

# Allied Ships Damaged or Sunk by Axis Aircraft, 14 May – 2 September 1943

Date	Name	Type	Tons	Time	Location	Cause and Remarks
19.05.43	<i>Luther Martin</i>	Liberty ship	?	?	Oran harbour	Damaged by bombs, no casualties, repaired and returned to service
19.05.43	<i>Samuel Griffin</i>	Liberty ship	?	?	Oran harbour	Damaged by bombs, 15 men wounded, repaired and returned to service
12.06.43	<i>LCF-13</i>	Landing Craft Flak Mark III	550	?	near Pantelleria	Badly damaged by bombs, total wreck
14.06.43	<i>MGB-648</i>	Motor Gunboat	90	?	off Pantelleria	Sunk by bombs
14.06.43	<i>SS Empire Maiden</i>	Water tanker	813	?	Pantelleria harbour	Sunk by bombs
16.06.43	<i>HMS Petard</i>	P-Class destroyer	2,175	?	off Pantelleria	Badly damaged by near misses, flooding controlled, repaired at Bizerta, in service again by at least 12 July 1943
26.06.43	<i>LST-???</i>	Landing Ship Tank	?	?	off Cap Bon	Damaged by Fw 190s
26.06.43	<i>LST-???</i>	Landing Ship Tank	?	?	off Cap Bon	Damaged by Fw 190s
10.07.43	<i>USS Sentinel AM-113</i>	Minesweeper	?	04:50	15 miles off Molla	Direct hit from dive-bomber, four more attacks and one more hit, several near misses at 05:10, abandoned 06:15, sank at 10:50
10.07.43	<i>USS Maddox DD-622</i>	Gleaves-class destroyer	?	04:58	ca. 16 miles off Gela	Direct hit from dive-bomber, exploded under starboard propeller, stern destroyed, after magazine exploded, rolled over and sank. 210 killed
10.07.43	<i>LCS-??</i>	?	?	05:50	BARK EAST	One stoker wounded by 2 strafing Bf 109s
10.07.43	<i>LST-388</i>	Landing Ship Tank	?	10:00	Gela	Straddled by three skip-bombing Bf 109s, no serious damage or casualties
10.07.43	<i>USS Murphy DD-603</i>	Destroyer	?	16:21	off Gela	Minor damage by near misses from bomber, straddled, stern punctured, 1 man wounded
10.07.43	<i>LST-313</i>	U.S. Landing Ship Tank	?	18:35	off Gela, Beach Green 2	Sunk by hit-and-run raider, bomb exploded below tank deck, set on fire
10.07.43	<i>LST-312</i>	U.S. Landing Ship Tank	?	18:35	off Gela, Beach Green 2	Near miss from hit-and-run raider, damaged, repaired
10.07.43	<i>HMHS Talamba</i>	Hospital ship, ex-British India SN Co steamship passenger-cargo liner	8,018	~22:00	7 km E. of Avola, S. of Syracuse, 3 miles offshore <sup>2</sup>	Sunk by bombs, illuminated, all patients evacuated. Maybe 239 <sup>^</sup> <i>Squadriglia</i> , 5° <i>Stormo</i> Re 2002s <sup>1</sup>
10.07.43	<i>LST-???</i>	Landing Ship Tank	?	23:00	JOSS area	Direct hit from dive-bomber
10.07.43	<i>HMS Alynbank</i>	?	?	20:10-23:59	BARK EAST	Near miss in dive-attack, 2 ratings killed
10.07.43	<i>LCS (M)-???</i>	?	?	dawn	ACID area	Strafed, minor casualties
10.07.43	<i>LCS (M)-???</i>	?	?	dawn	ACID area	Strafed, minor casualties
10.07.43	<i>LCT-???</i>	Landing Craft Tank	?	afternoon	ACID	Damaged by near misses
10.07.43	<i>LCT-???</i>	Landing Craft Tank	?	afternoon	ACID	Damaged by near misses
10.07.43	<i>George Rogers Clark</i>	?	?	afternoon	off Avola	Several near misses, bomb fragments wounded 3 British soldiers onboard
