



North Carolina Shark Attacks Project

Note: The following article describes shark attacks on crewmen from the Cuban freighter *Libertad* that was sunk by a German U-boat on December 4th, 1943, off Cape Lookout in Carteret County. This article appeared in the *Greensboro Daily News*, December 13th, 1943.



CUBAN SEAMAN IS TREATED FOR SHARK BITE.

Julie Caba Rocas, here shown receiving treatment for shark bite from maritime service Pharmacist's Mate, 2/C C. H. Britt, of Raleigh, N. C., clung to a splintered hatch cover for 36 hours after the Cuban freighter *Libertad* was torpedoed and sunk. During the day and a half in the water 10 other members of the crew drowned, leaving as survivors Rocas, Rufino Nadal (left) and Melchur De León (shirtless.) Nadal was in the water 53 hours. Rocas was rescued by an American naval vessel.