

CONFIDENTIAL

BENJAMIN SMITH

1/23/43

1. Position-Sea-Weather 04°05'N, 07°50'W; clear and moderate.
2. Convoy or Independent Independent.
3. Time & Kind of 1st Hit 0200 - 1 torpedo.
4. Location of 1st Hit Between #1 & #2 holds starboard side.
5. Effect of 1st Hit Damaged hull and flooding in #1 and #2.
6. Time and Reason For Abandonment Or Why Not 0230 (30 min.) - ship beyond control.
7. Persons Aboard - 66 Lost - none.
8. Time & Kind of 2nd Hit 0220 (20 min.) 1 torpedo.
9. Location of 2nd Hit #4 hold starboard side.
10. Effect of 2nd Hit Extensive damage.
11. Disposition of Vessel Sunk 0333 (1 hour, 33 min.).
12. Time & Kind of 3rd Hit 0235 (35 min.) - 1 torpedo.
13. Location of 3rd Hit Machinery spaces port side.
14. Effect of 3rd Hit Extensive damage to machinery and #1.