10.07.43	<i>Pocohontas</i>	?	?	?	off Avola	500 lb bomb exploded 50-75 ft from ship, 2 Armed Guards wounded
11.07.43	<i>USS Barnett APA-5</i>	McCawley-class attack transport	?	06:35 <sup>3</sup>	DIME transport area	Near miss from dive-bombers and fighter-bombers, fire started in the hold, forward magazine flooded, fire in #1 hold under control. 7 soldiers killed, 35 wounded. Temporary repairs by <i>USS Vulcan</i>
11.07.43	<i>USS Orizaba AP-24</i>	Transport	?	06:35	DIME transport area	Damaged by bombing from dive-bombers and fighter-bombers, six holes above water line, electric and gyro cables leading to bridge cut. Temporary repairs by <i>USS Vulcan</i>
11.07.43	<i>USS Monrovia AP-64</i>	Attack transport	?	06:35	DIME transport area	Damaged by near miss from dive-bombers and fighter-bombers
11.07.43	<i>USS Joseph T. Dickman APA-13</i>	Attack transport	?	06:35	DIME transport area	Slightly damaged by near miss from dive-bombers and fighter-bombers, fighting efficiency not impaired
11.07.43	<i>LST-345</i>	U.S. Landing Ship Tank	?	07:58	Gela	Near miss off fantail from low-level bombing run by Fw 190, radio temporarily knocked out, 6 men wounded
11.07.43	<i>LST-158</i>	U.S. Landing Ship Tank	?	08:10	Blue Beach, Licata	Direct hit amidships by Fw 190, badly damaged, burning and beached, gutted. 33 Army and 5 U.S. Navy personnel killed
11.07.43	<i>SS Lawton B. Evans</i>	?	?	11:40	Gela	1 near miss, hull damaged
11.07.43	<i>HMNS Baarn</i>	Ammunition carrier	?	12:35	off ACID	Set on fire by splinters from near miss by Ju 88. Cased petrol in #1 hold set on fire, fire became uncontrollable. Abandoned and scuttled by British due to risk of explosion
11.07.43	<i>USS Boise</i>	Brooklyn-class light cruiser	?	15:40	off Gela	Bracketed by bombs from 30 Ju 88s, undamaged
11.07.43	<i>SS Robert Rowan</i>	Liberty ship, operated by Isthmian SS Co.	7,176	15:46	At anchor off Gela	Hit by 16 FW 200 and He 111, or 30 Ju 88, or 32 bombers. Direct hits by 3 bombs, 1 passed through ship without exploding, other 2 set her on fire. Bomb hit in #2 hold. Abandoned 16:20, #2 hold exploded at 16:35, settled at 17:00, exploded 17:02, burnt for hours. 0 killed. All personnel abandoned ship. Destroyer <i>USS McLamahan</i> DD-615 tried to sink it with gunfire to extinguish flames, but water was too shallow and it would not sink. Wreck sold to Italy in 1948 and scrapped.
11.07.43	<i>Joseph G. Cannon</i>	Liberty ship, operated by Weyerhaeuser SS Co.	7,181	~19:00	off Avola harbour	Hit and damaged by dud, hold 5 and shaft alley flooded, bomb went through bottom. Settled until stern lay ground. 100 tons of general cargo. Towed to Malta and later repaired. No casualties amongst crew, some British soldiers killed. Proceeded to Malta 13 July for temporary repairs
11.07.43	?	U.S. Liberty Ship	?	~21:50	off Gela	Damaged by bomb fragments
11.07.43	<i>Nicholas Gilman</i>	?	?	afternoon <sup>4</sup>	Gela	5 near misses and hit in #1 hatch, fire broke out but brought under control

