The U.S.S. *Rowan* (DD-405) in World War II: Documents

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Following the landings at Salerno, Italy, on 9 September 1943 (Operation AVA-
LANCHE), a convoy of empty transports departed Salerno on the night of 10-11
September bound for Oran, Algeria. Shortly after midnight, while patrolling
her station in the convoy screen, USS Rowan (DD-405) was attacked by three
German torpedo boats ('E-boats' to the Allies; 'S-boats' to the Germans).
The ship had only been able to fire a few 5-inch rounds with full radar control
at her attackers before she was struck in the port quarter by a torpedo which
apparently exploded her after magazine. The explosion ripped the ship apart,
and she went down 25 miles south of Capri (at X, above) in about 40 seconds.
Only 71 survivors were rescued out of her complement of 271 officers and men.

E. A. Wilde, Jr.
September, 2007
DD-405

Rowan III

(DD-405: dp. 1,850; 1. 340'6"; b. 35'5"; dr. 17'3"; s. 37 k.cpl. 175; a. 4 5", 16 21" tt.; cl. Benham)

The third Rowan (DD-405) was laid down on 25 June 1937 by the Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va., launched 5 May 1938, sponsored by Miss Elizabeth H. Rowan, great granddaughter of Vice Admiral Rowan, and commissioned 23 September 1939, Lt. Comdr. B. R. Harrison, Jr., in command.

After shakedown in the Caribbean, Rowan departed Norfolk on 17 May 1940 for duty in the Pacific, based at San Diego. During the spring of 1941, however, U.S. involvement in the war in Europe increased. In May the limits of the Neutrality Patrol were extended and the Navy gradually expanded its responsibilities for protecting transatlantic convoys.

At the end of the month, Rowan was transferred to the Atlantic and assigned to the Neutrality Patrol. Through the spring and summer, she ranged from Newfoundland to the Caribbean. Then, in early November, she was ordered to escort Convoy WS-12X, carrying British reinforcements for the Near and Far East, from Halifax to Capetown.

Sailing from Halifax on 10 November, she reached Capetown on 9 December, 2 days after the United States entered World War II. In January 1942, she returned to the east coast of the United States and resumed convoy duty in the North Atlantic and the Caribbean. On 30 April she sailed east from Halifax to escort another convoy to the midocean rendezvous point. Upon departing the convoy on 10 May, she proceeded to Hvalfjardur, Iceland, and on the 11th joined TF 99, which was acting as a part of the British Home Fleet based at Hvalfjardur and Scapa Flow.

At midmonth, she completed a "north about circuit" to Seydisfjardur, whence she patrolled, with TF 99, 150 miles east of the routes of convoys PQ-16 and QP-12 to intercept any German units which might sortie from Norway to destroy the convoys. The first convoy was bound for the north of Russia, the second on return from there.

On the 29th, TF 99 put into Scapa Flow and on 12 June got underway to return to Iceland and repeat its previous mission for convoys PQ-17 and QP-13. The latter had lost four merchantmen on its northward run and would lose, on its return, five more before reaching Reykjavik. Berlin had ordered the former, comprising 33 merchantmen, annihilated by a combined air-surface-submarine operation, "Rosselsprung".

PQ-17 departed Iceland on 27 June. Two days later the cruiser covering force, to which Rowan was attached, moved around to Seydisfjardur, whence they sortied on 1 July. On 2 July, Rowan was detached and assigned to PQ-17. That convoy, shadowed by German reconnaissance planes despite heavy fog, had already lost two freighters; one grounded, the other damaged by ice and ordered back.

As Rowan approached the convoy, the Luftwaffe moved in. Rowan shot down one of the attackers. No ships were lost. On the 3d, the weather protected the convoy from a bomber attack. Early on the 4th, however, the enemy planes began to penetrate through the fog. A Liberty ship went down shortly after 0300. The raids continued. By late afternoon four more ships had been hit, two of which sank.
Shortly thereafter, the convoy was ordered scattered and the escorts sent to support the cruisers in an anticipated engagement with German heavy units which were rumored to have left the fjords of Norway. The merchantmen of PQ-17 steamed north, independently. Eleven ships got through to Russia.

Rowan, ordered to rejoin the cruisers on the 4th, returned to Iceland with that force on the 7th. On the 13th, her division DesDiv 16, was relieved and on the 14th she headed back to the United States. Overhaul at Boston followed and in mid-August she resumed convoy escort duty with a run to Panama. In September, she trained and conducted patrols out of Norfolk, Va., and Portland, Maine, then, in October joined TF 34 for Operation "Torch," the invasion of North Africa.

On 7 November, she arrived off Fedhala with the assault force. Through the 9th she screened the transports. On the 10th, she patrolled off Casablanca and participated in action against Vichy ships attempting to turn back the invasion. On the 11th, she resumed screening in the transport area, and on the 12th she got underway to return to the United States.

Between December 1942 and April 1944, Rowan escorted two reinforcement and resupply convoys to Casablanca. On the second trip out, UGS 6, five merchantmen were lost to a wolfpack in 4 days, 13 to 17 March. In May the destroyer completed her last transatlantic run. At the end of the month she joined TF 80 at Mers-el-Kebir, Algeria, and for the next month conducted ASW patrols and escorted convoys along the North African coast.

