

Personal Account of Incident #3 as reported by Phillip K. Selden (LTJG 66-67)

"I recall that we were not cruising at flank speed at the time the damage was done to the screws. We were in a search and rescue operation looking for survivors of the chinese merchant ship that had sent an SOS that they were taking on water. (See SOS message below). The ship did in fact sink, and the teak logs were set loose in the open water. We hit several of them while maneuvering around the area. When the S&R operation concluded, the Captain ordered us to resume our original course and speed. It was at that point that the Anna boat began to shudder and lurch as the speed increased. I remember this incident well! By the way, we did pick up a crew member from the sunken merchant ship, but he had drowned by the time we got to him. I've got several photos of the Anna crew picking him up. I think he was stored in the reefer for a number of days until we got to port."

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 FM NAVCOMMSTA PHIL
 TO ALL SHIPS COPYING THIS BCST
 ALL SHIPS COPYING THIS MERCAST
 JSARC CLARK AFB
 RCC MANILA
 COMNAVFORJAPAN
 COMNAVMARIANAS
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 COMHAWSEAFRON
 COMALSEAFRON
 COMSEVENTHFLT
 CINCPACFLT
 NAVCOMMSTA (CALS) GUAM
 NAVCOMMSTA (CALS) JAPAN
 NAVCOMMSTA (CAMS) HONO

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 FM USNS HERKIMER
 TO NAVCOMMSTA PHIL
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FOLLOWING RECVD ON 500 KCS QUOTE
 SOS SOS SOS DE 6ZOM 6ZOM 6ZOM
 POSITION AT 041800Z LAT 18-53 NORTH LONG 120-22 EAST CSE 197 DEGREES
 SPEED 9 KNOTS ENCOUNTERING ADVERSE WEATEHER STOP NO 1 HATCH DECK
 CARGO LOSE WASH AWAY AND HATCH COVER OPEN BY HIGH SEAS STEM SERIOUSLY
 IMMersed VESSEL IN DANGER REQUEST ESCORT TO MANILA

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