<sup>1</sup> Action Report Western Naval Task Force says the attack was by sixteen FW 200s and He 111s.

<sup>2</sup> Roskill says five miles off beaches

<sup>3</sup> Also reported to have been skip-bombed at 06:55

11.07.43	<i>Francis Parkman</i>	?	?	?	Gela	Bombs fell close, one Armed Guard wounded by bomb fragments
11.07.43	<i>Frank B. Kellogg</i>	?	?	?	off Avola	3 bombs bracketed stern, water over ship, engine room pipes broken
11.07.43	<i>O'Henry</i>	?	?	?	8 miles S. of Syracuse	7 casualties from bomb fragments
12.07.43	<i>USS Tillman DD-641</i>	Destroyer	?	04:30	S.E. of Gela	Damaged by near miss
12.07.43	<i>HMHS Dorsetshire</i>	Hospital ship, ex-Bibby Line passenger ship	9,717	05:00	off BARK EAST, 286° 13 miles from Cap Passero	Slightly damaged by bombs, some structural damage and casualties, illuminated <sup>5</sup>
12.07.43	<i>SS Ocean Peace</i>	Cargo ship	7,173	dawn	7 km E. of Avola	Near miss at fore end, caused fire in cased petrol in #1 hold, uncontrollable, sunk by British
13.07.43	<i>SS Timothy Pickering</i>	Liberty ship, American President Lines	7,181	11:45	500 yds off Avola Beach	Sunk by direct hit and near miss by 500 lb bombs from dive-bombing fighter-bombers while unloading ammo. Struck fore part of #4 hold, penetrated deck and exploded in engine room, cargo exploded and created 20 ft hole on starboard side of #4 hold. Fire engulfed amidships, settled on after end. Split her in half. A total loss. 3 of 8 officers, 19 of 35 merchant crewmen, 16 of 23 Armed Guards, and 127 of 128 British troops killed. British destroyer sank it with torpedo at 13:30, broke in two.
13.07.43	<i>George Rogers Clark</i>	Liberty ship	?	?	Mediterranean	Damaged by bombs
13.07.43	<i>Samuel Parker</i>	Liberty ship	?	?	Mediterranean	Damaged by bombs. 0 killed
13.07.43	<i>O'Henry</i>	?	?	?	off Avola	Explosion from vessel, probably <i>Timothy Pickering</i> , showered ship with debris, one soldier killed by flying truck tyre
14.07.43	<i>LCT-19</i>	Landing Craft Tank	?	?	<sup>6</sup>	Sunk by bombs
15.07.43	?	Liberty ship	?	06:00	WNTF area	Hit in air raid
15./16.07.43	<i>HMS Boston</i>	?	?	night	Syracuse	Near miss caused some damage and minor casualties
15./16.07.43	<i>HMS Poole</i>	?	?	night	Syracuse	Near miss caused some damage and minor casualties
16.07.43	<i>HMS Indomitable</i>	British aircraft carrier	29,730	night	50 miles off Cap Passero	Hit by aircraft torpedo, port boiler room and adjacent compartments knocked out, to Gibraltar for repairs
16.07.43	<i>Stephen C. Foster</i>	Liberty ship	?	?	Algiers harbour	Damaged by bombs. No casualties
17.07.43	<i>William T. Coleman</i>	Liberty ship	?	02:15	eastern Sicily	Badly damaged by near miss, 4"/50 put out of action
17.07.43	<i>HMS Queen Emma</i>	Landing Ship Infantry	?	02:15	Augusta harbour	2 very near misses from anti-personnel bombs, superficial damage, as well as many holes in sides and superstructure, fracture in fire main and piping systems. 102 casualties, including 15 killed in stern of ship <sup>7</sup>
