

## 21 U.S. Navy Ships Hit by Reds in '52

TOKYO—(AP)—Communist gunfire hit 21 U.S. Navy ships off Korea in 1952, the Navy said Monday in a year-end report.

Sixteen officers and men were killed and 55 wounded by the Red attacks.

The only ship lost during the year was the tug *Sarsi*, which hit a mine in August.



## Sunken Ships

divers worked as a unit to accomplish a job calling for courage as well as swift and errorless work. Working at night, with both vessels alternating in drawing enemy fire, their crews toiled to set demolition charges and to extract the classified documents and materials from the sunken tug.

Approximately seven hours after the first diver, Clifford R. Chaney, BM2, USN, went down and anchored the descending line, Eldin L. Hoffman, BM2, USN, made the final dive to inspect the work of the strategically-rigged demolition charges. He reported that the masts and most of the bridge of *Sarsi* were gone and the deck was clean.

The teamwork demonstrated by all hands during this operation supports the view of experienced Navy divers that it takes every man doing the right thing at the right time to make a salvage operation a success. The men in *Grapple's* and *Current's* diving gangs know that their equipment and techniques are not always

Typical examples of the Navy's sea scavengers are these men and other divers of *uss Grapple* (ARS 7), and her sister ship *uss Current* (ARS 22). The two crews recently received a commendation and citation for their job of demolishing the superstructure of the ill-fated fleet tug *uss Sarsi* (ATF 111). The tug, sunk by a mine less than a mile off the coast of Hungnam, North Korea, was a hazard to navigation and minesweeping operations during the Korean conflict.

In mine-infested waters and under bombardment from enemy shore batteries, the two crews and their

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