

## Major World War II US Maritime Losses – The War with Germany

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**Scope:** The following table includes the maritime events in the US war with Germany known to me that meet one of the following criteria:

- All lost capital ships, namely battleships (BB), cruisers (CA & CL), and aircraft carriers (CV & CVL), including escort carriers (CVE).
- All destroyers (DD) lost in action, lost at sea, or damaged and scrapped.
- All lost or damaged ships with over 100 American deaths.
- All ships where *Pottawattamie Area WW II Dead Roster* members died, indicated by a star (or stars) in the *Ship* column.

In addition, I include

- Some lost submarines (SS), although they carried fewer than 100 men.
- Major explosions at port facilities.

### About the table:

- This table is chronological.
- The ships that survived are noted in the last column.
- For damaged ships which sank later, I include both dates.
- Personnel losses are approximate.

### My major sources for this report are:

- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_maritime\\_disasters\\_in\\_World\\_War\\_I](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_maritime_disasters_in_World_War_I)
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_United\\_States\\_Navy\\_losses\\_in\\_World\\_War\\_II](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_United_States_Navy_losses_in_World_War_II)
- Wikipedia entries for World War II naval battles and warships.

Loss Date US Deaths	Ship	Where Lost Cause
31 Oct '41 115 dead, 44 lived	destroyer USS <i>Reuben James</i> (DD- 245)	North Atlantic - near Iceland escorting convoy HX-156 submarine U-552 torpedo
18 Feb '42 110 dead	☆ destroyer USS <i>Truxton</i> (DD-229)	North Atlantic - off Newfoundland grounded during storm
18 Feb '42 99 dead, 100 lived	general stores issue ship USS <i>Pollux</i> (AKS-2)	North Atlantic - off Newfoundland grounded during storm

19 Feb '42 20 dead 18 lived	★ tanker SS <i>Pan Massachusetts</i>	North Atlantic - off Cape Canaveral, Florida submarine U-128 torpedo
28 Feb '42 ~ 141 dead, 11 lived	destroyer USS <i>Jacob Jones</i> (DD-130)	North Atlantic – SE of Cape May, New Jersey submarine U-578 torpedo
27 Mar '42 all 141 dead	★ Q-ship USS <i>Atik</i> (AK-101) (armed & disguised merchant ship)	North Atlantic - 300 miles east of Norfolk, Virginia submarine U-123 torpedo
26 Apr '42 15 dead	destroyer USS <i>Sturtevant</i> (DD-240)	near Key West, Florida hit three mines in US-laid mine field
17 May '42 21 dead, ~19 lived	★ tanker SS <i>Gulfoil</i>	Gulf of Mexico - ~75 miles SW of Mississippi delta submarine U-506 torpedo
22 Aug '42 197 dead, 11 lived	★ destroyer USS <i>Ingraham</i> (DD-444)	North Atlantic – off Nova Scotia collision with tanker <i>Chemung</i> in dense fog
29 Aug '42 25 dead, ~35 lived	★ tanker SS <i>Topa Topa</i>	Atlantic - en route to Africa, 350 miles north of Cayenne, French Guinea; submarine U-66 torpedo
12 Nov '42 31 dead	★ troop transport USS <i>Tasker H. Bliss</i> (AP-42)	Atlantic - Fedala Roads, near Casablanca, Morocco submarine U-130 torpedo
15 Nov '42 4 dead	★ attack cargo ship USS <i>Almaack</i> (AKA-19)	Atlantic - off Portugal, returning to England from Operation Torch submarine U-155 torpedo ship survived
3 Feb '43 672 dead, 230 lived	troop transport SS <i>Dorchester</i>	North Atlantic - off Labrador, convoy SG-19 en route from New York to Greenland submarine U-223 torpedo
7 Feb '43 272 dead, ~222 lived	navy transport USS <i>Henry R. Mallory</i>	North Atlantic - convoy SC-118, 600 nautical miles SSW of Iceland submarine U-402 torpedo
15 Feb '43 unknown dead one lived	★ tanker <i>Atlantic Sun</i>	North Atlantic, 150 miles off Cape Race, Newfoundland submarine U-607 torpedo

