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NAVY REPORTS 2 DEAD, 3 MISSING; 4 ARE INJURED

Vessel Goes Down 16 Minutes After Explosion

Washington, Aug. 29. (UP)—The 1,589-ton fleet tug U. S. S. Sarsi struck a mine and sank off North Korea Aug. 27 with a loss of two lives, three missing and four seriously injured, the Navy announced today.

Eighty-eight officers and men survived the disaster which sent

Crew Member

George Q. Nader, SA, 20 of Kickapoo, is reported to have been a member of the Sarsi's crew.

He is a brother of Mrs. John Stokowski of 111 Flora ave.

The youth entered the Navy in January and has been aboard the Sarsi about two months.

the Sarsi plunging to the bottom 16 minutes after the explosion. The survivors included the commander of the tug, Lt. William M. Howard of Norfolk, Va.

Survivors were rescued by the minesweeper Zeal and the destroyer Boyd which also were engaged in operations off North Korea. The Navy said the accident occurred off the Communist-held port of Hung-Nam.

The dead were listed as:

Hampton Curtis Carter, steward 3/c, husband of Mrs. Hampton C. Carter, Chicago, Ill.

Raymond Shirley Parrish, chief quartermaster, husband of Mrs. Martha Charmaine Parrish of Chicago and son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Leonard Parrish, Route 1, Eldorado, Ill.

The missing:

Robert Thomas Slattery, radioman 3/c, son of James Thomas Slattery, Millford, Mass.

Charles Henry Kunsch, Jr., damage control man 1/c, son of Charles Henry Kunsch, Sr., Omaha, Neb.

Herbert Elwood Demarest, yeoman 3/c, son of Herbert Goddon Demarest, Parsippany, N. J.

The seriously injured:

Warrant Officer Peter Henry Shordt, husband of Mrs. Marjorie Leora Shordt, Nashua, N. H.

Floyd Whellis, Seaman, son of Mrs. Johnnie May Whellis, East St. Louis, Ill.

Charles Rene Waite, seaman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Arthur Waite, Utica, Mont.

Gordon Wayne Scarpacl, yeoman 2/C, husband of Mrs. Jesse Helen Scarpacl, Glendale, Cal., and son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Scarpacl, Montrose, Cal.

The sinking brought to 62 the number of incidents since the start of the Korean war in which U. S. ships have been sunk or damaged by mines, shore fire or other causes. Six ships have been sunk with casualties totalling 143 men killed, 358 wounded and 3 missing. All of the vessels sunk have been tugs or minesweepers, although several larger vessels have suffered damage. The most recent incident involved the destroyer-minesweeper Thompson which was raked by Communist shore guns off Songjin, Korea, on Aug. 20. Four members of the Thompson's crew were killed and 10 others were wounded.

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