

16 May, 1942

64. M.S. SUN
(See also Group I; 23 February, 1942)

U.S. Tanker; built, 1928; 9,002 gross tons; in ballast.
Departed Chester, Pa., for Beaumont, Texas.
Torpedoed 16 May, 1942, 0403 CWT; 28°41 N.- 90°19 W.
Weather, clear; sea, calm; wind, light N.W.
On board, 42; saved, 42.
Vessel: salvaged.

Completely repaired and equipped with guns and a gun crew, the SUN left the shipyards at Chester and proceeded in ballast toward Beaumont, Texas, for her cargo of oil. When not far from Southwest Pass, Louisiana, the ship was again torpedoed, once more on the port side, but nearer to the bow than before. A dull red flash signaled the explosion, and the engines were stopped at once in accordance with a standing order from the Master. A sheet of water was thrown over the bow, but no one was seriously injured, and the engines were ordered started again, at reduced speed. By 1800, the vessel was able to enter the mouth of the Mississippi and proceed to New Orleans for further repairs.

This tanker presents a unique picture, in that she was twice torpedoed and all hands were safe and uninjured on both occasions, as well as the ship herself being salvaged and put back in service.