10 Jul '43, 210 dead, 74 lived	destroyer USS <i>Maddox</i> (DD-622)	Mediterranean - off Gela, Sicily, Operation Husky dive bomber
6 Aug '43 unknown dead	★ Landing Ship Tank LST-3	Mediterranean - NE of Palermo, Sicily aircraft bomb ship survived
11 Sep '43, 197 dead	★ light cruiser USS <i>Savannah</i> (CL-52)	Mediterranean - off Salerno, Italy radio-controlled glide-bomb ship survived
11 Sep '43 202 dead	★ destroyer USS <i>Rowan</i> (DD-405)	Mediterranean - off Salerno, Italy E-boat torpedo
9 Oct '43, 168 dead	★ destroyer USS <i>Buck</i> (DD-420)	Mediterranean - off Capri, Italy submarine U-616 torpedo
13 Oct '43 52 dead	destroyer USS <i>Bristol</i> (DD-453)	Mediterranean – off NE Algeria U-371 torpedo
12 Oct '43 all 78 dead	★ submarine USS <i>Dorado</i> (SS-248)	Caribbean - off Panama probable friendly aircraft, possible mine
1-2 Nov '43 27 dead	destroyer USS Borie (DD-215)	North Atlantic – collision with submarine U-405) which later sank ship scuttled
6 Nov '43 12 dead	destroyer USS Beatty (DD-640)	Mediterranean – convoy KMF-25A aircraft torpedo
26 Nov '43 1015 dead	★ liner HMT <i>Rohna</i> (British)	Mediterranean - off Bougie, Algeria Henschel Hs 293 glide bomb, total dead 1138, 819 survivors
2 Dec '43, 205 dead	Liberty Ship SS <i>John Harvey</i> + four more Liberty ships + allied ships	Mediterranean - Bari, Italy explosions from German air raid released <i>John Harvey's</i> mustard gas cargo, total dead ~2,000
24 Dec '43 97 dead 59 lived	★ destroyer USS <i>Leary</i> (DD-158)	North Atlantic - ~700 miles NE of Azores submarine U-275 torpedo
3 Jan '44 136 dead, 150 lived	destroyer USS <i>Turner</i> (DD-648)	North Atlantic - off Sandy Hook, New Jersey a series of explosions while anchored

26 Jan '44 454 dead	★ Landing Ship Tank HMS LST-422	Mediterranean - off Anzio, Lazio, Italy high winds pushed ship into mine field 29 British sailors also died
20 Apr '44 all 580 dead	Liberty Ship SS Paul Hamilton, used as a troopship	Mediterranean - off Cape Bengut, Algeria aerial torpedo
28 Apr '44 ~ 749 dead	★ Landing Ship Tanks LST-507 (sunk), LST-531 (sunk), & LST-289 (damaged)	English Channel - off Slapton Sands, Devon, England E-Boot torpedo attack during training exercise
6 Jun '44 54 dead, 18 lived	★ Landing Craft Flak LCF-31	English Channel - off Utah Beach, Normandy, France German shore batteries, most personnel were Army
6 Jun '44 24 dead	destroyer USS Corry (DD-463)	English Channel – off Utah Beach, Normandy, France German shore batteries
6 Jun '44 1 dead	★ Landing Craft Tank LCT-305	English Channel – off Omaha Beach, Normandy, France back broken by mine and ended on beach
7 Jun '44 unknown dead	★ Landing Craft Tank LCT-486	English Channel - off Utah Beach, Normandy, France sunk by mine
7-9 Jun '44 seven+ dead	destroyer USS <i>Meredith</i> (DD-726)	English Channel – off Normandy, France hit a mine, towed to anchorage, sunk by aerial bomb
8-10 Jun '44 25 dead	destroyer USS <i>Glennon</i> (DD-620)	English Channel – off Utah Beach, Normandy, France; hit mine, sunk by German shore batteries
8 Jun '44 crew of 213 91 dead	destroyer escort USS <i>Rich</i> (DE-695)	English Channel - off Utah Beach, Normandy, France; hit three mines while assisting the <i>Glennon</i>
29 Jun '44 9 dead 9 lived	★ minesweeper USS <i>Valor</i> (AMc- 108)	North Atlantic - southern reaches of Cape Cod Canal struck by destroyer escort USS <i>Richard W. Suesens</i>

13 Sep '44 148 dead, 73 lived	☆ destroyer USS <i>Warrington</i> (DD-383)	North Atlantic - off Bahama Is. Great Atlantic Hurricane of 1944
24 Dec '44 819 dead	☆☆☆ liner SS <i>Leopoldville</i> (Belgian)	English Channel - off Cherbourg, France submarine U-486 torpedo
9 Apr '45 52 dead	Liberty Ship SS <i>Charles Henderson</i>	Mediterranean - Bari, Italy explosion unloading munitions, total 542, mostly Italians, dead
9 Apr '45 all 19 dead	☆ army tanker Y-17	North Sea - off Ostend, Belgium midget submarine U-5309 torpedo