17.07.43	<i>Samuel Parker</i>	Liberty ship	?	?	eastern Sicily	Bomb through port bulwark at forward chock, another 20 feet away
19.07.43	<i>Samuel Parker</i>	Liberty ship	?	?	off Avola	Damaged by straddling near misses, no casualties
19.07.43	?	British ship	?	?	Augusta harbour	Hit by air raid
20.07.43	<i>SS Fort Pelly</i>	Cargo vessel or tanker	7,131	night	off Augusta harbour	Sunk by direct hits, exploded
20.07.43	<i>William T. Coleman</i>	Liberty ship	?	night	off Augusta harbour	Damaged by explosion of <i>Fort Pelly</i> , moored to the same buoy, ran aground trying to escape. No casualties
21.07.43	<i>SS Empire Florizel</i>	Cargo vessel steamship	7,056	03:00-03:20	off Augusta harbour	Sunk by bombs
21.07.43	<i>SS Ocean Virtue</i>	?	7,174	03:00-03:20	Augusta harbour	Damaged by bombs
21./22.07.43	<i>MTB-288</i>	Motor Torpedo Boat	40	night	Augusta harbour	Sunk in air attack
22.07.43	<i>Samuel Parker</i>	Liberty ship	?	?	off Avola	Straddled and damaged by near misses. Heavy bomb fell within 20 ft, and another within 25 ft, strafed, 115 holes in hull. Fire started, but able to leave on this day. 2 Armed Guards killed in strafing attack, 5 Armed Guards and 4 merchant seaman wounded <sup>8</sup>
25.07.43	<i>James Duncan</i>	?	?	?	Syracuse	One Armed Guard wounded by fragments
25.07.43	?	British ship	?	?	Syracuse	Hit in air raid
26.07.43	<i>MV Fishpool</i>	Cargo vessel, Sir R. Ropner & Sons	4,950	morning	Syracuse harbour	Sunk by bombs in raid by Fw 190s and Ju 88s, hit amidships, two more direct hits, and blew up. Carrying 1,000 tons of aviation fuel, 4,000 tons of ammunition. 28 crew and several passengers killed
26.07.43	<i>USS Mayrant DD-402</i>	Benham-class destroyer	1,725	09:26	10 miles off Palermo	Badly damaged by near misses from 3 Ju 88s, towed into Palermo by minesweeper <i>USS Strive AM-115</i> , repaired at Palermo <sup>9</sup>
27.07.43	<i>LCT-353</i>	Landing Craft Tank Mark III	625-650	?	Syracuse harbour	Sunk by bombs
30./31.07.43 <sup>10</sup>	<i>SS Uskside</i>	British coaster, Richard W. Jones & Co.	2,708	?	Palermo harbour	Sunk by bombs from twin-engine bombers, alongside the berth
01.08.43 <sup>11</sup>	<i>USS Mayrant DD-402</i>	Benham-class destroyer	?	-04:00	off Palermo harbour	Hit by splinters whilst on patrol, 1 man badly wounded. Temporary repairs at Malta, then to United States under own power
01.08.43	<i>LST-373</i>	LST	?	-04:00	Palermo harbour	Damaged by bombing raid <sup>12</sup>
01.08.43	?	British freighter	?	-04:00	Palermo harbour	Sunk by direct hit
01.08.43	<i>USS Strive AM-115</i>	Minesweeper	?	-04:00	Palermo harbour	Hit and damaged by fragments from horizontal bomber, repaired in theatre
01.08.43	<i>Tabitha Brown</i>	?	?	?	Palermo	Bombs fell close, 3 casualties when a fragment hit #7 20 mm magazine [this was in either this or 4 August 1943 raid]
01.08.43	<i>Marion McKinley Bovard</i>	?	?	?	Palermo	Bombs fell close, 18 holes in starboard side of ship, most probably from AA fire

