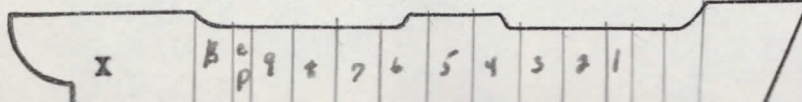
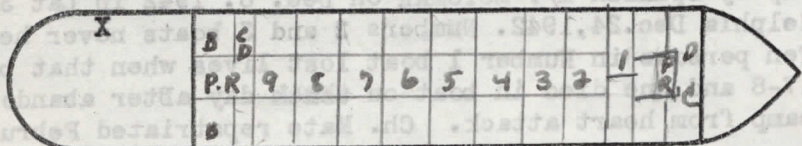


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REPORT ON U. S. MERCHANT TANKER WAR ACTION CASUALTY

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

Ship /S CADDO Service Ocean Tanker
 Owner Socony Vacuum Oil Co. Operator Socony Vacuum Oil Co.,
 Information furnished by Chief Mate & Owners Date 26 March, 1945

Line No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1	Year built and propulsion	Built <u>1942</u> Propulsion <u>steam</u>
2	Tonnage	Gross <u>10,172</u> Net <u>6126</u>
3	Draft loaded (maximum allowed)	Fwd. <u>30' 02" (M)</u> Aft _____
4	Draft when attacked	Fwd. <u>30' 02" (M)</u> Aft _____
5	D. W. T. (Emergency Coastwise L. L.)	<u>17,433</u>
6	Cargo 42's capacity and carried	Capacity <u>105,000 BBLs</u> Carried <u>105,000 BBLs.</u>
7	Kind of cargo or tank ballast	<u>Diesel and gasoline (300 drums)</u>
8	Was ship gas-free? (Specify)	<u>No, loaded</u>
	Voyage	From <u>Baytown, Texas</u> To <u>Iceland</u>
10	Were routing orders followed	<u>Yes</u>
11	Any criticism of orders	<u>No</u>
12	Weather at time of attack	Weather <u>clear</u> Sea <u>moderate</u>
13	Was enemy sighted? When	<u>Yes, after attack; (master & Ch. Mate taken P.O.W.)</u>
14	Any friendly ships in sight	<u>No</u>
15	Were navigation lights on	<u>No</u>
16	Date and time of attack	Date <u>11-23-42</u> Time <u>0250</u>
17	Position	Latitude <u>42° 25' N</u> Longitude <u>48° 27' W</u>
18	Nature of attack (Give data)	<u>Torpedoed</u>
19	Number of hits	<u>1</u>
	Location of hits (Mark diagram)	<u>1- Match.</u>
21	Effect of hits	<u>Sank Ship</u>
22	Was ship armed? What type	<u>Yes; 1-3"; 1-4"; 4-20mm; 2-30cal.</u>
23	Was armament used? State result	<u>no</u>
24	Was oil sprayed over ship	<u>yes</u>
25	Did cargo fire (Mark diagram)	<u>no</u>
26	Did tanks explode (Mark diagram)	<u>no</u>
27	Was deck ruptured	<u>yes</u>
28	Did ship break in two	<u>no</u>
29	Was SOS sent	<u>no</u>
30	Ship's speed	Normal <u>14.5</u> When attacked <u>12.5</u> When abandoned <u>Stop</u>
31	Time abandoned, sunk	Abandoned <u>0320(30min)</u> Sunk <u>0420(1hr.30min)</u>
32	Was ship reboarded	By whom <u>no</u> When _____
33	Was ship brought in	How <u>no</u> Approximate damage <u>SUNK</u>



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

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

Line No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
34	Lifeboats	Number carried 4 Which used 3
35	Lifeboats	Number lost 1 How torpedo explosion
36	Life rafts	Number carried 4 Which used 2*
37	Life rafts	Number lost 2 How 1- not needed 1- torpedo explosion
38	Life floats	Number carried 2 Which used 0
39	Life floats	Number lost 2 How not needed
40	Lifesaving suits	Number carried 60 Number used unknown
41	Were boats, etc., attacked	Attacked No Casualties 0
42	Time in each boat, raft, etc.	1-15D 8H Boat - Raft - Float - 2- Lost at Sea Boat - Raft - Float -
43	Rescued by and where 1B	By Neutral ship Where 38° 10'N; 35° 24'W
44	Number of gun crew carried (military)	Officers 1 Enlisted men 16
45	Number of ship's crew carried	Officers 10 Radiomen 1 Unlicensed 31
46	Number of others carried	0
47	Total on board	59
48	Number of gun crew injured (military)	Officers 0 Enlisted men 0
49	Number of ship's crew injured	Officers 0 Radiomen 0 Unlicensed 1
50	Number of others injured	0
51	Number of gun crew lost (military)	Officers 1 Enlisted men 13
52	Number of ship's crew lost	Officers 0.8 Radiomen 1 Unlicensed 28
53	Number of others lost	0
54	Total casualties	Injured 1 Lost 51
55	Persons lost by (specify)	{ Drowning 11 Fire 0 Shell or Torpedo 0 Other causes 40 (unknown - presumably exposure)
56	Total rescued	{ Gun crew 3 Officers 2 Radiomen 0 Unlicensed 3 Others 0 Total 8
57	Persons saved by	{ Boats 8 Rafts 0 Floats 0 Suits 0 Preservers 0 Other means 0 No aid 0
58	Engineering watch below	Number on watch below 3 Number lost below 0
59	Number of lookouts	6
60	Any defective material	No
61	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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Master and Chief Officer taken prisoner aboard German submarine U 518. Entire crew and gun crew safely in three boats. Number One boat with three unlicensed personnel and three enlisted gun crew picked up by Spanish M/V MOTOMAR on Dec. 8, 1942 in Lat 38-10N Long 35-24W and landed at Philadelphia Dec. 24, 1942. Numbers 2 and 3 boats never heard from and crews presumed drowned. Ten persons in Number 1 boat lost lives when that boat capsized twice during night of Dec. 7-8 and one died in boat on tenth day after abandoning CADDO. Master died in German POW camp from heart attack. Ch. Mate repatriated February, 1945.