

# 92 Saved When Navy Tug Hits Mine, Sinks

TOKYO, April 18.—Three U.S. warships began an almost immediate search last Wednesday for survivors of the Navy tug Sarsi, which hit a mine in the Sasebo area and sank without a chance to call for help, the Navy said today. Quickness of the search probably was largely responsible for 92 of the tug's 97 crewmen being saved. Four of the survivors—dug at the Sasebo Navy Base, Southern Japan, today—were seriously hurt. The Navy said two crewmen were killed and three missing. The 205-foot Sarsi sank in 120 feet of water within 20 minutes after hitting the mine three miles off Hungnam, the Korean East Coast port from which U.N. forces

were evacuated during the first Communist offensive in December, 1950. The Navy said the explosion destroyed the Sarsi's communication equipment. But the captain of the destroyer Bode and minesweeper Zeal and Competent became concerned when they could not make radio contact with the Sarsi and began an immediate search. The three ships arrived at the scene of the disaster within 30 minutes. Those killed were identified as Steward 2C Hampton Curtis Carter and Chief Quartermaster Raymond Shirley Parrish, both of San Diego. Missing were Radarman 3C Robert T. Slattery, Millford, Mass.

Dalmatian Commandman 1C Charles H. Manser, Jr., Omaha, Neb., and Yeoman 3C Hubert N. Demarest, Baltimore, Md. One of the first picked up was the Sarsi's skipper, Lt. J. M. Howard, Norfolk, Va. He helped direct rescue operations and was commended by Vice Adm. Joseph J. Clark, commander of the U.S. Seventh Fleet, for the courageous manner in which he directed and effected the rescue of his personnel after the sinking of his ship. The Sarsi, named for an Indian tribe, had been in Korean waters since April 18 as part of Task Force 95.

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## Survives Collision

A Saratoga youth was among survivors of the USS Sarsi, a Navy tug which hit a mine and sank in the Japanese sea last Thursday.

He is Terry Glenn Worden, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Worden, Saratoga avenue.

Young Worden, an electrician's mate in the Navy, attended Saratoga elementary schools and was graduated in 1948 from Los Gatos high school. He was attending San Jose State college when he volunteered for the Navy.

The Sarsi had been on duty in Korean waters since April 18. It was due to be relieved soon to return to this country.

The Wordens received the following wire from their son Sunday:

"Am safe in Sasebo (U. S. Navy base in Japan) and feel fine. Home soon. Love."

Mrs. Worden said she understood that her son would be granted a 30-day survival leave.

Of the crew of 97 on the Sarsi,



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the Navy reported, two were killed and three were missing.