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SINKING OF GERMAN
SUBMARINE U-550 (Type
IXC40), 16 APRIL 1944.

CREWMEN OF U-550
ABANDON SHIP AFTER
BEING DEPTH CHARGED,
RAMMED AND SHELLLED BY
ESCORTS OF AN ATLANTIC
CONVOY SHE ATTACKED.
PHOTOGRAPHED FROM USS
JOYCE (DE-317), WHICH
RESCUED 13 OF HER
SURVIVORS. JOYCE HAD
A COAST GUARD CREW.





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NAZI SEAMAN BURIED UNDER THE AMERICAN FLAG

A GERMAN SAILOR IS BURIED AT SEA, UNDER THE AMERICAN FLAG AND WITH SERVICES READ BY A COAST GUARD OFFICER, FROM THE DECK OF A COAST GUARD-MANNED DESTROYER ESCORT—ONE OF THREE DE'S WHICH BLASTED HIS U-BOAT TO THE BOTTOM IN BATTLE AFTER THE U-BOAT HAD TORPEDOED AN AMERICAN TANKER. THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE NAZI SUB, ONE OF 12 SURVIVORS PICKED UP BY THE COAST GUARDSMEN, AUTHORIZED USE OF THE AMERICAN FLAG FOR THE BURIAL WHEN NO GERMAN FLAG WAS AVAILABLE. ANOTHER COAST GUARD-MANNED DE AND ONE MANNED BY U.S. NAVY SEAMEN HELPED SINK THE NAZI RAIDER IN THE BATTLE IN WHICH THE GERMAN SEAMAN WAS KILLED.

IN REWRITING CAPTION PLEASE MENTION "COAST GUARD."





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LAST PLUNGE OF A NAZI RAIDER

U. S. Coast Guardmen aboard a destroyer escort watch the fatal plunge of a German submarine which was trapped in the Atlantic by American DEs and depth-charged to the bottom. The DEs were Coast Guard and Navy-manned. The Coast Guard ships hauled in 12 German seamen, floundering in the sea, after their unarmored vessel had "balled up" and vanished forever.

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