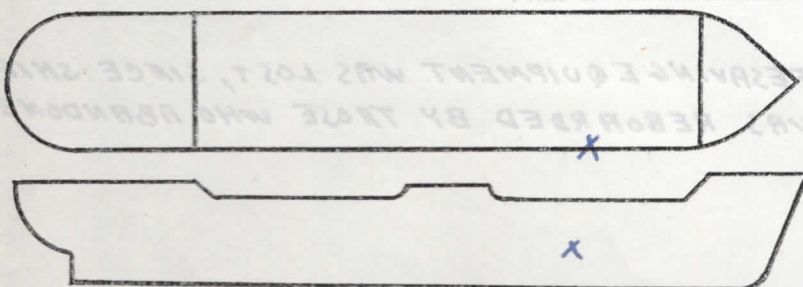


To: Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard, Washington, D. C.

Ship *S/s* CAPE NEDDICKService OCEAN FREIGHTOwner UNITED FRUIT CO.Operator UNITED FRUIT CO.Information furnished by MASTERDate 4 OCTOBER 1944

LINE No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1	Year built and propulsion	Built <u>1941</u> Propulsion <u>STEAM</u>
2	Tonnage	Gross <u>6797</u> Net <u>4015</u>
3	Draft loaded (maximum allowed)	Fwd <u>28'3" (M)</u> Aft <u>28</u>
4	Draft when attacked	Fwd <u>36</u> <u>28'0" (M)</u> Aft <u>25</u>
5	Cargo on board (any deck)	Nature <u>GENERAL</u> Tons <u>7100</u>
6	Voyage	From <u>NEW YORK, N.Y.</u> To <u>SUEZ VIA DORBAN</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>CLEAR</u> Sea <u>SLIGHT</u>
10	Was enemy sighted? When	<u>NO</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>5/12/43</u> Time <u>0113</u>
14	Position	Latitude <u>23° 21' S</u> Longitude <u>W 82° 21' W</u>
15	Nature of attack (Give data)	<u>TORPEDOED</u>
16	Number of hits	<u>1</u>
17	Location of hits (Mark diagram)	<u>1-FOR'D. #2-S</u>
18	Effect of hits	<u>EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO HULL</u>
19	Was ship armed? What type	<u>YES</u>
20	Was armament used? State result	<u>YES; UNKNOWN.</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>YES</u>
25	Ship's speed	Normal <u>14.5</u> When attacked <u>13.5</u> When abandoned <u>N.A.</u>
26	Time abandoned, sunk	Abandoned <u>0128 (15 min.) NOTED</u> Sunk <u>N.S.</u>
27	Was ship reboarded	<u>YES</u> By whom <u>CREW NOTED</u> When <u>0700 (5-hr 47 min.)</u>
28	Was ship brought in	<u>YES</u> How <u>OWN POWER</u> Approximate damage <u>EXTENSIVE</u>



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

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NOTED THE MASTER ORDERED THE SHIP ABANDONED BY ALL OF CREW OF 76 EXCEPT HIMSELF AND 27 OTHERS—INCLUDING ALL OF GUN CREW. LATER 6 OF ENGINE FORCES RETURNED AND THEY GOT UP STEAM, GETTING AWAY FROM SCENE. AS PREARRANGED, THE MASTER RETURNED ~~THE~~ THAT MORNING AT 0700 AND PICKED UP THE REST OF CREW FROM BOATS AND RAFTS. THE SHIP WAS THEN BROUGHT INTO PORT.



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

LINE No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
29	Lifeboats.....	Number carried <u>2</u> Which used <u>2</u> <span style="float: right;"><u>NOTE ①</u></span>
30	Lifeboats.....	Number lost <u>0</u> How <u>0</u>
31	Life rafts.....	Number carried <u>7</u> Which used <u>3</u>
32	Life rafts.....	Number lost <u>6</u> How <u>NOT NEEDED</u>
33	Life floats.....	Number carried <u>2</u> Which used <u>0</u>
34	Life floats.....	Number lost <u>2</u> How <u>NOT NEEDED</u>
35	Lifesaving suits.....	Number carried <u>76</u> Number used <u>0</u>
36	Were boats, etc., attacked.....	Attacked <u>NO</u> Casualties <u>0</u>
37	Time in each boat, raft, etc.	<u>2</u> Boats - <u>6 HRS.</u> <u>3</u> Rafts - <u>6 HRS.</u> <u>—</u> Float
38	Rescued by and where.....	By <u>REBOARDER SHIP</u> Where <u>AT SCENE</u>
39	Number of gun crew carried (military).....	Officers <u>1</u> Enlisted men <u>24</u>
40	Number ship's crew carried.....	Officers <u>8</u> Radiomen <u>1</u> Unlicensed <u>42</u>
41	Number passengers and others carried.....	Passengers <u>0</u> Others <u>0</u>
42	Total on board.....	<u>76</u>
43	Number gun crew injured (military).....	Officers <u>0</u> Enlisted men <u>0</u>
44	Number ship's crew injured.....	Officers <u>0</u> Radiomen <u>0</u> Unlicensed <u>2</u>
45	Number passengers and others injured.....	Passengers <u>0</u> Others <u>0</u>
46	Number gun crew lost (military).....	Officers <u>0</u> Enlisted men <u>0</u>
47	Number ship's crew lost.....	Officers <u>0</u> Radiomen <u>0</u> Unlicensed <u>0</u>
48	Number passengers and others lost.....	Passengers <u>0</u> Others <u>0</u>
49	Total casualties.....	Injured <u>2</u> Lost <u>0</u>
50	Persons lost by (Specify).....	Drowning <u>0</u> Fire <u>0</u> Shell or torpedo <u>0</u> Other causes <u>0</u>
51	Total rescued.....	Gun crew <u>25</u> Officers <u>8</u> Radio operators <u>1</u> Unlicensed <u>42</u> Passengers <u>0</u> Others <u>0</u> Total <u>76</u>
52	Persons saved by.....	Boats <u>25</u> Rafts <u>33</u> Floats <u>0</u> Suits <u>0</u> Preservers <u>0</u> Other means <u>0</u> No aid <u>28</u>
53	Engineering watch below.....	Number on watch below <u>3</u> Number lost below <u>0</u>
54	Number of look-outs.....	<u>8</u>
55	Any defective material.....	<u>NO</u>
56	Any personnel fault.....	<u>NO</u>

**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.

NOTE ① - ACTUALLY, NONE OF LIFESAVING EQUIPMENT WAS LOST, SINCE SHIP DID NOT SINK, AND WAS REBOARDER BY THOSE WHO ABANDONED.