



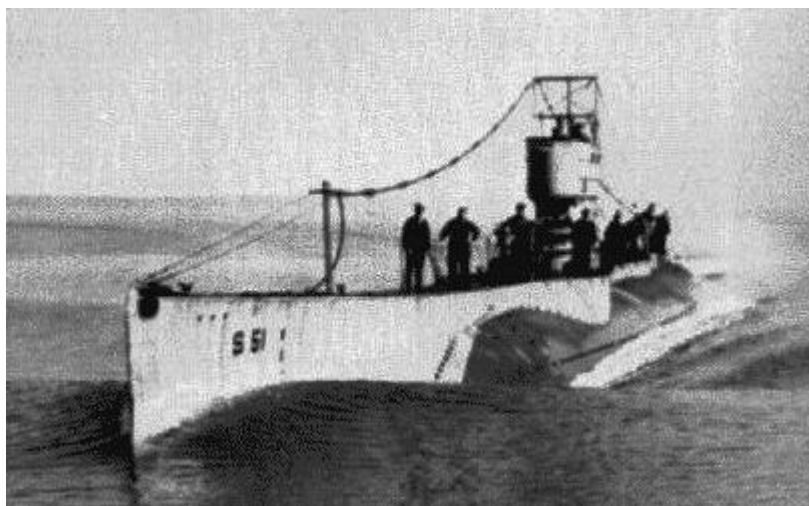
Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet

USS S-51 (SS 162)

September 25, 1925 - 32 Men Lost

USS S-51 (SS-162) was lost on 25-Sep-1925 with the loss of 32 officers and men when it was sunk after collision with SS City of Rome off Block Island.

- Keel laid down by Lake Torpedo Boat Company, Bridgeport, CT December 22, 1919;
- Launched: August 20, 1921; Sponsored by Mrs. Roy Porter Mills;
- Commissioned: June 24, 1922 with Lt. Walter S. Hass in command;
- Rammed and sunk September 25, 1925; Raised 5JUN26;
- Struck from Navy List January 27, 1930 and sold for scrapping June 23, 1930.



The new submarine was based at New London Conn., on 1 July 1922 as a unit of Submarine Division 4 and followed a normal peacetime training cycle, operating out of her home port with visits to Newport and Providence, R.I. She departed from New York on 4 January 1924 for the Canal Zone to participate in winter fleet maneuvers off Panama and in the Caribbean. During this cruise, she visited Trinidad, Guantanamo Bay, Culebra, and St. Thomas, V.I. After

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returning to New York on 30 April, she resumed type training off Block Island and in New England coastal waters.

The S-51 sank off Block Island, 25 September 1925 with the loss of 32 lives after being rammed by SS City of Rome. She was raised 5 June 1926, struck from the Navy List 27 January 1930 and sold for scrapping 23 June 1930.

The diving and heroic efforts to reach and raise the ship are well documented in the outstanding book 'On the Bottom' by Cdr Edward Ellsberg and the new book on Ellsberg by John Alden. S-51 was raised on 5 June 1926; struck from the Navy List on 27 January 1930; and sold for scrap on 23 June 1930 to the Borough Metal Company, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Shipmates on Eternal Patrol in USS S-51 (SS-162):

Paul Berk, EN1 / Ralph Edward Cassidy, GMSN / H.L. Crawford, RM1 / Rodney H. Dobson, LT / Allen Clifford Earle, EN1 / E.W. Egbert, ENS / Hender D. Elser, COX / Rudy Firm, MoMM1 / F.D. Foster, LTjg / John L. Gibson, EN1 / T.R. Glasscock, LTjg / Valentine Hiltbord, TMC / Franklin P. James, MoMMC / Walter Edwards Lawton, EM1 / Brady Lindsay, EN2 / G.H. Martin, SM3 / Oscar Joseph Milot, F3 / Frank Lester Mims, SN / J.J. McCarthy, SN / R.S. Noble, MoMM3 / Harlow M. Pino, LTjg / J.M. Schofield, RM1 / Frank Archibald Shea, EM1 / J.J. Shehan, MoMM1 / Augustus Alexander Smith, TM3 / Herbert Eadelman Snyder, SMC / Frederick Peter Teschemacher, SN / William Charles Teschemacher, SN / Charles Carroll Thomas, FA / Steven Hartley Triffitt, TM3 / Robert Holland Weeks, TM1 / Frank Collins Wiseman, TM3