On 10 July, the invasion of Sicily began. On the 14th Rowan arrived off the coast in the screen of a reinforcement convoy and commenced patrols off Gela. After the 20th, she shifted around to the northern shore and assumed patrol and escort work in the Palermo area. On the 26th she added shore bombardment, against enemy positions between Cefalu and Stefano di Camasta, and into August she supported the "leap frog" landings along the coast. She then returned to North Africa to prepare for the landings on the Italian mainland at Salerno.

On 9 September, Rowan entered the Gulf of Salerno in the screen of the Southern Attack Force. That day and the next as the assault force and supplies were landed at Paestum, she screened the transports and freighters. Late on the night of the 10th, she headed back to Oran with the emptied ships. Shortly after midnight, German E-boats attacked. Rowan pursued and fired, then, as her quarry pulled away, ceased firing and changed course to rejoin the convoy.

Within 5 minutes a new contact was made, range less than 3,000 yards. Again she changed course, to avoid torpedoes and bring her guns into position. As the range decreased to 2,000 yards, Rowan was hit by a torpedo. She sank in less than a minute, taking 202 of her 273 officers and men with her.

Rowan (DD-405) earned five battle stars during World War II.
REPORT ON ACTION WITH ENEMY 'E' BOATS AND
SUBSEQUENT SINKING OF USS ROWAN (DD 405),
WHILE SCREENING CONVOY RETURNING FROM
GULF OF SALERNO TO ORAN.

ACTION OF 11 SEPTEMBER 1943.
SECRET

From: Commander In Chief, United States Fleet.
To: Commander Task Group 61.6.
Vis: Commander Task Force 61.
(3) Commander U.S. Naval Forces, Northwest African Waters.
(4) Commander In Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

Subject: Report on action with enemy "E" Boats and subsequent sinking of U.S.S. ROWAN (DD405).

Reference:
(a) U.S. Navy Regulations, Art. 712, 874, (6), 948 and 2029.
(b) CINCLANT Conf. ltr. 46L-43, of Feb. 26, 1943.
(c) ComNavNav Conf. ltr. 1CL-43 of June 6, 1943.
(e) ComNavNav Mailgram 212121 of June, 1943.
(Not available).

1. Since logs and other records have been lost, this report is based on memory and interrogation of survivors.

2. At about 2240, 10 September the ROWAN took station in the screen about the transports and cargo ships returning from the assault area, the Gulf of Salerno, to Oran. ROWAN's station was 60 to 90º from convoy, distant about 4000 yards. Visibility on surface was rather poor on account of haze except directly in the path of the moon. Bearing of the moon was about 170º True. The Convoy had not completely formed, convoy speed was 8 knots. ROWAN was patrolling station at 10 knots.

3. About 0015, 11 September the Officer of the Watch reported a torpedo wake crossing starboard bow, distant about 100 feet. This was confirmed by the sound operators. Speed was increased to 15 knots, full right rudder was ordered and a turn was made to run down torpedo track. At the same time AN radar contact was made on bearing 335º True, distant about 5000 yards. Initial ranges appeared to be closing and then began to increase rapidly. Speed was increased successively to 20 knots, 25 knots and 27

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Knots within a period of a minute, a report over the TBS had been made to Commander Task Group 81.6 that we were investigating possibility of "E" Boats and that a torpedo had crossed our bow. Ranges commenced to decrease slowly and at about 4800 yards fire was opened with the forward 5" guns, full radar control. Ranges now appeared to increase and a report was received from the SG radar operator that the "E" Boats were separating and proceeding on diverging courses. When range increased to 6000 cease fire was ordered, 8 rounds of 5" having been expended. Full right rudder was ordered and course was set at 170° True to return to the convoy. Speed was increased to 32 knots. After proceeding on this course for approximately 4 minutes, SG radar operator reported another contact on the port quarter, range 2800 yards. It is believed that this was a third "E" Boat. FD radar was coached on this target by SG and control was ordered to open fire. It was reported by control that guns 1 and 2 could not bear, and control was ordered to open fire with 3 and 4. In the meantime a turn to 140° true was made to bring all guns to bear. This course of 140° had just been reached when the range to the target was reported at 2000 yards. Believing that this would be the range at which a torpedo would be fired, full right rudder was ordered to bring target astern. Forward guns had not opened fire. In the meantime guns 3 and 4 opened fire, firing a total of 3 rounds 5"/38 AA Common. The ship was swinging rapidly to starboard with full right rudder and had swung about 30° when torpedo struck. It is believed that the torpedo struck the port quarter and exploded the after magazine. The ship sank in Latitude 40-07 N, Longitude 14-18 W, in about 480 fathoms of water in a total of about 40 seconds.

3. Only one man, a signalman, claims to have got a glimpse of the "E" Boats with a spyglass when they were being chased on 335° True. No one else seems to have seen or heard them.

4. It had been the practice of the ROWAN to maintain depth charges on safe until actual submarine contact. Upon sighting torpedo wake and the sound contact of the torpedo, depth charges had been set to shallow barrage in preparation for
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attack on a submarine. As soon as the contact was determined to be "E" Boats, GARRIGUS, Walter Fred, #296 08 77, TM2c, USN, without waiting for orders and on his own initiative reset all depth charges on safe. It is believed that the initiative and foresight displayed by this man is a material factor in saving what survivors there were.

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**List of Casualties: Sinking on 9/11/43**

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**Notes:**

1 According to a machine-generated list at Archives II, College Park, Maryland, prepared by BuPers after the war in the 'Battle Books' (Record Group 24) listing casualties by battle/campaign by ship.

2 Including those presumed killed more than a year subsequent to the date they were reported missing (Codes: 0121 and 6221).

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