

CARRABULLE

5-26-42

OCEAN TANKER

CONFIDENTIAL

1. Position-Sea-Weather 26° 18'N, 89° 21'W; clear and calm.
2. Convoy or Independent Independent.
3. Time & Kind of 1st Hit 0400 about 100 shells hit (following a warning shot across the bow accompanied by a blast of a siren.).
4. Location of 1st Hit All over starboard side.
5. Effect of 1st Hit Extensive structural damage; 2 lifeboats ruined.
6. Time & Reason for Abandonment or Why Not 0430 (30min.)- Master had attempted to outrun sub by laying down a smoke screen; ship unarmed; 1st Assistant believed more lives would have been saved had they abandoned sooner.
7. Persons Aboard-40 Lost by torpedo explosion-22 (22 out of 25 men were lost when torpedo struck beneath their lifeboat. Torpedo followed question of sub as to whether everyone was off ship).
8. Time & Kind of 2nd Hit 0440 (40min)- 1 torpedo.
9. Location of 2nd Hit Machinery spaces, port side (machinery spaces amidships since vessel was a converted Hog Island freighter.).
10. Effect of 2nd Hit Extensive structural damage and flooding.
11. Disposition of Vessel Sunk - 0555 (1hr.55min.).