moderate.
On board, 64; saved, 64 (1 died of burns).
Vessel: salvaged.

The vessel was in a convoy of six United Nations ships, when she experienced her second torpedo attack 50 miles north of Bougie, Algeria. The Master on this voyage had been Chief Mate aboard this vessel when she was previously torpedoed in the Gulf of Mexico. She carried only a partial cargo of aviation gasoline, with most of her tanks in salt water ballast. She was struck in way of #7 starboard tank, and fire broke out almost at once. The starboard lifeboats and #3 raft were destroyed by the explosion, and the ship was abandoned in #2 and #4 lifeboats, the 3 remaining rafts, and the 2 doughnut rafts carried. All were picked up by the S.S. EMPIRE COMMERCE and the British escort vessel LOTUS, but one member of the crew subsequently died of burns.

The tanker was towed into Algiers by British and Dutch salvage tugs, and tied up for repairs, 12 July, 1943.

