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## Ship-Iceberg Collision Incident Report



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### Vessel Characteristics

<b>Name:</b> Sappa Creek	<b>Prime Mover:</b> Steam
<b>Flag:</b> USA	<b>Transmission:</b> Direct
<b>ASPPR Ice Class:</b> Unknown	<b>Power (kW):</b> 4474
<b>Lloyd's Class:</b> Unknown	<b># Propellers:</b>
<b>Baltic Class:</b> Unknown	<b>Prop. Type:</b> Unknown
<b>Vessel Type:</b> Tanker	<b>Service Speed:</b> 15
<b>Owner:</b> US Navy	<b>Stern Form:</b>
<b>Registered Country:</b> US	<b>Steel Grade:</b> Unknown
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b> 1943	<b>Miscellaneous Vessel Notes:</b>
<b>Bow Shape:</b> Unknown	Type T2-SE-A1 tanker AO 141 USN built during WW2,
<b>Stem Angle:</b>	
<b>Dimensions (m):</b>	<b>Mass (tonnes):</b>
<b>Length:</b> 159.41	<b>Gross:</b> 10448
<b>Beam:</b> 20.73	<b>Net:</b>
<b>Depth:</b>	<b>Dead:</b> 16613

### Collision Details

<b>Date:</b> 01-Aug-1951	<b>Air Temperature:</b>
<b>Visibility (nautical miles):</b>	<b>Water Temperature:</b>
<b>Visibility:</b> Poor	<b>Wind Speed:</b>
<b>Visibility - Fog:</b> Unknown	<b>Wave Height:</b>
<b>Visibility - Snow:</b> Unknown	<b>Sea State:</b> Unknown
<b>Visibility - Light:</b> Unknown	
<b>Collision Speed:</b>	
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## Damage Details

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<b>Damage Sustained:</b> Yes	<b>Damage Report No. :</b>
<b>Scenario:</b> Direct Impact	<b>Steel Failure Type:</b> Unknown
<b>Severity:</b> Crushed	<b>Size - Length (m):</b>
<b>Location:</b> Bow	<b>Size - Height (m):</b>
<b>Code:</b> Plate	<b>Damage Below WL (m):</b>
<b>Length of Downtime:</b>	<b>Damage Above WL - Height (m):</b>
<b>Cost of Downtime:</b>	<b>Damage Above WL - Length (m):</b>
<b>Cost to Repair:</b>	
<b>No. Lives Lost:</b>	
<b>No. Injuries:</b>	<b>Cause of Deaths/Injuries:</b> Unknown
<b>Cargo Loss:</b> Unknown	
<b>Pollution:</b> Unknown	<b>Pollution Potential:</b> Unknown

### Cause of Damage:

During Operation Blue Jay (1951-52) and the expansion of the air force base at Thule struck an iceberg in reduced visibility during a radar malfunction. Lat - lon estimated.

### Damage Description:

Severe damage to bow but completed mission.

## Ice Details

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**Ice Briefing Received:** Unknown

**Iceberg Population:**

**IIP Iceberg Number:**

**Sea Ice Concentration:**

**Position of Nearest Known Iceberg:**

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**Iceberg Shape:** Unknown

**Latitude:** 0 ° ' " N

**Iceberg Size:** Unknown

**Longitude:** 0 ° ' " W

**Length:**

**Date of Observation:**

**Width:**

**Iceberg Tonnage:**

## Route Details

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**Geographic Area:** Baffin Bay Area

**Origin:**

**Collision Latitude:** 75 ° ' " N

**Destination:** Thule, Greenland

**Collision Longitude:** 066 ° ' " W

**Distance:**

**Locale Accuracy:** Estimated

**Cargo at Event:** Possibly 6 million gallons of fuel.

**Voyage:**

**Displacement:** 21880

**Draft FWD (m):** 9.02

**Captain's Experience:** Unknown

**Radar Equipped?:** Unknown

**Radar Details:**

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