

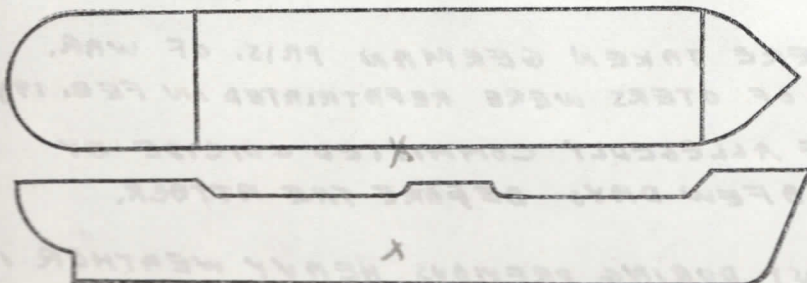
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UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
REPORT ON U. S. MERCHANT VESSEL WAR ACTION CASUALTY

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

Ship/s CARLTONService OCEAN FREIGHTOwner LYKES BROS. INC.Operator LYKES BROS. INC.Information furnished by MASTERDate 3 APRIL, 1945

LINE No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1	Year built and propulsion	Built <u>1919</u> Propulsion <u>STEAM</u>
2	Tonnage	Gross <u>5127</u> Net <u>3124</u>
3	Draft loaded (maximum allowed)	Fwd <u>24'09" (M)</u> Aft <u> </u>
4	Draft when attacked	Fwd <u>24'00" (M)</u> Aft <u> </u>
5	Cargo on board (any deck)	Nature <u>GENERAL</u> Tons <u>5500</u>
6	Voyage	From <u>PHILADELPHIA, PA</u> To <u>ARCHANGEL, RUSSIA via</u>
7	Were routing orders followed	<u>YES</u> <u>ICELAND</u>
8	Any criticism of orders	<u>NO</u>
9	Weather at time of attack	Weather <u>HAZY</u> Sea <u>CALM</u>
10	Was enemy sighted? When	<u>YES; AFTER ATTACK</u>
11	Any friendly ships in sight	<u>NO; (CONVOY HAD DISPERSED)</u>
12	Were navigation lights on	<u>NO; DAYLIGHT</u>
13	Date and time of attack	Date <u>7-5-42</u> Time <u>0810</u>
14	Position	Latitude <u>72°50' N</u> Longitude <u>24°35' E</u>
15	Nature of attack (Give data)	<u>TORPEDOED (AIR)</u>
16	Number of hits	<u>1</u>
17	Location of hits (Mark diagram)	<u>1-MACH.S</u>
18	Effect of hits	<u>SANK SHIP</u>
19	Was ship armed? What type	<u>YES</u>
20	Was armament used? State result	<u>NO</u>
21	Any explosions or fires*	Ship <u>YES; FIRE</u> Cargo <u>YES; FIRE</u>
22	Was deck ruptured	<u>YES</u>
23	Did ship break in two	<u>NO</u>
24	Was SOS sent	<u>NO</u>
25	Ship's speed	Normal <u>10.0</u> When attacked <u>10.0</u> When abandoned <u>1.0</u>
26	Time abandoned, sunk	Abandoned <u>0820 (10 min.)</u> Sunk <u>0825 (15 min.)</u>
27	Was ship reboarded	By whom <u>NO</u> When <u> </u>
28	Was ship brought in	How <u>NO</u> Approximate damage <u>SUNK</u>

VESSEL PREVIOUSLY ATTACKED AND DAMAGED IN 5-25-42

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

29	Lifeboats.....	Number carried	3	Which used	1
30	Lifeboats.....	Number lost	2	How	TORPEDO EXPLOSION.
31	Life rafts.....	Number carried	4	Which used	4
32	Life rafts.....	Number lost	0	How	0
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	19.2	Raft	5.12 H.
		Boat	MADE PORT	Raft	Float
38	Rescued by and where.....	By	ENEMY AIRCRAFT	Where	NORTH CAPE, NORWAY, NEAR SCENE
39	Number of gun crew carried (military).....	Officers	1	Enlisted men	10
40	Number ship's crew carried.....	Officers	8	Radiomen	1
				Unlicensed	25
41	Number passengers and others carried.....	Passengers	0	Others	0
42	Total on board.....		45		
43	Number gun crew injured (military).....	Officers	0	Enlisted men	2
44	Number ship's crew injured.....	Officers	0	Radiomen	0
				Unlicensed	1
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
				Unlicensed	1
48	Number passengers and others lost.....	Passengers	0	Others	0
49	Total casualties.....	Injured	3	Lost	2 (NOTE 1)
50	Persons lost by (Specify).....	Drowning	0	Fire	0
		Other causes	0	Shell or torpedo	2
51	Total rescued.....	Gun crew	16	Officers	7
		Unlicensed	25	Passengers	0
				Others	0
				Total	43
52	Persons saved by.....	Boats	20	Rafts	23
		Preservers	0	Other means	0
				No aid	0
53	Engineering watch below.....	Number on watch below	2	Number lost below	2
54	Number of look-outs.....		10		
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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NOTE 1 - ALL 43 SURVIVORS WERE TAKEN GERMAN PRIS. OF WAR. THE MASTER + MOST OF OTHERS WERE REPATRIATED IN FEB. 1945

NOTE 2 - ONE UNLICENSED RATE ALLEGEDLY COMMITTED SUICIDE BY JUMPING OVERBOARD A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE ATTACK.

NOTE 3 ONE LIFEBOAT WAS LOST DURING PREVIOUS HEAVY WEATHER IN APRIL, 1942. CF. CASE ON 5-25-42