

## Captain of Liberian Tanker Says Ship Sank in 4 Minutes

CAPETOWN, Aug. 22 (Reuters)—The master of a 43,339-ton tanker that exploded yesterday after a collision off the South African coast said today that his ship went down in four minutes, leaving the few survivors of its crew of 50 floundering in the oil-covered sea.

Capt. Juorios Salvuardos, only two of whose men are known to have survived with him, said the explosion that tore through his ship after the collision had "ripped her guts out."

The tanker, the *Texanita*, bound for the Persian Gulf in ballast, went down in a collision with the 48,320-ton tanker, *Oswego Guardian*, about 50 miles east of Cape Agulhas at dawn yesterday.

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