

23 February, 1942

18. M.S. SUN  
 (See also Group 4; 16 May, 1942)

U.S. Tanker; built 1928; 9,002 gross tons; in ballast.  
 Departed Chester, Pa., 14 February, 1942, for Aruba, N.W.I.  
 Torpedoed 23 February, 1942, 0945; 13°02 N. - 70°41 W.  
 Weather, clear; sea, moderate; wind, light N.E.  
 On board, 36; saved, 36.  
 Vessel: salvaged.

Approximately 54 miles out of Aruba, in a daylight attack, the SUN was struck by a torpedo which ripped a large hole in the port side and bottom. The crew mustered calmly at their stations, and, as the vessel was listing badly to port, it was deemed advisable to abandon ship, owing to the ever present danger of shelling by the submarine. However, the enemy craft was not sighted at any time, and, upon the arrival of a friendly aircraft to convoy them, the crew reboarded the tanker, whose machinery was not seriously injured, and she made port under her own power. Temporary repairs were made at Aruba, and the SUN then proceeded back to Chester, Pa., for reconditioning.

