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114 S.S. VIRGINIA SINCLAIR

U.S. Tanker, built 1930; 6,151 gross tons; cargo, gasoline.
Departed Baytown, Texas, for Canal Zone; in convoy.
Torpedoed 10 March, 1943; 0030; 20°11 N.- 74°04 W.
Weather, clear; sea, choppy; wind, light S.E.
On board, 44; saved, 37.
Vessel: total loss.

A crashing jar and explosion starboard, astern, put all propulsion machinery and steering gear out of action on this tanker, which was traveling in convoy about 5 miles ESE of Cape Maysi, L.H. The ship immediately began to go down by the stern, although the cargo, fortunately, did not catch fire. There was no opportunity to man the guns, and the ship was abandoned in three lifeboats without direct orders from the Master, the boats pulling away about 15 minutes after the attack. Three men on watch in the engine room were presumed lost, and four others missing when the survivors were taken aboard the U.S. Patrol Subchaser #642.

The bow of the tanker remained above water, about 15 feet projecting vertically until sunk by the Navy about 0600, 10 March, 1943.

