

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
 REPORT ON U. S. MERCHANT VESSEL WAR ACTION CASUALTY

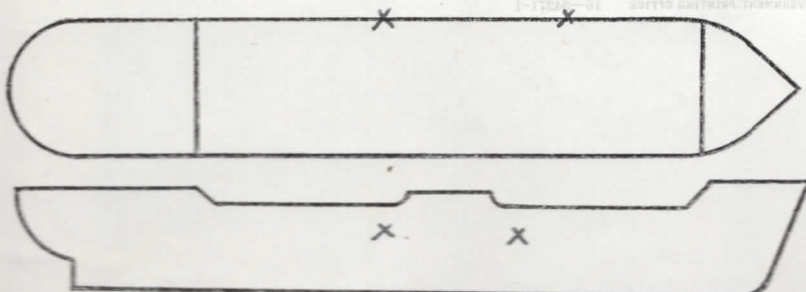
To: Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard, Washington, D. C.

Ship s/s ARKANSAN Service OCEAN FREIGHT

Owner AMERICAN HAWAIIAN LINE Operator AMERICAN-HAWAIIAN LINE

Information furnished by MASTER Date 8 AUGUST 1944

LINE No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1	Year built and propulsion	Built <u>1921</u> Propulsion <u>STEAM</u>
2	Tonnage	Gross <u>6997</u> Net <u>4319</u>
3	Draft loaded (maximum allowed)	Fwd <u>28' 1 3/4" (M)</u> Aft _____
4	Draft when attacked	Fwd <u>26' 11" (M)</u> Aft <u>27' 11"</u>
5	Cargo on board (any deck)	Nature <u>GENERAL</u> Tons <u>9000</u>
6	Voyage	From <u>PORT OF SPAIN</u> To <u>NEW ORLEANS</u>
7	Were routing orders followed	<u>YES</u>
8	Any criticism of orders	<u>NO</u>
9	Weather at time of attack	Weather <u>CLOUDY</u> Sea <u>SLIGHT</u>
10	Was enemy sighted? When	<u>YES; BEFORE ATTACK.</u>
11	Any friendly ships in sight	<u>NO</u>
12	Were navigation lights on	<u>NO</u>
13	Date and time of attack	Date <u>6/15/42</u> Time <u>2029</u>
14	Position	Latitude <u>12° 54' N</u> Longitude <u>63° 47' W</u>
15	Nature of attack (Give data)	<u>TORPEDO</u>
16	Number of hits	<u>2</u>
17	Location of hits (Mark diagram)	<u>1-FOR'D; 1-MACH. P- 1 MID SHIP-R</u>
18	Effect of hits	<u>SANK SHIP</u>
19	Was ship armed? What type	<u>NO</u>
20	Was armament used? State result	<u>NO</u>
21	Any explosions or fires*	Ship <u>NO</u> Cargo <u>NO</u>
22	Was deck ruptured	<u>NO</u>
23	Did ship break in two	<u>NO</u>
24	Was SOS sent	<u>NO</u>
25	Ship's speed	Normal <u>11.5</u> When attacked <u>13</u> When abandoned <u>7</u>
26	Time abandoned, sunk	Abandoned <u>2050 (21 min.)</u> Sunk <u>2107 (38 min.)</u>
27	Was ship reboarded	By whom <u>NO</u> When _____
28	Was ship brought in	How <u>NO</u> Approximate damage <u>SUNK.</u>



*Fill in this diagram to show attack hits, fires, etc.

Indicate by star (*) rafts, floats, or suits used as temporary refuge in water before rescue by lifeboats.

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29	Lifeboats.....	Number carried	2	Which used	1
30	Lifeboats.....	Number lost	1	How	TORP. EXPLOSION.
31	Life rafts.....	Number carried	2	Which used	0
32	Life rafts.....	Number lost	2	How	1-TORP. EXPLOSION. 1-LAUNCHED BUT LOST.
33	Life floats.....	Number carried	0	Which used	0
34	Life floats.....	Number lost	0	How	0
35	Lifesaving suits.....	Number carried	0	Number used	0
36	Were boats, etc., attacked.....	Attacked	NO	Casualties	0
37	Time in each boat, raft, etc.....	Boat	20 HRS.	Raft	
		Boat		Raft	
38	Rescued by and where.....	By	ALLIED SHIP	Where	40 MI SW OF SINKING.
39	Number of gun crew carried (military).....	Officers	0	Enlisted men	0
40	Number ship's crew carried.....	Officers	10	Radiomen	1
41	Number passengers and others carried.....	Passengers	2	Others	
42	Total on board.....		40		
43	Number gun crew injured (military).....	Officers	0	Enlisted men	0
44	Number ship's crew injured.....	Officers	0	Radiomen	0
45	Number passengers and others injured.....	Passengers	0	Others	0
46	Number gun crew lost (military).....	Officers	0	Enlisted men	0
47	Number ship's crew lost.....	Officers	1	Radiomen	0
48	Number passengers and others lost.....	Passengers	0	Other	0
49	Total casualties.....	Injured	0	Lost	4
50	Persons lost by (Specify).....	Drowning	2	Fire	0
		Other causes	0	Shell or torpedo	2
51	Total rescued.....	Gun crew	0	Officers	9
		Unlicensed	24	Passengers	2
52	Persons saved by.....	Boats	36	Rafts	0
		Preservers	0	Other means	0
53	Engineering watch below.....	Number on watch below	3	Number lost below	0
54	Number of look-outs.....		3		
55	Any defective material.....		NO		
56	Any personnel fault.....		NO		

COMMENTS, CRITICISMS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The comments, criticisms, or recommendations of survivors with respect to safety of seamen and ships involved in war actions are earnestly solicited by Headquarters in order that the fullest provision possible may be made for the safety of American ships and seamen.

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