<sup>4</sup> After 15:46<sup>5</sup> Some sources say 10 July 1943, but Cunningham says that it arrived on 11 July 1943, and that *HMHS Aba* was the other hospital ship attacked on 10 July 1943<sup>6</sup> Sources incorrectly say location was Salerno<sup>7</sup> Cunningham and Morison say 18 killed, 70 wounded<sup>8</sup> Maritime Quest says 3 Armed Guards were killed<sup>9</sup> Action Report Western Naval Task Force says 2 killed and 15 wounded<sup>10</sup> *British Vessels Lost at Sea* says 1 August 1943<sup>11</sup> Action Report Western Naval Task Force says 4 August 1943<sup>12</sup> Action Report Western Naval Task Force says an LST was sunk at Palermo on 4 August 1943

01.08.43	<i>Samuel Huntington</i>	?	?	?	?	2 Armed Guards wounded by fragments
01.08.43	<i>William Mulholland</i>	?	?	?	?	4 Armed Guards wounded by fragments
01.08.43	<i>William W. Gearhard</i>	?	?	?	Palermo	Nearby ammunition train blew up on dock, many shells fell on deck, 3 Armed Guards wounded, some bombs fell just aft
04.08.43	<i>USS Shubrick DD-639</i>	Gleaves-class destroyer	?	-04:30	off Palermo harbour,	Hit by 3 bombs from dive-bomber whilst on patrol, exploded in forward engine room, 9 men killed, 8 wounded. Returned to United States under own power <sup>13</sup>
04.08.43	<i>Tabitha Brown</i>	?	?	?	Palermo	Bombs fell close, 3 casualties when a fragment hit #7 20 mm magazine [this was in either this or 1 August 1943 raid]
06.08.43	<i>LST-3</i>	U.S. Landing Ship Tank	?	15:30	off San Stéfano di Camastra,	Damaged by bomber, 4 aircraft attacked, second deck flooded, main deck buckled, beached to prevent sinking. Towed to Bizerta for repairs. Three U.S. Navy personnel killed, two wounded
07.08.43	<i>PC-???</i>	Patrol Craft	?	17:00	off San Stéfano di Camastra	Damaged by bombing or strafing
07.08.43	<i>LST-318</i>	U.S. Landing Ship Tank	?	17:00	off San Stéfano di Camastra	Damaged by bombing or strafing, hastily repaired, sailed at 19:40
07.08.43	?	Dutch ship	?	?	Bizerta	Hit in air raid
09.08.43	<i>LST-318</i>	U.S. Landing Ship Tank	?	16:30	Caronia	Damaged beyond repair by near misses from dive-bomber, grounded on rocks
10.08.43	<i>LST-318</i>	U.S. Landing Ship Tank	?	morning	38° 04' N, 14° 30' E	Beached and abandoned, 10 ft hole blown in tank deck
13.08.43	<i>Francis W. Pettygrove</i>	Liberty ship	?	late-afternoon	off coast of Algeria, 36° 08' N, 02° 14' E	Convoy MKS-21. Damaged by aircraft torpedo. Partially abandoned, survivors taken onboard minesweeper <i>HMS Hythe</i> , taken in tow by <i>HMS Hythe</i> on 14.08.43, towed to Gibraltar, total loss
13.08.43	<i>Anne Bradstreet</i>	Liberty ship	?	late-afternoon	of coast of Algeria, 36° 19' N, 02° 18' E	Convoy MKS-21. Damaged by strafing aircraft, 1 man wounded. Torpedo passed bow, and another passed stern, bombs fell on either side of vessel
13.08.43	<i>Jonathon Elmer</i>	Liberty ship	?	late-afternoon	off coast of Algeria, 36° 07' N, 03° 07' E	Convoy MKS-21. Damaged by strafing aircraft. 0 killed, 3 gunners wounded. Torpedo passed ahead and astern, and bomb fell 50 yards away
13.08.43	?	British ship	?	?	140 miles E. of Gibraltar	Convoy MKS-21. Damaged, towed to Gibraltar
15.08.43	<i>LST-414</i>	Landing Ship Tank	?	?	Cani Rocks, Tunisia	Damaged by aircraft torpedo. Grounded to avoid sinking near Bizerta
16.08.43	<i>SS Empire Kestrel</i>	Cargo vessel	2,674	?	off coast of Algeria, 37° 10' N, 04° 35' E	Sunk by aircraft torpedo
16.08.43	<i>Benjamin Contee</i>	Liberty ship	?	?	16 miles N. of Bone	Damaged by aircraft torpedo. 264 Italian POW's killed by explosion, 142 injured, out of 1,800. No casualties to crew, Armed Guards, British guards, or Army personnel Ship returned to service.
17./18.08.43	?	Liberty ship	?	?	Bizerta harbour	Damaged by bombs
17.08.43	<i>USS LCI(L)-1</i>	Landing Craft Infantry (Large)	?	?	Bizerta harbour	Sunk by bombs, previously damaged by shellfire in invasion
17.08.43	<i>SS Lawton B. Evans</i>	?	?	?	Bizerta	1 Armed Guard wounded in air attack
17.08.43	<i>Daniel Huger</i>	?	?	?	Bizerta	Bomb fragments hit ship
23.08.43	<i>USS Wainwright DD-419</i>	Sims-class destroyer	?	04:05	outside Palermo harbour	2 near misses from bombs, slightly damaged
23.08.43	<i>SC-694</i>	U.S. SC-497-class submarine chaser	?	04:05	Palermo harbour	Hit by 550 lb bomb, set on fire, sunk
23.08.43	<i>SC-696</i>	U.S. SC-497-class submarine chaser	?	04:05	Palermo harbour	Hit by 550 lb bomb, set on fire, sunk
23.08.43	?	British freighter	?	04:05	Palermo harbour	Damaged by splinters and burning oil
23.08.43	<i>USS Narragansett AT-88</i>	Navajo-class fleet tug	?	04:05	Palermo harbour	Badly damaged by Ju 88s, men killed
23.08.43	<i>William H. Seward</i>	?	?	?	Palermo	1 gunner wounded in air raid
23.08.43	?	Coaster	?	?	Palermo harbour	Sunk by bombers
24.08.43	<i>SS Esso Providence</i>	Tanker, Standard Oil Co.	9,057	07:00	Augusta harbour	Damaged by bombs from 9 low-altitude bombers while at anchor. 2 men injured. Bomb struck off starboard beam in water, and a second in #9 tank, a third in water on port beam. 40 ft wide hole created. Carrying 71,029 barrels of Navy special fuel. Later repaired. Returned to service 05.44
07. or 08.43	<i>USS Skill AM-115</i>	Minesweeper	?	?	WNTF area	Damaged by near miss, repaired in theatre

<sup>13</sup> Action Report Western Naval Task Force says 2 killed and 15 wounded

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