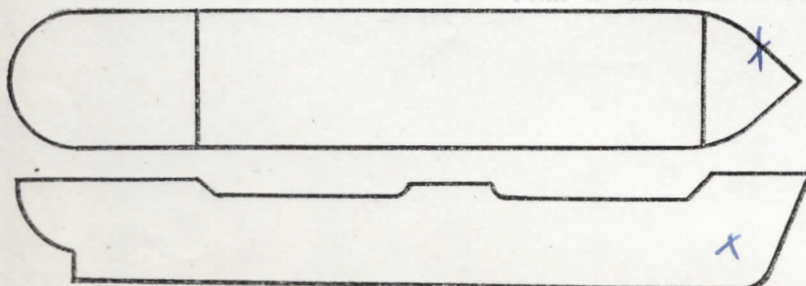


To: Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard, Washington, D. C.

Ship s/s CHARLES C. PINCKNEYService OCEAN FREIGHT.Owner U.S.M.C.Operator AMERICAN SOUTH AFRICAN LINE.Information furnished by 2<sup>nd</sup> MATEDate 9 SEPTEMBER 1944.

LINE No.	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1	Year built and propulsion	Built <u>1942</u> Propulsion <u>STEAM</u>
2	Tonnage	Gross <u>7177</u> Net <u>4375</u>
3	Draft loaded (maximum allowed)	Fwd <u>27'8" (M)</u> Aft <u>27'8"</u>
4	Draft when attacked	Fwd <u>26' (M)</u> Aft <u>22</u>
5	Cargo on board (any deck)	Nature <u>GENERAL</u> Tons
6	Voyage	From <u>NEW YORK</u> To <u>NORTH AFRICA.</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>OVERCAST</u> Sea <u>MODERATE.</u>
10	Was enemy sighted? When	<u>YES; BEFORE &amp; AFTER ATTACK.</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>1/22/43</u> Time <u>1945</u>
14	Position	Latitude <u>36°37'N</u> Longitude <u>30°55'W.</u>
15	Nature of attack (Give data)	<u>TORPEDO &amp; SHELL.</u>
16	Number of hits	<u>1 TORP; 12-SHELLS.</u>
17	Location of hits (Mark diagram)	<u>1- BOW, 12- ALL OVER.</u> <u>NOTE ①</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>YES; BELIEVED TO HAVE SUNK ONE SUB.</u> <u>NOTE ①</u>
21	Any explosions or fires*	Ship <u>YES; FIRE.</u> Cargo <u>YES; EXPLOSION &amp; FIRE.</u>
22	Was deck ruptured	<u>YES</u>
23	Did ship break in two	<u>NO</u>
24	Was SOS sent	<u>YES</u>
25	Ship's speed	Normal <u>12.0</u> When attacked <u>12.0</u> When abandoned <u>STOP.</u>
26	Time abandoned, sunk	Abandoned <u>0000 (15 min.)</u> Sunk <u>0830 1/22/43 (12 hrs. 45 min.)</u>
27	Was ship reboarded	<u>YES</u> By whom <u>CREW</u> When <u>0700 1/22/43 (11 hrs 15 min.)</u>
28	Was ship brought in	How <u>NO</u> Approximate damage <u>SUNK.</u>



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

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NOTE ①- 15 MIN. AFTER TORPEDO HIT, ALL ABANDONED EXCEPT GUNNERY OFFICER AND PART OF GUN CREW. AS SUB SURFACED AFT GUNS PRESUMABLY SUNK SUB, HAVING SCORED SEVERAL VITAL HITS. CREW REBOARDED SHIP NEXT MORNING AT 0700. AT ABOUT 0730 ANOTHER LARGER SUB SURFACED. AFTER CREW ABANDONED SHIP A SECOND TIME SUB SANK VESSEL BY SHELLFIRE.



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>4</u> Which used <u>4</u>						
30	Lifeboats.....	Number lost <u>3</u> How <u>LOST AT SEA WITH SURVIVORS.</u>						
31	Life rafts.....	Number carried <u>4</u> Which used <u>1*</u>						
32	Life rafts.....	Number lost <u>3</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>50</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.....	<table border="0"> <tr> <td><u>1</u> Boat <u>16 DAYS</u></td> <td>Raft</td> <td>Float</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>-</u> Boat</td> <td>Raft</td> <td>Float</td> </tr> </table>	<u>1</u> Boat <u>16 DAYS</u>	Raft	Float	<u>-</u> Boat	Raft	Float
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38	Rescued by and where..... <u>18</u>	By <u>ALLIED SHIP</u> Where <u>MIDDLE OF AZORES.</u>						
39	Number of gun crew carried (military).....	Officers <u>1</u> Enlisted men <u>26</u>						
40	Number ship's crew carried.....	Officers <u>9</u> Radiomen <u>1</u> Unlicensed <u>31</u>						
41	Number passengers and others carried.....	Passengers <u>2</u> Others <u>0</u>						
42	Total on board.....	<u>70</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>0</u>						
45	Number passengers and others injured.....	Passengers <u>0</u> Others <u>0</u>						
46	Number gun crew lost (military).....	Officers <u>1</u> Enlisted men <u>17</u>						
47	Number ship's crew lost.....	Officers <u>8</u> Radiomen <u>0</u> Unlicensed <u>28</u>						
48	Number passengers and others lost.....	Passengers <u>2</u> Others <u>0</u>						
49	Total casualties.....	Injured <u>0</u> Lost <u>56</u>						
50	Persons lost by (Specify).....	Drowning <u>0</u> Fire <u>0</u> Shell or torpedo <u>6</u> Other causes <u>50 (PRESUMABLY EXPOSURE - LOST AT SEA IN 3 HRS.)</u>						
51	Total rescued.....	Gun crew <u>9</u> Officers <u>1</u> Radio operators <u>1</u> Unlicensed <u>3</u> Passengers <u>0</u> Others <u>0</u> Total <u>14</u>						
52	Persons saved by.....	Boats <u>14</u> Rafts <u>0</u> Floats <u>0</u> Suits <u>0</u> Preservers <u>0</u> Other means <u>0</u> No aid <u>0</u>						
53	Engineering watch below.....	Number on watch below <u>4</u> Number lost below <u>0</u>						
54	Number of look-outs.....	<u>10</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.

