

CONFIDENTIAL

CAPE SAN JUAN

11/11/43

1. Position-Sea-Weather 28°08'S, 178°06'W; clear and slight.
2. Convoy or Independent Independent.
3. Time & Kind of 1st Hit 0500 - 1 torpedo.
4. Location of 1st Hit #2 hold starboard side.
5. Effect of 1st Hit Extensive damage and flooding; ship assumed 10°-15° starboard list then settled by head with a 20°-25° starboard list.
6. Time & Reason For Abandonment Or Why Not 2000 (15 hours) - ship beyond control. All except master and 200 men abandoned by 0600.
7. Persons Aboard - 1,450 Lost by drowning - 114; lost by torpedo explosion - 16. Total lost - 130. (In the abandonment of ship there was no confusion, but liferafts and lifeboats were released in the darkness unknowingly upon men already in the water.
8. Time & Kind of 2nd Hit 0700 (2 hours) - 1 torpedo.
9. Location of 2nd Hit #5 hold port side.
10. Effect of 2nd Hit Torpedo was a "dud" and failed to explode; slight damage.
11. Disposition of Vessel Sunk 0800, 11/13/43 (51 hours).